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West Hanover Township Newsletter

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SUMMER 2015

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Township Facilities

Municipal Building
 7171 Allentown Blvd
 652-4841/Fax 652-8158

**Public Works Dept.
 (Compost Center)**
 402 N Fairville Avenue
 652-1054/Fax 909-0660

Water & Sewer Auth.
 7901 Jonestown Road
 540-0124/Fax 901-3942

Recreation Center
 628 Walnut Avenue
 724-0083/Fax 724-0086

Fairville Park
 1000 N Fairville Avenue

Lenker Park
 7555 Manor Drive

Houck Memorial Park
 141 Florence Drive

Skyline Commons Park
 305 Short Street

Unfunded Mandates, by Donald Steinmeier

One of the biggest problems facing local government today is one of unfunded mandates. Unfunded mandates are often initiated by federal and state governments. Unfunded mandates occur when laws are passed down to local governments for projects costing the taxpayers millions of dollars. In most cases, dollar support from federal and state government are almost non-existent.

Some examples of unfunded mandates are when the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection tell local government to publicly sewer certain areas of the town-

ship. Projects like Houck Manor and Holiday Park which DEP says they must be sewered by 2021. These projects will cost our local government millions of dollars in new bond issues backed by our township. Chances are, we will not receive any financial support from our state and federal governments for these projects.

For years local governments have tried to tell our State Legislators and our U.S. Congress to send us the money to pay for these unfunded projects. I believe the State and Federal govern-

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The Township Office will be closed: Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day & Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.



**Park Pavilions & the Rec Hall may be rented for private events.
 Contact Parks and Rec for registration forms at 724-0083.**

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Turn to page 10 for the list of parks and prices.

Movies in the Park, sponsored by B.C. Interiors, begins Tuesday, June 9th. See page 13 for the movie schedule. No rain date.

West Hanover Township Community Festival August 15, 2015

Please see back page of newsletter for details.



Meeting Dates to Remember

June

6/1/15 Board of Supervisors	7PM
6/4/15 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
6/9/15 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
6/11/15 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30PM
6/15/15 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
6/16/15 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
6/17/15 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
6/25/15 Planning Commission	7PM

July

7/2/15 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
7/6/15 Board of Supervisors	7PM
7/9/15 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
7/14/15 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
7/15/15 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
7/20/15 Board of Supervisors	7PM
7/21/15 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
7/23/15 Planning Commission	7PM

August

8/3/15 Board of Supervisors	7PM
8/6/15 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30PM
8/11/15 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
8/13/15 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30PM
8/17/15 Board of Supervisors	7PM
8/18/15 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
8/19/15 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
8/27/15 Planning Commission	7PM

All meetings are at the Municipal Building,
7171 Allentown Boulevard
except

PSAB-Fire Station - 7624 Jonestown Road

Parks and Rec. - 628 Walnut Avenue

Water and Sewer Auth. - 7901 Jonestown Rd.

West Hanover Township

Phone Numbers:

Main:	(717) 652-4841
Codes:	(717) 540-6080
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Zoning:	(717) 540-6075
Public Works:	(717) 652-1054
Water & Sewer:	(717) 540-0124

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Tax Collector: Tom Stewart

Municipal Building Lower Level Rear

Office hours: Monday 9 AM to 1 PM

Wednesday 2 PM to 6 PM

Phone 545-1200/Fax 545-1201

Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors Actions

#2015.002 Berkstone Circle Lot Subdivision, Fishing Creek Valley Associates, LP, owners. Lot subdivision that consists of 1 lot into 5 lots; which will be residential lots (Lots # 1 -4) and 1 commercial lot (Lot # 5). Approved.



Planning Commission Members

Jim Zeiters, Chairman
 Gerald Longenecker, Vice Chairman
 Jim Shandersky, Secretary
 Tom Stewart, Alt. Sec.
 Charles (Dave) Ankney
 Kyle Miller
 John Fox
 Elijah Yearick DCPC Rep.

Zoning Hearing Board Appeals

#2015.03, Dreher BE Use Variance, Dianne B. Dreher, owner. Requesting variances to Sections 195-50, 195-52, 195-53, 195-54, 195-55 located at N. Fairville Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcel #68-024-017 in the BE (Business Enterprise) zoning district to construct a single family house. Approved.

allow for the change from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use located at 7429 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcel # 68-028-077 in the CH (commercial Highway) zoning district. Approved; No Variance needed.

#2015.04, Skyline Diner: William and Sophia Kotsalos, owner/applicants. Requesting variances to Sections 195.A (1), 195-58 and 195-126 to expand their non-conforming building more than 25% allowance, sidewalk exemption and parking located at 7510 and 7520 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcels # 68-028-067, 68-028-039 in the CH (Commercial Highway) zoning district. Approved; Land Development to be submitted.

#2015.06, Robert and Patricia Fowler, owner/applicants. Requesting variances include but are not limited to : reduction in the minimum lot area to approximately 2,500 square feet, an increase in the maximum permitted density from 4.5 units per acre in the R-3 zoning district to 5.67 units per acre and a reduction in the rear yard setback from 35 feet to 15 feet for the lots abutting the municipal parkland located at the intersection of Manor Drive and Route 39, Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcels #68-035-005, 68-035-072, 68-035-071, 68-035-069 and 68-035-024 in the NC (neighborhood Commercial), FRA (Flexible Rural Agriculture) and R-3 (Suburban Residential) zoning districts. In Process.

#2015.05, RDLP Harrisburg, LLC, owner, Michels Corporation, Applicant. Requesting variances to Sections 195-154.A, 195-154. H(2), 195-56 to allow for the continuation of a non-conforming use, to allow the use of the yard for storage and equipment and to

Zoning Hearing Board Members

Rick Caranfa, Chairman
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 Erich Bair
 Beth Carricato
 Ron Lawson 1st Alternate
 Vacant 2nd Alternate
 P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor



Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



Ordinances

#2015-01, ECHO Housing ECHO Housing Cottages C, FRA, RR, R-1, R-2, R-3 Districts shall meet the following definitions and standards: ECHO Housing- Temporary dwelling unit placed on a property for occupancy by either elderly, handicapped, or disabled person related by blood, marriage, or adoption, to the occupants of the principal dwelling. In Process.

West Hanover Township Historical Society by Skip Smedley

The West Hanover Township Historical Society program for April was entitled The Underground Railroad in This Area. It was held on Thursday, April 15, 2015 in the Township Recreation Building. An Executive Board meeting was held prior to the program to discuss upcoming programs and business.

The evening began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a prayer offered by Co-President Gloria Zimmerman. The program was presented by Co-President Diane Gotshall and Vice President Harold "Skip" Smedley. It centered on the events and history of the Underground Railroad and those who passed through this area on their way to "Canaan" (Canada), and those that stayed and lived and died in this area. There are many former slaves buried at Wenrichs Cemetery at St. Thomas UCC Church in Linglestown and two buried off the Appalachian Trail in West Hanover Township

Historical Society Archives that are currently housed in the West

Hanover Municipal Building are being moved to the Green Room of the Township Recreation Center. Plans are being made to identify and catalogue the holding, and in the future be able to have the room open for limited times so that society members and the general public may have a location to research items in the holding.

Upcoming Events for the Historical Society include a cleanup day for Sandy Hollow Cemetery, the annual picnic on July 16, the Township Community Day Festival on August 15, and participating in the Linglestown 250th Anniversary Celebration Parade on October 10. Our meeting on October 15 will be a presentation about Buck's Tavern by Jeannie Glaser, a descendant of John Buck. We will round out the year with the Annual Christmas Carol Sing and Burning of the Yule Log on December 6, 2015.

Come out and join us at these upcoming events. Please call Co-President Diane Gotshall at 717-469-4060 for further information.



Almost 10 years ago in October 2005, the Historical Society members hiked to the location of the slave graves off of the Appalachian Trail. Shown left to right: Bob Creznic, Diane Creznic, Rae Lenker, Jesse Lenker, Tom Felsburg, Mark Mumma, Harry Senft, Harold "Skip" Smedley, Joanne Smedley, Carol Buskirk, Jack Edmondson, Shirley McCahan, and Betty Wisehaupt. Ed Wisehaupt was the photographer. The stones have since had a shelter constructed over them for protection from acid rain.

Publications for sale:

"All In One, Remembering Our One Room Schools" \$5
 "Remembering FCV School" \$10
 "Old Days & Ways - West Hanover Twp., 1785 -2010, Vol II" \$20
 Books can be purchased at the Township Building

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ment need to pay 50% of the cost of these projects. Several years ago, DEP ordered West Hanover Sewer Authority to clean up the sewer plant in conjunction with the Chesapeake Bay and expand the sewer plant for 7 million dollars. There was no financial support from the State or Federal government for this project. West Hanover Sewer Authority has applied for grant money in the past only to be turned down.

Things will change when taxpayers put pressure on our State Legislators and the U.S. Congress to stop dumping unfunded mandates on local governments. Local governments keep going deeper in debt because of unfunded mandates.





The WHT Senior Citizens Van

News From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters

“What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for others.” George Eliot

Attention Riders! We are planning a covered dish with the volunteers and invite you, your family, and your favorite dish to join us on Saturday, July 18 at noon at Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church located at 175 N. Fairville Avenue. Please call 717-652-1702 to sign up and let us know what dish you would like to bring. We did this last year and all had a good time.

West Hanover Senior Center is now open at the West Hanover Township Recreation Center on the third Thursday of every month from Noon to 2:30 PM. There is a meal and entertainment. You must register by calling 717-724-0083 at least a week in advance. If anyone needs transportation we are here to help. Just call the van office to schedule.

Since we survive on donations to pay our bills we will continue with the Perkins Dine-to-Donate fundraiser for the van program. This has been very successful and definitely helps our financial situation. Mark your calendar for the second Thursday of every month. The van program receives 10% of all coupon sales turned in between 4 PM and 9 PM. If enough coupons are turned in we can get 15%. Coupons are available at the township building, at Fulton Bank, Wonders Found Thrift Shop and Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church. It does take money to keep the

program going and we are solely dependent on donations.

The Lion’s Club will be having their chicken barbeque on Friday, August 21 and Saturday August 22, 2015 at the Manada Hill interchange. This is a big fundraiser for them and they support the van with many other projects. The times are 11:00 AM until sold out so do not wait. We sell out quickly.

Just a reminder, there will be no vans running on September 7, Labor Day, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25, Christmas Day.

If you or anyone you know is in need of transportation call 717-652-1702 for more information. Van office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM so call between those hours to be put on the schedule. If you get the answering machine please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The vans run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday and we appreciate if you can make your appointments within that time frame. We will take you shopping, to hair appointments or just about anywhere you wish to go as long as it is within a 15 mile radius of the township building. Medical appointments are always a priority so be sure to schedule them as soon as you have them.

Requirements to use the van service:

- Age 60 or older
- Resident of WHT
- Able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We are not permitted to take wheelchairs.



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Where have all the Monarchs Gone?

The Problem: Monarch Butterflies are disappearing. About 970 million have disappeared in the US since 1990, according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Cause: Overuse of herbicides by commercial agriculture and conventional gardening practices in suburban and urban areas which kills the milkweed plant. Milkweed serves as the butterflies' nursery, food source and home. Monarchs are being directly killed by insecticides both as adult butterflies and as caterpillars, in both agricultural and suburban and urban landscapes.

The Solution and How you Can Help: Create monarch butterfly habitat in your own backyard for monarchs, other butterflies, bees, birds and other wildlife!

In the Spring, Summer and early Fall, monarch butterflies can be found wherever there are milkweeds. Monarchs lay their eggs on milkweeds and they are always searching for them in fields, meadows and parks. Many people plant milkweed in their gardens.

Of the slightly more than 100 species native to North America, here are four that are commercially available

and easy to grow. All are perennials indigenous to the eastern two-thirds of North America; whorled milkweed, butterfly weed (not to be confused with butterfly bush), common milkweed and swamp milkweed. They are available at most local nurseries.



There is a simple way to help today's monarchs: You can grow more milkweed in your garden. For more information on the monarch butterfly go to www.nwf.org and click on "Battle for Butterflies."



The West Hanover Township EAC will be providing information on monarch butterflies at the 2015 WHT Parks and Recreation Community Festival on August 15 at the West Hanover Township Recreation Center, 628 Walnut Avenue. For more information about the festival see the back page of the newsletter.

Have You Seen This Rain Barrel?

Last spring, 35 Township residents attended a workshop sponsored by the EAC and funded by a DEP EE grant to educate people about the value of using rain barrels to capture roof runoff and reduce stormwater flow. Each resident received a 65-gallon rain barrel and instructions on installation and usage. If you see one of these rain barrels in your neighborhood, ask the owner how it works and how easy the installation was.

Rain barrels provide a ready source of free water to maintain gardens and landscapes. They don't run the well pump or increase the water bill. If you are interested in installing one on your property, information is available at www.aquabarrel.com, www.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/structural-bmps/rain-barrels/ or call the township at 717-652-4841 to be connected to an EAC member. Remember, **Every Drop Counts!**



It's Time to Rethink Recycling

Did you know that 69% of plastic bottles don't get recycled, that 45% of aluminum cans end up in the garbage, that plastic bags can shut down an entire recycling plant, or that liquids often spoil a whole load of otherwise recyclable paper?

That's why it's time to get back to the basics of good recycling. The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others.

The Recycle Often. Recycle Right.SM Recycling Rules will help you rethink recycling to make a sustainable impact!

Here are simple recycling actions to remember.

Always recycle:

- * Glass and plastic bottles and containers
- * Food and beverage cans
- * Paper
- * Brown paperboard food and beverage cartons

Remember: Flatten cardboard and paperboard; no plastic bags, food or liquids in the recycling container AND Keep items clean and dry.

For a complete list of recyclables and how-to guide for West Hanover Township, go the Environmental Advisory link at www.westhanover.com scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Recycling Guidelines for West Hanover Township.

Visit Recycle Often Recycle Right.com to make the promise and become a Recycling Ambassador. Whether you're a homeowner, teacher, city official, business, kid, or a recycling enthusiast, all the information you need to help pass it on is just a few clicks away.

Recycle Often. Recycle Right. For our communities. For our families.



West Hanover Proud by Shirley McCahan

Sydney Heilig, West Hanover Elementary School 5th Grade student was the winner of "Why I Want To Be Governor" contest sponsored by the Wolf Inaugural Committee. She read her winning entry during the inaugural ceremony and the runner-up led the Pledge of Allegiance during the event.

Mrs. Holly Haig is her 5th grade teacher and Lewis Correale III, is the principle. Sydney and her family were guests during the evening celebration at the Hershey Motor Lodge.

Her winning entry:

I want to be governor because I can help the kids in need by building schools, providing shelter, food, and clean water to drink. I can also help to provide items to schools to keep children like me to be excited to go to school. I can also help the schools by providing computers, healthy lunches and teachers. Finally I can help by ensuring lifesaving vaccines, medicines and procedures that are given to the children or people that need them. These are many of the reasons why I want to be governor.

Another reason why I want to be governor is because I can provide roads, signs, traffic lights, and hospitals to cities, towns, communities and states that

need these items. I believe these items are important, because you can use them for travelling to different places. This gives many people a chance to explore this beautiful world and its many wonders. This world is to be explored, to be safe, and to be home. Traffic lights help us provide light. Signs help us by showing people their way to get to where they are trying to go. This is another main reason why I want to be governor. The final reason why I want to be governor is because I want to have the thought, and the feeling that I have helped people and can help people. The way I can feel this is by doing everything that I talked about in these past paragraphs. It would be really a dream to be governor because you have the possibility to help people and do what needs to be done to save and protect us. Those were the reasons why I wanted to be governor. I hope you consider my "Why I Want to be Governor" essay that way I can tell the people there why I want to be governor. Thank you Governor Tom Wolf for reading and considering my essay to read at the inaugural swearing-in ceremony of the 47th Governor of Pennsylvania.



Sewer Authority Takes Stand on Sewer Arrears

During the past few years, the Authority has seen arrears continue to rise. The Authority believes that it is unfair to those residents who pay their bills to allow the sewer arrears to continue. The Authority has made the decision to work aggressively to collect sewer arrears.

For the first time ever, the Authority voted unanimously at its February 2015 meeting to authorize the solicitor to initiate proceedings against four properties in West Hanover Township to be sold at Sheriff's Sale. Those properties all have sewer arrears in excess of \$3,000.

At the end of each quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31), if your account is past due, a late charge of 10 percent (10%) is added. If your account continues to be past due, interest charges are added monthly.

Late notices are sent for accounts that are less than \$343 in arrears. If your account reaches \$343, (sewer charges for two quarters with penalties and interest added), you will receive a letter from the Sewer Authority. If it becomes necessary to send a letter, it will be sent via Certified Mail for property owners who reside outside of West Hanover Township. For those property

owners residing within West Hanover Township, the constable will deliver the letter. The costs associated with either method of delivery will be added to your account. You will have thirty (30) days to bring your account current or work out an acceptable payment arrangement with the Authority.

For those accounts that remain in arrears thirty (30) days after the letters have been sent, further action will be taken. For properties serviced by public water, a lien will be placed against the property at the Dauphin County Court House and \$350 will be added to your account to cover administrative and legal fees. Once the lien has been placed, the property will be posted and the public water service will be terminated ten (10) days after posting. The Authority has an agreement in place with PA American Water to terminate service in the event that sewer arrears continue. Any and all charges incurred for termination of the water service through PA American Water will be added to your account as well.

For properties served by wells, your account is transferred to the Authority's solicitor for action. The solicitor will place a lien against the property and \$350

will be added to your account to cover administrative and legal fees. If arrears still continue, other steps could be taken to cover the arrears, including Sheriff's Sale of the property. Again, all charges associated with the necessary steps will be added to your account.

The Authority also realizes that some residents might be experiencing circumstances beyond their control (unemployment, health issues, etc.) that might prevent them from keeping their sewer bills current. The Authority is willing to work with those residents on a case-by-case basis. However, that cannot occur if you do not contact the Authority Office and continue to ignore any communications you might receive regarding the arrears.

The Authority is urging all property owners in West Hanover Township who have sewer arrears to bring their accounts current or, in the event that cannot happen, to contact the Authority to work out an acceptable payment arrangement.

You can reach the Authority Office at 717-540-0124, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Mt. Laurel Community Association located at 1157 Piketon Rd. will be holding a festival Saturday June 20, 2015, starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be music by Jay and the Jingos, homemade chicken corn soup, and lots of other good food and games.

Everyone Welcome.



Summer Recreation Catalog

Park & Recreation Board Members

Jeff Holt, Chairman
 Linda Turns, Vice Chairman
 Rebecca Schwartz
 Gloria Zimmerman
 Jan Bahret
 Michael Karp
 Paul Boltz

Unless otherwise noted, all classes and programs/events will be held at the recreation center: **628 Walnut Avenue.**

Recreation Coordinator: Dixie Fesig.

Registration Information: Registration forms are available on the Township website at: www.westhanover.com, or at the Parks and Recreation office located at **628 Walnut Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17112.**

Phone (717) 724-0083/Fax (717) 724-0086.

West Hanover Parks and Recreation is now on Facebook. Like us for updates on activities and events.



Pinochle Card Club - June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 21
 (6 to 9 PM)

You can register individually or as a team! Refreshments provided. Prize awarded to the highest score player.

Fee: \$18 resident/\$23 nonresident

Registration Deadline: **June 9, 2015**

Attention Parents!!!

Please save the following items for our summer Recreation Program.

- 16.9oz water bottles
- Toilet paper tubes
- Pringle chip cans, lids included
- Square tissue boxes
- Metal bottle caps
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Adult shirts, pants, hats, belts, socks, shoes, coats , etc. (clean out your closets)
- Tin coffee cans
- Brown paper bags

Items can be dropped off at the Recreation Center located at 628 Walnut Avenue

Zumba - Mondays 7:00 - 8:00 PM Tina
 Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 PM Pam
 Saturday 9:00 - 10:00 AM Pam

Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness program which is exhilarating, effective, and easy to follow. All ages and fitness levels welcome.

Taught by Certified ZUMBA Instructors: Pam Blanch-Friedrich and Tina Sansoni

Fee: All classes \$5 drop in!

Find us on Facebook!! 

Herbs: How to Grow, Harvest and Use them in Your Daily Life

Class will be held upstairs at the Recreation Center in the Blue Room on Monday, June 29th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$15.00 per person. All materials included.

Maximum 10 people. Class fills up fast, so sign up now!

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MUSIC BY: MICK COCHRAN



For more information call
724-0083



Coffee

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Donations Accepted

DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!

The West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation Board is participating in the PRPS discount amusement park ticket program. The following tickets will be available for purchase at the Recreation Office.

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Child</u>
Adventure Aquarium	\$19.00	\$15.00
Baltimore Aquarium	\$31.00	\$21.00
Crayola Experience	\$15.00 (ages 2 & over)	
Dorney Park	\$41.00	\$33.00
Dutch Wonderland	\$33.00 (ages 3-59)	
Hershey Park	\$43.00	\$36.00
(Hershey Park early season tickets 5/1-6/30)	\$38.00	\$31.00
Knoebels	\$33.00	\$19.00
PA Renaissance Faire	\$21.00	\$9.00
Maryland Zoo (Baltimore)	\$13.00	\$10.00
Elmwood Park Zoo	\$10.00 (ages 3 & over)	
Philadelphia Zoo	\$17.00 (ages 2 & over)	
Pittsburgh Zoo	\$11.00 (ages 2 & over)	
Sand Castle	\$23.00 (Outer Market)	\$25.00 (Local Market)
Six Flags America, MD	\$41.00 (ages 3+)	
Six Flags Great Adventure	\$38.00 (ages 3+)	Hurricane Harbor Water Park \$29.00
Splash Zone Water Park, NJ	\$22.00 (all day ticket, all ages)	
Sahara Sam's Oasis	\$22.00 (age 3-64)	



Other park tickets and senior ticket prices are available. Call 724-0083 for more information.

2015 BUS TRIPS

Applications can be found at www.westhanover.com or at the Parks and Recreation office at 628 Walnut Avenue. 724-0083 www.westhanover.com

Washington Nationals vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, (Saturday, July 18)

Watch the Nationals take on the Dodgers/ Jimmy Rollins X Phillie.

Fee: Residents \$80.00, Non-res \$85.00 (NO REFUNDS)

Trip includes: Bus and ticket to the game. (seats are located in section 406)

NYC – Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and The 9/11 Museum (Saturday, July 25)

Arrive at Battery Park- board the ferry to Ellis Island. Explore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, then depart for the 9/11 Museum. Enjoy lunch “on your own”.

Fee: Residents \$112pp, Non-res \$118p

Trip includes: Transportation, ferry ticket, 9/11 admission, and taxes.

Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves, (Saturday, August 1)

Watch the Phillies take on the Atlanta Braves.

Fee: Residents \$96.00, Non-res \$99.00 (NO REFUNDS)

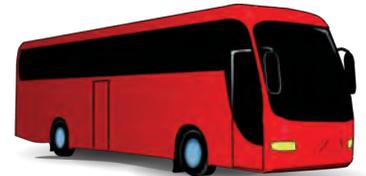
Trip includes: Bus and ticket to the game. (seats are located in section 147)

Ocean City, MD, August 16 – 20

The Days Inn Boardwalk, Ocean City Summer Escape.

Cost: Single \$759pp, Double \$449pp, Triple \$375pp, Quad \$355pp

\$100 deposit due with registration.



Trips are scheduled for all ages. **No refunds** unless trips are cancelled due to insufficient registrations or cancellations are made **30 days/45 days prior to trip date**. All buses will depart from the West Hanover Township Park & Recreation Building parking lot. Our trip fees do not include gratuity for the bus driver. A \$2.00 gratuity per person is suggested and collected on each trip. Seating is first-come, first-served basis, and seats retained throughout the trip. You may register at the Park and Recreation Office, located at 628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA. 17112.

For more information call 724-0083.

Karate Promotion!!

This promotion is good through June only. For new students only!!! 10% off your first (4) week session. Plus you will receive a free white belt. This is for West Hanover DeAngelis Martial Arts only.

Call the Parks and Rec office at **724-0083** for information.

LIL DRAGONS Ages 3 – 5

Children will learn coordination, balance, concentration, group skills and life skills along with beginning martial arts skills in this fun filled ongoing class.

Tues: 6:00-6:45 pm Thurs. 6:00-6:45 pm

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session) Res. \$35 Non Res. \$40

2 Classes per week (8 class/s session) Res. \$50 Non-Res \$55

KARATE TIGERS Ages 5 – 7

Children will learn child safety & life skills, self-defense, and beginning traditional martial art skills, along with concentration, coordination and group skills in this ongoing class.

Tues: 6-6:45 pm

Thurs. 6-6:45 pm

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session) Res \$35 Non-Res \$40

2 Classes Per Week (8 classes/session) Res \$50 Non-Res \$55

KARATE ADVANCED TIGERS Ages 5 -7

This class is for our younger students who are ready for kata, sparring, one steps, tournament skills, and more.

Tues. 7-7:45 pm Thurs. 7-7:45 pm

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session) Res \$37 Non-Res \$42

2 Classes Per Week (8 classes/session) Res \$50 Non-Res \$55

Class follows Spring Ongoing Schedule

KARATE DRAGONS Ages 8+

Families are welcome. Classes consist of traditional martial arts, Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do, sparring, one steps, kata, self-defense, endurance & strength training.

Tues. 7-8:30 pm Thurs. 7-8:30 pm

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session) Res \$38 Non-Res \$40

* Jr. Black Belt \$25

2 Classes Per Week (8 classes/session) Res \$54.50 Non-Res \$57.50

Class follows Spring Ongoing Schedule

WEAPONS TRAINING Ages 8+

For DMA Students only. This class follows Dragons Class schedule.

Tues. 8:30-9:15 pm Thurs. 8:30-9:15 pm

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session)

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Class follows Spring Ongoing Schedule



CAR & BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

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Saturday, September 12, 2015

9:00 am to 2:00 pm. at the Recreation Center

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Registration: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Pre-Registration - \$8.00

Day of Show Registration - \$10.00



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July 16 - Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, garlic bread & drinks - \$5.00

Entertainment- The Sentimentalists Chorus

August 20 - Low Country Boil (sausage, red potatoes, shrimp, corn on the cob) & drinks - \$6.00

Guest Speakers/ Entertainment: TBA

September 17 - Ham Loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans & drink- \$6.00

Guest Speaker/Entertainment: TBA



Easter Egg Hunt Fun!





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July 7	The Princess and the Frog
July 14	Big Hero 6
July 21	Muppets Most Wanted
July 28	Eggy
August 4	Home
August 11	The SpongeBob Movie "Sponge Out of Water"
August 18	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (Mutagen Mayhem)



Movies begin at dusk.
Admission is Free!

Concessions available.

Remember to
bring a lawn chair
or blanket.

The West Hanover Parks and Recreation Board sponsored an Easter Egg hunt/lunch at Skyline Commons Park on Saturday, April 4th. We had 173 participants in the hunt and 123 participants ate lunch with the Easter Bunny. All the children, parents and "attendees" were most polite and courteous!! "Thanks, from the Easter Bunny".



Complimentary Programs for Seniors & Families

FRAUD PROTECTION for Seniors

It's easier than ever for criminals to obtain personal information and cheat us out of hard-earned resources. Participants in this program will receive a

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- * Financial abuse tactics scammers use
- * Top senior scams
- * What to do if you've been scammed
- * How to register for the National Do - Not - Call Registry



The program will be held at the Recreation Center, upstairs in the Blue Room, on Thursday, July 9th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Anyone that cannot make the July 9th program we are also offering this complimentary program on Thursday, August 6th, from 10am to 11am in the Blue room. **You must** call the Recreation office at 724-0083 to pre-register.

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News From the Fire Company by Kyle Miller

Hello from your 100% volunteer Fire Company. Wow, we weren't sure warmer temperatures would ever arrive after the winter we had. We wanted to thank all Township crews and residents for your assistance in keeping the roadways clear, safe for travel and helping us keep the fire hydrants accessible for our First Responders.

As we thaw out from this past winter and the ground and foliage begins to dry out, please be very cautious of fire hazards around your property. West Hanover Township Fire Company Forestry crews have already been called on to assist with battling wildland fires in the surrounding counties. We cannot express how important it is to properly maintain your property and follow all Township ordinances concerning burning and debris removal. The West Hanover Township Public Safety Advisory Board has provided additional tips regarding fire hazards around your property within this newsletter.

The Fire Company members continue to be very busy again this year. Along with all of the incidents our active Fire crew members respond to each month, we continue with weekly training and our monthly meetings. Along with the typical weekly trainings,

the majority of our Fire crew spent many more hours training and testing for their Fire Fighter 1 certification the past 4 months. The men and women of the West Hanover Township Fire Company No.1 continue to train and strive to provide the professional services that our residents deserve.

As we continue to progress through 2015, we will be hosting and taking part in various community events. Please visit our website at www.WestHanoverfire.com and like us on Facebook for updates on future events. The need for volunteers is always present, whether it is Fire Crew, Administrative or Social. If you have any interest in becoming a member, please stop by one of the stations to meet some of our members and let us know what your interests are.

Have a safe summer and we hope to see you and your family at one of the Community events soon.

FROM THE CODES OFFICE:

Reminder to Residents with On Lot Septic Systems: The Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 158-9 requires all on lot septic systems to be pumped at least once every four years. Please be sure your pumper/hauler forwards a copy of the pumping report to the Township Codes Office.

Animals Running At Large/Disturbing the Peace: Residents who own pet animals are reminded that the Township's Animal Control Ordinance prohibits domestic pets from running at large upon the property of another person or upon public streets and properties. The Ordinance also prohibits animals from disturbing the peace by making loud, harsh noises which disturb or interfere with the peace, quiet or rest of another person. For additional information regarding these or other Township regulations, contact Codes Administer at 540-6080.



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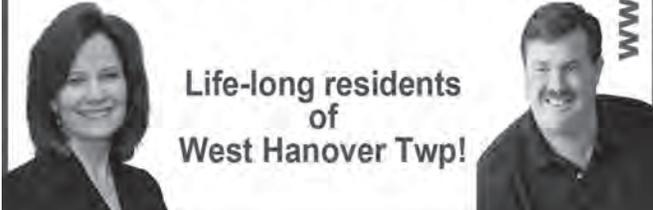
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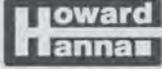
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CASA Volunteer Advocates Needed

York County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children is a member of the national CASA association. CASA volunteers are regular citizens, appointed by the courts, who have been trained to advocate for neglected and abused children in the foster care and family court systems. Volunteers are trained to assure the rights and needs of these children are at the forefront of decisions that are being made by judges and lawyers and family members. With the help of a CASA volunteer, a child is half as likely to languish in foster care, and that much more likely to find a safe and permanent home.

As a CASA volunteer, you have the power to give a voice to a child in need and ensure they have a safe, permanent home.

York County CASA provides their prospective volunteers with 40 hours of training over an eight-week training period that incorporates many respected officials within the court and social services systems. Volunteers must be 21 years or older and complete background checks and clearances. In order to see a case through its entirety, volunteers are asked to make an 18- to 24-month commitment upon being assigned a case.

To help lift the voice of a child in need, please contact the York County CASA office for more information at 717-771-9754 or via email at DBNichols@YorkCountyPA.gov.

Notes From the West Hanover Township Public Safety Advisory Board

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Please visit alert.pa.gov to register for AlertPA notifications.

If you live in a forest or wildland area, you face the real danger of wildfire. Wildfires destroy thousands of homes and devastate hundreds of thousands of acres of woodland every year. Protecting your home from wildfire is your responsibility. To reduce the risk, you'll need to consider the fire resistance of your home, the topography of your property and the nature of the vegetation close by. All West Hanover Township residents are encouraged to follow these helpful tips:

- Cut tall grass and mow the lawn regularly
- Store firewood, lumber and mulching materials at least 100 feet from your home
- Properly dispose of leaves, brush and cuttings
- Remove dense underbrush
- Clear your roof of leaves, straw, twigs and any other debris

If you see a wildfire, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called. Describe the location of the fire, speak slowly and clearly, and answer any questions asked by the dispatcher.

West Hanover Citizens Helping Hands by Patrick Toone

WHCHH is an all volunteer group of township residents helping other less able residents with yard work such as trimming bushes and weeding. This service is vital to our neighboring senior citizens, physically challenged, military families and "first responders".

It's a new year and we are in gear already. We are all looking forward to 2015 spring/summer. Winter hung around way too long! To all my acquaintances in the township, please help me out in 2015, to help others in the township. This is time well spent, with some great folks. My biggest hurdle is getting con-

cerned residents with pickup trucks to haul yard waste to the compost center. It can be as easy as one hour of your time on a Saturday. We trim, you help haul, and we help unload.

For assistance or to volunteer, please contact Patrick Toone at westhanoverchh@gmail.com or call 657-3644.



Volunteers Jim and Rachel

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West Hanover Township Emergency Management Agency Special Needs Survey

Do you have any special needs or require special assistance that the EMA should be aware of in case of severe weather, evacuations, or other emergencies that may prevent you from responding or functioning on your own and would require assistance? The Emergency Management Office is required by law to maintain this information in a confidential file in our Township and County Emergency Operations Centers. All residents who may require special assistance or have special needs are encouraged to complete and return the below survey so we can help you during an emergency event. Special needs include:

- ◆Physically disabled
- ◆Do not speak or understand the English language
- ◆Visually or hearing impaired
- ◆Need special medical assistance

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number - Home: _____ Cell: _____

Additional Contact Person (neighbor or family): _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Your Special Need: _____

Please complete and return the survey form to: Bill McCahan, WHT Emergency Management Coordinator
7624 Jonestown Road, Hbg., PA 17112
E-mail: whtema@verizon.net
Fax: (717) 652-2640

The West Hanover Township Emergency Management Coordinator William “Bill” McCahan manages the Township registry for ALL residents to include those with special and/or functional medical needs. This secured registry is voluntary and free. It is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying those residents that may need assistance in evacuating and special sheltering during an emergency so that they may develop the necessary plans. It will also aid emergency planners in the development of shelter plans for those residents with Special and Functional Medical Needs, while enhancing communication to the end user and their emergency contacts. All residents who may require special assistance or have special needs are encouraged to contact Bill McCahan at **717-652-9019** to provide the necessary information to ensure our First Responders can accurately account for any resident in case of an emergency.



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- *Coin toss
- *Soda Ring Toss
- * Tic Tac Toe
- *Gold Fish Toss



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The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area will be having a display. Bring a pet item (food, litter, etc.) and receive free game tickets.