



West Hanover Township Newsletter

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WINTER 2015

Board of Supervisors

- Adam Klein, Chairman
- Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chair
- Donald Steinmeier, Sec/Treas
- Harold Harman
- Gloria Zimmerman

Devonshire Heights Road and Rt. 39 Update by Donald Steinmeier

Mr. Al Brulo, Township Engineer, informed the Board of Supervisors that PennDOT has approved the use of a flashing beacon and projected limited traffic report and site distance report completed by Herbert, Rowland and Grubic has been submitted and approved by PennDOT. The highway occupancy permit has also been submitted to PennDOT.

Herbert, Rowland and Grubic will provide a set of right of way plans to the township. Mr. Brulo has confirmed that there is no right of way on the west side of Route 39. It has not been determined if a stormwater plan will be necessary. The preliminary plan is still under budget with construction to tentatively start in June of 2016.

Township Facilities

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

**Public Works Dept.
(Compost Center)**
402 N Fairville Avenue
724-0334 Fax 909-0660

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

Recreation Center
628 Walnut Avenue
724-0083

Fairville Park
1000 N Fairville Avenue

Lenker Park
7555 Manor Drive

Houck Memorial Park
141 Florence Drive

Skyline Commons Park
305 Short Street



Township Building Closed - Christmas Holiday - December 24th & 25th
New Year's Holiday - January 1st
The Board of Supervisors & Staff wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Wanted: Board Volunteers

West Hanover Township has vacant seats on the following boards: Environmental Advisory Council (2) two open seats, Parks and Recreation (1) one open seat, Planning Commission (2) two open seats, Water and Sewer Authority (1) one open seat, Zoning Hearing Board (2) two open seats. The EAC meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The Parks and Recreation board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The Planning Commission board meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Water and Sewer board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month as needed at 6:30 p.m.

Please download a volunteer application at our website, www.westhanover.com or pick one up at the township office. Fill out the application and submit it to the township office to be considered.

These positions start at the beginning of 2016.

Meeting Dates

DECEMBER

12/03/15 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
12/07/15 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
12/08/15 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
12/10/15 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
12/15/15 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
12/16/15 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
12/17/15 Planning Commission	7 PM
12/21/15 Board of Supervisors	7 PM

JANUARY

1/04/16 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
1/07/16 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
1/12/16 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
1/14/16 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
1/19/16 Board of Supervisors	7PM
1/19/16 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
1/20/16 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
1/28/16 Planning Commission	7PM

FEBRUARY

2/01/16 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
2/04/16 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30PM
2/09/16 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
2/11/16 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
2/16/16 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
2/16/16 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
2/17/16 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
2/25/16 Planning Commission	7 PM

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
Parks:	(717) 724-0083
Zoning:	(717) 540-6075
Public Works:	(717) 724-0334
Water & Sewer:	(717) 540-0124

STAFF:

Daniel Rosario	Township Manager
Lisa Riley	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Peggy Marks	Administrative Assistant
Brian Von Neida	PT Zoning Administrator
Tara Rex	Administrative Assistant
Harold Harman	Public Works Director
Christopher Mumma	Assist. Public Works Dir.
Dale Zimmerman	Public Works
David Smith	Public Works
Tom Rothenberger	Public Works
David Wollerton	Public Works
John Stitley	Public Works
Dieter Jordan	PT Public Works
Bill Sheriff	PT Compost Attendant
Dixie Fesig	Parks & Rec Director
Mary Lou Adams	PT P & R Admin. Assist.
Marge Stahr	PT P & R Admin Assist.
Susan Boyne	PT P & R Admin. Assist.
Mary Ann Savitski	PT P & R Admin. Assist.
Cathy Wingard	PT P & R Admin. Assist.
Drew Fillo	PT P & R Maintenance

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

For security reasons, access to the tax office is by
lower level entrance only.
Parking for the tax office is in the rear of the
township building.

Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Actions

Township ID # 15.006: Hummel Land Development. Jeff Hummel/Hummel Landscaping, owners. Rear addition of 8,885 square with appropriate Stormwater measures. **Approved.**

Township ID # 15.007: Powell Lot Consolidation. Thomas and Jami Powell, owner. Lot consolidation from 2 lots into 1 lot; with decks and a small addition to the house. **Approved.**

Township ID # 15.008: Brightbill Land Development. Marty Brightbill, owner. Land Development will have a single family house with on lot septic and well. **In Progress.**

Planning Commission Members

Jim Zeiters, Chairman
 Gerald Longenecker Vice-Chairman
 Jim Shandersky, Secretary
 Tom Stewart, Alt. Secretary
 Charles Ankney
 John Fox
 Kyle Miller
 Albert T. Brulo, HRG Township Eng.
 Elijah Yearick, DCPC Rep.

Zoning Hearing Board Appeals

#2015.07: Brightbill Conditional Use: Cancelled/not valid.

#2015.08: Brookview Development: Yingst/Fishing Creek Valley Associates, owners. The ability for 17 specific lots to install fencing within a WPOD buffer area. **Approved.**

Ordinances: No new ordinances are in process during the last quarter.

Zoning Hearing Board Members

Rick Caranfa, Chairman
 Matthew Miller, Vice Chairman
 Mary Ann Yahn, Hearing Officer
 Erich Bair
 Beth Carricato
 Ron Lawson, 1st Alternate
 P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

Updated Township Office Hours

Until further notice, please take note of the availability for the Building Codes office, Zoning and Planning Administrator's office, Property Maintenance office and the Township Manager. The Building Codes office is only available for inspections on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Zoning and Planning office is only available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until Noon.

The Township Manager's office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. However, he has many out of office appointments. Please call the Township Manager at 717-652-4841 if you wish to schedule an appointment to speak with him.

Property Maintenance will be handled by a third party, Light -Heigel and Associates on Wednesdays only from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Light Heigel will handle all property maintenance and complaints.

Walk-ins may not be available due to the many scheduled meetings and inspections. It is highly recommended that if you have any questions, would like to talk with, or seek advice from any of these departments that you call and ask for Tara at 717-652-4841 so that she can schedule an appointment for you ahead of time so that you are guaranteed a time to talk about your situation.

State Senator Rob Teplitz

A representative from State Senator Rob Teplitz's Office will be available at our township office on the first and third Monday of every month from 9 a.m. - Noon to answer any questions or concerns you would like to discuss.

Visit www.senatorteplitz.com/calendar for more information.

Election Results

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 was Election Day. Hopefully everyone was able to get out and VOTE! Candidates winning offices in the Township include:

Supervisor, 6 year term: Don Steinmeier

Supervisor, 6 year term: Steve Kurtz

West Hanover Township Historical Society by Skip Smedley

The West Hanover Township Historical Society fall program and meeting was held on Thursday, October 15 in the Yellow Room of the Recreation Center. After the pledge to the flag and prayer, introductions were made. Jeanie Glaser, whose family has ties to the structure, presented the program on the *History, Genealogy, and Ownership of Buck's Tavern*. She has done extensive research, and showed maps, photographs and shared information on the history of the structure. Refreshments were served, and a short business meeting was held following the program. There was nomination and election of officers for the upcoming year. Co-president Diane Gotshall presented information regarding an estate bequest that the Society will receive in future years.

The Society has also been busy recently with several community events. On Saturday August 15 it participated in the township Community Day by having our new archives and library room open to the public.

The Linglestown 250th Anniversary Celebration was held on Saturday, October 10. Members of the Society participated riding on a float in the parade through Linglestown depicting West Hanover – Then and Now. Tom Felsburg donated and delivered bales of hay and Gary Houck provided the truck for the float, which was loaded and driven by Bruce Hetrick.

After the parade, in Koons Park, an information table was provided by the Dauphin County Historical Society for ours and other historical societies to promote their activities. Jeanie and Lu-

Ann Glaser volunteered at our table. There were photo copies of some historical documents and other information on display. Our Historical Society publications were available for sale, and a number were sold.

Come join the Historical Society, West Hanover



Jeanie Glaser making her presentation of the Buck's Tavern.



Members of the Historical Society prior to boarding the float.

Parks and Recreation, and the West Hanover Township Fire Company at the Recreation Center on Sunday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. to start off the Christmas Season. Enjoy the legend of the Yule log, tree lighting, and visit with Santa. There will be Christmas Caroling, hot chocolate, and cookies. The Firemen will also be doing their Santa Run that afternoon and then they will be joining us for the Yule Log Celebration. Call the Parks and Recreation office at 724-0083 for more information.

Publications for sale:

"All In One, Remembering Our One Room Schools" \$8
 "Remembering FCV School" \$10
 "Old Days & Ways - West Hanover Twp., 1785 -2010, Vol II" \$20
 Books can be purchased at the Township Building

OFFICERS 2015

Co-Presidents:
 Diane Gotshall
 Gloria Zimmerman

Vice-President:
 Harold Smedley

Secretary:
 Carol Buskirk

Treasurer:
 Dottie Speck

Directors:
 Shirley McCahan
 Tom Felsburg
 Mary Jane Brightbill

Ex-Officio:
 Pat Cassel

Membership:
 Harry Senft

For additional information and photos about the West Hanover Township Historical Society, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westhanoverhistorical.



The WHT Senior Citizens Van

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 wheel-chairs

Dirt From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters

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

The Perkins Dine to Donate continues to be very successful. Please mark your calendars for the second Thursday of every month, take your family and help raise money for the vans. Each person can have a coupon and the more coupons the more money. This will help pay the bills and keep the vans running. Coupons are available at the township building, Fulton Bank, Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church and the Wonders Found Thrift Store on Rt. 22. You can also call 652-1408 for coupons.

We depend on donations to keep the program going so in addition to the Dine to Donate we have donation jars at Perkins, Skyline Family Restaurant, Grill N Chill, and JoJo's Pizza. If you stop by any of these businesses you can put your spare change in those jars.

We are getting into the winter months so we can expect bad weather. If the weather is such that the van will not go we will call you as soon as possible to let you know. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Please note that the vans will not be running on Christmas Day, December 25th and New Years Day, January 1st.

Van office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Remember to call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule rides. Same day service is not possible because both vans can be very busy most days and it is not possible to fit someone in the schedule at the last minute.

The End is Near - A Time to Say Farewell by Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

It was a wild ride during my 6 years as Vice Chairman on the Township Board of Supervisors. I would first like to thank the voters for allowing me to serve with their votes of confidence and trust they had in me to elect me to the position. I enjoyed the new relationships I developed meeting many new faces. As a board we encountered many dilemmas that needed attention and it seemed never ending.

I did not accomplish all my goals which I hope the Board will still push forward. The first is a log cabin structure to be built back on the site of the previous one at Fairville Park. The other is road work such as cutting gutters and tar sealing cracks on every township road. Both will save money on repairs of our present roads.

There are a lot of upcoming issues to be dealt with and I hope they will be thought out and approved or disapproved by the Board after I leave.

Some accomplishments we as a Board were involved in consisted of the building of a brand new fire station and the purchase of a new much needed emergency vehicle, a new salt shed for the public works department along with a new ceiling in the public works garage building, a street sweeper, new milling machine, propane forklift and new eco-friendly lighting in all of the township buildings which in the long run will save

the township a lot of money.

I personally initiated an E-Cycle receiving center (at the public works department) which we set up with Dauphin County to dispose of old TVs and electronic items.

We as a Board approved a loan for the expansion of the sewer plant as mandated by the state and had the sewer extensions in the Houck Manor and Holiday Park areas as mandated by the state pushed back a few more years to 2021.

I got the PA State Police to fax crime reports to local townships for their review each week so they are kept in the know. We as a Board did some restructuring of the employee handbook, cutting back on benefits and vacation time on new upcoming hires.

We helped to sponsor a grant for the new District Justice Office (Lowell Witmer) which was built in West Hanover Township. We put forth a lot of work and effort with the County on the new Comprehensive Plan and Storm Water Management. We tried to stop unwanted tractor trailer traffic in areas by the use of Trail Blazer and other signage and installed a truck turn-around (with grant money) for Route 81 bound truckers who make the wrong decision after leaving

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EAC NEWS
1989-2015
26 years of
Community Service

Environmental Advisory
Council Members

Patti Estheimer, Chairman
 John Miele, Vice-Chairman
 Evelyn Burton, Secretary
 Audrey Crichton, Treasurer
 John Acri
 Carol Buskirk
 Robert Nicolodi

Recycle! Info You Can Use

You are recycling aren't you?

West Hanover Township offers all residents a number of easy ways to recycle.

Curbside The single-stream recycling program means you can put all your glass, plastic, milk and juice cartons, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, food cans, junk mail, cardboard, all types of paper, paperback and phone books, and newspaper (do not tie or bundle) into one recycling container. Set it at the curb and you're done!

Leaf waste is collected at curbside at no cost. Free labels are available at the township office to place on containers or brown Kraft bags. Do not use plastic bags. Leaf waste includes shrub trimmings, bundled tree prunings, weeds, leaves and garden waste. **Leaf waste does not include grass. Grass is collected with the solid waste.**

Christmas trees are collected at curbside two weeks in January. Trees must be free of all decorations. Do not place tree in tree bag.

Grow Your Own Good Eats!

When: Saturday, March 19, 2016, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Where: TBD

What: Learn to start a backyard garden; learn to do container gardening; soil preparation; when to plant; plant requirements, and so much more.

Backyard gardening can inspire you to take an interest in the origins of your food and make better choices about what you put on your plate. Growing your own fruits and vegetables benefits you and your family, and the environment.



Preserve Your Good Eats!

When: Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Time: TBD

Where: TBD

What: Learn different ways to preserve what you've grown. This workshop is a companion to the **Grow Your Own Good Eats!** workshop. Register for one or both workshops.

Sponsored by the WHT Environmental Advisory Council.

Detailed information about both workshops and how to register will be coming in the spring township newsletter, on the township's website at www.westhanover.com, and local newspapers. Stay Tuned!

**Curbside Collection Dates for 2016
 for Christmas Trees and Leaf Waste.**

**January – Weeks of 11th
 and 25th - Christmas Trees
 will be picked up curbside
 both weeks on your regular
 trash collection day.**



April – Week of 11th

May – Week of 9th

June – Week of 13th

July – Week of 11th

August – Week of 8th

September – Week of 12th

October – Week of 10th

November – Week of 14th

***Waste Management will be sending a mailer
 out to each residential account in early spring.***

Compost Center at 402 North Fairville Ave.

The Compost Center is open March through November; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the township office at 717-652-4841 for specific dates. *Compost Center Permits are required and can be purchased at the township office, 7171 Allentown Blvd, or at the Compost Center for \$20. Vehicle information, including license plate number is required to obtain a permit. You must also show proof of West Hanover Township residency.*

The Compost Center takes used oil and antifreeze (free of water and gas); leaf and yard waste (no grass clippings); Christmas trees (free of all decorations); compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs); 4-foot fluorescent tubes (unbroken); and E-Cycling.

E-Cycling at 402 North Fairville Ave. (No permit required)

E-Cycling is open March through November: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will accept computers, monitors, answering machines, phones, pagers, CD & DVD players, copiers, printers, microwaves, calculators, radios, TVs, VCRs, electronic typewriters, scanners, stereo equipment, computer peripherals, and other electronic equipment. *Items with compressors will not be accepted.*

During the months of December through February, please call **717-724-0334** to arrange a time to drop off your electronic recycling items.

For detailed information about West Hanover Township's recycling program pick up a recycling brochure at the township office, 7171 Allentown Blvd., or go to www.westhanover.com to download a copy.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle!

Recreation Center Riparian Buffer Restoration Stream Assessment

Members of the WHT EAC assisted the township by conducting a stream assessment on the property of the township's Recreation Center as part of a proposed project by the township to restore the stream buffer.

The Recreation Center Riparian Buffer Restoration Project will help the township meet its MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit requirements with the planting of trees and shrubs in the riparian buffer (ecosystem located along banks of rivers, streams, creeks or any other water network). These plantings will reduce sediment, phosphorous and nitrogen in the stream making it more habitable for aquatic life.

The stream assessment, using the FISH (First Investigation Stream Health) protocol developed by the Penn State Extension, monitors water quality indicators; macro invertebrates; salamanders; vegetation cover and quality and wildlife.

The Recreation Center Riparian Buffer Restoration Project is proposed to be implemented in the fall of 2016.



EAC members check water quality as part of the Recreation Center Riparian Buffer Restoration Project stream assessment.

GO GREEN:

Receive the Township Newsletter via e-mail instead of having it mailed to you.

Send your request to: pmarks@westhanover.com.



Houck Manor and Holiday Park Update by Donald Steinmeier

The West Hanover Township Water and Sewer Authority is under a Mandate to bring public sewer to Houck Manor and Holiday Park residents. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has notified the Water and Sewer Authority that these developments must be publicly sewered by the end of year 2021.

The Water and Sewer Authority Board will eventually hold public meetings to let residents know the costs and how the sewer lines will run on the streets. The Water and Sewer Authority Board will be working to bring lower costs to residents. The Board will be applying for grants and low cost loans to help our residents. Pheasant Road residents must let the Water and Sewer Authority know if they want to be part of this project. The Water and Sewer Authority phone number is 717-540-0124.

In 2016, The Water and Sewer Authority Board will be working with our engineer to develop a plan for sewer-ing Houck Manor and Holiday Park. When this sewer project is completed, all affected streets will be newly paved. The Water and Sewer Authority will keep in contact with residents as this project moves along.

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Winter Recreation

Park & Recreation Board Members

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

Recreation Director: Dixie Fesig

Registration forms are available on the Township website at: www.westhanover.com or at the Parks and Recreation Office: 628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, Pa 17112
Phone 717-724-0083/Fax 717-724-0086

All classes are held at the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

All Day Scrapbooking/Card Making Event

Are you just wanting to get out of the house? Away from the kids? Away from housework? Want to have fun? Then this event is for you!! We are offering an all day scrapbooking/card making event.

Where: West Hanover Parks and Rec Building, 628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112

When: Saturday, March 19, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

An 8' workspace will be available for each participant. There will be a lite breakfast (muffins, toast, bagels, orange juice, apple juice), lunch (there will be everything you need to make your own mini sub), and dinner (stuffed shells, salad and garlic bread). Coffee, tea, and water will be available all day. There will be also sodas available for \$.50 per soda; but, you are more than welcomed to bring your own. We will have a snack table as well. If you have a snack you would like to share, please feel free to bring it. We will be giving out door prizes every two (2) hours, with the first one being given out at 10:00 a.m. The grand door prize will be given out at 10:00 p.m.

There will be a printer available for that one picture you forgot to print or that one picture you only have a 4 x 6 copy of; and, you just wish you had printed it off as a 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10. Also, there will be a Creative Memories consultant there to offer any scrapbooking supplies you may have forgotten. She will "run a tab" for you; and then you can pay her at the end of the evening.

Sound like fun? It will be!! Hope to see you there. Pre-registration is required. The Rec. Center will be open on Friday evening until 7:00 p.m. if you want to bring your supplies and get your table set up, so when you come Saturday, all you have to do is sit down and start working on your projects!!



If you want to scrap up to the last minute on Saturday night, the Rec center will be open Sunday from 9 a.m. until noon so that you can come to pack up then.





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Mondays 7:00pm~8:00pm **RACHAEL**

Wednesdays 7:30pm~8:30pm **JEN**

Saturdays 9:00am~10:00am **JEN/RACHAEL**

First-timers are FREE!! So come check us out!!

All West Hanover classes \$5 drop-in! All Ages & Levels Welcome!

Licensed Zumba Instructors:

Jenny Keller & Rachael Quigley



Find us on Facebook!

KARATE CLASSES

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. Parents must stay but do not need to participate. This class is for children who are ready to try it alone. Parents will be close by for support if needed. Class runs during Karate Tigers class so siblings can work side by side. Master Jan DeAngelis is an Agent for the Security Alliance Kid's Safe Network.

Tues: 6:00-6:45 pm 1 Class Per Week (4 classes)
Res. \$35 Non Res. \$40

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. Class runs during Lil Dragons class so siblings can work side by side. Master Jan and Master Bob believe that children learn best while having fun.

Tues: 6-6:45 pm 1 Class Per Week (4 classes)
Res \$35 Non-Res \$40

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. Our advanced tigers will work side by side with the Dragons class. Please discuss your enrollment into the Advanced Tigers class with your instructor prior to enrollment. This class will follow the Karate Dragons schedule and children may participate for the entire Dragons class if they wish (7-8:30 pm).

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

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. DMA provides a full martial arts curriculum. DMA was awarded The School of The Year 2011 by the World Karate Union Hall of Honors and 2013 Excellence in Teaching, 2014 Promotion of the Martial Arts Award from the Action Martial Arts Magazine.

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

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)

Mem/Res/Non-Res \$15

Please discuss your enrollment into the Weapons class with your instructor prior to enrollment. Younger students may take class with the permission of their instructor.



Scrapbooking Class

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Come join our Scrapbooking class. All participants should bring 25-30 pictures. All other supplies will be provided.

Two time slots. Sign up for the time that best fits your schedule. 10 a.m to 1 p.m. and/or 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Door Prizes given out at the top of every hour!!

Cost: \$30 for Residents \$35 for Non-Residents

Deadline to register is January 18, 2016.



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Parks and Recreation Bus Trips and Upcoming Events for 2016:

Bus Trip to King of Prussia-Premier Shopping Destination. February 6th

Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills-Comedy Hit That's Sweeping the Country. February 28th



Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch - Saturday, March 26th



Homemade Chicken Pot Pie Dinner - Monday, March 14th



For more information call the
Parks and Recreation Office at
717-724-0083

Spring Indoor Yard Sale - Saturday, April 23rd



West Hanover Township Senior Center 12 noon - 2:30 p. m.

Third Thursday of each month
At the West Hanover Township Recreation Center
(628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, PA. 17112)

Come out and enjoy meeting new people. Enjoy great entertainment & food. If joining us for the meal you must pre-register by the Friday before the meal.

Cost depends on the meal (see below for cost.). Meal will be served at 12 noon.

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL, YOU MUST CALL BY THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEAL OR YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR YOUR MEAL.

January 21 – Homemade Ham Pot pie, choice of Cole slaw or apple sauce & drink - \$6.50
Guest Speaker: To be announced

February 18 – Chicken Corn Soup, choice of Chicken or Ham salad sandwich & drink - \$5.00
Guest Speaker: Don Billet, program on insects, birds & cover bridges.

March 17 – Poor Man Lasagna, bread, salad & drink - \$6.50
Guest Speaker: Carol Matthias, Horseshoe Trail talk

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All ages and level of experience are welcome. Poses and stretches can be modified to accommodate each participant on a mat or chair.

Eight week session begins Friday, January 8, 2016

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Cost \$64 for 8 week session.

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*****Details to follow in next newsletter.**



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Beware of Energy Thieves submitted by Jay Megonnell

Why not try something new? Turn off all the lights in your house and see if you can find the energy thieves that are in your home! In a typical home, you'll probably find lots of red and green lights once the lights go out. What those lights mean for your electric bill may surprise you. Many electronics with red or green lights are always running in standby mode. Which means they are always using power. These appliances and electronics are called energy thieves. They include TVs and DVRs, satellite boxes, gaming consoles, CD players, computers and printers, cell phones and iPods, chargers and digital pho-

to frames.

All of these electronics can cost you an extra \$100 every year. To stop these energy thieves from sucking up more of your hard earned money, try to remember to unplug chargers, CD players and other devices when not in use. **INSTALLING POWER STRIPS** to consolidate the cords from electronics so you can **TURN THEM ALL OFF** with the flip of one switch. Finally, when you replace electronics be sure to buy energy star rated appliances which use less energy.



*If you would like to place an ad in the township newsletter, call Peggy at
717-652-4841 or email me at pmarks@westhanover.com for more information.*

Know the Law by Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

Remember this one important Township Ordinance. When removing snow from your property (walks and driveways) it is in violation to place or throw **SNOW ONTO PUBLIC STREETS**. This means using your plow from the street and pushing the snow up and away from the street, not starting at your garage and pushing it down **ONTO THE STREET**. Some people push it across the street but the poor land owner across the street doesn't want your extra snow (**KEEP IT ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY**). If you own the property across the street and do push it across please make sure the roadway is cleaned off. In other words if snow falls off either side of your plow clean it up or else every driver will have to

drive over your **NEWLY CREATED FROZEN SPEED BUMPS**. Remember if it is brought to our attention or discovered someone is doing this they can and will be cited. It is easy to tell because the **SNOW IS EVIDENCE**. Our tax dollars are used to clean the roadways and once the road crew has done so they don't need to go back and **SCRAPE THEM AGAIN** because someone was inconsiderate. Remember once and think twice.



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the truck stop area.

We did some paving on Devonshire Heights Road and the area of Jay Drive along with many other areas and replaced a good many culverts throughout the township.

The Board partnered with Lower Paxton and East Hanover Township on bridge projects. We stopped spreading of the dreaded stinking residue from sewage treatment plants from other municipalities to be spread on our local farms.

Many dilemmas were faced at the township building with the roof, drainage in the basement, the flooding disaster from the men's room leak, and the HVAC problem and air quality that caused a temporary closing of the building. The Board struggled but are proud to say it all came together. Our staff helped to pull it off, too! The Board had a lot of hiring to do. A new codes person, a planning and zoning person, a secretary and a township manager had to be approved.

On the light side we celebrated our 225th Anniversary during my tenure with a great time and a grand parade! Also a new restaurant was allowed to relocate in West Hanover Township (Ted's). We developed a new senior center and recreation hall which holds a very promising future.

But we have yet to pay down the loan for Exit 77 expansion and improvements at the truck stops area. This was my big concern my first year as supervisor. The burden and debt being passed on to be dealt with by the next boards. We have gone after grants but come up short and hope the Board pursues this as well as cracksealing and gutter cleaning after I step down.

The Devonshire Heights Road and Route 39 improvements are moving along but not as we intended. PennDOT mandates will not allow a red light which is a problem when a township is not allowed to govern on its own which is a reason for my not seeking re-election. I could not run for office in the past because of the Orrin Hatch Act and my job. I probably would not have had the time to devote to the position anyway while working because it is time consuming task if you want to correctly represent the citizens as a Township Supervisor. Just going out and looking at various situations that arise and working with staff takes up lots of time. So if the job is to be done correctly I feel the elected supervisor needs to be a dedicated person with lots of time to give to the job. This is just a word to the wise for upcoming elections of candidates and not to be used as a political career booster. The board did not raise taxes the years I served and are proud of that fact. The road crew, parks and rec staff and office staff basically received raises every year even through the rocky economy. These actions need to be monitored a little closer by the board in the future.

Once again, thanks for the confidence you residents of West Hanover Township had in me by voting me to the position. I tried to be politically correct (another reason I did not seek a second term. Political correctness is out of hand in our country.)

But after being a resident of West Hanover for 64 years I wanted to do the best for my home land with the growth it has encountered. Planning and good judgement are the keys to our future. So God bless the leaders, citizens and our township. Thank you to all my friends.



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Fire Company News by Kyle Miller

Happy Holidays from your 100% volunteer West Hanover Township Fire Company No. 1. Wow! The year has flown by and with 2016 just around the corner the members are gearing up for the cooler temperatures and the winter weather. Remember to change out your smoke detector batteries, keep your live Christmas trees properly watered and pay attention to lit candles. Please be cautious if you use wood or space heaters to help heat your home on those cold days.



Hopefully you have received our annual fund drive mailer. Please consider contributing to help offset our expenses. Any donation is greatly beneficial to us and always greatly appreciated. The drive continues to be a success and we appreciate your contributions as they further our capabilities for providing fire services.

Once again, our Fall Harvest and Haunted Hayride was a success! Through the many hard working volunteers that gave up their free time to help us coordinate such an event and all of our supporters, we were able to provide 4 nights of family oriented Halloween fun in our community. We could not be more appreciative of everyone who helped and all of our community supports that were able to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Please continue to visit our website and following us on Facebook for periodical updates, photos and news about upcoming events.

It takes many hands to keep our Fire Company running and providing the best possible Emergency services our community deserves. We are always looking for volunteers and new members to join your West Hanover Township Fire Company. There are various types of opportunities within our Fire Company, any help is greatly appreciated and needed. Please check the Fire Company website at www.westhanoverfire.com, call or visit one of our stations for additional information or to fill out a membership application. There is almost always members around in the evenings, so please feel free to stop in and see what we are all about.

West Hanover Citizens Helping Hands by Patrick Toone



WHCHH is an all-volunteer group of township resident helping other less abled residents with weeding, bush trimming and other light yard work. This service is vital to our neighboring senior citizens, physically challenged, military families and "first responders".

2015 continued to be a busy year for the volunteers. Lots of requests for help and we were able to accommodate most. Not an easy task without a pickup truck to haul yard waste. The WHCHH crew was very fortunate to gain some new volunteers this season and I look forward to working with a fantastic group of folks in 2016. New volunteers always welcome, help when you can. Help out your community. I encourage you all to get involved.

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

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Electric Permits: Services, generators, any new extensions of existing system or upgrades to service.

Demolition: Residential and commercial structures.

Transient Business: Permits required for all door to door soliciting.

Timber Harvesting: Permits required, not including property maintenance.

Stormwater: Permits required.

Erosion & Sedimentation (E & S Controls): Permits required.

Sign Permits: All signs including temporary.

Burn Permits: Required for all outdoor burning.

Right-of-Ways: No building or structures may encroach into right-of-ways or easements.

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Winter Preparedness Checklist for West Hanover Township Residents

It is now time to prepare for winter. Snow thrown from plows can easily damage mailboxes and basketball hoops. **Any mailbox or basketball hoop/backstop damage is the responsibility of the homeowner; as it is placed in the right of way.**

- Fire Hydrants: please shovel out around fire hydrants so that the fire company is able to access them if there is a situation that requires their use,
- Basketball Hoops/Backstops: Please move them out of the right-of-way so that the snow plows do not hit them.
- Mailboxes: place a 6"-8" piece of reflective tape on your mailbox so that the snow plow can see it at night. Remove the snow from around the mailbox, but do not put it in the street. If your mailbox has been damaged in the past from snow removal during winter months, you may want to reposition it before winter arrives. Your local post office has more information on how to correctly position a mailbox. PennDOT has information on cantilevered mailbox supports, which will swing a mailbox out of harm's way. Visit www.dot.state.pa.us for plans and support.

Plowing Procedures



Public Works department generally plows the major thoroughfares: Jonestown Road, Picketown Road, Manor Drive, Fair-

ville Avenue, and Devonshire Heights Road, first and they are kept clear as much as possible. From there the crew works outward to the side streets and developments.

Please keep obstructions to a minimum of three (3) feet off the edge of the road to allow snow plows room to work.

The Township does not plow any private roads or driveways.

PennDOT is responsible for state roads including: Oak Grove Road, Green Hill Road, Red Top Road, Allentown Boulevard (Rt. 22), Linglestown Road (Rt. 39) and Fishing Creek Valley Road (Rt. 441). If you have a problem with a state road, please contact PennDOT.

Do not park on snow emergency routes or roads posted with No Parking areas. The Roadmaster has the authority to have your car towed. Please be advised that snow emergency routes and no parking areas will be strictly enforced during inclement weather.

Snow and ice is required to be removed from sidewalks and parking areas within twenty-four (24) hours of a snow event.

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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.

Reminder - Burn Permits are required. Please contact the Township Office for an application or visit the Township Website at www.westhanover.com.

For additional information regarding these or other Township regulations, please contact the Codes Administrator at 540-6080.

2016 Dog License - Residents can purchase 2016 Dog License through the Court Treasurer's Office or at the Hanoverdale Agway Store at 486 Hershey Road or Hornung's Ace Hardware located at 6005 Bluebird Avenue. The cost is minimal and funds many aspects of dog law enforcement. The licenses also aid in reuniting lost dogs and their owners. License applications and instructions can be downloaded from the County website at www.dauphincounty.org, keyword: DOG LICENSE.

Residents who find a stray dog may call the Dauphin County Treasurer's office at (717-780-6550) Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.




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COMMUNITY EVENTS: If your group or organization would like to be listed in future issues, please contact Peggy at 652-4841 or pmarks@westhanover.com. (Space is limited)

Christmas Eve Sensory Friendly Service - Come join Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church for their Christmas Eve Sensory Friendly Service. This service is designed for families with loved ones who have autism or other sensory needs. The service will include singing, prayer, a craft, and snacks and should run around 45 minutes. We will have sensory-friendly items for our guests including sensory balls, small musical instruments, weighted blankets, noise-canceling headphones, and coloring books.



The service will be held Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. at Mt Calvary UMC, 175 N. Fairville Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17112. For questions regarding the service please contact Pastor Jim Copulos at 545-1681 or at jcopulos@susumc.org. Merry Christmas!

2016 West Hanover Baseball and Softball Registration

January 23 & January 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Online registration will be available. Please check the West Hanover Baseball Softball Association website for the link closer to registration dates.

<http://www.eteamz.com/westhanoverbaseball/>



Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank

Tuesday, December 29th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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