



# West Hanover Township News

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## Meet Your Newly Elected and Re-elected Supervisors

### Board of Supervisors

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

The election of November 3, 2015 resulted in the re-election of Donald Steinmeier for a six year term and the election of Steven Kurtz for a six year term.

Don is starting his 21st year as a Township Supervisor. Having started his public service in West Hanover Township in 1972, he has over 43 years of experience on various boards in the township.

Steven Kurtz is a Dauphin County native who is a proud graduate of Central Dauphin High School and Lebanon Valley College. Steven and his wife Kelsey are lifelong Dauphin County residents and have established their family in West Hanover

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Pictured left to right: Re-elected Supervisor, Don Steinmeier. and newly elected Supervisor Steven Kurtz.



**Presidential Primary Election Day**  
(For information on where to vote, call voter registration at 717-780-6360).

**Tuesday, April 26th**

**General Election Day**  
**Tuesday, November 8th**

**Township Building Closed Memorial Day, May 30th**

**Election Day Soup Sale**



Come to the West Hanover Township Recreation Center located at 628 Walnut Avenue for delicious homemade soup on **Primary**

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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  
724-0334/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

### Reorganization Meeting

At the re-organization meeting on January 4, 2016, The Board elected it's officers for 2016: Chairman Adam Klein, Vice-Chairman Gloria Zimmerman and Secretary/Treasurer Donald Steinmeier.

### Compost Center Opens Saturday March 19th

The compost facility, located at the public works building at 402 N. Fairville Avenue, reopens on Saturday, March 19th. The Compost Facility will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 8 AM until 3 PM

A permit is required for use of the Compost Facility. Permits are \$20, with an option to purchase an addi-

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## Meeting Dates

### MARCH

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 3/3/16 Public Safety Advisory Board   | 6:30 PM |
| 3/7/16 Board of Supervisors           | 7 PM    |
| 3/8/16 Environmental Advisory Council | 7 PM    |
| 3/10/16 Zoning Hearing Board          | 6:30 PM |
| 3/15/16 Water & Sewer Authority       | 6 PM    |
| 3/16/16 Parks & Recreation Board      | 7 PM    |
| 3/21/16 Board of Supervisors          | 7 PM    |
| 3/24/16 Planning Commission           | 7 PM    |

### APRIL

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 4/4/16 Board of Supervisors            | 7 PM    |
| 4/7/16 Public Safety Advisory Board    | 6:30 PM |
| 4/12/16 Environmental Advisory Council | 7 PM    |
| 4/14/16 Zoning Hearing Board           | 6:30 PM |
| 4/18/16 Board of Supervisors           | 7 PM    |
| 4/19/16 Water & Sewer Authority        | 6 PM    |
| 4/20/16 Parks & Recreation Board       | 7 PM    |
| 4/28/16 Planning Commission            | 7PM     |

### MAY

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 5/2/16 Board of Supervisors            | 7 PM    |
| 5/5/16 Public Safety Advisory Board    | 6:30 PM |
| 5/10/16 Environmental Advisory Council | 7 PM    |
| 5/12/16 Zoning Hearing Board           | 6:30 PM |
| 5/16/16 Board of Supervisors           | 7 PM    |
| 5/17/16 Water & Sewer Authority        | 6 PM    |
| 5/18/16 Parks & Recreation Board       | 7 PM    |
| 5/26/16 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   | Zoning Administrator          |
| Tara Rex          | Administrative Assistant      |
| Kathleen Lynch    | PT Morning Receptionist       |
| Sharmaine Harman  | PT Afternoon Receptionist     |
| 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.       |
| Cathy Wingard     | PT P & R Admin. Assist.       |

**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

**Township ID # 15.009: Creekvale Plan Modification.** Applicant wishes to amend the current Preliminary Plan to include the new building footprints and add the 10 units with the stream enclosure (court decision) that were previously removed due to zoning issues. **APPROVED.**

**Township ID # 15.010: Hillcrest Business Center.** Applicant wishes to consolidate three parcels into one parcel at the

southwest intersection catty corner from JoJo's. Currently, they are proposing two 6,000 square foot buildings; building A will be office space, building B will be professional services – an expansion of Mr. Geppert's current energy business company. There will be access via a new construction drive off of Manor Drive directly across from Geppert Lane. **APPROVED.**

### Planning Commission Members

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

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

## Zoning Hearing Board

**#2015.09: Camping World:** Requesting variances to Sections 195-95.D(1) to allow the replacing of the chain link fence with 6' black ornamental aluminum fence located at various parcels along Allentown Blvd & Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17112, Tax parcels include the following: # 68-030-006, 68-030-007, 68-030-008, 68-030-110 in the CH (Commercial Highway) zoning district. **APPROVED.**

more square footage than the principal structures, 195-154.H (1) to allow the expansion of a non-conforming property more than 25% of its existing floor area, located at 7044-7048 Linglestown Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17112, Tax parcel# 68-018-072 in the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district. **IN PROGRESS**

**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  
Beth Carricato  
Erich Bair  
Ron Lawson, 1st Alternate  
P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month as needed beginning at 6:30 PM

**2015.10: Peffley Self Storage Buildings:** Requesting variances to Sections 195-95.A(7) to allow the accessory structures to be

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Township along with their dog Bailey.

Steven and his wife are active members at Cross Point United Methodist Church, where Steven plays drums in the church band. Kelsey is a member of the Susquehanna Chorale, a national award-winning, auditioned choir based in Central Pennsylvania. When not working or with the family, Steven enjoys sporting clays and dabbling in small business start-ups. They are anxiously expecting their first child in June of this year.

Steven works for a large public accounting firm in their consulting division. He specializes in Human Resource Technology for the firm throughout their

North American operations. He looks forward to bringing his experience and fresh perspective to current township issues and looks to take a more proactive approach to the township's future through strategic planning initiatives which are vital to ensuring West Hanover's bright future.

### 2016 Public Forums

These are the public forums on our agenda. Dates and times will follow in future newsletters:

- Public Water at Houck Manor Park
- Park and Ride - Public Transport
- Local Police Forum

## News From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters



"The Gopher" - WHT Senior Citizens Van

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

We extend our condolences to the family of Carol Hess. Carol was a dispatcher for the van program and passed away December 24, 2015. She enjoyed talking with the riders and we will miss her.

The Dine-to-Donate event with Perkins Family Restaurant, 7833 Linglestown Rd the second Thursday of each month from 4 PM to 9 PM had another great year in 2015. We earned over \$4,000.00 for the van program. Thank you to Bob Thompson for this very successful fund raiser and to everyone who came and supported it. We will continue it for 2016. Coupons are available at the township building, Fulton Bank, Wonders Found Thrift Shop and Mt Calvary United Methodist Church. Each person can turn in a coupon when paying the bill. If there are four people at your table that is a total of 4 coupons. If Perkins receives 50 or more coupons in one evening the van program will get 15% of ALL purchases from 4 PM to 9 PM that evening.

The West Hanover Lion's Club gives us money every year so when you support the chicken barbecues you are also

helping out the van program. The Lions will be holding their chicken barbecue Memorial Day weekend, May 27, 28, and 29 from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM unless sold out earlier. We do sell out fast so don't wait too late to buy your dinner. The club is looking for new members. If you are interested you can call Lion Lee Swinsberg at 717-412-0843, Lion Scott Rishell at 717-652-1027 or Lion Claire Zeiters at 717-652-1408 for more information. This is a wonderful way to give back to your community.

Riders please note that the vans will not run on the following dates in 2016: May 30-Memorial Day, September 5-Labor Day, and November 24-Thanksgiving.

Van office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM so call 652-1702 between those hours for more information. If you get the answering machine please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

We will take you shopping, hair appointments, and 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**



## 2016 Budget by Don Steinmeier

The West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors passed a budget for 2016 with no tax increase on real estate. The Board of Supervisors has held the line on real estate taxes since 1991. The Board has always worked hard to develop a budget that will require no real estate increase.

The township has experienced growth and the population has passed the 10,000 mark. Township growth has created additional revenue for the township to help offset a tax increase. Every budget year is always a challenge for Township Supervisors.

The West Hanover Township Water and Sewer Authority passed a budget with no increase in public sewer rates. The Water and Sewer Authority expects to hold the public sewer rates at \$52 a month for the next 5 years.



## Think Spring! Think Pollinator-Friendly Environment

What is a pollinator, and what is a pollinator-friendly environment?

Pollinators are animals that assist plants in their reproduction. They include ants, bees, bats, beetles, birds, butterflies, flies, moths and wasps. A pollinator-friendly environment is where a diversity of plants (choose native plants whenever possible) are planted to attract the most pollinators.

### Why should we care?

Pollination is an essential ecological survival function. Without pollinators, the human race and all of earth's terrestrial ecosystems would not survive. Of the 1,400 crop plants grown around the world, i.e., those that produce all of our food and plant-based industrial products, almost **80%** require pollination by animals.

More than half of the world's diet of fats and oils come from animal-pollinated plants (oil palm, canola, sunflowers, etc.). More than 150 food crops in the U.S. depend on pollinators, including almost all fruit and grain crops. There is increasing evidence that pollinators are in decline.

### Simple things you can do to help pollinators:

\*Plant a pollinator garden.

Plant a diversity of plants that flower at different times of the year to provide nectar and pollen sources throughout the growing season. Plant in clumps. Provide a variety of colors and shapes to attract different pollinators. Choose native plants when possible. Native plants will attract more native pollinators and can serve as larval host plants for some species of pollinators.

*Some suggested plants: lance leaf osteoporosis; smooth penstemon; wild indigo; butterfly milkweed; common milkweed; great blue lobelia; Joe Pye weed; mountain mint; purple coneflower; wild bergamot; field thistle; marsh blazing star; wingstem; bottle gentian; New England aster; New York ironweed; seaside goldenrod; sneezeweed; wrinkleleaf goldenrod; phlox; cockspur hawthorn; redbud; highbush blueberry; pussy willow; basswood; New Jersey tea; arrowwood viburnum; spicebush; dogwood; serviceberry; black willow.*

\*Provide nesting habitat.

Different pollinators have different needs for nesting sites. Maintain undisturbed patches of soil for ground-nesting bees. Leave some wood and dry plant stems for other bees. If it's not a safety hazard, consider leaving a dead tree or limb undisturbed to provide natural nesting habitat. When pruning shrubs such as raspberries, roses, sumac, elderberry, goldenrod and coneflower, cut some back to a foot to provide bee nesting sites in the hollow stems. Provide artificial nesting sites by creating blocks of preservative-free wood with drilled holes of different diameters. Fallen tree bark, stacked in a corner of your garden also makes a good nesting site.

\*Avoid or limit pesticide use.

Pesticides can kill more than the target pest. Some pesticide residues can kill pollinators for several days after the pesticide is applied. Pesticides can also kill natural predators, which can lead to even worse pest

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Yellow swallowtail butterfly on purple coneflower.



## Recycling Reminder: You Are Recycling Aren't You?

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

\*Curbside

\*Compost Center and \*E-Cycling, both at 402 N. Fairville Ave, (opens March 19 through November on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

For more info about what you can recycle check out the West Hanover Township Recycling Brochure at [http://www.westhanover.com/upload/EAC\\_Recycling\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.westhanover.com/upload/EAC_Recycling_Brochure.pdf) or pick one up in the township office at 7171 Allentown Blvd. Harrisburg, PA between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**GO GREEN:**  
Receive the Township Newsletter via e-mail instead of having it mailed to you.  
Send your request to:  
[pmarks@westhanover.com](mailto:pmarks@westhanover.com).

## West Hanover Township Historical Society by Jeanie Glaser

The January Meeting of the Historical Society was held on January 22 in the Blue Room at the Township Recreation Center. A short Executive Board meeting, called by newly elected President Jon Hetrick, was held before the meeting to discuss the direction and initiatives for the New Year. Following recent tradition, the evening's program was 'Sharing West Hanover Memories'. Jon Hetrick started discussion by sharing century-old photos of family properties: the Cassel Farm at Rt 22 & Oak Grove Rd, and Schaffer's Store in Hanoverdale on Rt 39. LuAnn Glaser shared a 1930s postcard of Buck's Cabins, owned by her grandfather Robert E. Buck. Harold Smedley captured many photos of snowstorms at old Camp Kiwanis and his house near Rts 22 & 39 over the past 4 decades, and they served as testament to the fact that we've gotten through worse than the impending snowstorm!



Nancy Hershey-Chubb reflected on the sights then and now along the route of her 2-mile walk to Oak Grove Schoolhouse, recalling the Smith Farm at Sterling Rd, the house of colorful 'Old Dan Stoudt' at Green Hill, the Charles Allen house, and finally

the spooky 'Old Hay Shed' before she arrived home on Devonshire Heights Rd. She was always eager to shorten her walk with a lift from the milkman! Many chimed in with memories of bread and ice delivery men, fish wagons, and drifters who requested a meal and a night's rest in the family barn. Also recalled were Picketown women who dutifully set out lawn chairs in the Mt. Laurel Church parking lot to watch for German airplanes during WWII.

Newly-elected Vice-President Jeanie Glaser told the crowd of her effort to document the historic places of Dauphin County and the stories that bring them to life, and encouraged everyone to submit information by internet or snail mail. She will share an interactive map and updates on a smartphone app soon.

After refreshments, Jon Hetrick read a history of the WHTHS's Sandy Hollow Cemetery property, and Sarah Cassel-Wells noted her grandparents had lived in the old church prior to its removal. Mr. Smedley showed clips from Disney's *The Light in the Forest*, based on 18<sup>th</sup> century township events, as well as a video from Fishing Creek Elementary in 1985. A short business meeting followed the close of the evening program. Much gratitude is extended to those who came out and shared their stories!

The Annual Tree Lighting, Carol Sing, and Burning of the Yule Log, co-sponsored by West Hanover Township Parks & Recreation Board, Fire Department, and the Historical Society, kicked off the holiday season for everyone who came out to be part of the merriment at the Recreation Center on December 7. Warmed by the crackling Yule Log, attendees of all ages joined in a circle for a holiday sing-along led by Shirley McCahan.



As the flames died, the crowd moved inside, where a kingly spread of homemade goodies was quickly devoured before Santa provided an early treat to all the little ones in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the holiday party a joy!

The next Historical Society meeting is scheduled for April 21. We encourage you to follow us for updates about the program and more on our page at [facebook.com/westhanoverhistorical](https://www.facebook.com/westhanoverhistorical).

### 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  
 Veterans of WestHanover Twp. \$5 (free to Veterans)  
 Books can be purchased @ the Township Building

### OFFICERS 2016

#### President:

Jonathan Hetrick

#### Vice-President:

Jeanie Glaser

#### Secretary:

Carol Buskirk

#### Treasurer:

Dottie Speck

#### Directors:

Harold (Skip) Smedley

Shirley McCahan

Debbie Hetrick

Mary Jane Brightbill

#### Ex-Officio:

Diane Gotshall

Gloria Zimmerman

#### Membership:

Harry Senft



**EAC NEWS**  
1989-2016  
27 years of  
Community Service

**Did You Know?...**

\*Tens of thousands of birds of prey, and millions of song-birds use the ridges of West Hanover Township during migration, and many thousands depend upon the forests and other habitats of the township for nesting in June?

\*The Kittatinny Ridge, also known as Blue Ridge, is an 185-mile curving spine that runs through the northern portion of West Hanover Township, and that the Kittatinny Ridge is considered one of Pennsylvania's Important Bird Areas?

**What's so important about birds?**

Author David Sibley, an American ornithologist, author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, considered by many to be the most comprehensive guide for North American field identification, says, "Birds make any place a chance for discovery, they make a garden seem wild, they are a little bit of wilderness coming into a city park, and for a bird watcher every walk is filled with anticipation. What feathered jewel might drop out of the sky next?"

*Melanie Driscoll, Director of bird conservation for the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi Flyway says, "Birds are important because they keep systems in balance: they pollinate plants, disperse seeds, scavenge carcasses and recycle nutrients back into the earth. But they also feed our spirits, marking for us the passage of the seasons, moving us to create art and poetry, inspiring us to flight and reminding us that we are not only on, but of, this earth."*

**Gary Langham, National Audubon Science Director says, "When we save birds from large-scale threats we see that what's good for the birds is also good for us. This is true about agriculture, fishing, climate change. As we solve their problems we solve ours. This is about everyone's quality of life."**

**Here are a few things we can do right now, and everyday, to help birds.**

\*Put up a bird house (with proper ventilation) in your yard. More than two dozen different bird species including the purple martin, house wren, and eastern bluebird will nest in bird houses. As more and more habitat disappears every year, birds have fewer places to nest each spring.

Additional resources for building bird houses can be found at <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=622397&mode=2#Plan14>

\*Put a bird bath in your yard to provide a year-round clean drinking and bathing water source for birds. Use a heater

in winter where appropriate.

\*Erect bird feeders and nectar feeders in proper distances from windows or places where birds can't be ambushed by predators. Use appropriate seed and other foods.

\*Limit the use of lawn chemicals and pesticides in your garden, which are harmful not only to birds, but to a variety of wildlife and to household pets.

\*If you have a problem with birds striking your windows, use paint or opaque/translucent tape to create a pattern on the outside of the window glass (with vertical stripes spaced 4 inches or less and horizontal stripes 2 inches or less) or put lightweight netting or screen several inches in front of the window.

\*Plant native fruit and berry-bearing bushes and trees on your property. Also, maintain ground vegetation and shrubs adjacent to water.

\*At night, turn off the lights or close the blinds of your high-rise offices or apartment buildings, and spread the word to your co-workers. Thousands of migratory song-birds, which are attracted by lights, are killed each year by colliding with lighted buildings at night.

\***Curb your cats.** Keep your felines inside or in outdoor "kitty condos." America's estimated 150 million outdoor cats kill serious numbers of birds - up to 3.7 billion a year, according to a new report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Smithsonian's Migratory Bird Center.



**Environmental Advisory Council Members**

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



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# Spring Recreation

## Park & Recreation Board Members

Jeff Holt, Chairman  
 Rebecca Schwartz, Vice-Chairman  
 Jan Bahret, Secretary  
 Gloria Zimmerman  
 Paul Boltz  
 Donald Holmes  
 Wade Cope

**Recreation Coordinator:** Dixie Fesig

Registration information can be found at the Recreation Office: 628 Walnut Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17112. Phone 724-0083/Fax 724-0086

Email: [dfesig@westhanover.com](mailto:dfesig@westhanover.com)

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



West Hanover Parks and Recreation

## Attention Parents:

We are asking parents to save the following items for our Summer Recreation Program that is coming up in June. You can drop the items off at the Recreation Center located at 628 Walnut Avenue between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm. Please rinse or wash out before you drop the items off.

- \* 2 Liter soda bottles with caps
- \* Gallon milk jugs
- \* Water bottles
- \* Toilet paper tubes

## Family Yoga - March 4 - April 22 (8 week session)

*Morning Beginners Yoga*

Friday mornings from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Fee: \$64

This beginner's class is an introduction into stretching and poses for overall health and wellness.

## Family Yoga - March 21-May 9 (8 week session)

*Evening Beginners Yoga*

Monday nights from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Fee: \$64

This beginner's class is an introduction into stretching and poses for overall health and wellness.

## Pinochle Card Club - May 27, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5 (6pm to 9pm)

Refreshments provided. Prize awarded to the highest score player.

Fee: \$18 Res/\$23 Non/res

Registration Deadline: May 19, 2016



Exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired dance fitness **FITNESS**

West Hanover Recreation Center  
 628 Walnut Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17112  
 Located off of Linglestown Rd, across from CDHS

**Class is DOWNSTAIRS! Use the lower parking lot!**

**Our Weekly Schedule:**  
 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!**

## West Hanover Township Horseshoe League

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Starts April 13, 2016

Fee: Residents \$25.00 Non- residents \$30.00.

The league will run approximately 8 weeks.

Call the Rec office at 724-0083 for more information.



## 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: 6-6:45 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 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

### KARATE ADVANCED TIGERS NEW!

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.

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



## B.C. INTERIORS

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AND WINDOW TREATMENTS*

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OBLIGATION MEETING TO DISCUSS  
YOUR NEEDS

**Magisterial District Judge**  
**East, South & West Hanover Township**  
 District #12-3-05  
**Hon. Lowell A. Witmer**  
 8010 Bretz Drive  
 Harrisburg, PA 17112  
 717-671-8720



CITATIONS: Pay fines & costs/ enter pleas  
<http://ujportal.pacourts.us>  
 Or  
[www.dauphintix.com](http://www.dauphintix.com)  
 800-701-8560

*Please exercise caution and be aware of your surroundings and oncoming vehicles when biking, jogging, or walking our roadways!*

## 2016 BUS TRIPS

Registration forms are available on the Twp. Website  
www.westhanover.com.



### Cherry Blossom DC

Enjoy the day in our nation's capital to explore all that this exciting city has to offer. Find your place to watch the Cherry Blossom Parade.

**Date:** Saturday, April 16

**Fee:** Residents - \$50.00pp

**Trip Includes:** Transportation, map and National Zoo option.

### New York City on Your Own

This is "A Day on Your Own" in NYC to enjoy at your leisure.

**Date:** Saturday, May 7

**Fee:** \$68ppRes/\$70pp Non-res

**Trip Includes:** Transportation and map.

### Medieval Times

From ring side seats, enjoy a two-hour live jousting tournament and a Medieval times four-course meal fit for royalty.

**Date:** Thursday, July 14

**Fee:** \$123ppRes/\$128pp Non-res

**Trip Includes:** Bus, Medieval Times show, luncheon, Evergreen Museum and Library tour.

### Atlantic City Air Show (August 31)

### Potomac Eagle Train Ride (October 22)

### Radio City Christmas Show (November 20)

### New York City on Your Own (December 3)



West Hanover Parks and Recreation

**For more information, call the Recreation Center  
at 717-724-0083.**

## West Hanover Township Senior Center

Third Thursday of Each Month

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Come out and enjoy meeting new people. Enjoy great entertainment and food. If joining us for the meal you must pre-register by the Friday before the meal. Starting this year, you must fill out a registration form. You can still call in to register, but if you do not show up for the meal you are responsible to pay for the meal, unless you cancel before the food is purchased on Monday.

The cost depends on the meal. See below for the cost. Meal is served at Noon.

**April 21** - Chili, Cornbread, Rice and Drinks \$5.00

**Guest speaker** - Dick Scott (Ballroom dancing)

**May 19** - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Corn and Drinks \$6.00

**Guest speakers/Activity to be announced.**

**June 16** - Chef Salad and French Fries and Drinks \$6.00

**Guest Speaker: To be announced**



*(Homemade soup - Continued from page 1)*

**Election Day, Tuesday April 26th.** We will be selling Homemade Chicken Corn Soup and Ham and Bean Soup. We will also be selling Hotdogs, Ham sandwiches, Meatball subs, drinks, and baked

goods. Soup available until sold out, you can buy it by the quart or come in and have a bowl. We supply the quart containers. Quarts are \$7.00, bowls are \$3.00. For more information call 724-0083.



**HOMEMADE CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER** Sponsored by Hoffman Fordland, Inc.

**Monday, March 14, 2016 5:00 p.m. until sold out. (628 Walnut Ave.)**

First Come, First Serve. Pay at the door \$8.00 Adults/\$3.00 Children under age 5

Limited take outs are available (we supply the container). Take outs do not include drinks and desserts.

Dinner includes: Chicken Pot Pie, Choice of Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce, Dessert and Drink.

For more information, call the Recreation office at **724-0083**

**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

**Door Prizes!!!**

An 8' workspace will be available for each participant. 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.

**Registration Deadline: March 16, 2016**



[West Hanover Parks and Recreation](#)



**SPRING INDOOR YARD SALE**

**Saturday, April 23rd 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. (628 Walnut Ave.)**

Space size is 5 x 8. Setup time: Friday 11:30am to 2:00pm or Saturday at 7am. Food will be available for purchase.

Residents \$10/space Non-residents \$12/space With 8 foot table: Residents \$13/space Non-residents \$15/space

Registration forms can be found on line at [www.westhanover.com](http://www.westhanover.com) or by calling the Recreation office at **724-0083**



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# WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Easter egg Hunt/Lunch with the Easter Bunny  
 Skyline Commons Park (305 Short Street)  
 March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016



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The West Hanover Township Park & Recreation Board is offering an Easter Egg Hunt/Lunch with the Easter Bunny. The Egg Hunt will be

for children ages 13 & under. Lunch with the Easter Bunny is open to all ages (Children & Adults) the hunt will take place at Skyline Commons Park on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Egg Hunt will start at 11:00 followed by lunch at 11:30am.

The Egg Hunt is Free; lunch is \$5.00 pp for residents, \$7.00pp non-residents. Lunch will consist of Hamburger or Hotdog, drink, bag chips, cookie & piece of candy. **The deadline to register is March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. Any questions call 724-0083.**

**DO NOT SEND FORM BACK TO SCHOOL. ALL FORMS & FEES MUST BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF AT THE RECREATION CENTER (628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg PA. 17112).**

**Registration Form**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Township Resident: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_No

**Egg Hunt**

**Lunch**

**Circle One**

|                              |                       |                     |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Participant #1: _____Age____ | Participant #1: _____ | Hamburger or Hotdog |
| Participant #2: _____Age____ | Participant #2: _____ | Hamburger or Hotdog |
| Participant #3: _____Age____ | Participant #3: _____ | Hamburger or Hotdog |
| Participant #4: _____Age____ | Participant #4: _____ | Hamburger or Hotdog |
| Participant #5: _____Age____ | Participant #5: _____ | Hamburger or Hotdog |
| Participant #6: _____Age____ | Participant #6: _____ | Hamburger or Hotdog |

**For participants joining us for lunch, Please don't forget to circle your sandwich choice above.**

Make check payable to: West Hanover Township

Total Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grow Your Own Good Eats!

Seem like a good idea? Learn more by attending the EAC's spring workshop on **Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. to noon.**

Penn State Master Gardeners will review the steps to starting a garden in your back yard or in containers on your patio. Participation is free, but please register in advance by calling the township office at **717-652-4841**. The event will take place at the **West Hanover Township Municipal Building, 7171 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg 17112**. It is joint project of the Penn State Master Gardeners and the West Hanover Township Environmental Advisory Council.

Here are a few good reasons for growing your own fruits and veggies:

1. Homegrown produce is healthier. No loss of vitamins from transport time and the addition of preservatives.
2. You will save money. Seeds are not expensive, and with some varieties you can save seeds for next year.

(Learn to preserve your surplus, and save even more.)



3. It helps the environment. Growing without pesticides and herbicides reduces pollution and the use of fossil fuels to transport produce.
4. You'll get more fresh air and healthy exercise. Relax. Involve the kids too!
5. Fresh food tastes better. (Just once, compare a homegrown tomato to one from the store!)
6. You will be more confident in the safety of your food. No more worries about contamination. You will know where it came from and what went into and onto it.

Come learn how easy it is to **Grow You Own Good Eats!**

*Stay tuned for info about the companion workshop, **Preserve Your Good Eats!** on Saturday, June 25.*

*(Compost Center - Continued from page 1)*

tional sticker for a second vehicle in the household, for an additional \$5.

**Residents are required to show proof of residency to purchase a sticker for access to the Compost Facility. You must supply the license plate number of the vehicle you will be using.** Stickers may be purchased at the Municipal Building, 7171 Allentown Boulevard, Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 4:00 PM. You may also purchase your sticker at the compost center facility during hours of operation.

With the sticker, residents are entitled to pick up compost or mulch. Please keep in mind that the facility is self-serve.

### Tire Disposal

Residents looking for a place to dispose of tires can call Glenn's Auto Service at **469-0167**. They will dispose of your tires for a fee.

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## So, You Like Bamboo? I Did Too, But ...

Bamboo is great, right? It's a renewable resource; used for flooring, kitchen items, wood and paper products, bio fuels, textiles, etc ... So, it's all good?

Well, maybe not. There are two general types of bamboo: Clumping bamboo and running bamboo. Clumping bamboo is content to remain where it's planted and spreads very slowly. Running bamboo spreads through the rapid growth of underground rhizomes which send up new shoots. It is an invasive plant that grows in dense stands and may end up in our yards and other areas in the township. If not controlled, the situation can quickly become a problem and some townships have found it necessary to develop regulations to address this issue.

Bamboo is actually a grass, indigenous to the Asian continent - it is fast growing, often has a spreading root system, is difficult to eradicate and can be a hazard to animals and people alike. Its value to us as a plant is that of esthetics; but the problem has reached the point where Golden Bamboo has been placed on the PA Invasive Plants Watch List. [see <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/>] The importation of bamboo into the U.S. is regulated by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) and must pass through licensed certification stations.

Do you have bamboo that is spreading rapidly and you're unsure of how to control or eradicate it? First of all, it's important to know that a stand of bamboo is essentially one plant, interconnected by root rhizomes. If you wish to remove part of a stand; but not all of it, a trench must be dug to cut the roots and separate the two areas. Here are some steps (or a

combination of steps) you can take – all of which require time and patience:

1. Don't plant running bamboo in the first place [best option].
2. Cut, mow or break down new shoots as they appear.
3. Cut existing plants low to the ground and apply an herbicide to the stumps. [check existing state & local regulations and ensure herbicide is labeled for use]
4. Trench around the growth area to stop the advance of root systems.
5. Cut existing plants down, then water & fertilize area to encourage new growth. Cut or apply herbicide to new growth. This method will exhaust the energy stored in the plant's rhizomes and kill the plant.
6. Install a root barrier (both above & below ground) to stop root spread.



USDA Photo

Depending on the size & type of bamboo, some of these measures could take a month, a season or even several years to provide control. Be vigilant - We all want to keep our yards, woodlots and hiking areas as natural as possible.

*(Think Spring - Continued from page 5)*

problems.

Encourage native predators like lady bugs and praying mantis, or remove individual pests by hand.



**Even a small start can make a big difference for pollinators.**

For more info about pollinators and pollinator-friendly environments go to <http://www.fws.gov/pollinators/pollinatorpages/yourhelp.html#garden> for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden.

Take the "Million Pollinator Garden Challenge." A campaign to register a million public and private gardens and landscapes to support pollinators. Check out <http://millionpollinatorgardens.org/> to learn more.



## Fire Company News by Kyle Miller, President

Wow, what a winter season our Township residents had to endure so far this year. With our record snow storm in January, cold temperatures and heavy winds, we are looking forward to Spring 2016 and warmer temperatures.

Our firefighters have been working very hard this Winter training, working on our apparatus and equipment to ensure we are prepared when the residents of West Hanover Township may require our assistance. As we begin to thaw out from the winter, please be aware of the potential for flooding and other dangers. Ensure your spouting and any drainage on your property is properly cleared and flowing correctly.

We truly appreciate all of the support we had received throughout 2015 and we cannot thank our supporters enough. Without your support, our 100% volunteer Fire Company would not be as successful as our members strive to be.

Our members always look forward to the community events during the warmer months, where we get the

opportunity to interact directly with our residents. 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](http://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 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".



I would like to thank all new members that volunteered in 2015. We were able to help most that called for assistance. Some jobs were just too big or required weekly help that we just did not have the manpower for. Hats off to the regular crew, a great bunch of volunteers. It was also nice to interact with other helpful township folks that contribute to the resident in different ways. (Meals on wheels and the township van service).

To all my acquaintances in the township, please help me out in 2016. This is time well spent, with some mighty fine folks. Help when you can for as long as you can. My biggest hurdle is getting concerned residents with pickup trucks to haul yard waste to the compost center. You are doing the right thing by helping others. Get on the list. Wishing a great 2016 to all.

Contact Patrick Toone at [westhanoverchh@gmail.com](mailto:westhanoverchh@gmail.com) or 657-3644.

### 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.

## ARE YOUR SEWER CHARGES CURRENT?

**IF NOT, YOUR ACCOUNT MAY SOON BE REFERRED TO A THIRD PARTY FOR COLLECTION.**

The West Hanover Township Sewer Authority, at its regular meeting on December 18, 2015, reviewed and discussed the growing sewer arrears. For the first time ever, the sewer arrears reached approximately \$70,000. The Authority is extremely concerned about the growing number of residents who are two or more quarters in arrears for sewer services. Not only is it unfair to the majority of residents who keep their sewer charges current, but the arrears cannot continue to grow without taking further action.

*The Authority is now exploring the possibility of outsourcing the collection of sewer arrears to a third party once they have reached a specified monetary amount, yet to be determined. In the event the Authority deems it necessary to utilize the resources of a third party to keep arrears in check, any fees associated with the efforts of a third party to collect arrears would be added to the customer's bill.*

Currently, if sewer charges are one quarter in arrears, Diversified Technology (the Authority's billing company) sends a reminder. If the sewer arrears remain unpaid until after the due date of the next quarter, a letter is sent by the Authority to the owner(s) of each property in arrears. The letters are delivered by the constable to owner(s) who reside in West Hanover Township and by Certified Mail to the owner(s) who reside outside of West Hanover Township. The charges for those services are added to the account.

If those two steps fail to have the account brought current, a lien against the property (whether served by public water or private well) is prepared and entered at the Dauphin County Court House. If that step becomes necessary, a fee of \$350 is added to the

account to cover legal and administrative costs. For those properties served by public water, the Authority has an agreement in place with Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) to terminate public water service to the property. The owner(s) will be responsible for any charges incurred to terminate and/or reinstate water service. The Township is then notified that the property no longer has potable water available, which would not permit the property to be inhabitable until such time as the water service was reinstated.

In addition, currently the Authority refers accounts more than \$600 in arrears to the Authority's solicitor to begin the process for Sheriff's Sale of the property. The Authority is also considering lowering that threshold.

In the past year, the Authority has taken the steps necessary for Sheriff's Sale against four (4) properties in the Township. The costs for those actions will also be borne by the property owner(s).

The Authority is willing to work with owner(s) who might be facing health or employment challenges; however, if the owner(s) do not contact the Authority to work out some type of payment arrangement, the process to collect the arrears will continue and any and all charges associated with that process will be added to the account.

If you are in arrears with your sewer charges, the Authority would encourage you to take steps **NOW** to remedy the situation. You are urged to contact the Authority Office at (717) 540-0124, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to work out payment terms. Failure to do so could result in additional fees being added to your account.



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## 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 available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- \* **The Township Manager's office** hours are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. However, he has many out of office appointments.
- \* **Property Maintenance** will be handled by a third party agency, Light -Heigel and Associates on Wednesdays only from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with occasional variations due to holidays, court days, etc. 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.

*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](mailto:pmarks@westhanover.com) for more information.*



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