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SPRING 2017

Board of Supervisors

- Adam Klein, Chairman
- Gloria Zimmerman, Vice-Chair
- Donald Steinmeier, Sec/Trea
- Harold Harman
- Kyle Miller

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

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

Board of Supervisors Reorganize for 2017

Each year, the Board of Supervisors is required by statute to meet and reorganize. At its meeting on January 3, 2017, the Board of Supervisors reorganized as follows:

Chairman, Adam Klein, Vice-Chairman, Gloria Zimmerman, Secretary/Treasurer, Donald Steinmeier, Supervisor, Harold Harman and Supervisor, Kyle Miller.

2017 Township Budget

At the December 5, 2016 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2017 budget. The full budget is available for review at the Municipal building and also online at www.westhanover.com under Popular Links, Code Online.

The Public Works crew plans to improve drainage in Holiday Park on

Trent Street, Tucker Street and Shawnee Drive. There will also be some drainage work done on Picketown Road, between Trent Street and Tucker Street. The anticipated project start date is the middle to end of March, weather permitting. The Public Works Department will be installing inlet boxes and 18" pipe.

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The Compost Center Opens Saturday March 25th

See page 4 for new fee and for more information.



Election Day Soup Sale

Come to the West Hanover Township Recreation Center located at 628 Walnut Avenue for delicious homemade soup on **Primary Election Day, Tuesday May 16th**. For more information call 724-0083.



Primary Election Day Tuesday, May 16th
(For information on where to vote call voter registration at 717-780-6360)
Township Closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.
General Election Day Tuesday, November 7th

Meeting Dates

MARCH

3/2/17 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
3/6/17 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
3/9/17 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
3/14/17 Environmental Advisory Council	6:30 PM
3/15/17 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
3/20/17 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
3/21/17 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
3/23/17 Planning Commission	7 PM

APRIL

4/3/17 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
4/6/17 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
4/7/17 Environmental Advisory Council	6:30 PM
4/13/17 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
4/17/17 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
4/19/17 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
4/19/17 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
4/27/17 Planning Commission	7 PM

MAY

5/1/17 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
5/4/17 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
5/9/17 Environmental Advisory Council	6:30 PM
5/11/17 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
5/15/17 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
5/16/17 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
5/17/17 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
5/25/17 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	Public Works Admin. Assistant
Brian Von Neida	Zoning Administrator
Tara Rex	Zoning/Planning Admin. Assistant
Sharmaine Harman	PT 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
Melvin Miller (JR)	Public Works
Ryan Shradley	Public Works
Dieter Jordan	PT Public Works
Bill Sheriff	PT Compost Attendant
Don Holmes	Parks & Rec Director
Jeannette Zimmerman	Assist. Parks & Rec Dir.
Cathy Wingard	P & R Admin. Assist.
Susan Boyne	PT P & R Admin. Assist.
Mary Lou Adams	PT P & R Admin. Assist.
Codie Zimmerman	PT Park Maintenance
Ryan Cleaver	PT Park 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

Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Actions

Update / Township ID # 16.002: Sheetz
APPROVED since last newsletter.

Township ID # 16.003: Creekvale Phases 2 & 3. This review is for PHASES 2 AND 3 ONLY. Proposed use is 43 additional single family attached (townhouse) dwellings consisting of phases 2 and 3. This plan for 'Creekvale' is being developed under the overall mixed use plan previously approved by the Township, for a development of at least 15 acres with minimum 20% nonresidential area. The preliminary Plan for Creekvale was approved by the West Hanover Township on 07/03/12. Lot 1 does extend into East Hanover.
APPROVED.

Planning Commission Members

Jim Zeiters, Chairman
 Gerald Longenecker, Vice Chairman
 Jim Shandersky, Secretary
 Tom Stewart, Alt. Secretary
 Charles (Dave) Ankney
 Kyle Miller
 Richard Mula
 Erin Letavic. P.E. HRG.
 Andrew Bomberger, DCPC Rep.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You! Thank You! By Gloria Zimmerman, Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

The holidays have come and gone, but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Wonders Found at 7810 Allentown Boulevard for all the wonderful Christmas decorations and beautiful tree they donated to the township.

The staff was delighted and the office looked so very "Christmasie".

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make Wonders Found a great place to shop. We are blessed to have you in West Hanover Township!



Ordinances:

Ordinance # 2016-1: ECHO Housing. This will allow for temporary detached dwellings to be placed on a property for occupancy by either an elderly, handicapped, or disabled person(s) related by blood, marriage, or adoption, to the occupants of the principal dwelling and is detached from same.
APPROVED.

Ordinance # 2016-2: Parks and Recreation. This ordinance will allow alcohol to be served at the Parks & Recreation location with approved application(s) and agreement(s). The ordinance also includes an updated Rules & Regulations, updated Rental Application, updated Release Waiver, updated Deposit Refund Checklist, updated Fee Schedule, updated Caterer Agreement, updated Catering Application, and updated Rules, Standards & Policies.
APPROVED.

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Zoning Hearing Board Actions

No new variances have occurred 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
 David Templin, 2nd Alternate
 P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month as needed beginning at 6:30 p.m.

New Fees for Compost Center in 2017

Residents utilizing the services of the Compost Center are required to purchase a permit for access. Permits can be obtained at the West Hanover Township Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Proof of residency is required. You must provide your license plate number and PA Drivers license.

The annual fee per calendar year is \$30. You may purchase a second sticker for the same street address for an additional cost of \$5.

NEW FOR 2017 - ONE DAY PASS. \$10.00

NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OR CONTRACTORS PERMITTED.

You may continue to drop off your electronic recyclables for no fee when the Compost Center is open.

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Ordinance # 2016-3: Definition of Single Family Detached. This ordinance includes updated language for the definition and a new illustration for the Single Family Detached. **APPROVED.**

Ordinance # 2016-4: Definition of Single Family Detached in the FRA (Flexible Rural Agriculture). This ordinance is an updated definition in §195-21.M. **APPROVED.**

Ordinance # 2016-5: Accessory Apartments in the FRA (Flexible Rural Agriculture). This ordinance is an updated definition of accessory apartments in §195-94.M. **APPROVED.**

Ordinance # 2016-6: Fencing requirements for both residential and commercial. This ordinance would differentiate the fence regulations for residential and commercial properties, §195-95.D(1) **DENIED.**

Ordinance # 2016-7: Definition of Bed & Breakfast. This ordinance includes updated language for the definition of Bed & Breakfast Homes, §195-10. **APPROVED.**

Ordinance # 2016-8: Bed & Breakfast Homes in the R-3, Suburban Residential district. This ordinance includes updated language for §195-41.B. **APPROVED.**

Ordinance # 2016-9: Bed & Breakfast Homes in the NC, Neighborhood Commercial district.

This ordinance includes updated language to the definition of Bed & Breakfast Homes, §195-46.B(6). **APPROVED.**

Ordinance # 2016-10: Parking for Bed & Breakfast Homes.

This ordinance includes parking requirements for Bed & Breakfast Homes, §195-141. **APPROVED.**

To learn more about the Ordinances, contact the Zoning and Planning Department at **717-540-6075**, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

The complete ordinances can be viewed online at www.westhanover.com under Popular Links, Code Online.

Most Common Items That Require Permits

BUILDING PERMIT (RESIDENTIAL) \$9/\$1,000 of construction cost – Min.\$75	ZONING PERMIT – ALL PROPERTIES \$6/\$1,000 of construction cost – Min. \$60
NEW HOUSE	NEW HOUSE
ADDITION OR EXPANSION	ADDITION OR EXPANSION
DECK / PATIO/ PORCH	DECK/ PATIO/ PORCH
POOL *	POOL*
BASEMENT RENOVATION	SHED
GENERATOR	DRIVEWAY
SOLAR PANELS	SOLAR PANELS
GARAGE **	GARAGE (ATTACHED OR DETACHED)
	FENCE / RETAINING WALL
	SIDEWALK
	DOOR TO DOOR SALES (TRANSIENT PERMIT)
	TENANT CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

* ANY **POOL** THAT IS GREATER THAN 24” INCLUDING **TEMPORARY POOLS**

** **GARAGES** THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE OR ANY DETACHED GARAGE/SHED/OUTBUILDING THAT IS 1,000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER REQUIRES BUILDING PERMITS ALSO.

NOTE 1: ANY **NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE** REQUIRES A BUILDING PERMIT FOR EVERYTHING.

NOTE 2: **BUILDING PERMITS** IN A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE ARE USUALLY WARRANTED FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, OR MECHANICAL CHANGES/UPGRADES/RELOCATIONS.

NOTE 3: ANY ACCESSORY STRUCTURE / IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE INCREASE OF 1,000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER **REQUIRES** ENGINEERED STORMWATER DRAWINGS.

If you have any questions, please call the Zoning Office at **717-540-6075** or the Building Codes Office at **717-540-6080**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Starting work without permits or failure to acquire the necessary permits prior to construction will result in double the permit application fee.



Attention Permit Holders!



It is the responsibility of the permit holder to make certain that the final inspection has been completed. Permits inactive or abandoned become invalid after 180 days. Occupancy or use of uncertified structures could subject the owner penalties and/or fees.

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

The Dine-to-Donate event with Perkins Family Restaurant, 7833 Linglestown Rd the second Thursday of each month from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. had another great year in 2016. We earned over \$3,000.00 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 2017. Coupons are available at the township building, Wonders Found Thrift Shop, and Mt Calvary United Methodist Church. You may also clip the coupon at the bottom of this page to take along when you dine at Perkins Family Restaurant on the second Thursday of every month between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Each person can turn in a coupon when paying the bill. If there are 4 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 p.m. to 9 p.m. that evening.

Riders please note that the vans will not run on the following dates in 2017: May 29-Memorial Day, July 4, Septem-

ber 4-Labor Day, November 23-Thanksgiving, and December 25-Christmas.

We can use some drivers so if you are interested call the van office at **717-652-1702**. You do not have to commit to specific day each week. You can be on the substitute list and drive any open dates if you are available.

Van office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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.

We have only three requirements to use the service. First you must be age 60 or older, second you must be a resident living in the township and third you must be able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We are not permitted to take wheelchairs.

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**

Dine to Donate

Please present this to the cashier between
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
and Perkins® will donate up to 15% of all sales between 4pm-
9pm and up to 15%
of your total bill to

West Hanover Senior Van Project on the 2nd Thursday of every month.



Coupon Expires: December 31, 2017

Valid only at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery located at
7833 Linglestown Rd | 81 @ Exit 77, Harrisburg, PA
17112

One coupon per person per visit at participating Perkins Restaurant & Bakery locations. Coupon void if purchased, sold or bartered for cash. Only original coupons accepted. Mutilated, tampered, forged or photocopied coupons are not accepted. Sales tax, if applicable, must be paid by customer. Prices may vary in Canada. Printed in the U.S.A. © 2013 Perkins & Marie Callender's, LLC

7833 Linglestown Rd | 81 @ Exit 77
717-545-5650

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Also on the list of Public Works projects for 2017 is the overlay of Lawrence Drive, Doris Court and Wilson Court with 19 mm leveling course and a 2A wearing course. This work is scheduled for the summer, between July and August.



West Hanover Lions Club Chicken Barbecue by William Moulfair

The West Hanover Lions Club will help you kick off the unofficial start of summer with a delicious chicken barbecue, and you won't even have to fire up your grill. Just stop by the Flying J Travel Plaza, off Exit 77 on Interstate-81, at the intersection with Route 39, and for an \$8.00 donation, you'll get a mouth-watering barbecued chicken dinner. The West Hanover Lions will be grilling Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 26, 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, rain or shine.

If you're a civic-minded man or woman who would like to make a difference in our community, you can join the West Hanover Lions Club to advance worthy causes, serve with friends, and become a leader in the community. To learn more, contact President Lee Swinsburg at (717) 412-0843, or Secretary Claire Zeiters at (717) 652-1408. Or join at a regular meeting, the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Skyline Restaurant on Allentown Boulevard (Route 22).

The Lions' motto is "We Serve," and the West Hanover Lions Club has lived up to that motto for 66 years. The club has donated money to Penn State Hershey Eye Center for cutting edge equipment, helped to support the West Hanover Senior Van Service, established a scholarship program at Central Dauphin High School, donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind, helped families affected by disasters, assisted community members with visual needs, supported local youth athletic teams, and sponsored vis-



ually impaired campers at the PA Beacon Lodge Camp.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 210 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

West Hanover Lions Club Supports Scholarship and Beacon Lodge by William Moulfair

The West Hanover Lions Club supports many local initiatives; and two important ones are the Central Dauphin High School Scholarship and the Beacon Lodge Camp.

The West Hanover Lions Club will give its annual \$1,000 scholarship to a Central Dauphin High School graduate in the 2016-2017 school year. Interested seniors can get info and an application at the Central Dauphin High School College and Career Center office.

The Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp is a beautiful 583-acre summer camp for children and adults with special needs including blindness, deafness, and other physical and mental challenges. The camp is nestled in the natural woodlands along the Juniata River near Mount Union. The camp is open between June 3 and August 13, 2017.

For info on the CD scholarship and Beacon Lodge, or

if you'd like to join the West Hanover Lions Club, contact President Lee Swinsburg at (717) 412-0843, or Secretary Claire Zeiters at (717) 652-1408. Or visit a regular meeting, the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Skyline Restaurant on Allentown Boulevard (Route 22).

The West Hanover Lions Club also supports the Penn State Hershey Eye Center, the West Hanover Senior Van Service, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and local youth athletic teams.



Office Hours for 2017

Due to the many scheduled meetings throughout the day, walk-in hours may not be available. It is highly recommended that you call to schedule an appointment so that you are guaranteed time to talk about your concerns.

Please make note of the office hour changes for the following departments:

Building Codes - Inspections are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. Please call Tara at 717-652-4841 or email her at trex@westhanover.com to schedule an inspection.

Property Maintenance - Office hours are Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Property Maintenance office handles complaints such as high grass, junk cars, etc. Call 717-652-4841 to leave a message for Marty Sowers.

Zoning and Planning - Please contact Brian Von Neida at 717-540-6075, Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. regarding zoning issues such as setback requirements, land use, etc.

Township Manager - The Township Manager has many out of office meetings. If you would like to schedule an appointment to speak with the manager, please call 717-652-4841.

Codes Corner

Complaints

- All complaints must be submitted to the Township in writing on a Township issued Complaint form. Forms may be picked up at the Township Office, or downloaded from the website at www.westhanover.com. All complaint forms must be filled out completely and signed by the resident. The Township will not investigate any anonymous complaints.

Friendly Reminders

- All properties with on-lot septic systems must have their systems pumped every four (4) years. A report from the pumper/hauler must be sent to West Hanover Township. Please call the township office at 717-652-4841 for a complete list of licensed pumper/haulers.

The full ordinance can be found at www.westhanover.com under Code Online.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist the township manager in staffing the temporary emergency shelter located at 628 Walnut Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

If you are interested in helping you can pick up a volunteer application at the township office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at 7171 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Volunteers will be on an on-call basis as needed and must go through a criminal and child background check paid for by the township. If you have any questions, please call our office at 717-652-4841.



Houck Manor/Holiday Park Sewer Extension Project Update

The West Hanover Township Water and Sewer Authority, at its December 2016 meeting, voted unanimously to award the bid to design the Houck Manor/Holiday Park sewer extension project to Herbert, Rowland and Grubic (HRG) Engineers. HRG will begin the design project in the near future.

When the design for the sewer extension is 60% completed, a public meeting will be held for the residents affected by the sewer extension project to look at the design plan, ask questions, and obtain additional information.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Authority Office at 540-0124, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Notes from the Zoning and Planning Administrator, Brian Von Neida

2016 was a busy year for new construction. With every permit submitted the Township goes through a checklist for review. **(These may or may not be applicable to your specified project.)**

1. Wetlands and Wetland Buffer (delineation determined by an Engineer)
2. Streams and Stream Buffer (delineation determined by an Engineer)
3. FEMA Floodplain and Floodplain Buffer (delineation determined by an Engineer)
4. Conservation Easements on the recorded plan
5. Drainage Easements on the recorded plan
6. Utility Easements on the recorded plan
7. Each Zoning District has a specified allowed impervious coverage for each individual lot the applicant will need to meet.
8. Stormwater and Erosion and Sediment plan review
9. Inspection of MS4 Stormwater Ponds, Detention Basins, Bio-retention Ponds, Infiltration Trench, etc.



Selective Timbering does require a Timber Harvest Permit and an Erosion and Sediment Plan approval from Dauphin County Conservation District. Contact the Township for details.

Infill of Environment sensitive areas and buffers will be reported to Dauphin County Conservation District and The Department of Environmental Protection.

Please contact the Zoning Officer before any construction or earth moving, to avoid possible fines and/or penalties.

Report illegal discharge to the Township by calling 717-540-6075 or email zoning@westhanover.com.

Go Green

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

Send your request to: pmarks@westhanover.com



West Hanover Township Historical Society by Jeanie Glaser

On December 11, the West Hanover Township Historical Society gathered together with the Parks & Recreation and Fire Departments for the Yule Log Holiday Party at the Recreation Center. The traditional burning of the Yule Log was followed by seasonal treats indoors. Caroling helped Santa find his way to our gathering with presents for the children in attendance! Amidst the evening's celebrations, we formally dedicated our library and archives room downstairs at the Recreation Center to Ed Wisehaupt, first President of our Historical Society. Parks and Recreation Director Don Holmes presented a handsome plaque honoring Ed Wisehaupt, which now marks the entry to the library. Thank you to Mr. Holmes, as well as all those who joined us for a merry gathering that evening!

On January 19, the Historical Society met in the Blue Room of the Recreation Center for our winter meeting. Following the tradition of previous years' first meetings, the topic was 'Reflecting on Our Past as We Look Forward to the Future'. Members enjoyed a 'show-and-tell', sharing photographs, stories, Native American tools, and a video of Historical Society members participating in a parade 20 years ago!

Harold and Nancy Chubb generously donated to the Historical Society a beautifully embroidered quilt made by eight local women, which they had won at auction 40 years ago during bicentennial celebrations. It is a fine piece of township history that will be preserved with great care in the Ed Wisehaupt Library, where work to archive, index, and make materials digitally available is a project we hope to move full steam ahead on in 2017. Please get in touch if you'd like to lend a hand!

We followed the January meeting

with a business meeting to wrap up some of the past year's items and to make plans for the coming year's activities. Please be sure to join us at our upcoming events! On **April 20** we will have our annual spring meeting; **April 22** we'll visit the gravesite of the former slaves who lived out their lives in freedom in the mountains of West Hanover; **May 20** will



be a cleanup day at Sandy Hollow Cemetery; **July 20** will be our annual summer picnic; and **October 19** will be our fall meeting. Be sure to follow us at [facebook.com/westhanoverhistorical](https://www.facebook.com/westhanoverhistorical) for details on these events and more. Haven't renewed your membership for the 2017 year? Contact membership coordinator Harry Senft!

Finally, our October speaker Janetta Deaven Radzinski is taking signups for shares of her Community Supported Agriculture program. If you'd like fresh veggies picked up straight from her West Hanover family farm every week, get in touch and we'll provide details. And at our January meeting, it was brought to our attention that the Leitner (Megonnell) Auto Repair Shop on Piketown Rd south of CD High School is the oldest continuously operated business in the township. We congratulate their success, and are eager to hear of more local legacy businesses, as well as farms that are keeping the agricultural tradition alive in the township. Please contact us to share any such information you have!

OFFICERS 2017

President:

Jonathan Hetrick

Vice-President:

Jeanie Glaser

Secretary:

Carol Buskirk

Treasurer:

Dottie Seiler

Directors:

Harold (Skip) Smedley

Debbie Hetrick

Mary Jane Brightbill

Shirley McCahan

Ex-Officio:

Diane Gotshall

Gloria Zimmerman

Membership:

Harry Senft



Publications for Sale

"All In One, Remembering Our One Room Schools" \$5
 "Honoring Veterans of West Hanover Township, 1917-2007" \$5
 "Old Days & Ways - West Hanover Twp., 1785-2010, Vol II" \$20
 Books can be purchased at the Township Building.



**EAC News
1989-2017
28 years of
Community Service**

Environmental Advisory Council Members

John Miele, Chairman
Marcel Smullen, Vice-Chairman
Evelyn Burton, Secretary
Robert Nicolodi, Treasurer
Jay Megonnell

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Making a Difference: Thank You, Former EAC Members!

The West Hanover Township EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) is made up of volunteers. Dedicated and creative folks who spend many hours devoting their time, talents and energy working with others to make a healthy, vibrant community and to promote conservation goals and environmental awareness in West Hanover Township.

In December of 2016, four long-serving EAC members said good-bye: Audrey Crichton, Carol Buskirk, John Acri and Patti Estheimer. Each of them has served the citizens of West Hanover for a minimum of 11 years and, in Patti's case, for 27 years as the EAC Chair since its inception in 1989! They've brought their organizational skills and tireless work ethic to bear on stream buffer restoration projects,

recycling container and rain barrel projects, conservation and biodiversity awareness programs, environmental protection needs, rain gardens, stormwater management and the implementation of West Hanover's Big Tree Registry, just to name a few.

They have made a huge contribution by volunteering their time and efforts to provide us with a better community. Thank you all for the incredible work you've done on the EAC and for West Hanover Township.



West Hanover Big Tree News

Another West Hanover tree will soon be added to the state listing at www.pabigtrees.com. This brings to five the number of state-recognized local trees. They include a chestnut hybrid, a swamp white oak, a chestnut oak, a Norway spruce, and a white oak. The West Hanover Big Tree Registry includes a dozen trees that were nominated by their owners.

Anyone interested in proposing a tree for the township registry may pick up a brochure at the municipal building, or download it at the Big Tree Registry Link (under Government: EAC) at www.westhanover.com. After the owner's permission is received, EAC members will arrange to visit the tree, photograph it, and record its measurements. The data collected will be used to calculate a champion tree point score, which will then be compared with the trees listed on the PA Big Tree website. (Details of the tree's location are often kept private, according to the owner's preference.)

All trees that are recorded will be added to the West Hanover Township Big Tree Registry. If the tree appears to be a candidate for the PA Big Tree List, the

property owner will be encouraged to submit the application to the PA Forestry Big Tree Coordinator.



Norway Spruce



An evening with Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke, co-authors of

The Living Landscape:

Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity

Presented by Manada Conservancy & the Appalachian Audubon Society

Thursday April 27th 6pm - 10pm

at the Lower Dauphin High School

201 South Hanover Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036

The richness of life in any landscape is linked to the richness of its layers. Using chickadees and other wildlife as guides we will explore how layers of native plants evolved with local wildlife. Join us as we learn to enhance our ability to see these layers and to create them in our own landscapes. Manada Conservancy is privileged to present two of the nation's leading authorities on the interplay of design, native plants and wildlife.

Doug Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the award winning book, "Bringing Nature Home." He is a much sought after speaker and has inspired many with his compelling message on the importance of gardening with native plants in order to provide vital habitat to sustain local wildlife. www.timberpress.com/author/doug_tallamy/1308

Rick Darke is a landscape design consultant, author, lecturer, and photographer based in Pennsylvania who blends art, ecology and cultural geography in the creation and conservation of livable landscapes. His vast experience includes 20 years serving on the staff at Longwood Gardens. In addition, Darke has served as a horticultural consultant for numerous diverse public landscapes nationwide. www.rickdarke.com/bio.htm



This program is free and open to the public.

Questions? Contact the Manada Conservancy office at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

www.manada.org



**M A N A D A
C O N S E R V A N C Y**



**APPALACHIAN
AUDUBON SOCIETY**

Need help with a minor illness? **No problem!**

PinnacleHealth Express is conveniently located in Union Deposit, Harrisburg. If you can't get in to see your regular doctor, see us. You don't need an appointment. We're available to provide fast, convenient, walk-in services to patients ages 18 months and older.

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West Hanover Citizens Helping Hands by Patrick Toone

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

We did a full swing for the summer with lots of jobs and the regular volunteers. All the new help were wonderful and inspiring. I thank the new volunteers, and their willingness to help and donate vehicles. That is huge for the success of what we do. Come on out and spend a morning or evening with us helping others.

I would like to thank all the regulars; we made big headway this year. Consider becoming an active volunteer. Become a member of a great group of men and women donating their time to help neighbors. Involve your kids over the age of 14, teach them good values and the satisfaction of helping others. (Parent or guardian must be present) You can join us once for an hour or so, or on a regular schedule. Contact me to get on the email list for projects.

It's real easy not to help, but when you see your accomplishments, you swell with pride!

Contact Patrick Toone at westhanoverchh@gmail.com or 657-3644.



Spring Recreation

West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation

628 Walnut Avenue

717-724-0083



Park & Recreation Board Members

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 Wade Cope
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 Marc Ehnnot

A Message from the Parks and Recreation Director

Park-goers of West Hanover Township,

My name is Don Holmes and I am the new Director of Parks & Recreation for the Township. I had previously served on the P&R Board in the township so I may have met you at events last year. I am very excited to put new and exciting concepts into play for our parks! We are finalizing our first e-Newsletter that we will be sending out around the 1st of each month to keep everyone in the loop for upcoming events, trips, programs and activities. We have also

been reworking our **Facebook** page, 'West Hanover Parks and Recreation' so that you can follow us there as well. If you would like to be on our email list to receive these monthly updates, please email asst.par.dir@westhanover.com with "ADD ME" in the subject line. Please feel free to reach out to our office anytime and give us your suggestions and feedback. I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Parks and Rec is Looking for Volunteers

Office Volunteer

Assist our Administrative Assistants with clerical duties and projects. Tasks may include data entry, putting together informational packets, and working with residents.

Kitchen Volunteer

Assist with preparing food for senior meals, fundraisers and concessions. Events include movie nights, live music events, community meals, community day and others.

Event Volunteer

Work with a team to execute overall setup, execution and teardown of an event. State Police Background check and Child Abuse Clearance (at no cost) required for this position.

Landscape Volunteer

Help us to take on large projects that we could not

support with our regular maintenance crew. Projects may include baseball field improvements, hardscaping, and other park improvement ventures.

Park Patrol Crew

Patrol the township parks during evenings and weekends to ensure that residents are having an enjoyable experience. Engage the park-goers, answer questions, and have a positive presence! State Police Background check, Child Abuse Clearance (at no cost), and clean PA driving record required.

Parks & Recreation Board

Work together with a team to recommend new ideas for programs, activities, events and infrastructure for our township parks. Board meets the third Wednesday of each month and assists with community events.

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.

Tuesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. 1 class per week (4 weeks)
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.

Tuesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. 1 Class Per Week (4 weeks)
Res. \$35 Non-Res. \$40

Karate Advanced Tigers Ages 5 -7

This class is for younger students that are ready for Kata, sparring, one steps, tournament skills and more. Our Advanced Tigers will work side-by-side with our Dragons Class.

Tuesday: 7:00-7:45 p.m. 1 class per week (4 weeks)
Res. \$37 Non Res. \$42

Tues. and Thurs. 7:00-7:45 p.m. 2 classes per week
(4 weeks)

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.

Tuesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m. 1 Class per Week (4 weeks)
Res. \$38 Non-Res. \$40

Tuesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
2 Classes per Week (4 weeks)
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West Hanover Township Senior Day and Luncheon

Third Thursday of Each Month

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The recreation center located at 628 Walnut Avenue, is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the seniors of the township to come socialize, play games, and enjoy a homemade lunch.

Lunch will be served at noon. You must call to register for the meal at **717-724-0083**.

March 16 - Chili, Corned Beef Cabbage and Potatoes

Entertainment to be announced.

April 20 - Ham Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

Guest speaker will be Dr. Don Koones "Best and Worst of the Oval Office"



May 18 - Hamburger Bar, French Fries

Entertainment to be announced.

Zumba

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Mondays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with Rachael

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. with Jen

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. with Jen and Rachael

Family Yoga

Morning Yoga

Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Yoga

Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$64 (pre-pay 8 sessions)
or \$10.00 per class pay-as-you-go

Each class includes breath work, stretching and poses for overall health and wellness.

Pinochle Card Club

March 3, 17, 31 to finish 6 week cycle.

April 14, 28, May 12, 26, and June 9, 23 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided. Prize awarded to the highest score player.

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

We are looking substitutes. Please call Cindy Bolt if interested at 717-545-4412.



2017 Bus Trips

Registration forms are available on the Township website

www.westhanover.com.

For more information, call the recreation office at 717-724-0083.



Philadelphia Flower Show The 2017 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show will celebrate the wonders of Holland.

Date: Thurs. March 16th **Cost:** \$85

Trip includes: Transportation to and from the Pennsylvania Convention Center, show ticket and on-board show tips and gardening tidbits by garden writer George Weigel.

Charlie Daniels Band - American Music Theatre

Date: Sat. March 25th **Cost:** \$125

Trip includes: Transportation, Show, Dinner at Huckleberries, Taxes and Meal Gratuities.

9/11 Museum & One World Observatory

Date: Thurs. April 6th **Cost:** \$145

Trip includes: Transportation, Luncheon, One World Observatory, 9/11 Museum, Meal Taxes and Gratuities.

Kinky Boots on Broadway

Date: Sat. May 6th **Cost:** \$149

Trip includes: Transportation, Orchestra Seats and NYC Map. (Optional lunch at the famous Carmine's \$50pp.)

Cape Cod Value Tour

Date: Mon. May 15th – Fri. May 19th

Cost: Double Occupancy \$699 pp / Single \$879 pp

Trip includes: Transportation 4 Nights of Accommodations at the Holiday Inn Hyannis. Round Trip Luggage Handling (One bag per person), Guided Tour to Provincetown along Scenic Route 6A Visit to the Cape Cod National Seashore Visitor's Center, Admission on a Whale Watch Excursion, Guided Tours of Boston and Plymouth, Guided Tours of Hyannis and Sandwich, Admission to the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, Visit to the Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center, 4 Full Breakfasts, 2 Dinners 1 Lobster Dinner, Meal Taxes, Meal Gratuities, Rooms Taxes and Maid Gratuities.

The Temptations Revue Show - Caesars AC

Date: Wed. May 31st **Cost:** \$99

Trip includes: Transportation, \$20 Slot Play, \$20 Food Voucher and Show.

New York City - A Day On Your Own

Date: Sat. June 17th **Cost:** \$65

Trip includes: Transportation and NYC map.

Spring Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, May 20th 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (628 Walnut Ave.)

Space size is 5' x 8'.

Setup time: Friday 11:30 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. or Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

Food will be available for purchase.

Residents \$10/space Non-residents \$15/space

One 8' table included. - \$5 per additional table.

Registration forms can be found on line at www.westhanover.com or by calling the Recreation office at 717-724-0083.



Fire Company News by Kyle Miller, President

As we look forward to spring 2017 and warmer temperatures, 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. Our firefighters have been working very hard this winter training, working on our apparatus and equipment to ensure we are prepared for when the residents of West Hanover Town-



ship may require our assistance. Along with all of the training and apparatus maintenance in 2016, the West Hanover Township Fire Company No.1 ran a total of 338 calls for the year. We truly appreciate all of the support we had received throughout 2016 and we cannot thank our supporters enough. Without your support of our mailer campaign and the other fundraisers we do each year, our 100% volunteer Fire Company would not be as successful as our members strive to be. The members always look forward to the community events during the warmer months, where we get the opportunity to interact directly with our residents in a non-emergency setting. Please continue to visit our website and follow 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 our family. There are a variety of opportunities within our Fire Company, from Operations to Administration to fundraising opportunities. Your help is needed and would be greatly appreciated. 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 are always members around in the evenings, so please feel free to stop in and see what we are all about.



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 25 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.



AARP Foundation Tax Aide Locations



The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program in Dauphin County offers free tax form preparation and e-filing of Federal, Pennsylvania (including property tax/rent rebate), and local income tax returns for all taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those aged 50 and older. All services are provided by IRS-certified volunteers.

The locations include two of the Dauphin County Library branches, which will be open by appointment only (see details below). Additional information about the program, including a list of the documents you should bring to the site, can be found at www.aarp.org/taxaide, or by calling (888) 227-7669 or (717) 418-0080.

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Rd., Harrisburg. Open Feb 1 through April 14. Hours: Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This site will also be open on selected Saturdays in March and April; call above numbers for dates. *Walk-in only.*

Swatara Township Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg. Open Feb 2 through April 13, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. *Walk-in only.*

Kline Library, 530 S 29th St., Harrisburg. Open Feb. 7 through April 11, on Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (last appointment at 2:45 p.m.). *By appointment only.* Please call 717-836-2130, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, starting January 17 to register.

Elizabethville Area Library, 80 N Market St., Elizabethville. Open Feb. 7 through April 11, on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (last appointment at 1:45 p.m.). *By appointment only.* Please call 717-836-2130, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, starting January 17 to register.

Inclement weather closing/delays for the non-library sites will follow the policy of the Central Dauphin School District on Monday through Friday, and the Harrisburg Area Community College main campus on Saturdays. There are no holiday closings.



	
	
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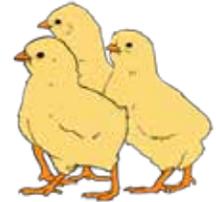
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As Spring approaches, our local township retailers will have peeps/chicks for purchase. Please contact the Zoning Officer at **717-540-6075** for information on the zoning districts that allow chickens, peeps and chicks.



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Do you have old tires that you need to dispose of? Township residents can call Mahantango Enterprises, Inc. at **717-444-3788** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for information.



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Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. from March 25th through November.

Used oil (two gallon limit per household) and anti-freeze (one gallon limit per household) with no water or gas, can also be recycled at the same location. This also does not require a permit.



Attention Business Owners

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.

Yard Waste Pick Up

Yard waste collection will resume in April. In the next couple of months, **Waste Management** will send each household a mailer with the schedule, rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding curbside yard waste pick up, please call Waste Management at 1-800-634-4595.



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Sat. March 18 th	All Day Scrapbooking	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Wed. March 22 nd	Community Dinner – Chicken Pot Pie	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. April 1st	Family Game Day	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wed. April 5th - April 26th	Children's Cooking Class	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. April 15 th	Easter Egg Hunt @ Skyline Park	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fri. April 21st	Parent / Child Paint Night	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. May 13 th	Mother's Day Tea	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sat. May 20 th	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information including costs, event flyers, registration forms, and to confirm dates and times, please follow us on Facebook 'West Hanover Parks And Recreation', call us at (717) 724-0083, or email asst.par.dir@westhanover.com.