



WINTER 2019/2020



Township Facilities

Municipal Building

7171 Allentown Boulevard
717-652-4841
Fax 717-652-8158

Public Works Dept. (Compost Center)

402 N. Fairville Avenue
717-724-0334

Water & Sewer Auth.

7901 Jonestown Road
717-540-0124

Parks & Recreation Center

628 Walnut Avenue
717-724-0083
Fax 717-724-0086

Fairville Park

1000 N. Fairville Avenue

Lenker Park

7555 Manor Drive

Houck Memorial Park

141 Florence Drive

Skyline Commons Park

305 Short Street

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

West Hanover Township is going through the process of developing a storm water MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Water System) fee to fund the regulations mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

An Authority has been developed to implement the storm water program. The Township also created a Stakeholder Committee consisting of 13 Township residents and business owners to assist the Township in preparing a storm water budget, credit policy and fee. The joint Authority and the Stakeholder Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Hanover Township Building located at 7171 Allentown Boulevard to discuss the proposed credit manual. The credit manual will allow a reduction in the fee by permitting the property owner to reduce the storm water pollutants from your property upon submission of an application and approval by the Authority.

Please plan to attend this very important second public meeting which will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Hanover Township Building, to inform residents of the proposed fee, discuss ERU - Equivalent Dwelling Unit based on impervious coverage, the credit policy and to answer any questions you may have.



ALL TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED:

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 29, 2020

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 17, 2020

WHY RESPONDING TO THE 2020 CENSUS IS SO IMPORTANT

Census Day is April 1, 2020. The US Constitution mandates a headcount of all US residents every 10 years. These numbers are used to distribute over \$675 billion federal dollars to state and local governments. This money is used for road repair, schools, the free lunch program in schools, healthcare and social services programs, to name a few.

The Census Questionnaire does NOT ask for your social security number and they do not give your information to second parties. Your responses are strictly confidential.

Please respond promptly with your information. Let's ensure that every West Hanover Township resident is counted!

Meeting Dates

December

12/02/19	Board of Supervisors	7 PM
12/04/19	WHTA	6:30 PM
12/05/19	Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
12/10/19	Environmental Advisory Council	6:30 PM
12/11/19	WHTA	6:30 PM
12/12/19	Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
12/16/19	Board of Supervisors	7 PM
12/17/19	Sewer Authority Board	6 PM
12/18/19	Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
12/19/19	Planning Commission	7 PM

January

1/02/20	Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
1/06/20	Board of Supervisors	7 PM
1/09/20	Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
1/14/20	Environmental Advisory Council	6:30 PM
1/15/20	Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
1/20/20	Board of Supervisors	7 PM
1/21/20	Sewer Authority Board	6 PM
1/23/20	Planning Commission	7 PM

February

2/03/20	Board of Supervisors	7 PM
2/06/20	Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
2/11/20	Environmental Advisory Council	6:30 PM
2/13/20	Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
2/17/20	Board of Supervisors	7 PM
2/18/20	Sewer Authority	6 PM
2/19/20	Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
2/27/20	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
Sewer Auth. - 7901 Jonestown Rd.

West Hanover Township

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Tax Collector: Tom Stewart
Municipal Building, Lower Level Rear
Office Hours: Monday 9 AM to 1 PM
Wednesday 2 PM to 6 PM
Phone 545-1200, Fax 545-1201

E-CYCLING CENTER

When dropping off any electronics at the E-cycling Center, do NOT cut off any power cords. Dauphin County will only accept electronics with the attached power cord. They have informed West Hanover Township that they will cease receiving electronics from the Township if cords are removed. Electronics being dropped off at the E-Cycling Center will not be accepted if the cord is missing.



OBEY SPEED LIMITS - THEY ARE THERE FOR A REASON!

Please remember to obey posted speed limits. Cars are continually speeding through our neighborhoods. We do not want a tragedy to happen to one of our residents. If you are driving too fast, slow down. Not only is it the law but common sense as well.



PSATS Policy and Research Analyst Karen Priego, far left, presents a 2019 Youth Award to Boy Scout Troop 360 at the Dauphin County Convention. Project leader and Eagle Scout Wyatt Zimmerman is joined by his grandmother, Gloria Zimmerman, a supervisor for West Hanover Township and county association president, as he accepts the award on the troop's behalf.

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SNOW PLOWING AND WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

The Township is asking residents to aid the Public Works Crew in their snow and ice efforts by not parking on Township streets during inclement weather.

The Township's main arteries receive first priority for salting and plowing. The main arteries plowed by the Township are: Picketown Road, Fairville Avenue, Jonestown Road, Manor Drive and Devonshire Heights Road. If there is a problem with a Township maintained road, please report it by calling 717/724-0334. Maintenance and plowing of all private roads are the responsibility of the owner(s).

The following roads are plowed by PennDOT: Allentown Boulevard (Route 22), Fishing Creek Valley Road (Route 443), Green Hill Road (from Oak Grove Road to Hershey Road), Hershey Road (Route 39), Linglestown Road (Route 39), Oak Grove Road, Red Top Road and Route 81. If there is a problem with a PennDOT maintained road, please report it by calling PennDOT at 717/787-5284.

During plowing, snow will go into your driveway. If possible, wait until the road is plowed before clearing driveway openings.

There is a Township Ordinance that prohibits removing snow or ice from your property (walks and driveways) and placing or throwing it onto public streets. You must keep it on your own property. There is also a Township Ordinance which requires residents to clean sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after a storm event.

The Township is not responsible for any snow thrown from plows which damage mailboxes and basketball hoops that are by the road. Any mailbox or basketball hoop damage is the responsibility of the homeowner, not the Township. If your mailbox has been damaged in the past from snow removal, you may want to re-position it before snow arrives. Your local Post Office has more information on how to correctly position a mailbox.



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West Hanover Lions Welcomes New Members

At recent meetings, the West Hanover Lions Club welcomed two new members, Gloria Zimmerman and Connie Buchanan. Gloria is the third generation of the Zimmerman family to join the West Hanover Lions Club. Her son, Mark, and grandson, Wyatt, are also members. Connie is also a member of the Lower Paxton Lions Club and the Lower Paxton Lioness Lions Club.

The West Hanover Lions Club supports many vital community projects, including two annual \$1,000 scholarships for area high school graduates, grants for the Central Dauphin Vision and Autism Support Programs, cutting edge equipment for the Penn State Hershey Eye Center, support for the West Hanover Senior Van Service, help for families affected by disasters, assistance for community residents with visual needs, support for local youth athletic teams and facilities, and sponsorship for visually impaired campers at the PA Beacon Lodge Camp.



Learn more about the West Hanover Lions Club on their new web site, westhanoverlions.club, or at a regular meeting, the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the West Hanover Community/Recreation Center, 628 Walnut Avenue, just off Linglestown Road, across from CD High School.

West Hanover Lions Club President, Bill Moulfair, is flanked by new members, Gloria Zimmerman, left, and Connie Buchanan, right.



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CD BAND SERVICE DAY - THANK YOU!



TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S CORNER By Daniel Rossario

Reminder that when a Snow Emergency is declared, all vehicles **MUST** be removed from the roadways. Vehicles left on the roads may be covered with salt as it is being distributed and the Township is not responsible for any damage to vehicles that are parked in the right-of-way. To find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared, tune in to local TV channels. The Township will also send out a mass email, so please be sure we have your contact information. Check out our Facebook page, West Hanover Township Administration, and our website, www.westhanover.com for the most up-to-date information.

West Hanover Township can facilitate operations of a warming station or evacuation center when temperatures are low or there are other emergency situations. The warming station will offer residents a place to come, enjoy a snack and beverage and warm up. The evacuation center can be set up during bad weather and power outages. If either of these operations are going to be “activated” we will get the word out on our website, and on our Facebook page.

One of the hardest decisions we make in life is how to help our aging parents or loved ones unable to care for themselves, and where the best place for them to be is. This Spring I will hold an information session on a fairly new Township Ordinance, Elderly Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO). ECHO allows you to have a temporary detached dwelling unit placed or built on your property for your loved one. Date and time to be determined.

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CODES CORNER

BUILDING PERMITS

Residents are reminded that **ALL** building permits require a **FINAL INSPECTION** to closeout the permit. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to make sure a final inspection is scheduled and completed.

BURN PERMITS

A Burn Permit is necessary anytime you want to burn on your property. The permits are only valid for one burn. Each individual burn requires a new, signed permit. Burn permits are available at the Township Building and on the Township website. If caught burning without a permit, or burning items that are not allowed, you will be subject to legal action.

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 REMINDER

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 at 717-652-4841 for a complete list of licensed pumper/haulers.

Dirt From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters

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

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

The Perkins Dine to Donate continues to be very successful. Please mark your calendars for the second Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. so take your family and help raise money for the vans. Make sure your bill is paid by 9PM. Each person can have a coupon and the more coupons the more money. This will help pay the bills and keep the vans running. Coupons are available at the Township Building, Mt Calvary United Methodist Church and the Wonders Found Thrift Store on Rt 22. You can also call 717-652-1408 for coupons.

We depend on donations to keep the program going so in addition to the Dine2Donate we have donation jars at Skyline Family Restaurant, and JoJo’s Pizza. If you stop by either of these businesses you can put your spare change in those jars.

If you like to drive and would like to volunteer with the van program we can use your help. Several of our drivers go south for the winter so we really can use the help. You do not have to commit to a specific day if you do not want to. You can drive one day a week or one day a month, whatever fits your schedule. Please call 717-652-1702 for more information.

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

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.



“The Gopher” - WHT Senior Citizens Van

Requirements to use the van service:

- **Age 60 or older**
- **Resident of WHT**
- **Able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance.**

DINE TO DONATE

Please use this coupon on the
2nd Thursday of every month between 4-9 p.m.
January 1, 2020—December 31, 2020
& Perkins will donate up to 15% of all sales & up to
to
15% of your total bill to:

West Hanover Senior Van Program



Valid only at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery,
7833 Linglestown Rd, (I-81 at Exit #77)
Harrisburg, PA 17112

717/545-5650

1 coupon per person per visit at above location only.
Coupon void if purchased, sold or bartered for cash.
Only original coupons accepted. Mutilated, tampered,
forged or photocopied coupons not accepted. Sales tax,
if applicable to be paid by customer.

Clip out the Perkins coupon to be used at Perkins from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.

Proceeds support the West Hanover Township Senior Van Service.

Additional coupons can be found at the Township Building

Thank you for your support!!

VOTING CHANGES COMING IN 2020 *By Donald Steinmeier*

Changes will be coming to the way we vote in 2020. The Pennsylvania State Legislature and Governor Wolf have put together legislation that will bring about major changes in our election law. The Dauphin County Office of Elections has indicated that new voting machines and a paper trail process will be in place for our 2020 elections. New voters will be able to register to vote up to 15 days before the election. Straight party voting will no longer exist. Mail-in ballots will exist for everybody in the voting process. Absentee ballots will be accepted at the polls until 8 pm election night. Mail-in ballots will be available 50 days prior to an election instead of the regular 30 day period. Will these changes encourage people to vote? Poll workers will be busy and more jobs may be created as a result of these changes in our election law at the county level. Pennsylvania State Government will make \$90,000,000 available to County Governments to help them purchase the new voting machines. This article is subject to change because of the Dauphin County Commissioners position against new voting machines at press time.



THIS NEWSLETTER IS GOING GREEN!



In order to save mailing and printing costs, beginning in 2020 with the Spring 2020 issue, the newsletter will be emailed to you. Please email your name, address and email address to elaforce@westhanover.com. If you do not have an email address you can pickup a copy of the newsletter at the Township Building.

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2020 VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

If interested in applying for terms: please complete a volunteer application and email/drop at the Township Building, 7171 Allentown Blvd. Please include valid email/ phone information. All terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Zoning Hearing Board / ZHB: meets the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 6:30 pm. (as needed)

Meeting location: Township Building, 7171 Allentown Blvd. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Vacancy: Alternate Seat #2. The Alternate is a three (3) year term running 2020, 2021, 2022. Alternates fill in when someone from the main panel is unable to make it. **Must live in West Hanover Township.**

Planning Commission / PC: meets the 4th Thursday of every month @ 7 pm. Workshops (as needed) are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Meeting location: Township Building, 7171 Allentown Blvd. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Vacancy: Seats # 4 & #5. All seats are a four (4) year term running 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Parks & Recreation Board / PR: meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month @ 7 pm. Workshops (as needed) 3rd Wednesday @ 6 pm.

Meeting location: Community Center, 628 Walnut Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Vacancy: Alternate seats #8 & #9. All seats are five (5) year terms running 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

Historical Society: meets once a quarter (4x per year). January, April, July & October @ 7 pm.

Meeting location: Community Center, 628 Walnut Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Always looking for members!

Senior Citizen Van Service / The Gopher: no meetings or terms, but must have a **valid driver's license**. This is a non-profit service that is run by Claire Zeiters. It allows the elderly transportation to doctors' appointments, hair appointments, etc.

Always looking for help!

Be a part of the positive changes in our community!



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Service is Job 1

30th Anniversary West Hanover Township EAC



Some former and current members of the Environmental Advisory Council gather at the recent West Hanover Township Community Festival to celebrate the EAC's 30 years of service to the residents of West Hanover Township.

During this time, the EAC has established or sponsored many conservation programs, such as voluntary community recycling, riparian buffer restoration, development plan reviews, bluebird trails, Rain Garden and Butterfly Garden installation, used tire recycling, Big Tree program and numerous workshops spanning topics from vegetable gardening to bird migration to stream health and water quality to natural landscapes to invasive plants and insects.

Continuing in the vein of community service, the EAC is seeking volunteers to assist our members in the maintenance of the Rain Garden at Fairville Park and the Butterfly Garden at the Municipal building on Allentown Blvd. These gardens not only beautify the landscape; but also serve to control stormwater and aid in groundwater infiltration and recharge. If you have an interest in gardening and a few hours to offer during spring through fall, please consider volunteering a bit of your time. Forms are available at the township office or may be downloaded from the Township website at <https://westhanover.com>

Environmental Advisory

Council Members

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



13 Vital Home Maintenance Tasks & Savings Tips to Do Before Winter

by Marie Laurent Updated October 18, 2019

1. Check the Insulation in Your Attic – And Install More If Needed.

Important: Proper insulation keeps your home warmer in the winter but also cooler in the summer! If you have an unfinished attic, pop your head up there and take a look around. You should see insulation up there between the beams, and there should be at least twelve inches of it everywhere (more if you live in the northern part of the United States). Experts suggest an R-Value of R38 to prevent cold/hot air leakage. If there's inadequate insulation up there – or the insulation you have appears to be damaged – install new insulation. Many states offer financial incentives, up to a 75% refund for instance, to encourage homeowners to better insulate their homes.

2. Automate Your Thermostat & HVAC system

One of the easiest things you can do to instantly start saving money on your heating and cooling bills is to get an automated thermostat. These smart thermostats will learn when you are home and make sure the home is at a comfortable setting during those hours so you're not cooling the house when no one is around to enjoy it. They also learn when you're going to be home so they can adjust the temperature before you step in the door to ensure your house is always comfortable!

3. Check Outlets & Power Cords

Electrical appliances are the 4th leading cause of fires in the home and many can be prevented by a simple check of the health of your cords and outlets. All you have to do is walk around your home and inspect your cords, outlets and surge protectors. Make sure the cords are not frayed, especially paying attention to where they have to bend. Confirm there are not burn marks around any outlets and spend a minute or so with each outlet and surge protector listening for any zips or zaps. Replace any that do. This is also a good opportunity to unplug any electrical devices that you don't regularly use and may be leaching electricity and costing you money (especially those that have those big black wall-wart transformers – those are notorious for drawing power when the device they supply power to are off: you should be able to tell if the transformer feels warm to the touch).

4. Use Coke to Clear Clogged Drains

A clogged drain can be a nightmare. When a drain clogs, you may not have the necessary chemicals or supplies to fix it immediately. Instead of waiting and hoping for the water to go down the drain, you may be able to unclog your drain with Coke, which contains phosphoric acid that will eat through the clog. Clean the area around the sink drain to remove any debris. Shine a flashlight down into the drain and use tweezers to remove any large debris such as hair or food from the drain.

Open a 2-liter bottle of Coke. Pour it steadily into the drain so you can avoid splashing it everywhere.

Allow any foam to subside, then continue pouring the Coke down the drain until you empty the 2-liter bottle.

Allow the Coke to sit in the drain overnight. In the morning, run hot water down the drain for 5 to 10 minutes to rinse it.

Repeat the process if the drain still appears clogged. Allow the Coke to eat away at the clog overnight, then rinse the drain with hot water.

5. Use WD-40 For EVERYTHING

You already use WD-40 to loosen bolts and stop squeaking hinges, but did you know it could do these other amazing things around your house?

Waterproof your shoes and boots. WD-40 works by displacing water (WD stands for Water Displacement) so it can be a great water proofer in a pinch if it's wet or snowy out!

Keep squirrels away from bird feeders. Spray around your bird feeder and enjoy watching those pesky squirrels slip and slide right off (warning: the result is hilarious).

Get rid of sticky fingers. WD-40 dissolves tough sticky and gluey materials with ease.

Remove floor scuff marks and oil spots. If mopping is not doing the trick, try WD-40 to remove tough scuffs and stains.

Clean the toilet. Remove lime stains from the toilet bowl by spraying in some WD-40, then just scrub with a toilet brush and flush.

6. Change ALL Your Air Filters

Replace the air filter(s) in your HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system, to keep it running more efficiently.

Old filters have reduced air flow forcing your equipment to work harder. This causes parts like fans and blowers to wear faster, especially after a cold winter. A \$10 filter can save you thousands on repair costs!

7. Clean Your Refrigerator Coils!

You can eliminate more than 70 percent of service calls with this simple cleaning step. Skip this chore and you'll be contributing to your appliance repair technician's retirement fund. Not to mention handing over \$5 to \$10 a month extra to your utility company because the fridge isn't running efficiently. Do it twice a year or more often if you have shedding pets. Their fur clogs up the coils fast. Condenser coils are located on the back of the fridge or across the bottom. These coils cool and condense the refrigerant. When the coils are clogged with dirt and dust, they can't efficiently release heat. The result is your compressor works harder and longer than it was designed to, using more energy and shortening the life of your fridge. Clean the coils with a coil cleaning brush and vacuum. A coil cleaning brush does a thorough job and will easily pay for itself. The refrigerator coil brush is bendable to fit in tight areas. They can be used for cleaning your dehumidifier and air conditioner coils too.

8. Check for Air Leaks Around Windows

Want to save some real money on the energy bill? Make sure your home is shut tight by running a simple candle test. Look at all places in your home where two different materials meet as well as external facing doors and windows. Hold a lit candle and slowly move it around the window frame to see if the flame follows a draft. A simple helping of caulk around these leaks could save you 5-15% on your heating and cooling costs. You can even use weather sealing tape around windows instead of caulk, but the finished product will rely heavily on your ability to tape cleanly.

9. Save Money on New Windows, and Benefit from Greater Energy Efficiency

Many people opt to replace old drafty windows at home with new energy-efficient ones. Replacing old windows can also lower your utility bill by 40% per month and increase your home's curb appeal. You may also qualify to save \$100s in seasonal discounts from manufacturers like Pella, Champion, and Andersen. Make sure you find the best price you can get by shopping around to compare pricing from local professionals.

10. Gutter Cleaning Is Crucial – Especially Right Now

Gutters are an integral piece of your home's wellbeing. They serve to control the flow of rainwater to protect your roof, walls, foundation and landscape. But when neglected, experts say gutters can turn from a necessity to a nightmare. A gutter clogged with leaves, sticks and other debris can cause a leaky roof or water damage to the interior or exterior of your home. Contractors say gunked-up gutters also make nice homes for pests, rodents, mold and honeycombs from bee infestations. Although cleaning gutters is a task most homeowners can do themselves, it can be dangerous work. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, falls from ladders sent more than 240,000 Americans to hospital emergency rooms in 2009 (the most recent year available). During a cleaning, a professional should remove all debris from the roof, gutters and downspouts, while checking and repairing any loose gutter spikes. The cost of gutter cleaning ranges from \$75 to \$225 for an average home, depending on the length of gutters, height of the home and scope of work. Most companies charge a flat fee per foot of gutter, but the cost can go up depending on the complexity of the work.

11. Use Colored Dye to Check for Toilet Leaks

Water leaking from your toilet tank will not only cost you money when it comes to your utility bill, but it can also cause water damage to your bathroom floor and premature wear of your toilet's internal workings. To check if your tank is leaking drop some food coloring in the water tank and check an hour later. If the bowl shows signs of coloring (like turns pink if you use red dye) you have a bad flapper. If you find that your toilet is leaking from the tank to the bowl, the flapper needs to be replaced. Grab yourself a new flapper kit from Lowe's or Home Depot and check out YouTube for some great instructional videos!

12. Clean Out Your Dryer Lint Vent

Corral those lint bunnies. Those deceptively harmless looking little fluffs love to snuggle down in your dryer vents and lint traps. Before you know it, they multiply like, well, rabbits. Dryer lint is extremely flammable if you let it build up in the vents. You can hire someone to do this for you, or you can do it yourself and buy a vacuum attachment made specifically for cleaning out dryer vents. Chances are this task has not been done in years. It's okay! You know what you have to do, and you'll feel better and safer once it's done. This will not only save you money, it will protect you, your family, and your valuables.

13. Replace Your Inefficient Bulbs with LEDs

If you've never updated the lightbulbs in your home, consider switching to LEDs. These bulbs are about four times more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs and last for many years. One tip: When comparing bulbs, use the lumens number to compare bulbs, not the equivalent wattages. Lumens indicate the actual amount of light emitted by the bulb. Remember also that under normal usage (four hours a day) and average electrical rates (\$0.12 per kilowatt hour), replacing a 60-watt bulb with a 14-watt LED saves about \$0.66 per month. Now multiply that by all the bulbs in your house to see how much you'll save every month. Even switching just the five most-used light bulbs in your home could save you upwards of \$40 a year on your electric bill.

A Message from Don Holmes, Parks Director

Neighbors,

Thank you for another year of your participation and support of the West Hanover Parks & Recreation sponsored events, programs and activities. It is a pleasure to serve the residents of this township and it is our goal to continue to bring you and your family quality recreational opportunities within our park system. The WH Community Center has become a hub for local gathering and events, which was one of our primary goals over the past few years. We are proud to have brought together many community organizations to enhance our events and programming. We truly appreciate their efforts to work with us. Thank you to WH Volunteer Fire Co. 36, WH Cub Scout Pack 27, WH Boy Scout Troop 27, WH Lions Club, WH Baseball & Softball Association, local Girl Scout Council, WH Historical Society, WH Environmental Advisory Council, WH Public Works Team, WH Board of Supervisors, WH Zoning and Planning Department, Manager Daniel Rosario, and the local businesses and individuals that have worked together with us to make West Hanover a better place for the residents that we serve!

As we close out 2019, please browse our upcoming events within this newsletter. Mark your calendars and plan to join us with your family! We hope you have enjoyed our new playgrounds and other upgrades throughout the parks this year. Thanks to our dedicated Parks & Recreation Board, we have a lot more in store for the parks in the next several years so stay tuned for updates. You can follow our page on Facebook, West Hanover Parks & Recreation, @westhanoverparksandrec, and on the township website, www.westhanover.com, for our latest event list and announcements.

From all of us here in the Parks & Recreation Department, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

See you in the parks!!



Parks & Recreation Board

- Rebecca Schwartz Chairman
- Steven Jones, Vice-Chairman
- Jan Bahret, Secretary
- Jennifer Bower
- Debbie Hetrick
- Robert Warble
- Gloria Zimmerman



WES Hanover Business Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month **except September and December** at the Skyline Family Restaurant, 7510 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

First time business visitors are **free**.

7:15 a.m. - Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - Meeting starts



See us on our website, weshba.com or visit us on our Facebook page.

There is a \$45 annual membership fee. If you have any questions, please contact Bette Porter, President of WES Hanover Business Association at **717-255-7681**.

**West Hanover Township Community Center
Senior Luncheon
628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Meals are held on the third Thursday of every month. The cost is \$6 for the meal, entertainment and raffle. The doors will open at 11 a.m. The meal will be served at Noon. Entertainment will, generally, begin at 12:45 p.m. The entertainment usually runs one hour. Please RSVP at 717-724-0083. If the lunch is postponed due to weather, you will receive a phone call.

December 19, 2019	Turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, gravy cranberry sauce Dessert: Pumpkin pie with whipped cream Entertainment: Trio Christmas Carolers
January 16, 2020	Country Sausage, scalloped potatoes, lima beans, dinner roll Dessert: Assorted cupcakes Entertainment: Bingo - Baked goods
February 20, 2020	Lasagna, side salad, garlic bread Dessert: Jell-O with whipped cream Entertainment: Gents Nite Out

FALL FESTIVAL FUN!





WEST HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTER

628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112 (one block from CDHS)

- Rental Rooms That Can Accommodate 15 - 160 guests
- Reasonable Rental Rates
- Commercial Kitchen Available
- ADA Accessible Hall

- Alcohol Service Permitted
- Speaker / Sound Equipment
- Projector / Screen
- Tablecloths Available
- All Tables & Chairs Included

Our banquet and party facilities are available to rent for your next gathering or event! Choose from our large banquet hall with attached commercial kitchen, conference room with kitchenette (also attached to kitchen), a large 'gymnasium style' room with high ceilings, and other spaces available to rent. Call the Community Center today at (717) 724-0083 to schedule a walk through or to book your space. A deposit is required to hold a date for any rental space.

**Weddings, Birthday Parties, Baby Showers,
Anniversaries, Family Reunions,
Meetings, Conferences, Trainings, Classes**
Ask Us About Park Pavilion Rentals!!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Adult Christmas Dance

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Refreshments and Open Beer & Wine Bar

Tickets only \$5.00

See below for information

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 8 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon & Beverages

Adults: \$8, Kids 2-10: \$6, Under 2: Free

Register online (westhanover.com) or by calling below number before December 11

2019 CHRISTMAS GATHERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. Last Stop - Fire Co. Santa Run; 6:30 p.m. Legend & Lighting of the Yule Log &
7:00 p.m. Cookies, Cocoa, Victorian Carolers & a visit with Santa!

A cooperative event hosted by the West Hanover Volunteer Fire Company 36, West Hanover Historical Society, &
West Hanover Parks & Recreation

See below for information

2020 Winter Wonderland Ball Formal Family Dance

Sunday, January 24, 2020 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments & Beverages

Tickets: \$10 per family

Register online (westhanover.com) or by calling below number

Winter Wonderland Ball Adult Dance

Blue & Silver Winter Theme

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments & Beverages

Tickets: \$3 each/\$5 Couple

See below for ticket contact information

**ALL OF THE ABOVE EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE
WEST HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTER**

628 WALNUT AVENUE, HARRISBURG 17112

CALL 717-724-0083 TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



Pinochle Card Club Winter Schedule

December 6 & 20, 2019

January 3, 17 & 31, 2020

February 14 & 28, 2020

The Card Club meets every other Friday evening at the
WHT Community Center, 628 Walnut Avenue from
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Refreshments are provided.
Prize awarded to the highest score player at the end
of each 6-week cycle.

Fee: \$18 Resident /\$23 Non-residents

We are looking for substitutes

If interested, please contact Cindy Bolt at 717-545-4412

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**JOIN US FOR A CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER
BENEFITTING WEST HANOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY 36
“Whatever It Takes”**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

628 Walnut Ave. (old firehouse)

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us for a night of winning and giving! West Hanover Fire Company 36 has been all volunteer since 1946. With your continued support through fundraisers and donations, we are able to maintain a highly trained and well equipped fire company. Thank you for your support!!!

TEAR OFF TICKETS & 50/50 DRAWINGS HOURLY

TICKETS:

Presale - \$40

At Door - \$50

INCLUDES:

Appetizers, Desserts, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks

Funny Money to Play Blackjack, Poker, Dice Game, Roulette, Texas Hold Em' & Mini Bingo Hall!

Trade in Funny Money for Prize Raffle Tickets at the End of the Night!!

FOR TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased at WH Community Center at 628 Walnut Ave.

Cash, checks & credit card payments accepted.

Call 717-724-0083 with any questions.

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RACHAEL QUIGLEY

Monday's, from 7–8 p.m., Wednesday's from 7–8 p.m. & Saturday's from 8:30–9:30 a.m.

All West Hanover classes are \$5 drop-in—First-timers are FREE!

All ages & levels welcome

Class is held in the downstairs of the West Hanover Township Community Center
628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg

Please use the lower parking lot

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SCRAPBOOKING WITH CATHY

Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Call 717-724-0083 for more information

Cost is \$50

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MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

GROUP SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

Preschool to Adult Classes

For information visit www.damamartialarts.com

Call 717-612-2595 or email damamartialarts@aol.com

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**WEST HANOVER BASEBALL / SOFTBALL ASSOC.
2020 SPRING BASEBALL / SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

**Saturday, January 11th & Saturday, January 25th
8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**WH Community Center
628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112
(Blue Room - Upper Level - Use Rear Entrance)
Questions? Contact WHBaseballSoftball@gmail.com**



AARP Foundation Tax Aide Locations

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program of Dauphin County will again offer 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 at the sites listed below.

Additional information about the program, including a list of 888- 227-7669 or 717-219-3945.

NEW IN 2020: We plan to offer appointments at the Epiphany Lutheran Church and Swatara Township Building sites this year. Please call 717-219-3945 no earlier than January 6, 2020, for information on how to make an appointment. Depending on the schedule, limited walk-in clients may be accepted. Updated information will also be available in the “Tax-Aide Locator” section of www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Rd., Harrisburg. Open starting Monday Feb 3. Hours: Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Swatara Township Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg. Open starting Tuesday Feb 4. Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

NEW SITE FOR 2020:

West Hanover Recreation Center, 628 Walnut Ave, Harrisburg. Open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Starting January 6, 2020, you may call 717-652-3721 (State Representative Andrew Lewis’s office) for an appointment.

Weather-related or any other closings/delays for all sites will be listed under “AARP Tax-

The Mt. Laurel Church of God
 1295 Piketown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112
 Phone: 717-469-2521



Find us on:  **facebook.**

Sunday School: 9:30 am
 Worship: Sunday, 10:30 am
 Bible Study: Wed. 7:00 pm



www.mtlaurelcog.org
 Pastor Dale Miller, Jr.
 717-658-6707

**ATTENTION
 NON-AMBULATORY RESIDENTS
 REQUIRING AMBULANCE
 ASSISTANCE**

Please provide the Township your contact information so that we can be sure to reach you in the case of an emergency that would require evacuation. The information will be held strictly confidential.

Look Who's In The Know

Township Supervisor, Gloria Zimmerman, won the West Hanover Trivia Game Show at the annual West Hanover Community Day at the Community Center. Gloria won a trophy and \$100 gift certificate towards one of the bus trips the Township offers through Lowees Group Tours/Innovative Coaches. She answered all the questions on the history of West Hanover correctly.

Great job Gloria!



2020 Christmas Tree Pickup in January



West Hanover Township residents are reminded they can recycle their Christmas Trees at curbside. Waste Management is scheduled to pick up Christmas trees at curbside the week of **December 30** and again the week of **January 13, 2020** on your regular trash day. Do not bag trees and make sure they are bare with all decorations removed. If you miss those dates you will have to hang on to your tree until the Compost Center opens on **March 28, 2020.**

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE (MORE DETAILS INSIDE)

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 11, Adult Christmas Dance

Saturday, December 14, Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 15, Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 19, Senior Lunch

JANUARY

Thursday, January 16, Senior Lunch

Sunday, January 24, Winter Wonderland Ball - Formal Family Dance

Wednesday, January 29, Winter Wonderland Ball - Adult Dance

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 8, Casino Night Fundraiser

Thursday, February 20, Senior Lunch