



WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS



SUMMER, 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

CENTRAL DAUPHIN CLASS OF 2020

What a year to be graduating from high school! Certainly not what anyone would have wanted or expected. Graduates, please know that the community wishes you nothing but the best during this unusual time. You are the future and we are beyond proud of you!



2020 CENSUS HAPPENING NOW!

Please be sure to respond to the 2020 Census. You can respond online or by completing the form they provide and mailing it back. It is very important to do so. If you don't respond they will come to your home to ask you to respond. Remember, they will not ask for your social security number and your responses are strictly confidential. Your information will not be given to second parties.

Please see more about the 2020 Census on page 12 by Jay Megonnell, Township Supervisor.

Township Offices
will be closed
Friday, July 3
In observance of:



WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Stacey Connors, Chairperson

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Cathy Wingard Parks & Recreation Admin. Asst.

Susan Boyne PT Parks & Recreation Admin. Asst.

Dan Homrighousen Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Ron Harper Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Tax Collector: Tom Stewart

Township Building, Lower Level Rear

Office Hours: Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7 P.M.	2	3 WHT AUTH. (STORMWATER) 6:30 P.M.	4 PSAB* 6:30 P.M.	5	6
7	8	9 EAC* 6:30 P.M.	10	11 ZONING HEARING BD 6:30 P.M.	12	13
14	15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7 P.M.	16 SEWER AUTHORITY 6 P.M.	17 PARKS & REC. BOARD 7 P.M.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 PLANNING COMMISSION 7 P.M.	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			WHT AUTH. (STORMWATER) 1 6:30 P.M.	PSAB* 6:30 P.M.		
28	29	30	1 6:30 P.M.	2	3	4
	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 6 7 P.M.			ZONING HEARING BD 9 6:30 P.M.		
5	6 7 P.M.	7	8	9 6:30 P.M.	10	11
		EAC* 6:30 P.M.	PARKS & REC. BOARD 15 7 P.M.			
12	13	14	15 7 P.M.	16	17	18
	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 20 7 P.M.	SEWER AUTHORITY 21 6 P.M.		PLANNING COMMISSION 23 7 P.M.		
19	20 7 P.M.	21 6 P.M.	22	23 7 P.M.	24	25
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All meetings on the next page calendar are at the
Township Building, 7171 Allentown Boulevard

EXCEPT

PSAB-Fire Station - 7624 Jonestown Road
Parks and Recreation- 628 Walnut Avenue
Sewer Authority - 628 Walnut Avenue

***SEE PAGE 4 FOR FULL NAME**

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7 P.M.	4	5 WHT AUTH. (STORMWATER) 6:30 P.M.	6 PSAB* 6:30 P.M.	7	8
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*Full Board/Commission/Council Titles

PSAB - Public Safety Advisory Board

EAC - Environmental Advisory Council



Please see the next page for information regarding all public meetings.

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP PRESS RELEASE

To: West Hanover Township Residents and Businesses
From: Daniel Rosario, Township Manager
Subject: Township Temporary Operating Procedure Changes

Due to the existence of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, West Hanover Township over the last 4 months has closed office access to the public along with our parks as an emergency precaution to protect employees as well as residents of the Township from exposure and further transmission under the direction of the Governor's stay at home order.

Township has been operating under a modified arrangement with all staff. I wish to thank our staff for their commitment to our residents and working even harder during this very trying time in our history.

Good news from Governor Tom Wolf last week of Dauphin County going Green this Friday June 19, 2020, Township operations will be adjusted accordingly. All Township buildings will re-open to public on Friday June 19, 2020 and will be following the following operational procedures noted below until further notice.

Operations for ALL Township owned buildings, properties and parks until further notice.

- a. All visitors requesting time with staff are by appointment only. No walk-ins. (P&R, PW, ADM., Station #1).
- b. 6-foot Social distancing required, plus mask by all when entering and during your stay in our buildings. (P&R, PW, ADM., Station #1).
- c. All visitors (Non-Employees) must sign in with front desk. No roaming through our buildings (sign in sheet out front at each building) (P&R, PW, ADM., Station #1)
- d. Each location will have a designated location to meet with clients and consultants. 6-foot social distancing + mask required.
- e. Public meetings will resume in accordance with item(s) b, & c respectfully until further notice. Please call ahead (Friday before meeting to be attending so we can make arrangements accordingly) to attend meetings, space is limited to first come first serve 717-652-4841 you may be limited to zoom video conference attendance only. Township Administration office meeting room(s) main floor level & lower floor level is limited to 6 to 8 public persons in each room max.
- f. In keeping with the PADOH requirements if you have a temp of 100.4 or above or not feeling well, please stay home and consider watching our meeting(s) via zoom.
- g. For trash bag tags, compost permits or picking up yard waste stickers, and burn permits etc. please call or stop in (mask required & 6-foot social distancing) the Township Building 8 am to 3 pm M - F. Call 717-652-4841 to coordinate purchasing. ALL offices close at 4 pm (staff sanitizing restrooms and office 3pm - 4pm)
- h. The Compost and E-cycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. (mask required & social distancing) Also, please remember you need to purchase your annual or daily permits at the Township Building between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. M - F. Call 717-652-4841 to coordinate your pickup of permit and payment. Please note due to Pandemic outbreak there will be no employee help to unload approved composting materials or electronics to the E-cycling Center. Township staff will direct you accordingly. Staff sanitizing restrooms, office, and equipment 2pm - 3pm
- i. Park & Recreation office operations will follow line items a, b, c, & d notes above. For rentals and park events please refer to Park the Recreation Facebook page or you may call 717-724-0083 ask for Don Holmes or Jeannette Zimmerman. ALL offices close at 4 pm (staff sanitizing restrooms, office, and equipment 3pm - 4pm)
- j. Public Works operations will follow line items a, b, c, & d. noted above please call 717-652-4841 ask for Eileen LaForce to coordinate your activity with public works department of West Hanover Township. Public Works office closes at 2:30 pm (staff sanitizing restrooms, office, and equipment 2:30pm - 3:30 pm)
- k. Building Codes Department, Property Maintenance complaints, permits and applications and to schedule inspections please call the Township office M-F 8am to 3 pm. Should you need to meet with staff to discuss your permit or project please schedule this with Eileen LaForce at 717-652-4841 or email elaforce@westhanover.com . ALL offices close at 4 pm (staff sanitizing restrooms, office, and equipment 3pm - 4pm) Once again this is for building codes department or property maintenance. Please note public safety line items a, b, c, & d apply.
- l. Zoning and Planning Department, Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation permits and complaints. Applications can be dropped off the Township office M-F 8am to 3 pm. Should you need to meet with staff to discuss your permit or project please schedule this with Sharmaine Harman at 717-652-4841 or email sharman@westhanover.com . Once again this is for Zoning and Planning Department, Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation permits and complaints. ALL offices close at 4 pm (staff sanitizing restrooms and office 3pm - 4pm) Please note public safety line items a, b, c, & d apply.

Thank you ALL for your patience and cooperation on the matter. I really appreciate all of you and your commitment to making our workplace a healthier and safer place to work as we all battle this virus. Be smart and be safe in all you do.

MS4 Stormwater Update

MS4 projects are important to the community to help reduce flooding from stormwater and help mitigate pollutants from stormwater runoff. MS4 projects can take many forms including a swale, detention pond, detention basin, retention pond, BMP – best management practice facility, culvert, stream, riparian buffer, or another other type of stormwater facility.

In 2020, the Township implemented a stormwater utility fee to help fund stormwater related projects and programs throughout the Township. The stormwater utility fee is a user fee collected from businesses, churches, schools and homeowners to help subsidize the substantial cost of operation, maintenance and improvements to the existing storm sewer system and facilities, implementation of PADEP required MS4 projects, and other stormwater program activities.

BMP Operation and Maintenance

The Township in partnership with HRG (Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.) will continue to perform Stormwater BMP inspections at residential and commercial properties through June, 2020. BMP inspections are required for compliance with the Township's MS4 (NPDES) Permit.

Tips to Reduce Stormwater Pollution in the Spring & Summer

- Wash vehicles in vegetated areas to avoid contaminants from reaching the storm sewer system or local waterways.
- Apply lawn fertilizers only when necessary and apply only the amount directed by the manufacturer. Also, avoid fertilizing on rainy or windy days and immediately sweep up and dispose of residual fertilizer granules left on driveways, sidewalks, and roadways.
- Avoid discharging grass clippings onto streets and roadways. Also, do not dump grass clippings along stream banks or drainage ways. Grass clippings contain nutrients that promote algae growth and pollutants that can be harmful to aquatic life.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly. Never dispose of pet waste in a storm inlet or near a waterway.
- Properly dispose of unwanted or unused hazardous chemicals, such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, paints, oils and cleaning products. Release of these chemicals to the storm sewer system or waterway is illegal and detrimental to the environment.

◆ Illicit Discharge

Any discharge to the Township's storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, or a PADEP approved non-stormwater discharge shall be considered an illicit discharge.

Please report cases of suspected illicit discharge to the Township at 717-652-4841 or online at <https://westhanover.com/contact/>



**Environmental Advisory
Council Members**

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

TIRE RECYCLING DAY IS BACK!!!

When: Fall - 2020 Details for date & times to follow ...

Where: WHT Compost Center, 402 N. Fairville Ave.

Cost: Passenger tires - \$2; Light Truck - \$4;
Oversized, plus \$15; Tire with Rim, plus \$2

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU! By Gloria Zimmerman



I just wanted to let you know how greatly I appreciate our Manager, Dan Rosario and his handling of the safety of the Township workers during this Pandemic. Also, thanks to all of our staff for their hard work and keeping business flowing for our residents. I have always said our workers are the glue that keeps the Township running. Once again, well done Mr. Manager (Dan Rosario) and staff: Tara Rex, Eileen LaForce, Sharmaine Harman, Janet Hardman, Ron Schubauer, Marty Sowers and Terrie Hollenbaugh.



DUTIES OF A SUPERVISOR by Gloria Zimmerman

The duties of the West Hanover Township Supervisors include, but are not limited to, all of the following. However, some of the identified duties listed below have been delegated to other administrators. The manager works closely with the board. Duties that are not delegated are retained and exercised by the Supervisors.

SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS ARE FIRST AN FOREMOST!

- Enforce all laws and township ordinances.
- Manage and supervisor township public improvements, works and undertakings of the Township.
- Have charge of construction, repair, maintenance, lighting and clearing of streets, sidewalks, bridges, pavements, sewers, and all public buildings or property owned by the Township.
- Supervise the operations of township utilities.
- Preserve township property, tools, and appliances.
- To see that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the township or its residents in any public utility franchise, or in any contract, are faithfully kept and performed.
- Attend board meetings with the right to discuss.
- Be a member of the committees and boards of the township. Prepare the budget under the guidance of the manager. Recommend adoption of measures deemed necessary.
- Be responsible for efficient administrations of all township departments..
- Be the purchasing agent for the township or delegate such duties to another employee (Manager).
- Conduct the sale of township property.
- Assume duties and responsibilities as personnel director or delegates such duties to another employee.
- Perform all other duties prescribed by law or ordinance or direction of the board, or which are not assigned to another official.

As our township continues to grow so do the responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors. Attend the township meetings and get involved with what is taking place in the township. Voice your opinions or suggestions. Local government affects you more then you realize!

7 Summer Steps for Healthy Living

Improve your health with steps so simple you'll barely notice the effort.

By [Kathleen Doheny](#)

In the warmer, longer, lazier days of summer, the living may not be easy, but your life probably feels less chaotic. Even adults tend to adopt a "school's out!" attitude in summer. That's why this is a perfect time to improve your health in a fashion so seasonally laid back you'll barely notice the effort.

To get you started, WebMD went to eight health experts in fields such as diet, fitness, stress, vision, and oral health. We asked them this: If you could only suggest one simple change this season to boost personal health, what would it be? Here are their top seven tips.

1. Give Your Diet a Berry Boost: If you do one thing this summer to improve your diet, have a cup of mixed fresh berries – blackberries, blueberries, or strawberries – every day. They'll help you load up on antioxidants, which may help prevent damage to tissues and reduce the risks of age-related illnesses. Blueberries and blackberries are especially antioxidant rich.

A big bonus: Berries are also tops in fiber, which helps keep cholesterol low and may even help prevent some cancers.

2. Get Dirty – and Stress Less: To improve your stress level, plant a small garden, cultivate a flower box, or if space is really limited, plant a few flowerpots – indoors or out.

Just putting your hands in soil is "grounding." And when life feels like you're moving so fast your feet are barely touching the stuff, being mentally grounded can help relieve physical and mental stress.

3. Floss Daily: You know you need to, now it's time to start: floss every single day. Do it at the beach (in a secluded spot), while reading on your patio, or when watching TV – and the task will breeze by.

Flossing reduces oral bacteria, which improves overall body health, and if oral bacteria is low, your body has more resources to fight bacteria elsewhere. Floss daily and you're doing better than at least 85% of people.

4. Get Outside to Exercise: Pick one outdoor activity – going on a hike, taking a nature walk, playing games such as tag with your kids, cycling, roller blading, or swimming – to shed that cooped-up feeling of gym workouts.

And remember, the family that plays together not only gets fit together – it's also a great way to create bonding time.

5. Be Good to Your Eyes: To protect your vision at work and at play, wear protective eyewear. When outdoors, wear sunglasses that block at least 99% of ultraviolet A and B rays. Sunglasses can help prevent cataracts, as well as wrinkles around the eyes.

And when playing sports or doing tasks such as mowing the lawn, wear protective eyewear. Ask your eye doctor about the best type; some are sport-specific.

7. Alcohol: Go Lite: Summer's a great time to skip drinks with hard alcohol and choose a light, chilled alcoholic beverage (unless you are pregnant or should not drink for health or other reasons).

A sangria (table wine diluted with juice), a cold beer, or a wine spritzer are all refreshing but light. In moderation – defined as one to two drinks daily – alcohol can protect against heart disease.

8. Sleep Well: Resist the urge to stay up later during long summer days. Instead pay attention to good sleep hygiene by keeping the same bedtime and wake-up schedule and not drinking alcohol within three hours of bedtime.

HAPPY RETIREMENT PAUL POTTEIGER!

We would like to celebrate Paul Potteiger, also known as pap pap, in his retirement of 40 years at Harrisburg News/ Hudson News. Paul is a lifelong resident of the West Hanover community and volunteers regularly at Township events. He is also the member of the West Hanover Lions Club and Hummelstown Field & Stream Association. Previously Paul was a member of the HOG. In his spare time he loves to cook and bake using his mother's recipes, loves to ride his motorcycle, travel, go bowling and enjoys working on his '66 Grand Ranchero with his grandson. Paul also enjoys being with his family; 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Paul is ready to take on his new adventure called Retirement Life! We wish you all the best!



UNFUNDED MANDATES By Donald Steinmeier

West Hanover Township has been hit with Federal and State unfunded mandates. Citizens must understand the Township does not go out looking for major projects. Many times we are forced to do special projects from the Federal and State Governments. Some of these unfunded projects are public sewers, monitoring septic systems and MS4 stormwater projects. In most cases, special grants are not given to the Townships to offset some of the costs.

Citizens are encouraged to contact their Federal and State Legislators to let them know that these unfunded mandates hurt them financially. Citizens must get involved in order to bring about change in these unfunded projects. Unfunded Mandates will continue to come to our Township as long as the citizens remain silent.



TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S CORNER By Daniel Rosario

Upcoming Stormwater projects: Removing and replacing a culvert on Pheasant Road; adding 3 inlets and underground storm pipe at Farmdale Avenue & Candlewood Drive and also at Manor Drive & Jonestown Road; and removing and replacing a culvert pipe.

E-cycling: The Dauphin County E-Cycling Center is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Holiday Park Sewer Project: Projects will start June 29 with a tentative completion date of November 29, 2020 (weather permitting). Residents should contact the Sewer Authority to claim gaming grant funds for your property tap in fee. See more information below.

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Holiday Park Sewer Extension Project to Begin June 29, 2020

Starting on June 29, the West Hanover Township Sewer Authority’s sewer extension project will begin in Holiday Park. Residents will begin to see construction crews onsite installing sewer mains and manholes as well as residential lateral tie-ins. In addition to the lines themselves, crews will also be working on installing a new pumping station to serve the Holiday Park community.

The project is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2020. Letters will be sent to residents letting them know when they are able to connect to their new sewer system.

Project updates are available on the Holiday Park Project page of the Authority’s website at <https://www.whtsa.com/current-projects/sewer-extension-projects/holiday-park/>.

Residents are reminded that they must contact the Sewer Authority to obtain their connection permit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 717.540.0124 or admin@whtsa.com.

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PANDEMIC SAFETY by Jay Megonnell

Being confined to our homes is not the way we planned to spend our Spring days. We all are confined to our homes, not by our choice.

We are seeing dedicated people serving our citizens under difficult and trying situations. All of our prayers should go to those dedicated people. The doctors, nurses, all other hospital staff, police ambulance attendants, military personnel, grocery workers and any other people involved in serving during this difficult time our country and the world are going through.

Please follow the directions our Governor has asked us to follow. Stay inside and only go out if you have to. With God watching and protecting us, we will be getting together as soon as possible.

I hope all of you will do okay during this unusual time in our lives. All of you are in my daily thoughts and prayers.



BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DETOUR



On July 13, 2020 Lobar Site Development Corporation will begin implementation of a detour on Blue Ridge Avenue to facilitate a bridge replacement project located adjacent to property address 6995 Blue Ridge Avenue, Harrisburg, PA, 17112. The detour is anticipated to be in effect until November 12, 2020.



STATE REVENUE TAKES SIGNIFICANT HIT AS GOVERNOR RELEASES RECOVERY PLAN

Governor Tom Wolf has released a plan to guide Pennsylvania's recovery for the COVID-19 crisis, including prioritizing several agriculture initiatives.

However, this recovery plan comes at a time when state finances will be likely stressed due to widespread revenue shortfalls as a result of sweeping business closure and disruptions. Every revenue source that Pennsylvania relies upon for funding has taken a direct hit as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Pennsylvania's proposed state budget will need significant work in the face of these numerous revenue shortfalls. Governor Wolf's recovery plan, released in mid-April, gives a basic snapshot of how the administration plans to respond to the crisis posed by COVID-10. The plan includes:

- Continued funding of the COVID-19 Working Capital Access Program for businesses that need working capital to reopen after the shutdown.
- Creation of a grant program for small businesses with gross receipts of less than \$3 million, or that employ up to 30 full-time employees.
- Upgrade and expansion of Pennsylvania's broadband network.
- Expansion and adoption of telehealth as primary mode of health care; reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as if services were delivered in person.
- Continued funding of programs and initiatives created as part of the PA Farm Bill, including money for small meat processing facilities and for agriculture business planning services.
- Develop a statewide program that leverages federal dollars to allow SNAP recipients to purchase additional fresh foods, including meat and dairy products at grocery stores and farmers markets.
- Provide grants and low-interest loans for the construction of grocery stores and farmer's markets in low to moderate income areas.

It is too soon to tell what effect COVID-19 will have on the state's revenue picture, but estimates suggest the state could lose upwards of \$3.9 billion for the remainder of this fiscal year and into the next. Revenue projections are based on how long business closure and social distancing guidelines will be in place. The state Independent Fiscal Office is predicting at least a \$517 million decline in cooperate net income taxes and a \$803 million reduction in personal income taxes. That means state government will need to make significant adjustments to the budget that the governor proposed in February.



Dirt From the Gopher Hole *by Claire Zeiters*

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

April was “Volunteer” month and because of the COVID-19 the West Hanover Lions Club was not able to honor the van volunteers this year at a dinner. We are so fortunate to have the best group of volunteers and I know that the riders appreciate the dedication of these folks. We are so thankful for the time they give to make sure there is transportation for the seniors in our township.

Please remember that when you use the van to give your donation, whatever amount it is, to the driver. We depend on donations to keep the program running. If you prefer to give a check make it payable to “West Hanover Senior Van” and you can mail it to the township office. We do not receive money from the county on a regular basis so this is our way of making sure we have enough funds to keep the program running.

I don't know when we will be able to do the Perkins Dine2Donate again. This is very successful fund raiser and thank you to all who support us in this way. Once their dining is opened up we will start going to Perkins the second Thursday of each month between 4PM and 9PM. You can turn in one coupon per person. Last year we raised close to \$3,000.00.

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

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

The vans run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and we appreciate if you can make your appointments within that time frame. We will take you shopping, 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 a resident living in the township and third must be able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We cannot 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 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 above 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.

Thank you for your support!!

2020 CENSUS INFORMATION By Jay Megonnell



The census - a once-every-ten-years headcount of every person living in the United States - is required by our Constitution and is the basis for fairly allocating political power among the states and within each state. It has been estimated that 17 states will see a shift in reapportionment (losing or gaining seats in Congress) as a result of the 2020 Census. The impact on Congress and the Electoral College is one of several reasons why politicians at the federal and local levels closely watch the decennial census.

In addition, census figures are used to determine where billions of dollars in Federal money - *and billions more in state and private sector funds* - are spent every year on infrastructure, healthcare, schools, factories, public transportation and more. Every state and community has a stake in making sure that everyone is counted. Communities that are undercounted could lose political influence as well as resources that contribute to the well-being of its individuals and the community as a whole. Many community leaders and organizations are mobilizing effective “Get Out the Count” (GOTC) efforts so that communities get back what they put in.

The 2020 Census is being conducted now and reapportionment would not take effect until the 2022 elections. While the Census results may not match the trend estimates, the data shows the US population overall growing slower this decade with fewer babies born and more deaths than in previous years. The southern US, stretching from Delaware to Texas, continues to benefit the most from people moving within the country, while the population in northeastern states has declined. It has been projected the following states that might gain or lose seats:
 Projected Gainers: Texas could gain three seats, Florida two and North Carolina, Arizona, Colorado, Montana and Oregon could each gain one.

Projected Losers: California, Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia could each lose a seat.

Sources: <https://censuscounts.org/gotc-toolkit-background/>, <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/31/politics/census-2020-apportionment/index.htm/>

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED By Donald Steinmeier

West Hanover Township is always looking for people to serve on our many boards. People should get involved in their Township. By serving on our boards, you will gain insight into your Township and how it operates. Volunteers are always in demand. Most volunteer positions are open during the year Members of the Board of Supervisors volunteer to serve on our boards because we have no applicants for the positions. You can go to the West Hanover website (www.westhanover.com) and get an application to fill out and return to the Township Building. Applications are also available at the Township Building

Some of the volunteer boards are as follows: Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing, Sewer Authority, Stormwater Authority, Public Safety Advisory, Environmental Advisory Council, Historical Society and the Fire Company. The Senior Van service is always looks for volunteers as well.

Become a volunteer and serve your community.



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The advertisement features a blue sky background with white clouds. At the top left is the RE/MAX logo in red and blue, with '1st Advantage' and the phone number '717-591-5555' below it. To the right is a large '1' with a RE/MAX hot air balloon inside it. The central text is a quote in blue italics. Below that is a Facebook icon and a link to a Facebook group. At the bottom left is a photo of a man (Bill Anderson) and a woman (Sherri Anderson) smiling. To their right is their contact information and the 'Life-Long West Hanover Residents' text. At the bottom right is the 'RE/MAX Hall of Fame Award' logo.

Summer of coronavirus: What is safe and risky to do

By [Amanda Cuda](#)

Temperatures are heating up and the sunny days are starting to outnumber the cloudy ones. This can only mean one thing – summer is on its way.

But, while summer is usually a time of beach visits, backyard barbecues and other social gatherings, the COVID-19 pandemic has people questioning whether their activities of choice are safe.

According to experts, the safety of beloved seasonal diversions varies wildly, but there are some consistencies. “Anything indoors with people is riskier than outdoors with people,” said Dr. Gregory Buller, associate chief medical officer and chairman of medicine at Bridgeport Hospital. “Also, the risk is going to be directly proportional to whether people are observing social distancing guidelines.”

Summer Johnson McGee, dean of the School of Health Sciences at the University of New Haven, echoed those thoughts. “(Summer activities) can only be safe with face coverings and proper social distancing,” she said. “In general, the larger number of people and the lesser ability to have physical distancing increases risk.”

To help provide some guidance in planning what to do in the weeks and months ahead, below is a list of some of the riskier summer activities during the pandemic, followed by some of the safer pursuits, according to health experts.

Riskier activities

Eating at an indoor restaurant – Indoor dining hasn’t yet reopened in Connecticut, and experts said that’s fine with them. McGee named eating with others in an enclosed space as one of the riskier public activities. Buller agreed, particularly since people can’t wear masks while eating. “It’s very worrisome,” he said.

Using a public restroom – While not necessarily a “fun summer activity,” public restrooms are sometimes a necessity during summer road trips. Due to the pandemic, a lot of roadside rest stops are closed. However, those lucky enough to find an open one should exercise caution, McGee and Buller said. “You don’t know what people have touched,” Buller said. If such a restroom is not avoidable, experts urged thorough hand-washing and/or the use of hand sanitizer.

Riskier activities continued

Sending children to summer camp — Even though Connecticut camps are looking to open this summer, experts are a bit leery, since it can be hard to keep kids apart. McGee named it as one of the more hazardous activities, as did Buller. “I don’t know about that,” Buller said. “That would worry me.”

Staying at a hotel — Again, more of a practical necessity than fun diversion. But the issue here is the same as with the public restroom, Buller said — too much stuff touched by other hands. And, while the risk of infection through surfaces is likely smaller than with person-to-person contact, Buller said it’s best to avoid high-touch environments.

Getting a haircut — Chopping off heavy long locks in favor of a short haircut is a summer tradition for some. And, with barbershops and hairdressers tentatively scheduled to open soon, experts urged caution, as this is an activity that requires close contact with others. But Buller said he doesn’t think it’s as dangerous as some of the other activities, mainly because all the instruments involved need to be sanitized anyway, and it’s feasible for both professionals and patrons to wear their masks through the entire process.

Less risky activities

Exercising outdoors — When done smartly, McGee and Buller said enjoying some physical activity in the outdoors is one of the safest things people can do. Walking, biking, golfing and many other pursuits can be done solo or in small, properly distanced groups by people wearing masks.

Spending the day at the beach or pool — Though some alarming photos have surfaced of beachgoers packed together like sardines in some areas of the country, Buller said it’s entirely possible for waterside entertainment to be safe, as long as people remain an appropriate distance apart and wear a face covering when possible or necessary.

Small vacations — Small group vacations consisting of the immediately family or just one other family are probably fine, as long as everyone is healthy and everyone has been observing social distancing guidelines, the experts said.

Eating outdoors at a restaurant — Though there’s risk involved anywhere that people can’t wear a face covering, Buller said eating outdoors is safer than eating indoors, due to the openness of the environment.

Yet even when enjoying some of these safer activities, McGee and Buller urged vigilance and common sense. “Any of these activities are only safe if protective measures are taken and reduced capacity for all venues is strictly enforced to allow for social distancing,” McGee said.

STAY CONNECTED by Jay Megonnell

In today's world, email is one of the most effective means of communication. Only about 50% of Township residents have email addresses on the Township master email list. I know not everyone has email but I also know residents that have email but are not on the master email list. Even the 50% that have email addresses on the master list in many cases are not accurate (you changed providers, changed your name or just flat changed your email). At this point, our Township does send out the quarterly newsletter by email, other important Township news and updates are also sent by email. To update your email address, please email Eileen LaForce at elaforce@wethanover.com or call her at the Township Office, 717-652-4841. Your information will be kept confidential and only used for Township Newsletters, news and updates or in case of a Township emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

BY Jay Megonnell

FIREFIGHTER COST:

How much does it cost to outfit a firefighter to be prepared for 100% volunteer services?



Helmet - \$255.00

Hood - \$30.00

Coat - \$1,150.00

Pants - \$1,100.00

Boots - \$330.00

Gloves - \$70.00

Airpack - \$4,800.00

TOTAL COST
\$7,735.00

10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT DOGS



MADE BY ANIMALSLIFE.NET



1

DOGS DON'T ONLY SEE IN BLACK AND WHITE - THEY CAN ALSO SEE BLUE AND YELLOW



2

PUPPIES HAVE 28 TEETH AND NORMAL ADULT DOGS HAVE 42



3

DOGS'S EYES CONTAIN A SPECIAL MEMBRANE, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO SEE IN THE DARK



6

DOGS CAN HEAR ABOUT 4 TIMES THE DISTANCE OF A HUMAN



5

DOGS CAN RECOGNIZE MORE THAN 150 WORDS



4

DOGS' SENSE OF SMELL IS 10,000 TIMES STRONGER THAN HUMANS



7

DOGS CURL UP IN A BALL WHEN THEY SLEEP BECAUSE OF AN AGE-OLD INSTINCT TO PROTECT THEIR VITAL ORGANS



8

DOGS HAVE ABOUT 1,700 TASTE BUDS, BUT CATS ONLY 473



9

A ONE YEAR OLD DOG IS AS MATURE, PHYSICALLY, AS A 15 YEARS OLD HUMAN



10

DOGS AND HUMANS HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF SLEEP THEREFORE DOGS CAN DREAM

FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS Submitted by Jay Megonnell

The FBI's Common Fraud Schemes webpage provides tips on how you can protect yourself and your family from fraud. Senior citizens especially should be aware of fraud schemes for the following reasons:

1. Senior citizens are most likely to have a "nest egg," to own their home, and/or to have excellent credit - all of which make them attractive to con artists.
2. People who grew up in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s were generally raised to be polite and trusting. Con artists exploit these traits, knowing that it is difficult or impossible for these individuals to say "no" or just hang up the telephone.
3. Older Americans are less likely to report a fraud because they don't know to whom they should report it, are too ashamed at having been scammed, or don't know they have been scammed. For example, elderly victims may not report crimes because they are concerned that relatives may think the victims no longer have the mental capacity to take care of their own financial affairs.
4. When an elderly victim does report the crime, they often make poor witnesses. Con artists know the effects of age on memory, and they are counting on elderly victims not being able to supply detailed information to investigators. In addition, the victims' realization that they have been swindled may take weeks (or more likely, months), after contact with the fraudster. This extended time frame makes it even more difficult to remember details from the events.
5. Senior citizens are often interested in, and susceptible to, products promising increased cognitive function, vitality, physical conditioning, anti-cancer properties, and so on. In a country where new cures and vaccinations for old diseases have given every American hope for a long and fruitful life, it is not so unbelievable that the con artists' products can do what they claim.

Source: <https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes/seniors>.

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

A Message from Don Holmes, Parks Director

Neighbors,

Great news!!

We are making our rounds to disinfect the play equipment and picnic tables in all of the parks. The parks are fully open again! Please remember to practice safe social distancing while in the parks and respect the space of your fellow parkgoers. Please provide your own hand sanitizer when visiting the parks.

Pavilions are again available for rent and our calendars are filling up fast! Call Parks & Rec office today to reserve your rental date. The Community Center is opening as well on a limited basis. Please call for an appointment if you want to stop by the office. (717) 724-0083.

Zumba is back! Please see page 22 for additional information.

All community events for June have been cancelled. Sadly, we have cancelled our Summer Camp program for this year as well. For updates on cancellations, reopening efforts, etc., please follow our page on Facebook 'West Hanover Parks and Rec'. We will be updating regularly on DOH and CDC requirements and Governor's orders and how they affect our programming and reopening. You can also email me at par.dir@westhanover.com and request that you be added to our monthly P&R E-Newsletter.

Stay safe.



ZUMBA
IS BACK!



WOOOOO HOOOOO!! Who is ready for ZUMBA?! Rachael is back and ready to dance you into shape!! Returning this Saturday at the WH Community Center at 9am.

Exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired Dance 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!



Weekly Schedule:
Monday's - 7:00pm~8:00pm
Wednesday's - 7:00pm~8:00pm
Saturday's - 9:00am~10:00am

First-timers are FREE!! No Registration needed!!

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



Licensed Zumba Instructor:
Rachael Quigley



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ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

If you would like to place an ad in the Township Newsletter, please call Eileen LaForce at 717/652-4841 or email her at elaforce@westhanover.com for more information.
Thank you!



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.

ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat, or domestic pet, to run at large either upon the public streets or highways of the Township, private property of any other person or upon any other property not belonging to or in the possession of the owner of such animals or to persons under whose supervision or control such animals are being kept.



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NEW SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAMS

As you may have heard, there are two new state small business grant programs opening soon that can provide additional direct financial support to small businesses in your community impacted by the COVID-19 shut-down. The grant programs are being administered through local Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), ours being the Community First Fund in Harrisburg (www.communityfirstfund.org). The grant programs and total available funding for each are as follows:

Main Street Business Revitalization Program - \$100 million

Historically Disadvantaged Business Revitalization Program - \$100 million

These grants are for small businesses with annual revenues of up to \$1 million and 25 or fewer employees. Applications for these programs will open on June 29th. Once open, small businesses will be able to apply through their local CDFI including Community First Fund in Harrisburg. However, businesses can apply through any of the 17 participating CDFIs in the state.

The Harrisburg Regional Chamber will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, June 24th at 10:30AM that provide an overview on how to apply. Presenters include the CEO of the Community First Fund. Businesses in your community are encouraged to register for this webinar to learn about the programs and how to apply. Participation is limited to 500.

WEBINAR REGISTRATION:

<https://web.harrisburgregionalchamber.org/events/WebinarSmall%20Business%20Grant%20Program-2417/details>

We will continue to share information on this and any other pending grant programs as they continue to become available. Thank you for your continued resiliency.

Stay safe.

Sincerely,

George and Doug

George Connor, Director
Doug Brown, Deputy Director
Dauphin County Office of Community & Economic Development
112 Market Street, 7th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Uplifting Quotes For Difficult Times

by *Quincy Seale*

“Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.” - **Thich Nhat Hanh**

“It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.” - **Doe Zantamata**

“Have great hopes and dare to go all out for them. Have great dreams and dare to live them. Have tremendous expectations and believe in them.” - **Norman Vincent Peale**

“The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail.” - **Nelson Mandela**

“Tough times never last, but tough people do.” - **Robert H Schuller**

“Never give in. Never, never, never.” - **Winston Churchill**

“Use what you’ve been through as fuel, believe in yourself and be unstoppable!” - **Yvonne Pierre**

“Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.” - **John Wooden**

“It doesn’t matter how slow you go, as long as you don’t stop.” - **Confucius**

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