



West Hanover Township Newsletter

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FALL 2010

Fire Engine Housing Ceremony

Board of Supervisors

- Linda Turns, Chairman
- Jay Megonnell, Vice Chair
- Chris Scott, Sec/Trea
- Adam Klein
- William Ostermayer

On July 28, 2010, the recently delivered fire engine was officially given its new home at Station #1 on Walnut Avenue. The engine was purchased with a grant from the Dauphin County Commissioners and Commissioners Jeff Haste and George Hartwick were on hand to welcome the engine.

Marsico, West Hanover Township Supervisors, and Skip Memmi, Director of the Dauphin County Community and Economic Development office.

As is tradition, everyone helped push the engine back into the station.

(See pictures below).

Other officials on hand for the ceremonies included Representative Ron

Pavilions & Rec Hall
may be rented for
private events.
Contact Dixie for
registration forms
@ 540-6076

The Township Building will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day; and Thursday November 25th & Friday November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Traditional Housing Ceremony ends with the fire engine pushed back into the station.

Jeff Haste, County Commissioner & Matt Miller, Fire Company President, at the formal Housing Ceremony.



Meeting Dates to Remember

September

9/2/10 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
9/7/10 Board of Supervisors	7PM
9/9/10 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
9/14/10 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
9/15/10 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
9/20/10 Board of Supervisors	7PM
9/21/10 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
9/23/10 Planning Commission	7PM

October

10/4/10 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
10/7/10 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
10/12/10 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
10/14/10 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
10/18/10 Board of Supervisors	7PM
10/19/10 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
10/20/10 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
10/28/10 Planning Commission	7PM

November

11/1/10 Board of Supervisors	7PM
11/4/10 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30PM
11/9/10 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
11/11/10 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30PM
11/15/10 Board of Supervisors	7PM
11/16/10 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
11/17/10 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
11/18/10 Planning Commission	7PM

All meetings are held at the Township
Municipal Building:

7171 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg,
PA 17112 (717)652-4841

West Hanover Township

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Codes:	(717) 540-6080
Parks:	(717) 540-6076
Zoning:	(717) 540-6075
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Water & Sewer:	(717) 540-0124

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717-657-2030

Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday
 10AM to 4PM (Located in lower level)

Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors Actions

Townes @ Briar Creek - Dewey Drive & I-81. McNaughton Co. Final plan for 96 condo development. Approved by PC 6/22/06. BOS Action pending.

Rt. 39 Hotel & Restaurant - Nick & Angela Loxas. Jonestown Road. Subdivision and land development plan to construct a hotel & restaurant. Reviewed by PC on 3/25/10 & 4/22/10. Approved by PC 5/27/10. Approved by BOS 7/19/10.

#2010.01 Rezoning Request - Deborah Hoffman, requesting a rezoning from FRA (Flexible Rural Agriculture) to

R1 (Low Density Residential) for the property located at 7423 Green Hill Road which consists of 87.66 acres. Approved by PC 4/22/10. Denied by BOS 6/7/10.

Maurice & Charlotte Noll - Sleepy Hollow Road. Sketch plan reviewed by PC on 7/22/10.

Rt. 39 Hotel & Restaurant - Nick & Angela Loxas. Jonestown Road. Sewage Module review by PC 7/22/10. BOS action pending.

Planning Commission Members

Jim Zeiters, Chairman
 Rick Bolt, Vice Chairman
 Michael Hess, Secretary
 Carol Buskirk
 Gerald Longenecker
 Charles Jackson
 Bob Evans
 Alfred Sundara, DCPC Rep.

Zoning Hearing Board Appeals

#2010.01 Nick & Angela Loxas, applicants/owners. Seeking a variance to Section 195-126 installation of sidewalks along the frontages of Jonestown Road and Harper Drive in the CH (Commercial Highway) Zoning District on the property located at the southeast corner of Rt. 39 and Jonestown Road. Denied by ZHB 5/13/10..

Zoning Hearing Board Members

Ron Lawson, Chairman
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West Hanover Township Historical Society by Skip Smedley

The West Hanover Township Historical Society Annual Picnic was held at Lenker Park on July 15th. President Pat Cassel baked the ham, which was delicious. Everyone attending also brought a covered dish or dessert to share. It was a beautiful evening, and a "delicious" time was had by all.

The Society participated and assisted with History Day that was held on Saturday, July 17th at Mt. Laurel Park. The historical society will also be participating in the community events that are planned by the 225th Anniversary Committee on the weekend of August 28th & 29th.

Additional copies of our book honoring Veterans of West Hanover Township that was published in 2008 are available for \$5.00 each. They are free to veterans whose names are in the book and/or their families if they have not received one previously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting and program of the society is Thursday, October 21st. Our speaker will be Rick Needham. Last year a book was published in Brazil about

Ashbel Green Simonton. He was born in West Hanover Township in 1833, and was the founder of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil 150 years ago. Rick has read and interpreted the book that was written in Portuguese and will speak about it at our meeting. A copy of the book was presented to the historical society for the assistance that was provided to researchers from Brazil seeking information for the book and a film.

Meetings are open to the public.

Keep the Annual Christmas Carol Sing and Burning of the Yule Log in mind. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th at Fairville Park.

Many members of the historical society, and others in the township provided material for a new book, "Old Days and Ways in West Hanover Township, Volume II" that has been published for the 225th anniversary of the township.

All publications are available in the Township Municipal Office or from a member of the Historical Society.

Publications for sale:

"All In One, Remembering Our One Room Schools" \$8

"Remembering FCV School" \$10

Books can be purchased @ the Township Building

Historical Society Memberships available: \$5 Individual/ \$10 Family

Contact: Tom Felsburg 489-0198;

Ed Wisehaupt 469-2407;

Harold Smedley 652-1989 or

wht_hist_soc@yahoo.com



History Day Anniversary Souvenir Table: (L to R) Barb Carroll, Howard Kegerreis, Shirley McCahan, and Carol Buskirk.



History Day Celebration: Jay Megonnell & others portraying the Mt. Laurel Band as they would have appeared in the 1940's.

More History Day Pictures on page 14



The WHT Senior Citizens Van

News From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters

Thanks to everyone who supported the Lion's Club chicken barbecue on Memorial Day weekend. This is a great fundraiser for the club and the van program. Be sure to support their chicken barbecue on Friday, September 4th of Labor Day weekend.

We are providing a FREE treat for our riders. We will run both vans to see "Sweet Lights" in Hershey on Thursday, December 2nd. If we need a second evening it will be December 9th. We will start picking riders up at 6 PM. If you would like to go, please call 652-1702 to be put on the schedule.

Lions Club Christmas Tree sales will start the day after Thanksgiving. Be sure to support this fundraiser.

Riders, please note that the vans will not run on the following dates in 2010: September 6, Labor Day; November 25, Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day.

Van office hours are Monday through Friday, 10AM to 2PM. We like at least 24 hours

notice, more if possible. Same day service is not possible because both vans are quite busy most days. We will take you shopping, to 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 a priority so be sure to schedule them as soon as you make them.

We have only 3 requirements to use the service:

- Age 60 or older;
- Resident of West Hanover Township;
- You must be able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We are not permitted to take wheelchairs.

Anyone interested in more information about the van service or if you would like to volunteer, please call the van office at 652-1702.

Thank you to the staff at Fulton Bank, Skyline Branch, for their donation to the van program. They recently held a fundraiser over the lunch hour and are planning to have two more. One in late August or early September and the other in November. Please watch for dates to be posted at the bank.



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EAC NEWS

1989-2009

20 years of Community Service

Environmental Advisory Council Members

Patti Estheimer, Chairman
 Tim Albright, Vice Chairman
 Audrey Crichton, Secretary
 Evelyn Burton, Treasurer
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 John Miele
 John Acri

CLIP & SAVE

Recycling in West Hanover Township

What Goes in Your Curbside Recycling Bin:

- Aluminum food & beverage containers including aluminum foil and pie/baking tins.
- Glass food & beverage containers: clear, brown green. Metal lids accepted but please remove from container.
- Numbered plastic containers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) with narrow necks, such as, milk bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc. Plastic lids not accepted.
- Ferrous (iron, steel, tin) cans.
- Black & white pigmented newsprint. (Do not tie or place in plastic bags)
- Construction paper, craft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, or similar brown cardboard. (Do not tie or place in plastic bags).
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper. (Do not tie or place in plastic bags).
- Junk mail, magazines, catalogs & phone books. (Do not tie or place in plastic bags).
- Corrugated cardboard, broken down & flattened to fit into the curbside recycling bin.

What Does NOT Go in Your Curbside Recycle Bin:

- Wax coated paper or cardboard, or white paperboard.
- Any material with substantial food debris (small trace amounts of food residue is ok).
- Plastic bags.
- Batteries.
- Styrofoam (including packing material: peanuts or rigid Styrofoam).
- Light bulbs of any kind.
- Mirrors, window or auto glass, porcelain, ceramics, microwave oven trays, drinking glasses, perfume/cologne bottles.
- Wood or yard waste.
- Unnumbered plastics, plastic lids or plastics with wide necks.
- Coat hangers, wire.
- Household items such as toasters, cookware, bake ware, electronics, appliances, etc.
- Hazardous or toxic substances.
- Items which contain hazardous or toxic substances such as insecticides, paint, glue or petroleum products.
- Aerosol cans.
- Plastic flower pots.

Recycling Tip: Place lighter recyclables like junk mail, paper, magazines & cardboard on the bottom of your recycling container, then fill in with recyclables. Flattening plastic bottles & metal cans will prevent items from taking flight during windy days.

Note: One bulk item per week may be placed at curbside along with trash and recyclables.

Call Waste Management at (717)232-0878 or 1-800-642-8850 before placing any items at curbside containing freon or refrigerant.

Eastern Bluebirds at Skyline Commons Park

Earlier this year, Roland Bergner, West Hanover Township resident, retired PA Game Commission employee and licensed bird bander, placed 8 bluebird boxes at Skyline Commons Park with the help of the West Hanover Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

Mr. Bergner monitored the boxes on a regular basis throughout the spring and summer. After a slow start and an invasion by house wrens, at the end of the regular breeding season 8 eastern bluebirds hatched and had been banded. "Not bad at all for the first nesting season at Skyline Commons Park," said Mr. Bergner.

The nesting boxes will continue to be checked, then cleaned and prepared for the following season. Mr. Bergner indicated that while some bluebirds do winter in the southern states, some bluebirds tend to hang around and will use the nesting boxes as winter shelters.

Watch for Eastern Bluebirds perched erect on wires, posts and low branches

in open country, and scanning the ground for prey. They feed by dropping to the ground onto insects or, in fall and winter, by perching on fruiting trees to gulp down berries. Bluebirds commonly use nest boxes as well as old woodpecker holes.

The EAC thanks Mr. Bergner for his knowledge, dedication and time in making sure the Eastern Bluebird has a future in West Hanover Township.

Want to help the Eastern Bluebird? Online information about Eastern bluebirds can be found at:



Eastern male bluebird

www.thebsp.org (PA Bluebird Society)

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/bluebird.html>



Above: Roland Bergner banding fledgling bluebirds at Skyline Commons Park

Rain Water Runoff Workshop for the Homeowner (and Rain Barrel Give-Away)

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, from 9AM until noon, at the township recreation building, 628 Walnut Avenue, the West Hanover Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will sponsor a workshop for homeowners on managing rain water runoff (stormwater).

Gil Hirschel, water resources planner, Dauphin County Conservation District, will present this informative workshop designed especially for the homeowner.

His presentation entitled "Homeowner Actions for Stream Protection"

addresses actions homeowners can take to effectively manage stormwater on their property. Topics will include the land-water connection; impacts of alterations to land surfaces; stream impacts; what homeowners can do to manage runoff including creating a rain garden, downspout disconnections, riparian area restoration and protection, the use of rain barrels, and proper yard and garden care.

This presentation includes several handouts including a rain garden how-to manual for homeowners, and ample time for questions and answers.

One lucky participant will win a 55 gallon rain barrel.

There will be an optional tour of West Hanover Township's Fairville Park rain garden.

Registration is free. Please register by calling the WHT Office no later than Friday, September 3rd at 652-4841.



West Hanover PTA Presents John R Baumgardner Scholarship

The West Hanover Elementary PTA's scholarship committee is pleased to announce that Jason Yaede, a member of Central Dauphin High School's class of 2010, was awarded their annual \$1,000.00 scholarship on May 12, 2010.

Jason Yaede of Florence Drive, West Hanover Township will attend Brigham-Young University, Provo Utah, in the fall and will major in Information Systems.

The scholarship is given each year to

a college bound student who completed at least three years of elementary education at West Hanover Elementary School.

Fire Company News by Matt Miller, President

Hello from your 100% volunteer West Hanover Township Fire Company. The first half of 2010 has been busy for us, especially with the ongoing design of the new fire station and having the new Engine 36-2 delivered. Both of these projects have been generously funded through Dauphin County using Hollywood Casino gaming funds, with ongoing support of the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors.

Upcoming events include:

- Participation in the WH Twp 225th celebration activities.
- Fire education and prevention activities during fire prevention week in October

- Our annual fund drive mailer in early October - we did not do the mailer last year, please support us so that we can better assist you.
- An open house for the public in October - please watch for the date.
- Our annual trick or treat night patrols through WH Twp, handing out treats and interacting with the public.

Some of you may have heard about a recent incident regarding the fire company and that we are "billing" for services. The fire company does in fact recover costs for equipment used at accident scenes, hazardous materials spills, and other calls, such

as natural cover fires, on a case by case basis. We do not bill for structure (house) fires. We have very expensive and specialized apparatus and equipment to deal with emergencies as they arise, and the upkeep is expensive. We believe that the system we use provides for those that are receiving the benefit of the equipment, share in the cost of the equipment, rather than increasing taxation for all. This is not a new or rare concept, as many fire companies in Pennsylvania do the same thing. By law, since we are volunteers, labor costs cannot be recovered. For 2009 alone, we estimate that the fire company provided over 15,000 volunteer hours to the community.

Fire Station Plans

At its' workshop on June 28th the Board of Supervisors approved the preliminary plans for the new station at 7624 Jonestown Road. These plans included the site design with grading, utilities, landscaping and lighting; exterior elevations with color choices; and the interior layout.

The station will have four drive-through bays, tool, hose, and gear rooms, offices and training rooms, and

a bunk/living area. The entire building comprises 15,166 square feet which should satisfy the needs of the fire company for many years.

At the workshop on July 26th the Board reviewed the preliminary cost estimates. The cost estimate is \$3,400,000, which includes a 10% contingency. These are preliminary estimates only and will be refined based on the construction bids

received in early spring 2011. The Board also authorized utilizing \$300,000 from the Building Fund and applying for a "Casino" grant for \$500,000 towards the construction costs.

Groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for May, 2011.



Fall Recreation Catalog

Park & Recreation Board Members

Michael Geppert, Chair
 Jeff Holt, Vice-Chair
 Pat Cassel, Sec
 Linda Turns
 Joe Baker

Unless otherwise noted, all classes and programs/events will be held at the recreation center: **628 Walnut Avenue**. **Recreation Coordinator:** Dixie Fesig. **Registration Information:** Registration forms are available on the Township website at: www.westhanover.com. Or at the Township Office: **7171 Allentown Boulevard Harrisburg, PA 17112. Phone 540-6076/Fax 652-8158.**

PULL OUT

Pinochle Card Club

September 17 - December 10, 2010 6 to 9 PM

You can register individually or as a team!
 Refreshments will be served and a prize awarded to the highest score player.

Fee: \$18 resident/\$23 nonresident

Registration Deadline: September 10

Tai Chi – *Ongoing class Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 PM (ages 17 & up)*

Tai Chi is an excellent no-impact gentle movement exercise program that is proven to enhance balance, flexibility, coordination, strength and calmness of the mind. No experience is necessary.

Fee: \$45/month or \$12/day

Ballroom Dancing for Beginners

September 20 - October 25, 2010 (Mon) 7 to 8 PM

Learn the basics for dances you will use at parties, weddings, cruises, and other fun events.

Fee: \$55 resident/\$60 non-resident

Registration Deadline: September 15

NEW! 55+ Club @ WH Twp. Rec. Center

Tuesday from 10 AM to 1 PM, starting January 4.

Activities will start at 10 AM until noon, lunch from noon until 1 PM. Call Park & Rec office to register and for lunch menu (540-6076)

Fee: \$5/per day, per person.

Line Dancing - *October 24 - November 28, 2010 Sundays 5 - 6:30 PM*

Line Dancing - modern, urban sophistication, swing syncopations, flowing waltz and nightclub rhythms, hip hop and dances with a Latin flavor.

Fee: \$40

Karate Classes - *Ongoing program starting the first Tuesday or Thursday of each month*

Karate Tigers Ages: 5-7

Time: Tuesday evenings 6-7 PM.
Fee: \$33 (per month)

Karate Dragons Ages: 8 and up

Time: Tuesday & Thursday 7-8:30 PM
Fee: \$40 (per month)

CPR & First Aid Class - *October 11 & 12 6 - 10 PM or Saturday, October 16 8:30AM - 4 PM*

CPR, First Aid & AED Training class as a community service for all residents and non-residents. Certification will be in Community First Aid & Safety through the American Red Cross. Participants who complete the course will receive certification cards.

Schedule: *October 11 & 12 6 - 9PM*
 Or *October 16 8:30AM - 4 PM*

Fee: \$40 resident/\$45 non-resident

Registration Deadline: October 5

Classes consist of self-defense and traditional martial arts along with nontraditional training methods that increase speed, accuracy, and endurance. The style is Moo Duk Kwan, a Korean style of karate.

Sensei Jan DeAngelis has been involved in martial arts for 32 years. She is an agent for the National Security Alliance Kid Safe Network. Sensei Robert DeAngelis has been involved in martial arts for 25 years. Sensei Todd Ebersole is a 2nd degree black belt instructor.

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING/HAYRIDE NIGHT
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 @ Skyline Commons Park
6:00 - 8:30 PM (Pumpkin Carving times 6 - 7, or 7 - 8 PM)
Rain or Shine, no rain date. For more information call 540-6076.

Pumpkin Carving Contest:

Adults & Children

Pumpkins will be judged & prizes awarded



Hayrides

- Hotdogs Smores
- Cider
- Hot Chocolate
- Munchies

Fee: Pumpkin, candle, treat, hayride & refreshments \$10 resident

Refreshments & Hayride Only \$5 resident (Non-resident add \$3)

All registrations must be mailed or dropped off at the Township Municipal Building.

Deadline to register: October 15

Pumpkin Carving Registration Form

Time Slot for Pumpkin Carving: (select one) 6 - 7 PM 7 - 8 PM

Name

Circle One

- Adult Participant #1: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Adult Participant #2: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Adult Participant #3: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Adult Participant #4: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Child Participant #1: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Child Participant #2: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Child Participant #3: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only
- Child Participant #4: _____ \$10 Pumpkin, refreshments, candle treat & hayride
\$5 Refreshments & hayride only

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: Day _____ Evening: _____ Township Resident: yes no

Total Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ (Non-residents fee is an additional \$3)

Liability: In consideration of the permission by the Township of West Hanover to accept the above named participant(s) in the activity/class listed above given, taught, or sponsored by the Township of West Hanover, the undersigned hereby releases the Township from, and waives and relinquishes any claim, liability, or cause of action, damage, or costs for personal injury or property damage as may arise directly or indirectly out of the negligence of the Township, its officers, agents or employees. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has been fully advised of the risks and potential dangers incidental to engaging in the activity for which this registration is submitted, and voluntarily and knowingly assumes the risks of engaging in the activity/class.

Adults Signature: _____

Adults Signature: _____

Adults Signature: _____

Adults Signature: _____

2010 BUS TRIPS

Click on the Quick
Link on the Twp
Website for
additional trips,
itineraries &
registration forms

www.westhanover.com

Trips may be cancelled due to insufficient registration, w/ refunds to those registered.

Mt. Vernon Tour & Cruise "Places on the Potomac" - Guided tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon, three course luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn, explore museum, Washington's Tomb, Pioneer Farm, round barn and gardens, stop at the gift shop & enjoy a sightseeing cruise on the Potomac River.

Date: Saturday, September 18
Fee: Res \$98/Non-res \$103 **No Refunds**

Trip Includes: Bus, guided tour, admission fees, cruise, lunch, taxes & gratuity.

NASCAR at Dover Speedway - Arrive at Dover Speedway at 10AM. Depart for home after the race.

Date: Sunday, September 26
Fee: Res \$135/Non-res \$140 **No Refunds**

Trip Includes: Bus & ticket.

NYC "On Your Own" - This is a "day on your own" in New York City to enjoy at your leisure.

Date: Saturday, November 27

Fee: Res \$52, Non-res \$55

American Girl Place Café luncheon option \$35pp additional **No Refunds**

Trip Includes: Bus

NYC "On Your Own" - This is a day on your own in New York City to enjoy at your leisure. NYC has an unbelievable array of shopping, world class museums, restaurants and tons of Broadway Theaters.

Date: Saturday, December 11

Fee: Res. \$52/Non-res \$55 **No Refunds**

Trip Includes: Bus & NYC Map

Go to www.westhanover.com, click on the Recreation Link, this will give you access to all bus trip itineraries and bus trip registration forms.

Children's Cooking Class -

Monday Evenings, November 1, 8, 15, & 22

A cooking class for children ages 7 to 13 years old. Children will learn safety and nutrition as well as preparing simple meals and snacks. We will prepare breakfast, lunch, dinner meals and desserts. The last class the children will be cooking a full course meal for their immediate family members. Each family member attending is asked to give \$3pp toward the cost of the meal.

Fee: \$45 resident/\$50 non-resident

Deadline to register: **October 25**

Monthly Meals by the Parks & Recreation Board

4th Monday of each month

Starting January 24, 2011, the West Hanover Township Parks & Recreation Board will be having monthly meals at the Recreation Center located at 628 Walnut Avenue. The meals will be open to everyone. Tickets will be sold at the door on a first come, first serve basis. Keep your eyes open for the meal menu to be published in the Winter Edition of the Township Newsletter and in the local newspapers. Contact Dixie for more information at 540-6076.

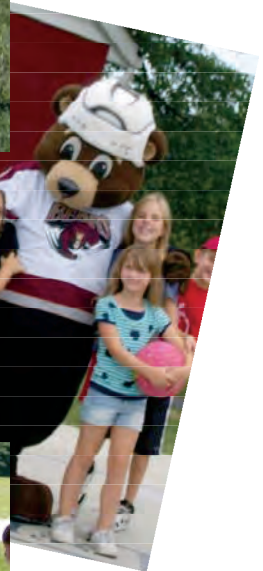
FLU SHOTS - Monday, October 25, 2010

5:30 to 7:00 PM

Flu shots will be given this year by the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Pennsylvania (VNA). You must call the recreation office to pre-register at 540-6076. (Ages 18 and up only). The cost is covered by Medicare and some Medicare-oriented insurances for those aged 65 and older. No insurances will be billed by the VNA for those under age 65.

Fee: \$33

2010 Playground Program



Stormwater Projects

The large drainage project awarded to Jerry Justice Excavating last year is complete! Stormwater culverts were replaced on Kiwanis Road, Fairville Avenue just past Bridle Lane, Manor Drive near the I-81 overpass, and on Sterling Road near Sarhelm Road. New guiderails were also installed on Kiwanis Road and Fairville Avenue. Quite a lot of work was involved in each culvert and we thank Justice Excavating for a job well done.

The next two large culverts to be replaced are on Pheasant Road and Fairville Avenue just south of Rabbit

Lane. We anticipate advertising this project for bid in early September.

As part of the budget for 2011 the Board of Supervisors will be considering drainage projects in the Houck Manor area, Sandy Hollow Road, Manor Drive between Allentown Boulevard and Hershey Road, and the Kingswood/Minute Road area.

Supervisors Meetings Shown Online

The West Hanover Township Supervisor's Meetings are now online.

To view the meeting, all you have to do is go to the following link:

www.WestHanoverOnline.com

At this website you will be able to download the meeting agenda, and view the entire meeting or just the portion in which you are interested. This website is funded by the advertisers listed on the website and is operated at no cost to West Hanover Township.

Questions or comments may be directed to Patrick Navagato @ NovaVideo@aol.com or 541-0555.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fulton Bank fundraiser for Sr. Citizen Van. Dates to be announced for September & November. See Fulton Bank posting for details.**
- **Tuesday, November 2. Election Day.**
- **Friday, November 26. Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale begins. Proceeds benefit the Sr. Citizen Van Program.**
- **Sunday, December 5. Christmas Carol Sing & Burning of the Yule Log. Fairville Park.**

Township Facilities

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7171 Allentown Blvd
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652-1054/Fax 909-0660

Water & Sewer Auth.

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Recreation Center

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Fairville Park

1000 N Fairville Avenue

Lenker Park

7555 Manor Drive

Houck Memorial Park

141 Florence Drive

Skyline Commons Park

305 Short Street

Road Maintenance

The Public Works crew did an excellent job preparing Fairville Avenue and Sleepy Hollow Road for the micro-sealing project that was completed at the end of July.

Also in July the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to Hammaker East to oil and chip Kiwanis Road, Rabbit Lane, West Appalachian Trail, Mumma Road, Appleby Road, and Pine Tree Avenue.

This work will be completed in mid September and will take approximately 1 to 2 days. Hammaker East will have each road posted as they work.

The Board of Supervisors is utilizing these two methods of road maintenance in order to maintain the Township roads in the most effective and economical way possible.

225th Anniversary History Day Celebration by Skip Smedley

On a hot, sunny Saturday, July 17, 2010 the township held "History Day" at Mt. Laurel Community Park along Piketown Road from 9 AM to 3 PM. West Hanover's own Larry Gorecki portrayed President George Washington, and arranged for the various historical units to attend.

The historical re-enactors and displays included a woodland Indian and the Susquehanna Rangers, from the French and Indian War; Selin's Independent Rifle Corps, from the Revolutionary War; the Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers Civil War Regiment; a World War I soldier; a display of 82nd Airborne equipment

from World War II, and a Vietnam era re-enactor. Throughout the day there were firing demonstrations of the pre-1800 musket and long rifle.

Jay Megonnell and friends re-created the 1940's Mt. Laurel Community Band, with period instruments. Lumberjack and blacksmith exhibits, hit and miss engines, and antique cars were shown.

As part of History Day, Diane Gotshall arranged a West Hanover Antiques Road Show. Anyone with pictures and old or antique items from West Hanover history was invited to display and discuss them with those attending History Day.

Civil War Governor Andrew Gregg Curtain, along with several ladies, stopped by for a visit.

The 225th Anniversary Committee had souvenir items available for purchase, and orders were taken for the new book *Old Days and Ways in West Hanover Township, Volume II*.

Homemade chicken soup, hot dogs and sausages, ice cream, soft drinks on draught, kettle pop corn and seasonal pies were enjoyed by everyone. The next big weekend of the anniversary will be August 27, 28 and 29, 2010 with a dance, community festival, parade, grove meeting and picnic.



Civil War Living History Members

HISTORY DAY
July 17, 2010
Mt. Laurel Park



Civil War Governor & entourage.



Bottom left & right: Gloria Zimmerman & Diane Gotshall display items for road-show. Center: Frank Forney portraying Native American & Larry Gorecki as George Wastington.



Harper Drive Truck Turnaround

On July 19, 2010, the Board of Supervisors awarded the bid for the Interstate 81/Harper Drive Truck Turnaround to Handwerk Site Contractors of Hummelstown.

Trucks who have lost their way from I-81 have been causing damage to private property or blocking roads in

their attempt to turn around to get back to I-81.

This project will direct trucks from Hershey Road left onto Harper Drive and left onto Jonestown Road to the traffic light to head back to I-81.

Improvements will be made to all of

Harper Drive including the intersections at both ends, and a portion of Jonestown Road in order to handle the weight of the truck traffic.

The construction is financed solely through a grant from the Dauphin County Commissioners.

Casino Grant Applications

At their workshop on June 14, 2010, the Board of Supervisors authorized three applications for the 2010 Municipal Local Share Gaming Grants (commonly referred to as "Casino" grants) awarded by the Dauphin County Commissioners.

An application for \$500,000 will be

made toward the construction costs of the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road.

The Board also authorized a grant application of \$400,000 toward the cost of procuring right-of-way for the Exit 77 Project.

The final grant application is for

approximately \$60,000 for a new fire/police vehicle.

The grant applications are due on September 1, 2010. Grants will be awarded by the Dauphin County Commissioners in February 2011.

West Hanover Citizens Helping Hands by John Shearer

STATUS UPDATE on West Hanover Township Citizens Helping Hands:

This summer we had a lot less activity doing yard work than I had expected. So far we have had 4 yards to service. One was turned over to the Keystone Correctional Service and they have been working weekly on this yard, (mowing weeding, etc.).

We still need more helpers. Anyone that can offer a few hours once in

awhile, please contact me. No skills are needed, just some folks we can rely on to be available occasionally.

With fall approaching and winter not far behind, I expect our requests to increase, and having more volunteers would lighten the load for us all.

Again, there will be no charges for our services except to cover any costs incurred by us. Donations are very much appreciated.

If you are willing and able to assist us in any way, please contact:

John Shearer at 652-1878 or shearerjw@yahoo.com.

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WaterAlert users start at <http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert> and select a specific site. Users then select the preferred delivery method (email or text), whether they want hourly or daily notifications, which data parameter they are interested in, and the threshold for those parameters.

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Municipal Building Disaster

On Sunday morning, May 23, 2010, the janitorial staff discovered a major water leak in the Township Municipal Building. Approximately 19,000 gallons of water poured out of a defective restroom fixture and flooded 5 offices and the meeting hall on the main level. All of this water then moved through the floor and totally destroyed the tax collector office, senior van office, and the long term storage office in the lower level.

Township staff, the Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Fire Company responded immediately to evacuate building contents and the water. ServiceMaster Disaster Restoration was on the site by Sunday afternoon and took over the clean-up. Within two weeks the building was dried out and plans for restoration were underway.

All the Township operations were disrupted with some offices closed

periodically for reconstruction and at times the entire building. The tax collector was also relocated as construction progressed. The building and all the offices have now been fully restored and business progresses as usual. Many thanks go out to everyone who helped with the immediate affects of the flooding and to all the residents for their patience as we restored the offices.



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Stormwater Ponds by Robert Leonard, Zoning Officer

Stormwater ponds are an outcome of development in any municipality. As vegetation on land changes, so does the amount of runoff from a rain storm. This is true whether a forest becomes a corn field, or a field grass open space becomes a new housing development.

The Federal Government passed legislation many years ago to keep all streams and waterways clean. As streams become cleaner, new rules are created to get the streams and waterways even cleaner. The emphasis is now on trying to infiltrate, or soak into the ground, as much rainfall as possible on each and every property.

Some ground just will not absorb as much water as other ground, so stormwater rules are flexible enough to allow many different designs to control the runoff. As we all know, water does run downhill, but the rate at which it runs off, and the quality of the water is of concern to everybody. Stormwater ponds are designed to achieve several goals; 1) to act as surge collection areas for heavy storms; 2) to help infiltrate the water back into the ground; 3) to reduce any sediment or pollution in the water; and 4) to control the rate at which water is released downstream.

Stormwater ponds need maintenance, and every pond in the Township is

being inspected by the Township, as required by the Federal Government. These ponds need to be kept in good physical condition for them to do their designated job. Any repairs needed will be the responsibility of the landowner on which the pond is located. Notices are being sent out now for those ponds which need a little help in 2010.

If you have any questions about stormwater ponds, or notice that one doesn't appear to be functioning properly, please call Bob Leonard, Zoning Administrator, at 540-6075.



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FROM THE CODES OFFICE:

Reminder to Residents with On Lot Septic Systems: The Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 158-9 requires all on lot septic systems to be pumped at least once every four years. Please be sure your pumper/hauler forwards a copy of the pumping report to the Township Codes Office.

Animals Running At Large/Disturbing the Peace: Residents who own pet animals are reminded that the Township's Animal Control Ordinance prohibits domestic pets from running at large upon the property of another person or upon public streets and properties. The Ordinance also prohibits animals from disturbing the peace by making loud, harsh noises which disturb or interfere with the peace, quiet or rest of another person. For additional information regarding these or other Township regulations, contact Harold Arndt, Codes Administer at 540-6080.

Burning Regulations (Chapter 85): All open fires in West Hanover Township (WHT) require a burn permit issued by the WHT Fire Marshal. Contained fires in WHT Zoning Districts R1, R2, R3, CH, IE, BE, NC, and I require a burn permit issued by the Fire Marshal. Contained fires in Zoning Districts C, FRA, and RR, where the lot size is a minimum of one acre do not require a burn permit. A burn permit application must be completed and submitted to the Fire Marshal for approval prior to burning. Applications and a copy of the regulations are available at the Municipal Building or by calling 652-4841. There is no fee for a burn permit. Please note that the following items shall not be burned at any time under any condition: a) Garbage; b) Animal substance; c) Any can that contains or did contain air or gas under pressure; d) Any chemical or substance which is a hazardous chemical or hazardous substance, or which when burned, would create a hazardous or offensive condition; e) Construction debris, by-products of manufacturing and processing operations and wastes from commercial operations. Failure to comply with all provisions of Chapter 85, may result in a violations and penalties in accordance with Section 85-7 of the Ordinance.



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St. Thomas United Church of Christ, 6490 Linglestown Road: Fall Chicken BBQ, Saturday, September 25th starting at 10 AM. BBQ consists of 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce & roll for \$7 donation. Tickets purchased in advanced are guaranteed chicken until 1 PM. For information or tickets call 652-7259.

Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church, 175 N Fairville Avenue: Sunday, November 7th, 10AM until 2PM Community Blood Drive. "Be a saint give blood on All Saints Day!" Sunday, December 12th, 6PM, Eve with Saint Nick.

Town Meeting by Senator Piccola: Senator Jeff Piccola will hold his annual town meeting in West Hanover Township on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at 10AM at the Municipal Building. Any and all residents are invited to attend with questions for Senator Piccola.