



West Hanover Township Newsletter

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SUMMER 2011

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Board of Supervisors

Adam Klein, Chairman

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chair

Linda Turns, Sec/Trea

Chris Scott

William Ostermayer



The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Township Fire House was held on April 25th. Pictured from left to right: *Commissioner Jeff Haste, Chairman Adam Klein, Fire Company President Matt Miller, Commissioner Mike Pries, Supervisor Linda Turns, Supervisor Jay Megonnell, Supervisor Chris Scott, Commissioner George Hartwick, Supervisor Bill Ostermayer.* (See article on page 8.)

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

**Township Building Holiday Closings: Monday, July 4, 2011
Monday, September 5, 2011**

\$500.00 Reward! Vandalism in the Parks *by Dixie Fesig*

Vandalism at township parks is on the rise. Suspicious behavior should be reported immediately to the State Police at 671-7500. The Township is offering a \$500.00 reward to anyone that gives us information leading to a conviction.

Fairville Park - The park rules sign has been smashed, graffiti written on the parking lot, playgrounds, and picnic tables. The trash cans have been spray painted and smashed.

Lenker Park - Parts were stolen off the dasher board gates, railing was removed

from the bridge and thrown into the creek the tennis court gate was dismantled.

Skyline Park - Picnic tables were moved and skated boarded on, burn marks from cigars are on the tables, nuts and bolts have been removed from the pavilions and damage has been found on the educational kiosk.

Please help keep all of our parks; Fairville, Skyline, Lenker, Houck Memorial and Houck Manor in good condition.



**Broken Park Rules Sign @
Fairville Park**

Meeting Dates to Remember

JUNE

6/2/11 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
6/6/11 Board of Supervisors	7PM
6/9/11 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
6/14/11 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
6/15/11 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
6/20/11 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
6/21/11 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
6/28/11 Planning Commission	7PM

JULY

7/5/11 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
7/7/11 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
7/12/11 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
7/14/11 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
7/18/11 Board of Supervisors	7PM
7/19/11 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
7/20/11 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
7/28/11 Planning Commission	7PM

AUGUST

8/1/11 Board of Supervisors	7PM
8/4/11 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30PM
8/9/11 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
8/11/11 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30PM
8/15/11 Board of Supervisors	7PM
8/16/11 Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
8/17/11 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
8/25/11 Planning Commission	7PM

All meetings are held at the Township
Municipal Building:

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

West Hanover Township

Phone Numbers:

Main:	(717) 652-4841
Codes:	(717) 540-6080
Parks:	(717) 540-6076
Zoning:	(717) 540-6075
Public Works:	(717) 652-1054
Water & Sewer:	(717) 540-0124

STAFF:

Elizabeth England, Township Manager
 Lisa Riley, Assistant Secretary/treasurer
 Peggy Marks, Administrative Assistant
 Harold Arndt, Codes Administrator
 Robert Leonard, Zoning Administrator
 Julie Hoepfer, Administrative Assistant
 Dixie Fesig, Parks & Rec Coordinator
 Larue Lightner, Parks & Rec Assistant
 Dan Restagno, Park & Rec Facilities
 Harold Harman, Public Works Director
 Christopher Mumma, Assist. Roadmaster
 Dale Zimmerman
 David Wickenheiser
 David Smith
 Tom Rothenberger
 George Lins
 David Wollerton
 Dieter Jordan

Tax Collector: Mary Ann Kelemen
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.

James & Ingrid Shandersky - 921 N. Fairville Avenue. Proposed 2 lot subdivision. Approved by PC 11/18/10. Approved by BOS 3/7/11.

Keystone Correctional Services, Inc. - Zoning ordinance text amendment request to increase the number of residents from 150 to 250 at the work release center, located at 7201 Allentown Boulevard. Approved by PC 1/27/11. Public Hearing 5/2/11. Denied by BOS 5/2/11.

S & A Homes Inc. - Zoning Ordinance text amendment to allow lot width reduction for open space lots in the R-1 Zoning district (Millstone Dev.). Approved by PC 3/24/11.

White Tail Run - Fairville Avenue & Moyer Road. Fishing Creek Valley

Associates. Proposes 10 single family dwelling lots on 48.004 acres in the RR Zoning District. Action pending.

Conditional Use Request - Fishing Creek Valley Associates. Fairville Avenue and Moyer Road. Requesting conditional use approval in order to construct and install a driveway across a wetland protection overlay district (WPOD). Application withdrawn by the applicant.

Jonestown Road Property - West Hanover Twp. & West Hanover Twp Water & Sewer Authority. Jonestown Road. 2 lot subdivision providing the Water & Sewer Authority 1.59 acres of additional land for future treatment plan expansion. Approved by PC 2/24/11. Approved by BOS 4/4/11.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - WHT Water & Sewer Authority. Land development plan for plant expansion. 7901 Jonestown

Planning Commission Members

Jim Zeiters, Chairman
 Rick Bolt, Vice-Chairman
 Michael Hess, Secretary
 Carol Buskirk
 Gerald Longenecker
 Judd Payne
 Bob Evans
 Mike Kmiecinski, DCPC Rep.

Road. Approved by PC 3/24/11. BOS action pending.

Brookview Phase III - Fishing Creek Valley Associates. Piketown and Sandy Hollow Road. Phase proposes 25 single family dwelling units on 15.75 acres. Action pending.

Zoning Hearing Board Appeals






#2011.01 Graham T. & Carla D. Snyder, applicants/owners. Seeking variances to Section 195-155A Expansion of a nonconforming structure; Section 195-79A Addition within 50' SPOD buffer; Section 195-19B Lot area regulations; and Section 195-79C Permitted uses in the SPOD in the Conservation Zoning


District on the property located at 1144 Piketown Road, tax parcel 68-014-010. 4/14/11 all variances granted.

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

Zoning Hearing Board Members

Ron Lawson, Chairman
 John Martin, Vice-Chairman
 Matthew Miller, Hearing Officer
 Mary Ann Yahn
 Beth Carricato
 Rick Caranfa, 1st Alternate
 Bob Rogers, 2nd Alternate
 P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

		
		
<p>Real Estate Mortgage Title Insurance</p>		
	<p>Howard Hanna Real Estate Services</p>	
	<p>717 920-9700</p>	
	<p>Bob Stammel, Realtor</p>	
	<p>cell-315-0201</p>	
<p>bstammel@comcast.net</p>		

<p>HANOVERDALE COUNTRY STORE INC.</p>	
	
<p>D.B.A. Hanoverdale Agway 486 South Hershey Road (Rte. 39) Harrisburg, PA 17112</p>	
<p>BEN RIFFLARD Manager/ Owner</p>	<p>(717) 566-2569 Fax: (717) 566-5620</p>

West Hanover Township Historical Society by Skip Smedley

April 21, 2011 the Society celebrated its 25th anniversary with an open house. Members of the society and the community exhibited and discussed items from their personal historic collections.

Displays were related to West Hanover history and culture and included: Dauphin County Wildlife Rescue by Beth and John Carricato, including a live red tailed hawk and peregrine falcon; a postcard collection book by Dane Maryott; the 1976 West Hanover Bicentennial Quilt by Nancy and Harold Chubb; items from the Historical Society's Archives including the ballot box and earthenware cooler from the Sandy Hollow School; school director's records; Houck Manor baseball uniform; log cabin model by Eugene Clay of Linglestown; Simon Straw shared old pictures of the Baumgardner farmhouse and Forney School students; a Spinning demonstration by Carol Buskirk; Irvin Bower's collection of Indian arrowheads by Tom Felsburg; West Hanover wildlife photographs by Diane and Phil Allen of Fishing Creek Valley;

Zimmerman family memorabilia by Gloria Zimmerman. This included: the family heritage quilt, photographs, and old yo-yo quilt. Also Mumma family and cemetery photos and documents by Diane Gotshall; Diane Gotshall's scrapbook of the events during West Hanover's 225th Anniversary Celebration and Ed Wisehaupt's Baumgardner School photographs and old world maps.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Muriel Bezsylo on April 19, 2011 at the age of 90. She was a charter member of the society and authored *Remembering Fishing Creek Valley School 1969-2003*. She also authored *Honoring the Veterans of West Hanover Township* published in 2007. Both publications are available at the township building.

Contact: Tom Felsburg 489-0198;
Ed Wisehaupt 469-2407;
Harold Smedley 652-1989 or
wht_hist_soc@yahoo.com

Publications for sale:

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

"Remembering FCV School" \$10

"Old Days & Ways - West Hanover Twp., 1785 -2010, Vol II" \$20

Books can be purchased @ the Township Building

OFFICERS 2011

President: Pat Cassel 545-4442

Vice-President: Harold Smedley
652-1989

Secretary: Carol Buskirk

Treasurer: Dottie Speck

Directors:
2010-2011

Tom Felsburg
Diane Gotshall

2011-2012

Shirley McCahan
Paul Snizek

Ex-officio:
Edgar Wisehaupt

Membership:
Harry Senft 469-7130



Beth Carricato holding a red tailed hawk.

Photo by Diane & Phil Allen



Pictured are charter members of the society that were in attendance at the open house. Left to Right: Nan Buhrman, Donna (Weaver) Reside, Greg Reside, Simon Straw, Shirley McCahan, Tom Felsburg, and Ed Wisehaupt.



The WHT Senior Citizens Van

Dirt From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters

By the time you read this the Lion's Club chicken barbecue will be over. Thank you for all your support with this fundraiser. There is another planned for August 19 and 20 so make sure to come out and get the best chicken around.

were collecting caps and decided to donate them to our van program. There were more than enough to send the required 500 caps and we will make \$50.00. It doesn't sound like much but every bit helps. Thanks again to these great kids.

Requirements to use the van service:

- Age 60 or older;
- Resident of WHT
- Able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We are not permitted to take wheel-chairs

Don't forget to support the Perkins Dine-to-Donate fundraiser for the van program. The second Thursday of every month from 4 PM to 9 PM we will get 10% of all coupon sales. If enough coupons are turned in we can get 15%. Coupons are available at the Township building, Fulton Bank and Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church. It takes money to keep the program going and we are solely dependent on donations.

Riders please note that the vans will not run on the following dates in 2011: September 5, Labor Day; November 24, Thanksgiving Day, December 23 and 26, Christmas.

Remember to call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule rides. Same day service is not possible because both vans have become very busy.

Fulton Bank has a fundraiser every other month for us and we greatly appreciate their efforts. They had one in April and it was a success. Many thanks to the staff for all their efforts. Dates for the rest of the year are June 24, August 26, October 28, and December 23.

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

We are collecting Turkey Hill milk bottle caps and you can drop them off at the township building or Turkey Hill. The caps can be from any size or flavor of milk.

A big thanks goes to all the cheerleaders at Central Dauphin High, Central Dauphin East and Central Dauphin Youth. They

Clip out the Perkins coupon (below left) to be used at Perkins from 4 to 9 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

All proceeds support the Gopher (West Hanover Twp. Senior Van)



Support your Friends in West Hanover Twp



The Senior Van Service needs your help!

"Dine to Donate"®

Dine at Perkins on Linglestown Rd and up to 15% of ALL SALES FROM 4 to 9 PM may be donated to the West Hanover Senior Van Service.

The 2nd Thursday of every month 4 to 9 PM

Present this coupon to the cashier

Locally owned and operated. For more information call Bob Thompson @ 545-5650 ext 20



WestHanover Winery, Inc.

George Kline & Anne Kline
Owners

(717) 652-3711

7646 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112
www.westhanoverwinery.com



Events Sponsored by the EAC

Community Tire Recycling in June. The EAC will provide an opportunity for residents to recycle old tires at the township's Composting Center, 402 N. Fairville Avenue. Tire collection & recycling provided by Howard Tire of Harrisburg.

Dates:	Friday, June 10	4 to 7 PM		
	Saturday, June 11	9 AM to 2 PM		
Fees:	Truck & passenger tires	\$2.00	Tires on rims	\$4.50
	Tractor trailer tires	\$12.50	Field tractor tires	\$40.00 and up (determined by Howard Tire Rep).

No composting sticker will be needed for tire recycling ONLY. Exact change requested, or check made out to West Hanover Township will be accepted.

EAC NEWS

1989-2009

20 years of Community Service

Environmental Advisory Council Members

Patti Estheimer, Chairman
John Miele, Vice-Chairman
Audrey Crichton, Secretary
Evelyn Burton, Treasurer
Tim Albright
John Aciri
Carol Buskirk

Upcoming EAC Events

Alternative Energy Forum - The EAC will present a free alternative energy forum as part of the township's festival, September 17th from 11AM to 3 PM at the Township Recreation Center, 628 Walnut Avenue. Alternative energy professionals will present information and displays for homeowners on wind, solar, geothermal and more. Local residents who have had alternative energy systems installed in their homes will be on hand to discuss their experiences.

Litter. It Costs YOU. The next time you are sitting at a stop light, take a look around. You'll be surprised how many empty cups, water bottles, losing lottery tickets and cigarette butts you'll see. Why worry about litter? Because it costs you. Millions of dollars are spent in Pennsylvania picking up litter each year. Our community's natural beauty is diminished by carelessly tossed out trash. Litter threatens health as trash piles become homes for rats and other pests.

Cleaning up our state and community, will require a unified effort to educate people about the problem, enforce litter laws and take action to eradicate litter from our communities. But it all starts with a single person - YOU!

The Litter Challenge

Earth Day (April 22) has come and gone, but it's never too late to do something positive for our planet, or our community. As part of "A Billion Acts of Green" the EAC challenges individuals and neighborhoods to take the Litter Challenge. Pick up litter around your home; one block on either side of your house; along your street; in your neighborhood. Do it alone, with your kids, or with your neighbors, but get out there, get involved and make a difference. Don't depend on someone else to pick it up; take the initiative,

set an example for those around you and show them you have pride in your neighborhood. Take the challenge! Be part of "A Billion Acts of Green."

A Big "Litter Challenge" Thanks Goes to....Gerald, Jane and Emily Longenecker (pictured at right) for cleaning up litter along Greenhill Road from S. Clover Lane to Rt. 39; to the Topp family, Kevin, Linda, Olivia, Gabi and friend Renee; and Peggy Dougherty and Deb Evanko, for cleaning up litter along S. Clover Lane from Turkey Hill to Greenhill Road.



Compost Bin Winner

Congratulations to Nancy Rogers of Hershey for winning the compost bin during the April 2nd West Hanover Township Compost Workshop. The compost bin was donated by Dauphin County Master Gardeners. Shirley Halk and Anne Hawk, master gardeners, presented the program which was sponsored by the West Hanover Township EAC.

Pictured from left: Anne Hawk & Shirley Halk, Dauphin County Master Gardeners, presenting Nancy Rogers with a new compost bin.



Recycling Update: Residents Earned \$33,997 in 2010. Yes, it's true. Our Township took in nearly \$34,000 last year. This represents 795.77 tons of material placed in our curbside recycling bins, an increase of 9.04% over 2009. Figures for the first quarter of 2011 show continued growth in tonnage of 35% over last year.

There truly is a growing market for paper, plastic, steel, aluminum and glass, according to Greg Grudovich, Major Account Representative for Waste Management's Recycle America Plant in York.

One More Recyclable - A new addition to our recycling list this year is the **coated milk or juice carton with a peaked top**. These should be rinsed out and have caps removed. (Please note that such containers with a foil lining, like the popular juice boxes, cannot be recycled. These usually have a more boxy shape. Someday there will be a process for separating the foil from the plastic, but not yet. So those must go into the trash). Let's keep up the good work! Follow the guidelines given below and remember, "It's only garbage if you throw it away!" The tiny bit of time it takes to recycle not only saves trees, water, and oil resources, but it also pays off big in dollars for the township. Guess who saves money? YOU!

Recycling Guidelines

Jars, bottles, cans and other items should be rinsed to remove food debris. Lids should be removed. Labels do not need to be removed. Do not place items in plastic bags. Flatten cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and cans.

What to Recycle at Curbside:

- Aluminum food & beverage containers including foil & pie/baking tins
- Glass food & beverage containers: clear, brown, green. Remove lids.
- Numbered plastic containers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) with narrow necks (i.e. milk & water bottles, detergent & shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc.)
- Ferrous (iron, steel, tin) cans
- Black & white newsprint, construction/craft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, printer/computer/copy paper
- Junk mail, magazines, catalogs & phone books
- Corrugated cardboard, broken down & flattened. (Do not tie or place in plastic bags)
- Coated milk or juice cartons with peaked top.

What NOT to Recycle at Curbside:

- Wax coated paper or cardboard
- Plastic bags, Styrofoam
- Batteries, light bulbs
- Mirrors, window or auto glass, porcelain, ceramics, microwave oven trays, drinking glasses, perfume/cologne bottles
- Wood or yard waste, unnumbered plastics, coat hangers, wire
- Household items (i.e. toasters, cookware, bakeware). Hazardous or toxic substances or items that have contained them such as paint, glue or petroleum products.

Fire Station Construction On March 21, 2011, the Board of Supervisors awarded the following contracts for the construction of the new Fire Station at 7624 Jonestown Road for a total construction bid price of \$3,171,043.00.

<i>Contract 1. General/Site Construction</i>	<i>Premier Construction</i>	<i>\$1,819,000.00</i>
<i>Contract 2. Plumbing</i>	<i>Stouffer Mechanical</i>	<i>\$361,200.00</i>
<i>Contract 3. HVAC</i>	<i>Shannon A. Smith</i>	<i>\$467,325.00</i>
<i>Contract 4. Fire Protection</i>	<i>S. A. Cumunale</i>	<i>\$45,958.00</i>
<i>Contract 5. Electrical</i>	<i>J. A. Kolva</i>	<i>\$477,500.00</i>

Funds for the construction of the station will come from several different sources. The Township received a grant of \$300,000 from the County Commissioners towards the construction costs. The Supervisors have pledged \$300,000 from the Township Building Fund and have completed settlement on the \$2.88 million loan from the Emmaus General Authority Bond Pool Loan program. Construction on the site has started with substantial completion scheduled by Thanksgiving of this year. The facility is owned by the Township and at their May 2, 2011 meeting, the Supervisors approved a lease for the new facility with the West Hanover Township Fire Company. The Fire Company will lease the facility for an initial term of four years at \$1 per year.

Fire Company Site Groundbreaking

In 2009 the Dauphin County Commissioners awarded a grant in the amount of \$329,000 to West Hanover Township for the purchase of land at 7624 Jonestown Road for a new Fire Station. In 2010 the Township received a grant of \$300,000 from the Commissioners for the Architectural and Civil Engineering

phase of the project. This year the Commissioners awarded a grant of \$300,000 towards the construction of the new station. The Commissioners presented a mock check of all our grant proceeds to Chairman Adam Klein at the groundbreaking ceremony held on April 25, 2011. The County Commissioners, Board of

Supervisors, and Fire Company members participated in the formal ceremony. Hardhats and gold shovels were supplied by the Civil Engineer, HRG. A silver ceremonial shovel was donated for the event and will be displayed in the building when it is complete.

WANTED:

The West Hanover Township Fire Company is actively seeking men and women to serve as Fire Police for the Township. Fire Police are primarily responsible for traffic control, fire/accident scenes and community events. Training and protective equipment is provided.

Time committed is flexible, however weekday availability is a plus. Both men & women are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Bill McCahan at 497-3317.



County Commissioners: George Hartwick, Mike Pries and Jeff Haste present the grant check to Board of Supervisors Chairman, Adam Klein and Fire Company President, Matt Miller.



Summer 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**.

NOTICE: Due to vandalism, expenses for repairs and the misuse of the court lights - Lenker Park will now close at DUSK.

PULL OUT

Pinochle Card Club - June 24, July 8, 22, August 5, 19, September 2 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: June 17

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

Zumba

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 AM
 Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 PM
 Saturday & Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Zumba is a dance exercise program. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Instructors: Pam Blanch-Friedrich & Tina Sansoni

Fee: All classes \$5 drop in

NEW - Enjoy Tai Chi in the Park

Benefit from a six week adult wellness class, June 22 through July 27. Held in Skyline Commons Park. Millions the world over enjoy this excellent form of exercise, and you can too!

Wednesday Mornings 8:30 to 9:30 AM

Fee: \$65.00

Community Dinners - 4th Monday See you back in September!

Parks & Recreation serves dinner the 4th Monday of each month (except June, July, August & December) at the recreation center 628 Walnut Avenue.

Meals are served from 5 to 7PM. First come/first serve. No takes outs.

Fee: \$8 adults \$3 children (8 and under)

Menu:

September 26 - Lasagna, salad & bread.

Beverages & desserts included.

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: \$35 resident/\$40 nonresident/month

Karate Dragons Ages: 8 and up

Time: Tuesday and/or Thursday 7-8:30 PM

Fee: Once a week: \$35 Res/\$40 nonres

Twice a week: \$45 Res/\$55 Nonres

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.

55+ Club 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, (except June/July/August) 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The 55+ Club is held at the Recreation Center located at 628 Walnut Avenue. Activities will be from 10:30 - 11:30 AM/Lunch served from 11:30 to 12:30 PM. Some of the activities include: special guest speakers, pinochle, movies, crafts, bingo, exercise class, etc. Activities are free. Lunch \$5. Beverages and desserts included.

Lunch Schedule: **SEE YOU BACK IN SEPTEMBER!**

September 6	BLT Sandwiches & French fries
September 20	Chicken noodle soup & tuna salad sandwich

Beverages & desserts included.

Must pre-register (1) week prior to date by calling 540-6076.

2011 Summer Movies in the Park

Sponsored by: SKYLINE VIEW PLAZA

*Angelos' Pizza, Subway Bob's, JRs Barbershop, ReMax Realty,
Energy Plus Scientific, Precise Technology, Edward Jones*



June 14	Brother Bear
June 21	Fantastic Mr. Fox
June 28	Tangled
July 5	Shrek Forever (Final Chapter)
July 12	Megamind Obermind
July 19	Despicable Me
July 26	How to Train Your Dragon
August 2	Toy Story 3
August 9	Nanny McPhee Returns
August 16	The Chronicles of Narnia
August 23	The Penguin of Madagascar

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!!! Every Tuesday evening as the sun fades away,
the BIG SHOW BEGINS!**

Movies in the Park are held at SKYLINE COMMONS PARK, 305 Short Street.

Movies begin at dusk. Admission is FREE. No rain date. If it rains the movie will be cancelled. Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Refreshments available for purchase (hotdogs, nacho & cheese, candy, drinks, popcorn and much more)

2011 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.

NY Yankees vs Colorado Rockies Bus will leave at 7 AM. Game begins 1:05PM

Date: Saturday, June 25

Fee: Res \$89pp/Non-res \$92pp

Trip Includes: Bus & game ticket.

Phillies vs Atlanta Braves - Seats in section 308.

Date: Sunday, July 10

Fee: Res \$76pp/Non-res \$79pp

Trip Includes: Bus & game ticket.

Phillies vs Washington Nationals Seats located in Section 308.

Date: Saturday, August 13

Fee: Res \$76pp/Non-res \$79pp

Trip Includes: Bus & game ticket

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.

Step Back in Time Arrive at the new American Treasure Tour. Tens of thousands of items are displayed on over 3 acres. After the tour board the New Philadelphia Belle for a luncheon cruise, then enjoy the Constitution Center.

Date: Saturday, August 13

Fee: Res \$112pp/Non-res \$116pp

Trip Includes: Bus, American Treasure Tour, Lunch cruise, National Constitution Center taxes & gratuities.

Places on the Potomac featuring Mt. Vernon Tour & Cruise A guided tour of George Washington's Mt. Vernon. Enjoy a three course luncheon at the Mt. Vernon Inn. Spend time on your own exploring the out-buildings, museum, Washington's Tomb, Pioneer Farm, round barn & gardens. End the day with a 30 minute sightseeing cruise.

Date: Saturday, September 17

Fee: Res \$102pp/Non-res \$106pp

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

UK Soccer Summer Camp Programs 2011 Skyline Commons Park (June 20 - 24)



Registration forms are available at the Township Office or on-line @ www.westhanover.com

UK Soccer Youth Soccer Camp (Ages 7 - 15)

Directed by UK Soccer professional English coaches. The object of our Youth soccer camp is to provide the player the opportunity to have fun while learning the fundamental techniques necessary to play the game. The program is focused on individual skill development with a technical curriculum that is specific to age & ability. **4 PM to 8 PM (5 days, 4 hours/day)**

Fee: \$130 per player (includes UK Camp ball, T-shirt & Written Evaluation)

UK Soccer Nippers Camp (Ages 5 & 6 only)

The Nippers camp is a non-competitive program designed for kids to have fun with the ball while the UK Soccer professional English coaches are teaching and enhancing their soccer skills. The sessions will not only introduce and develop basic techniques but are devised to nurture a love of the game. The program is specific to age & ability. **5 PM to 7 PM (5 days, 2 hours/day)**

Fee: \$90 per player (includes UK Camp ball, T-shirt & Written Evaluation)

UK Soccer Squirts Camp (Ages 3 & 4 only)

The Squirts camp is an introductory program designed for kids to have fun with the ball while introducing them to the game of soccer. The program is coached by UK Soccer professional English coaches and is specific to age & ability. **4 PM to 5 PM (5 days, 1 hour/day)**

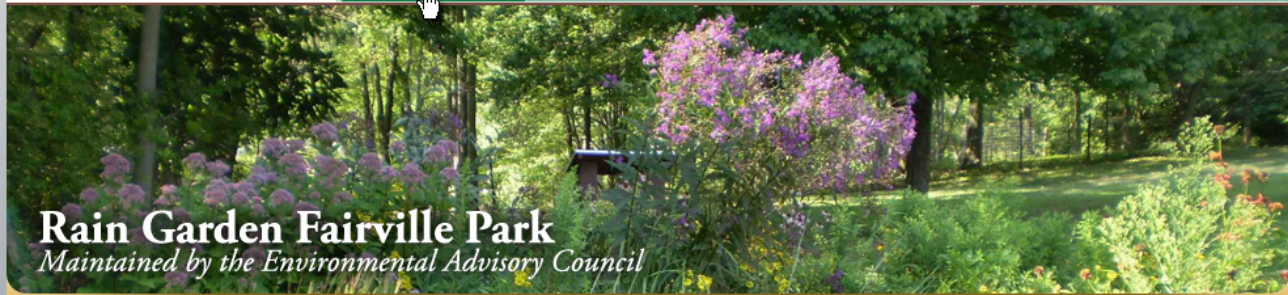
Fee: \$65 per player (includes UK Camp ball, T-shirt & Written Evaluation)

NEW!!! Township Website



WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
7171 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17112

- Departments
- Government
- Residents & Visitors
- About Us
- Contact Us



Popular Links


- [Code Online](#)
- [Zoning Maps](#)
- [Recreation & Program Catalogs](#)
- [Forms](#)
- [Applications](#)
- [Legal Notices](#)

Administration	717-652-4841
Codes	717-540-6080
Parks & Recreation	717-540-6076
Public Works	717-652-1054
Water & Sewer Authority	717-540-0124
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Latest News

- Township awarded uniform local share municipal grants for fire station & exit 77
- February 20, 2011
- New municipal map project underway
- February 02, 2011
- Construction bids advertised for new township firehouse
- January 18, 2011

Welcome!

Message from the chairman
 At our new web site you will be able to keep current and up to date on events, news and more...
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Upcoming Events

- Compost Center Re-opens
Sat, Mar, 26
- Composting Workshop
Sat, Apr, 02
- Spring Indoor Yard Sale
Sat, Apr, 16

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The snap shot of the new Township website home page pictured above features an easy to navigate format, complete with Quick Links providing instant access to the Township Calendar, Newsletters, Meeting Minutes and the Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda. Popular Links feature the Township Code of Ordinances, Zoning Maps, Recreation & Program Catalog, Township forms, Applications and current Legal Notices. Drop down boxes provide information for all Township Departments, Boards & Commissions and information for Residents and Visitors.

The website was unveiled at the May 16th Board of Supervisors meeting by site designer Bob Rios of Bob Rios Visual Strategies. The website went live on May 17th. We hope that you will find the new site fun, interesting and easy to use. Visit us often at: www.westhanover.com

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Waste Management "Bag Tags" Available

As reported in previous newsletters, Township residents have two options for trash collection. The first is the traditional quarterly billing for trash collection. The second is for those of you who are champion recyclers and produce very little garbage. Waste Management has a "Tag-a-Bag" program where residents can purchase tags to place on their garbage containers. In the past residents had to purchase tags through the mail or at the Lower Paxton Township Building. Residents can now purchase the tags (\$4 each) at the West Hanover Township

Municipal building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM.

Also offered through Waste Management "Bagster" a dumpster in a bag. You simply purchase the Bagster at Hornung's/Ace Hardware or Home Depot, fill the bag (it holds up to 3300 lb) with debris or waste and call Waste Management for pickup at 1-877-789-2247. A collection fee of \$119 per Bagster applies at the time of pickup. It's the right size for renovations or home projects that don't require a full size dumpster.



2010 US Census Figures Are In

In 2010 the U. S. Census Bureau officially recorded a total population of 9,343 individuals and 3,398 housing units for West Hanover Township. This figure represents a 43.6% increase from the 2000 Census.

Below are other statistical facts about West Hanover Township:

Social

- 845 Veterans
- 117 Foreign born
- 3,786 Males age 15 years & over
- 3,664 Females age 15 years & over
- 2.60 Average household size
- 3.04 Average family size
- 88.4% High school graduate or higher

- 26.7% Bachelor's degree or higher
- 6,251 Population age 25 years & over

Housing

- 3,191 Owner-occupied units
- \$175,600 Median value
- 2,313 Housing units with a mortgage
- \$1,422 Median payment

Economic

- 3.9% Families with income below poverty level
- \$68,085 median household income
- \$80,733 Median family income
- \$30,129 Per capita income

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Township Facilities

Municipal Building
7171 Allentown Blvd
652-4841/Fax 652-8158

**Public Works Dept.
(Compost Center)**
402 N Fairville Avenue
652-1054/Fax 909-0660

Water & Sewer Auth.
7901 Jonestown Road
540-0124/Fax 901-3942

Recreation Center
628 Walnut Avenue

Fairville Park
1000 N Fairville Avenue

Lenker Park
7555 Manor Drive

Houck Memorial Park
141 Florence Drive

Skyline Commons Park
305 Short Street

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Do You Have a Sump Pump Connected to the Public Sewer System?

submitted by WHT Water & Sewer Authority

When the original sewer project was undertaken in 1996 and 1997, all properties were inspected following connection to the public sewer. Any property that had a sump pump was required to disconnect that sump pump from the public sewer. The resident had the option of maintaining their septic system in which to empty the sump pump or find some other alternative than the public sewer system.

Sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system are a problem for everyone. For example if a home with a sump pump discharges approximately one gallon of water per minute for a day (many sump pumps can average five gallons per minute or more), the homeowner could add nearly 1,440 gallons of clean water to the sanitary sewer system in a twenty four hour period. Since each resident that pays the monthly rate for sewer service is allotted 180 gallons of water per day, this amounts to the equivalent discharge of *eight households*. This extra water results in more flow which in turn forces the

pumping stations to run more often which causes wear and tear on the pumps and their control system.

Staff at the West Hanover Sewer Authority has noted an increase in flow into the treatment plant over the past few months during periods of heavy rainfall. As a result, they have monitored several manholes and believe that sump pumps may be connected to the public sewer system, causing part of the increased flow into the treatment plant.

Not only does it affect the pumping stations, it can also cause the sewer system to become *surcharged*, a condition where the amount of water passing through the line exceeds its design capacity. This extra water has to go somewhere and, following the path of least resistance, it could easily back up into sewer laterals and possibly even flow back into residents' homes. In addition, this additional clean water is conveyed to the treatment plant, which then has to handle and treat this increased flow forcing the treatment plant's

equipment to work harder, resulting in higher electric bills, maintenance costs, and repair downtime which increases the overall cost of operations.

The Authority will be considering this issue in the near future and will adopt a policy regarding sump pumps connected to the sewer system. One way to identify sump pumps connected to the system may be to televise the main lines and, any properties identified as having sump pumps connected to the sewer system, may be accessed the cost of televising the portion of the line near their property and/or may incur fines and other costs.

The Authority encourages homeowners who might have sump pumps connected to the sewer lines to disconnect it immediately.

The higher cost of operations outlined above is everyone's concern. **These increased costs are passed along to ALL ratepayers on the system in the form of higher monthly bills.**

(2010 Census continued from page 13)

- 6,870 Population age 16 years & over
- 4,911 In labor force
- 22.20 Minutes - mean travel time to work.

Demographic

- 77.2% Age 18 years & over
- 50.5% Male
- 49.5% Female
- 14.3% Age 65 & over
- 5.9% Under 5 years

- 39.10 Median age
- 96.3% White
- 1.0% African American
- 0.8% Asian
- 2.4% Hispanic or Latino

You can review other community data at the Pennsylvania State Data

Center website at:
www.pasdc.hbg.psu.edu

2010 Census Data

West Hanover Township

Population 9,343

Housing Units 3,398

H2O Help to Others Program

For more than 18 years, Pennsylvania American Water has been assisting low income customers who qualify through its H2O Help to Others Program. The program offers three main services:

- Grants of up to \$500 per year
- A 65 percent discount on the monthly water service fee
- Water saving devices & education

In 2010, Pennsylvania American Water provided \$275,772 in assistance grants to 922 households.

Grants are funded through a corporate match (up to \$250,000 per year) of customer and employee donations. In addition, there were close to 11,300 customers enrolled in the monthly water discount program at the end of last year.

For more information about the program and additional qualification requirements, customers can contact Dollar Energy Fund, Pennsylvania American Water's program administrator, toll free at:

1-888-282-6816.



West Hanover Citizens Helping Hands by John Shearer

It looks like the summer of 2011 is going to be a busy one for us, as the calls are coming in pretty steady. We lost 2 volunteers in March due to relocations, so once again I am asking anyone able to contribute a small amount of time and labor to help others, to join our group. A simple phone call to me (John) at 652-1878 and I'll be able to explain our goals and needs quickly. Others need our help, and helping them will give you a good feeling as well.

If you notice this sign (pictured at right) in a neighbors yard, it is us working on their request. Watch for it

in and around the Township.

Also, we are once again making use of the folks at KCS (Keystone Correctional Services) and are certain they will not run out of projects to help us with, or to take by themselves. Between our two groups, we can handle just about any reasonable request.

If you are aware of any senior citizen, physically challenged citizens, or spouses of military currently deployed, needing help cleaning up their yard, have them contact us, or you may contact us on their behalf.

Contact John Shearer at 652-1878 or shearerjw@yahoo.com or KCS at 651-0340 (Terry or Dawn).



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Have You Brought Your Sewer Arrears Up To Date?

The Authority is aggressively pursuing collection of monthly sewer charges for those residents owing more than \$200 in arrears. While the Authority has been successful in collecting some of the arrears, the arrears total approximately \$42,000.

The Authority has current financial obligations that must be met on a monthly basis. In addition the Board of Supervisors has tasked the Authority with implementing the Township's 537 Plan. The implementation of the 537 Plan will require an upgrade to the treatment plant at a cost of more than \$8 million. The upgrade will also address the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative legislation. As a result, the Authority will have to increase monthly sewer charges in order to meet the additional financial obligations of the upgrade.

On July 15, 2008, the Authority adopted Resolution 2008-A-4, which established a policy for collection of

user fees in arrears. That Resolution allowed the Authority to place liens on properties with arrears exceeding \$400 and allowed for Sheriff's Sale with arrears exceeding \$1,200. In March 2009, the Authority voted unanimously to lower the threshold for placing liens to \$200. If arrears have reached \$200, that resident would be at least four months behind on paying their monthly sewer charges. If it becomes necessary to place a lien against a property, an additional charge of \$160 will be added to the arrears to cover the legal expenses incurred to place that lien.

Prior to placing liens, the owners were contacted numerous times and either did not bring their account up to date as they had agreed to or just ignored the Authority's attempt to collect the arrears. The Authority regrets that it has to take either of these actions; however, allowing residents who owe arrears not to pay them is not fair to the residents that pay their sewer bills on time and in full.

It should also be noted that if a property is served by public water, once a lien has been placed against the property, the Authority has an agreement in place with PA American Water Company to terminate public water service. Any charges associated with termination of public water service would also be the responsibility of the owner, in addition to the \$160 for placing the lien.

It should be noted that if you have public water and are in arrears on your water bill as well as your sewer bill, any payments you make directly to PA American Water Company are first credited against the water portion of the bill and a small percentage is posted to your sewer arrears. Therefore, if you are behind on both public water and public sewer, the Authority recommends that you pay the water portion of the bill directly to PA American Water and

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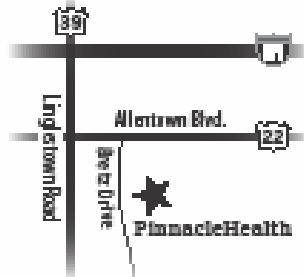
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Reminder - Burn Permits Required

All open fires in West Hanover Township (WHT) require a burn permit issued by the WHT Fire Marshal.

Open fires shall not exceed 6 feet in diameter and 6 feet in height and must be 50 feet from any structure and 25 feet from any property line. Camp fires require a burn permit and shall not exceed 2 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, and are subject to all other provisions in this chapter.

Contained fires in WHT Zoning Districts R1, R2, R3, CH, IE, BE, NC, and I require a burn permit issued by the WHT Fire Marshal. Contained fires in WHT 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.

The following 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, Open Burning, may result in violation and penalties in accordance with Section 85-7 of the ordinance.

The Township encourages residents to take yard waste (i.e. sticks, brush, branches, leaves) to the Compost Center for processing rather than burning. (Permit required)

Rain, Rain, Rain

We have had enough! The storm on Saturday, April 16th dumped almost 5 inches of rain in a very short time. Basements flooded, water overtopped culverts, streets flooded with some washing away, and in at least one case a small private pedestrian bridge washed away and ended up blocking a guiderail and flooding the street. Since then we have had at least two more episodes of torrential downpours which have taxed all of our stormwater facilities as well as everyone's patience! In all of these events Public works crews were out

trying to repair streets; the Fire Company pumped basements; and Emergency Management personnel closed roads and rerouted traffic. A big thanks to all the crews and volunteers helping to manage in these wet times.

Because of the deluges many projects have been delayed. The culvert project on N. Fairville Avenue was delayed for several weeks to allow the water to recede. This stretch of road between Kiwanis and Rabbit was finally closed on May 2 to allow for the

culvert replacement. Public Works drainage projects on Hillside Avenue, Manor Drive, and Manada Heights Road have been delayed several weeks. Street sweeping throughout the Township continues as weather permits.

The deluges also created new problems. These new issues have been added to the work list, however due to the work schedule we may not get to some repairs until later in the year. Thank you to everyone for your patience during these storms.

(Sewer Arrears Continued from page 16)

that you pay the sewer portion directly to the Authority Office until your arrears are up to date. Then you can go back to paying PA American Water directly for both services.

The Authority encourages anyone who receives a notice regarding arrears to

contact the Authority Office to make arrangements to bring their account up to date. The staff has been authorized to work with residents in establishing a payment plan if the total amount cannot be paid in full. In addition, the Authority will continue to work with residents who may be experiencing financial difficulties due to employment or

health issues. Each case will be considered on an individual basis.

The Authority Office can be reached at 540-0124, Monday through Friday, 8 AM until 4 PM. In the event that you call and no one is available, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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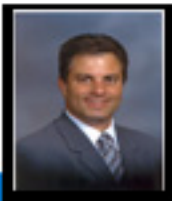
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FROM THE CODES OFFICE:

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.

Please do not throw grass clippings/yard waste onto another property, stream bed, drainage area, ditch or the Township right-of-way.

For additional information regarding these or other Township regulations, please contact Harold Arndt, Codes Administrator, at 540-6080.

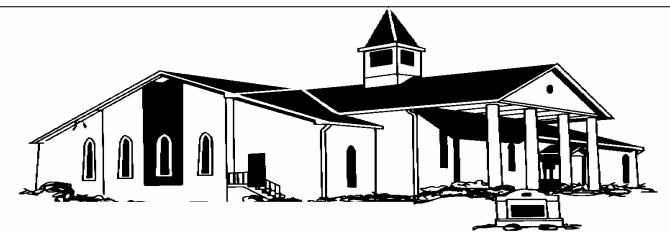
CONTACT Helpline

The CONTACT Helpline is a safe place to call if you need to talk with someone other than a friend or family member. The volunteers are very helpful and are considerate of all your concerns. We are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will talk about any concerns you may have, job worries, financial concerns, drug & alcohol, just to name a few. All phone calls are kept confidential and are anonymous. CONTACT Helpline invites you to call because we care and would like to be there for you when you need help. All residents are welcome to call the toll free number 1-800-932-4616 or 717-652-4400.



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