



WINTER 2023/2024

Township Facilities

Municipal Building

7171 Allentown Boulevard 717-652-4841

Fax 717-652-8158

Public Works Dept.

(Compost Center & E-cycling Center)

402 N. Fairville Avenue

717-724-0334

Water & Sewer Auth.

7901 Jonestown Road

717-540-0124

Parks & Recreation Center

628 Walnut Avenue

717-24-0083

Fax 717-724-0086

Houck Manor Park

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

Mt. Laurel Park

1175 Piketown Road

Township Offices will be closed:

Wednesday, December 25th

Wednesday, January 1st

Monday, January 20th

Monday, February 17th

2025 BUDGET

The 2025 municipal budget for West Hanover Township was prepared with the input and scrutiny of all Department Heads along with a public work session conducted with the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors.

Following is a summary of the 2025 budget highlights:

General Fund

The General Fund ending in 2024 projects a total annual estimated revenue amount of \$13,617,557 and expenses ending for 2024 estimated at \$7,550,435. For Budget year 2024 Revenues were estimated to be \$19,025,235 with expenses estimated to be \$16,952,850. Certain 2024 budgeted revenues related to the new municipal complex, such as state RACP grants, the sale of our existing administration building, and the amount needed from prior years accumulated cash, were delayed until the 2025 budget, though 2024 projected interest income was significantly higher than budgeted in 2024. Likewise, certain 2024 budgeted expenses related to the new municipal complex, such as the actual capital construction, offset slightly by debt principal and interest and debt issuance costs, were delayed until the 2025 budget. Budgeted expenses within the General Fund account for realistic projections of anticipated annual increases in Township operating expenses. Continued on page 5.

NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX UPDATE

By now hopefully all of you are aware of the new municipal complex project being constructed on Jonestown Road next to the West Hanover Township Sewer Authority site. The complex will be the site of West Hanover Townships New Administration Building as well as a new Public Works office and Maintenance Garage. Site clearing and work began in early June progressing to the point now where we can now see concrete poured and walls going up. Its exciting to watch all the planning and design come together to see construction occurring. We are still on target to occupy the building in or around September.

Some exciting news as it relates to funding the construction. With the help of our State Representative Joe Kerwin, we have been awarded an additional \$1,000,000 RACP Grant to help offset the cost of the building to the local taxpayer. This makes it a total of \$2.5 million dollars Rep Kerwin has secured for our building. Rep. Kerwin and his dedicated staff have been amazing to work with. These \$2.5 million dollars will help offset the \$14 million dollar construction cost.

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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Township Building, Lower Level Rear

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

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

717-545-1200 - whtaxcollector@gmail.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2024

5th - Board of Supervisors (No Meeting)

10th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m.

11th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) (No Meeting)

12th - Zoning Hearing Board (No Meeting)

17th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street

18th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m. (No Meeting)

18th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

18th - Parks & Recreation Board* - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street 19th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.

JANUARY 2025

6th - Board of Supervisors Reorganization - 6 p.m.

8th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater)** - 6 p.m.

9th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m.

14th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m.

15th - Parks & Recreation Board* - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street

16th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.

21st - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street

23rd - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2025

6th - Board of Supervisors SALDO Workshop - 6 p.m.

11th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m.

13th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m.

18th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street

19th - Parks & Recreation Board* - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street

20th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.

27th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Administration Building, 7171 Allentown Blvd.

*Trail Plan Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. before the Parks & Recreation Board Meetings

**WHT Authority (Stormwater) will have meetings every other month as noted.

ZONING HEARING DECISIONS

No meetings were held in September, October or November

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

24.005 Goddard Realty LLC. The applicant proposed to construct a one story 275' x 220'/165' – L-shaped, 58,000 square foot light industrial building for the assembly of pre-hung doors and windows and parking lot with 21 parking spaces and 7 loading docks. The engineer for the land development plan is Williams Site Civil, LLC. Approved with conditions that all comments from the PC Board, Township Engineer, and West Hanover Staff are met.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Rewrite

West Hanover Township began the review process to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) for approximately one year now. The SALDO has not been revised in its entirety since 1995. The draft SALDO has been reviewed by the Dauphin County Planning Commission. The Dauphin County Planning Commission's comments have been incorporated into the draft. The West Hanover Township Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing it now and is in the process of a legal review. A public hearing is set to be held before the Board of Supervisors on February 20, 2025. The current draft of the SALDO is on the Township website at https://www.westhanover.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=186.

A copy of the draft will also be in the Township Office for public review. Please contact Janet Hardman, Zoning and Planning Administrator at 717-540-6075 if you have any questions on the Draft SALDO or the adoption process. We welcome any comments you may have by submitting them in writing through the website or by dropping off or mailing to the Township at 7171 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112.



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To provide transparency and give actual year over year comparisons the following projections remove the new municipal complex revenue and expense for 2025 since they are a single year line item. The 2025 General Fund budget projects a total annual estimated revenue amount of \$6,135,377 and 2025 estimated expenses at \$4,921,638.

2025 revenue and expense projections including new municipal complex grant and borrowing, projects revenue of \$17,845,377 and expenses of \$16,421,638.

The 2025 proposed Budget allows for the continuation of essential Public Works services and Parks maintenance, along with offsetting the operating costs of other necessary Departments to include Administration, Planning/Zoning and Finance without a need for an increase in the Real Estate Tax rate. 2025 marks the 40th consecutive year without an increase in the General Fund Real Estate Tax rate for West Hanover Township.

Storm-Water Fund

The Stormwater Management Fee Equivalent Residential Unit rate will, for the fourth year in a row, remain the same in 2025. This fee, charged to all properties in the Township, will address the Township's requirements for compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, the Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction requirements, overall maintenance of the Township's storm water system, as well as, the annual leaf collection and street sweeping programs.

Highway State Aid Fund

In 2025, this fund includes state liquid fuel contributions and prior years accumulated cash which will amount to an estimated total revenue of \$887,608. The fund will cover the costs of utilities for traffic signals throughout the Township and provide additional funding for necessary street resurfacing projects.

Fire Fund

There will likely be an increase in the Fire Tax in 2025 to continue essential fire services. In the summer of 2024 the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a new fire engine for the West Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company. This engine will replace an engine that is almost 20 years old. The new engine will cost \$1.4 million and will not be received until late 2027 or early 2028. Presently we have about \$600,000 in the fire tax fund but will need to raise the tax about \$250,000 a year over the next 4 years to have enough cash to pay for the new engine without incurring more debt.

Summary

The entire 2025 operating budget reflects necessary expenditures and realistic estimates for revenue. With this budget, Township Supervisors and the staff will be able to meet the needs of the residents and property owners and maximize the variety of services available to them.

The Budget can be viewed online on the West Hanover Township Website as well as at the Township Building.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER

- Approval of Resolution 2024-30, Adopting a Right-to-Know law policy better providing for administration of received requests.
- Recommended to the Planning Commission and the Dauphin County Planning Commission to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, November 21 at 6 p.m. and advertise the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-02, amending Zoning Ordinance 2023-07.
- Recommended to the Planning Commission and the Dauphin County Planning Commission and schedule a public hearing on Thursday, November 21 at 6 p.m. and advertise the public hearing for a Draft of the West Hanover Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).
- Approval of the Crown Castle Easement Purchase Agreement.
- Approval to accept HRG's proposal to perform a Comprehensive Trail Network Feasibility Study, in the amount of \$115,000.00, as recommended by the Trail Committee.
- Approval of the selection of Rettew for well permitting and construction at Mt. Laurel Park in the amount of \$37,750.00.
- Approval of the 2025 Budget Schedule.
- Approval of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2025.
- Approval of a Change Order from ECI Construction, to increase the contract sum by \$872.00.
- Approval of a Change Order from Site Preparations, LLC, to increase the contract sum by \$5,595.95.
- Approval of a Change Order from Shannon A. Smith, Inc., to decrease the contract sum by \$15,024.00.
- Approval of Resolution 2024-32, Agricultural Security Area, 770 Piketown Road.
- Approval of the hiring of Richard Bistline, Jr. as a part-time Public Works employee.
- Approval of advertising and making the 2025 Tentative Budget available for public review.
- Approval of scheduling a public hearing on Thursday, February 20th at 6 p.m. and advertising the public hearing for a Draft of the West Hanover Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).
- Approval of Michael Baker's proposal for the WHT Comprehensive Plan Update, not to exceed \$77,615.00.
- Approval of the proposal from Higher Information Group to provide cabling, audio visual and security solutions for the new municipal complex in the amount of \$86,251.16. This amount is less than the budgeted amount.
- Approval of a Change Order from JDI Site Solutions, LLC, to increase the contract sum by \$10,700.00 to install, rent and remove chain link fencing at the Bucks Tavern site.

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- Approval of the request by Fine Line Homes to review and waive one of the comments made by HRG on a recent inspection for the dedication of the street in Mayberry Phase 2, regarding removing and replacing thirteen saw cut driveway depressions.
- Approval of the revised Grant of Easement and Assignment of Lease Agreement between Crown Castle Towers 09 LLC and West Hanover Township.
- Approval of the Second Amendment to Land Lease Agreement between West Hanover Township and Cellco Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless.

TOWNSHIP CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Township has a yearly contract with the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area. The contract covers any stray animal. Residents and the State Police can take a stray to the Humane Society along with a Stray Authorization Form, which the Township has. If your pet is taken to the Humane Society as a stray, you will be responsible for fees incurred.

B.C. INTERIORS



INTERIOR DESIGN, FURNISHINGS, FLOORING, PAINTING, AND WINDOW TREATMENTS

CALL JAN BAHRET (717)671-5107 FOR A FREE, NO OBLIGATION MEETING TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS

West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) Update

We are pleased to announce there will be no rate increase for the 2025 stormwater fee! Fees will remain the same in the tiered method, which we have been using for the previous 3 years. All credits will remain the same. Stormwater bills from all years (2020-2024) must be paid in full to receive credits, including automatic credits like the non-urbanized and low impact. Keystone Collections has sent reminders to unpaid 2024 parcels. If you received a reminder letter, please make sure your bill is paid no later than December 31st. The 2025 stormwater bills will go out in Mid-March 2025. e will post an update on our website, Facebook page, and in the newsletter as a reminder. You can also visit the stormwater section on the Township website for additional information. https://pa-westhanovertownship.civicplus.com/181/Stormwater-Program

We have continued to work with our solicitor, Salzmann Hughes, and Keystone Collections on collecting delinquencies and filing liens. As a result of liens being filed, some parcels have gone to Sheriff's Sale. More liens on delinquent parcels are in the process of being filed. We have also mailed out warning letters to delinquent 2022 and 2023 parcels. We urge anyone that has received a letter to resolve your stormwater bill(s). Nonpayment will result in a municipal lien being filed. Liens are being placed on all delinquent parcels, no matter how small or large the amount. When paying your stormwater fees, make sure you are paying the full amount, including any penalties that have been applied. When selling your property or if you are a new owner, it is imperative that stormwater fees be taken care of at settlement, if they were not previously paid. The stormwater fee stays with the parcel, not the owner. As a reminder, payments are not accepted at the Township office, they must be paid directly with Keystone Collections. Whether or not you agree with the stormwater, it is mandated.

Our final stream restoration project, required under the existing MS4 permit, is at the Unnamed Tributary (UNT) to the Manada Creek, home to the Sewer Authority and the new municipal complex. Rettew was awarded the design of the project through a competitive process. We are still in the design phase and expect to submit the permit application to DEP this winter. We have submitted our application for a potential grant to help fund construction of the project. Construction is expected in the Fall of 2025.

Authority meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building. We encourage all to attend in person or via Zoom. You can email stormwater@westhanover.com to be added to the Zoom email list. In 2025, we are going to move to bimonthly meetings, unless necessary to have them monthly.

MT. LAUREL PARK MASTER SITE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

West Hanover Township is actively seeking the input of Township residents, visitors, and park users to help us create a vision for the future of Mt. Laurel Park. Please take some time to complete this survey and tell us what you would like to see at Mt. Laurel Park. Your input will help the Township prepare a Master Site Plan that is rooted in the feedback from the community.

Scan the QR Code or visit the link below: www.bit.ly/mtlaurelparkwht



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ED BRADY!!



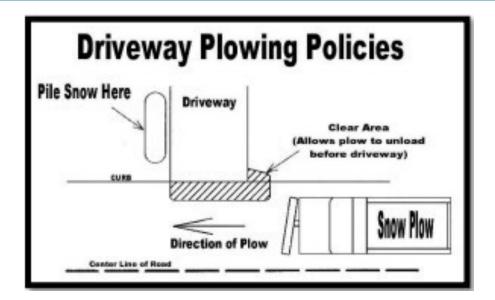
Recognized by the Linglestown American Legion and Heartland Hospice.

The Township would like to wish Ed Brady a wonderful 100th Birthday on December 10th. Ed moved to West Hanover in 1960.



August 2024

Ed being recognized by Rep. Justin Fleming on the House Floor for being a WWII Veteran.





Submitted by Diane Allen, Township Resident

Before dawn arrived, on September 10th I went out to the front porch to attempt getting photos of the brilliant stars. Instead this unexpected sight appeared that my husband and I got to witness. Having no idea what we just saw, we went back inside and turned on the TV. They were just announcing the bright light in the sky was the SpaceX rocket that just launched at 5:23 a.m. from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. This photo I took was taken exactly 10 minutes later, right after it launched.

The SpaceX rocket had 4 crew members on board for a 5-day "Polaris Dawn" mission. Several tests were completed, plus 2 crew members performed a spacewalk from the SpaceX Dragon capsule.

It was an amazing sight. Like the Super Moon, it lit up everything as it went across the sky.

SNOW PLOWING AND WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

The Township is asking residents to aid the Public Works Crew in their snow and ice efforts by not parking on Township streets during inclement weather. The Township's main arteries receive first priority for salting and plowing. The main arteries plowed by the Township are: Piketown Road, Fairville Avenue,



Jonestown Road, Manor Drive and Devonshire Heights Road. If there is a problem with a Township maintained road, please report it by calling 717-724-0334. Maintenance and plowing of all private roads are the responsibility of the owner(s). The following roads are plowed by PennDOT: Allentown Boulevard (Route 22), Fishing Creek Valley Road (Route 443), Green Hill Road (from Oak Grove Road to Hershey Road), Hershey Road (Route 39), Linglestown Road (Route 39), Oak Grove Road, Red Top Road and Route 81. If there is a problem with a PennDOT maintained road, please report it by calling PennDOT at 717-787-5284. During plowing, snow will go into your driveway. If possible, wait until the road is plowed before clearing driveway openings. There is a Township Ordinance that prohibits removing snow or ice from your property (walks and driveways) and placing or throwing it onto public streets. You must keep it on your own property. There is also a Township Ordinance which requires residents to clean sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after a storm event. Please see the recommended driveway plowing information on the previous page. The Township is not responsible for any snow thrown from plows which damage mailboxes and basketball hoops that are by the road. Any mailbox or basketball hoop damage is the responsibility of the homeowner, not the Township. If your mailbox has been damaged in the past from snow removal, you may want to re-position it before snow arrives. Your local Post Office has more information on how to correctly position a mailbox.



WINTER WONDERLAND 2025 BALL

Friday, February 7th 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

West Hanover Community Center
628 Walnut Avenue
Formal Family Dance
Dress in your winter's finest!!
Light Refreshments & Beverages
Tickets - Only \$5 each or \$20 per family
Call (717) 724-0083 to register



West Hanover Township Fire Co. 2024 Santa Run December 15th, 2024

3:00 Ritzie Village - Birchwood & Mountain Road

3:15 Mt. Laurel Church - Piketown Road

3:45 Winslett Traffic Circle - Country View Drive

4:15 Bradford Traffic Circle

4:45 Sagewicke Traffic Circle

5:15 Skyline Commons Park - 305 Short Street

5:30 WH Elementary School - 7740 Manor Drive

6:00 WH Rec Center - 628 Walnut Ave

Breakfast with Santa - December 14th 8am -11am.

Legend of the Yule Log and Christmas Tree lighting - Dec. 15th 6pm-8pm at the WH Rec Center.





2024 CHRISTMAS GATHERING LAST STOP ON THE SANTA RUN LEGEND OF THE YULE LOG CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

WH COMMUNITY CENTER - 628 WALNUT AVE.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

6:00 pm Last Stop - Fire Co. Santa Run

6:10 pm Legend & Lighting of the Yule Log

6:15 pm Christmas Tree Lighting

6:20 pm Cookies, Cocoa, Live Christmas Music & a visit with Santa!

A cooperative community event hosted by the WH Volunteer Fire Company 36, WH Historical Society, & WH Parks & Recreation.

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What's Out There? Become a Winter Wildlife Detective

Winter is a wonderful time to use your senses to discover what's out there in your winter backyard.

Wildlife is all around us and we often don't know they are there. They hide in the woods, in the brush, in trees and are often nocturnal, only coming out at night. Most wild creatures remain hidden when humans are near. Often you must resort to detective-like investigations to discover what animal activities occurred when no one was around.

Sometimes you will hear only the calls or see only the droppings (scat) they leave behind. For instance you may hear the black-capped chickadee (chickadee-dee-dee) as they hunt for food. Chickadees survive the cold winter nights by finding their own little shelter to sleep in. Their bodies go into a regulated hypothermia which requires less energy to keep warm.





White-tailed deer will leave tracks or you may find buck rubs on young trees. You may see browse lines when they eat woody twigs because green vegetation is not available. The coat of a deer changes in winter, becoming thicker and darker in color to absorb warmth from the sun and help to camouflage them in trees, bare shrubs and dried grasses. Their fur has hollow hairs to provide insulation from the cold, trapping dead air space in each strand.

The Great Horned Owl's call may be heard on very cold winter nights (hoo-h'HOO-hoo-hoo). Or you may find an owl pellet. The pellets contain the indigestible parts of their prey, such as bones, fur, feathers, teeth, and sometimes plant matter that the owl regurgitates. Pellets are about 2 to 4 inches long. To find them look beneath trees, especially evergreen trees where owls commonly roost.

Deer mice spend the winter in underground burrows they make under the snow, nesting together for warmth. Instead of shivering, they gain brown fat, which they can use directly as a heat source to keep warm. Their diet consists mainly of seeds because green plants are not available.



Raccoons are very adaptable, which is part of the reason they are so widespread. They can (and will) make their dens in nearly any kind of environment, including neighborhoods. A raccoon will commonly make its den in natural, wind-breaking cover like logs, tree hollows, beneath rocks and other animals' dugouts. Raccoons will eat just about anything they can get their paws on. In winter, when food options are more limited, they will eat nuts, berries, seeds, plants stalks and leaves.

In winter, the natural world runs at a slower pace. It seems as though nature is taking a bit of a time out. There are fewer creatures out and about. Plants are waiting for warmer days. Ponds may be frozen with very few signs of wildlife activity; but a less active landscape doesn't mean there is nothing happening.

Exploring winter's natural landscape could mean taking a few minutes outside on a cold day or spending some time to look around your yard - listen and notice the natural world's amazing adaptations and survival skills.

Look for visual clues animals leave behind to learn what the birds, mammals, insects and other creatures are up to during the winter season.

You will find there is much to discover even in a quiet winter landscape.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

If you notice a street light is not working, please write down the pole number (located on a plate on the pole) and call or email Eileen at the West Hanover Township Building at 717-652-4841 ext. 108 or elaforce@westhanover.com. Provide the pole number and the address of the pole and a work order will be placed with PPL. The issue is usually resolved within three to five business days.

Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste in West Hanover Township

Residents of West Hanover Township are entitled to one free 'At Your Door' pick up of common household hazardous waste (HHW) per year. Household Hazardous Waste includes such items as pesticides (weed killers, insecticides, etc.), pool & garden chemicals, paints, solvents and household cleaning products, among others.

For a complete list of items eligible for pick up and disposal, please visit the Waste Management website: www.WMatyourdoor.com or call 1-800-449-7587 to schedule your free pick up. This service is for all of Dauphin County.





A Message from Don Holmes, Parks Director

Neighbors,

And in the blink of an eye, 2024 is almost behind us! It was a busy year for Parks & Recreation in West Hanover Twp. The Parks & Recreation Board has been burning the candle at both ends as they work to develop a trail plan for the township as well as a master site plan for Mt. Laurel Community Park. We are working with PPL & DEP to get the utilities upgraded. Please take the time to complete our survey to help steer us in the right direction for the future buildout of Mt. Laurel Park. Survey information is on page 9.

We have lots of great events coming up this month. We are excited to host Santa and his elves for our annual Breakfast with Santa. Our friends at Hoffman Ford are making sure that all the kids on the 'nice' list have a present under our tree. The Big Man in Red will be circling around the township the next day to visit all of the neighborhoods and will end his tour at the WH Community Center to celebrate with Parks & Rec, Fire Company members, and the WH Historical Society with cookies and caroling! Check out the flyers in this newsletter for more info.



Two Township treasures, Parks & Recreation Director Don Holmes and Parks & Recreation employee and cook extraordinaire, Miss Cathy, appear to be having too much fun with their hair nets on!!







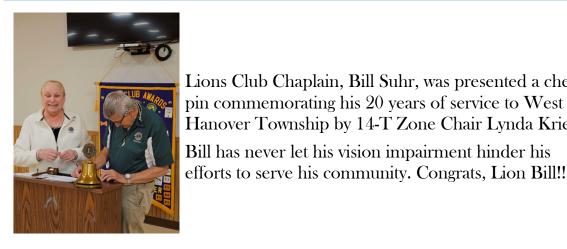
WEST HANOVER PARKS & RECREATION SENIOR ELECTRONICS CORNER FIRST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY 9am - Noon

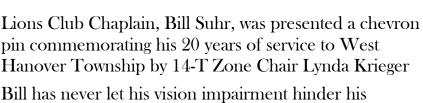


WH Community Center - Lower Level - Wisehaupt Library

Please call to register (717) 724-0083

NEED HELP WITH A PROBLEM ON YOUR CELL PHONE, TABLET, COMPUTER, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE? LET US HELP YOU! WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH SENIORS FOR MANY YEARS ON THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES. STOP BY AND LET US HELP YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC ERA.









LIONS CLUB CASH BINGO

Saturday, January 25th

Doors open at 11 a.m. - Bingo starts at 1 p.m.

West Hanover Township Community Center

Tickets are available at 628 Walnut Avenue, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

or from either Lions Club Members

\$30 for 20 games of cash bingo

Food will be available for purchase

Hosted by the West Hanover Lions Club and the Lower Paxton Lions Club



West Hanover Township Senior Luncheon Meals 628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17112 Third Thursday of each Month

The cost is \$10 per meal. Please RSVP before the week of the scheduled meal at 717-724-0083. Community Center opens at 11:00 a.m. and the meal is served at Noon

December 19th

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Dinner Roll & Butter

Dessert: Pumpkin Pie w/Whipped Topping

January 18th

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll & Butter
Dessert: Pudding

February 15th

Chicken Saltimbocca, Vegetable Medley, Roasted Red Potatoes, Dinner Roll & Butter
Dessert: Assorted Cookies

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBTUION

While we have instituted sending the Township Newsletter out via email and not doing a mass mailing, we recognize that not everyone has a computer and is able to receive the Newsletter by email. If you do not have a computer, please call the Township Building at 717-652-4841, extension 108, Eileen LaForce. She will put you on a mailing list to receive the newsletter through the postal service. Please spread the word, we want to try to reach everyone in the Township to keep them better informed.

PINOCHLE CLUB

Pinochle meets bi-weekly at the West Hanover Community Center on Fridays from 12:45 pm - 4:30 pm. They are seeking new members and alternates. Prizes for winners. Cost is \$20/quarter. If interested please call Cindy at (717) 756-5119 for more information.





2025 AARP TAX AIDE

West Hanover Parks and Recreation at 628 Walnut Street will be the location for 2025 AARP Tax Aid. AARP will start taking reservations around Jan. 15 - exact date yet TBD. To sign up either:

(1) Call 717-219-3945

OR

(2) Go online and make an appointment at aarp-org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaidelocations



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2025 BUS TRIPS

Registration forms are available on the Township website www.westhanover.com

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 717-724-0083

Wednesday, Feb. 26th	American Music Theatre Riverdance	\$159.00 pp
Monday, March 3rd	Philadelphia Flower Show	\$105.00 pp
Tuesday, March 4th	Philadelphia Flower Show	\$105.00 pp
Saturday, March 15th	NYC Day on Your Own	\$ 89.00 pp
Wednesday, March 26th	Peeps In the Village	\$ 89.00 pp
Thursday, April 10th	DC Blossoms & Odyssey	\$189.00 pp
Wednesday, April 16th	Murder at Mt. Hope Mansion	\$149.00 pp
Saturday, April 19th	NYC Day on Your Own	\$ 89.00 pp
Saturday, April 26th	Alexandria Garden Week	\$159.00 pp
Thursday, May 6th	Penns Peak - Cher	\$139.00 pp
Saturday, May 10th	NYC Day on Your Own	\$ 89.00 pp
Wednesday, May 14th	Penn's Peak - Johnny Cash	\$139.00 pp
Wednesday, May 14th	Landis Valley - Flavors of the Farm	\$149.00 pp

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

We would love to showcase your landscape and wildlife photos that are taken in West Hanover Township in upcoming newsletters. Please sent photos to elaforce@westhanover.com and include your name, address and any other information you would like to share.





West Hanover Township Senior Citizen Van Program "The Gopher"

7171 Allentown Boulevard Harrisburg, PA 17112 (717) 652-1702 BrendaRLawson@gmail.com

> Office Hours Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Gopher Needs YOU

- Enjoy driving?
- Like helping lots of people while not requiring lots of work or time?

Our Program is For YOU

- Drive one day a week, one day a month, or anywhere in between! Whatever fits your schedule works for us.
- Commit to a specific schedule each month or change monthly.
- Schedule whatever days work best for you.

Driving Not For YOU?

- Help with the dispatching of the vans
- · We provide everything you need
- Easy to do and doesn't require much time
- · Do it from the comfort of YOUR own home

Contact us today with questions or to volunteer



WEST HANOVER PARKS & RECREATION

Breakfast with Santa

WH Community Center, 628 Walnut Avenue

Saturday, December 14th 8:00 am - 11:00 am Cost: Adults - \$10 Kids 2-10 - \$8 2 & Under - Free

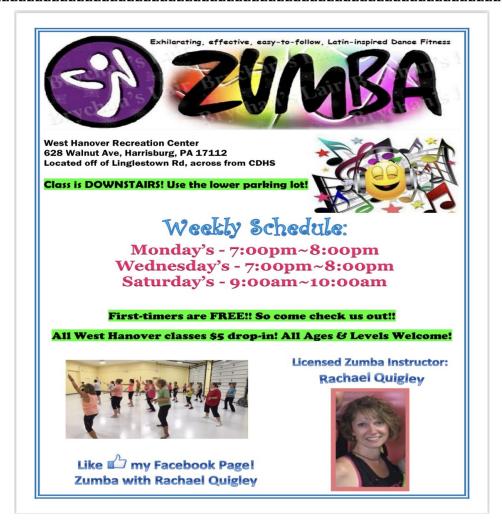
Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Beverages Call (717) 724-0083 to register

Kids 10 & Under Will Get To Sit With Santa And Receive A Special Gift!

PLEASE REGISTER BY DECEMBER 9th!

EVENT SPONSORED BY







Final Yard Waste Collection

The final Republic Services Yard Waste collection will be during the week of December 9th. The yard waste should be picked up on your regular pick up day. If it is not picked up, contact Republic at 800-210-9675 or Eileen at the Township, 717-652-4841 ext. 108 or elaforce@westhanover.com

2024 Christmas Tree Collections in January

West Hanover Township residents are reminded they can recycle their Christmas Trees at curbside. Republic Services is scheduled to pick up Christmas trees at curbside the weeks of January 6th, January 13th and



January 20th on your regular trash day. <u>Do not bag trees and make sure they are bare, with all decorations removed</u>. If you miss those dates you will have to hang on to your tree until the Compost Center opens on March 29, 2025.



Ongoing Classes for 2025 Winter Spring Summer Fall Dates & prices subject to change.



West Hanover Parks and Recreation 628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg PA. For More Info & New Students Call DeAngelis Martial Arts 717-612-2595 or email us at damamartialarts@aol.com

LIL DRAGONS Ages 3 – 5

Children will learn coordination, balance, concentration, group skills and life skills along with beginning martial arts skills in this fun filled ongoing class. Parents must stay but do not needto participate. This class is for children who are ready to try it alone. Class runs during Karate Tigers class. Master Jan DeAngelis is an Agent forthe Security Alliance Kid's Safe Network.

Tues: 6:00-6:30 pm Thurs. 6:30-7:00 pm

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session)\$45 2 Classes (Per 4 wk Session) \$55



DRAGONS Class Ages 8- Adult

& Advanced Tigers Class Ages 5-7

Families are welcome. Classes consist of traditional martial arts, Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do, sparring, one-steps, kata,self- defense, endurance & strength training. DAMA provides a full martial arts curriculum. DAMA was awarded The School of the Year 2011 by the WKU Hall of Honors, 2013 Excellence in Teaching, 2014, 2015, 2016,2017, Pro- motion of the Martial Arts Award from the Action Martial, Arts Magazine Hall of Fame.

Tues. 7-8:15 pm / Thurs. 7-8:15 pm /
1 Class Per Week (4 wk/session) Price \$50
2 Class Per Week (4 wk / Session) Price \$65



Jr. Black Belt \$25

KARATE TIGERS

Ages 5 - 7

Children will learn child safety life skills, self- defense, and beginning traditional martial art skills, along with concentration, coordination and group skills in this ongoing class.

Tues: 6:00-6:30 pm Thurs. 6:30-7:00 pm

1 Class Per Wk.(4 classes per session)\$45
2 Classes Per Wk. Per 4 wk Session \$55

Weapons class

6:30-7pm Class is for Dragons and Adv. Tigers only. \$15 per 4 week session

2025 Session Schedule

<u>Tues</u>

Nov. 12-Dec. 10

(No class Nov. 26)

No classes Dec. 17, 24, 31 Jan 7 Classes will resume Jan. 14, 2025

Jan. 14 - Feb. 4

Feb. 11-March 4

March 11-April 1

April 8-May 6 (No Class April 15)

May 13-June 3

June 10-July 1

(No classes July 8, 15)

July 22-Aug. 12

Aug. 19 –Sept. 9

Sept. 16-Oct. 7

Oct. 14-Nov. 4

Nov. 11-Dec. 9 (no class Nov 25) (No class Dec. 16, 23, 30)

Thurs:

Nov. 14-Dec. 12 (No Class Nov. 28)

No classes 19,26,Jan 2, 9

Classes will resume Jan 16, 2025

Jan. 16-Feb. 6

Feb. 13-March 6

March 13-April 3

April 10-May 8 (No Class April 17)

May 15-June 5

June 12-July 3

(No classes July 10,17)

July 24- Aug. 14

Aug. 21-Sept. 11

Sept. 18-Oct. 9

Oct. 16-Nov. 6

Nov. 13-Dec. 11 (No class Nov 27)

(No Class Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1)

Community Blood Drive West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation

Community Center 628 Walnut Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17112

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SPONSORED BY WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION AND ANTHONY ACRI INSURANCE AGENCY

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: West Hanover to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Come give blood Dec. 9 to 15 for \$15 e-gift card as our gift to you. See rcblood.org/gifts.



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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. If you are opening your pool for the season, be sure you had a final inspection completed to be sure it is up to code.

ZONING PERMITS

Residential: Zoning permits are required for new construction such as a new dwelling, addition, deck, shed, attached garage, detached garage, barn, swimming pool - above ground or inground, fence, carport, home occupation, earth disturbance, temporary construction, dumpsters or other projects specifically addressed in the zoning ordinance. Please note: Projects over 1,000 square feet will require a storm water permit and an erosion and sedimentation control permit with plans designed by an engineer.

Commercial: Zoning permits are required for new construction (commercial or multifamily dwellings), signs (temporary or permanent), parking lot, expansion of parking lot, additions, change of use or change in business ownership, temporary office, temporary construction trailer or other projects specifically addressed in the zoning ordinance. Please note: A land development plan reviewed by the Planning Commission, approved by the Board of Supervisors and recorded at the courthouse must be completed prior to the issuance of a permit for new construction (commercial or multifamily dwellings), additions, parking lots and expansion of parking lots. Please note: Projects over 1,000 square feet will require a storm water permit and an erosion and sedimentation control permit with plans designed by an engineer.

Applications can be found on the Township website, at the Township building or by contacting the zoning and planning office at 717-540-6075 or zoning@westhanover.com. We can mail, email or fax you the necessary forms. The zoning ordinance can be found on the website (www.westhanover.com); Home page; Helpful Resources, Codes Online. Zoning - Section 195.

Please contact the Planning and Zoning department if you have any questions. The Township staff is available to assist you with any questions, completion of forms or plot plans upon request by appointment only.

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. The pumping deadline is based on precincts. There are 4 precincts. If you are unsure of which precinct you are located in, or have any questions, please contact Sharmaine at 717-652-4841 ext. 103. A report from the pumper/hauler must be sent to West Hanover Township. Please call the Township at 717-652-4841, ext. 103 for a complete list of licensed pumper/haulers.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 11th - Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. (page 26)
Saturday, December 14th - Breakfast with Santa from 8 - 11 a.m. (page 23)
Sunday, December 15th - Santa Run from 3 - 6 p.m. (page 12)
Sunday, December 15th - Yule Log - starts at 6 p.m. (pages 13)
Thursday, December 19th - Senior Lunch, doors open at 11 a.m. (page 19)

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 8th - Senior Electronics Corner from 9 a.m. - Noon (page 17)

January 15th make appts. for AARP Tax Aide (page 20)

Thursday, January 18th - Senior Lunch, doors open at 11 a.m. (page 19)

Saturday, January 25th - Lions Club Bingo (page 18)

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 5th - Senior Electronics Corner from 9 a.m. - Noon (page 17) Friday, February 7th - Winter Wonderland Ball from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (page 11) Saturday, February 15th - Casino Night from 7 - 10 p.m. (page 17) Thursday, February 20th - Senior Lunch, doors open at 11 a.m. (page 19)

