



WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

FALL 2023



PROJECT UPDATES

Submitted by Township Manager Mike Gossert

Township Facilities

Municipal Building

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

Public Works Dept. (Compost Center)

402 N. Fairville Avenue
717/724-0334

Water & Sewer Auth.

7901 Jonestown Road
717/540-0124

Parks & Recreation Center

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

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

WOW! Tough to believe it's time for the Fall newsletter already! The Township has been very busy with several projects and initiatives. We are close to modernizing the new zoning ordinance. Our current zoning ordinance hasn't been updated since 1995 and as you can imagine is in need of catching up with current times. While the new zoning ordinance won't look much like the old it will be easier to navigate and understand. There aren't many significant changes, but I guess it all relies on your perspective. Next up for modernizing will be the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Also, the new municipal complex continues to come to life on paper. We are close to completing the land development plan that will hopefully be presented to the Planning Commission in September. We are also in the process of getting to do a cost check to see where we are regarding constructability within our proposed budget parameters. Inflation and the increased cost of site work continue to be an area that requires close monitoring. This new complex has been discussed by many previous boards and is finally looking like we will have final design in the very near future.

I know that the Supervisors continue to appreciate feedback, and suggestions from the West Hanover residents. While we do monitor the Township social media pages and website for feedback, it continues to be best if you pick up the phone and give the Township a call with comments or questions.

I would like to also remind residents that there are several Facebook pages out there that continue to provide misleading or inaccurate information. It is not Township policy to respond to comments or questions on these sites. Many of these comments that reflect negatively on the Township supervisors or its staff are opinion/agenda driven and have little to do with the continued well-being of the Township.

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BATTERY RECYCLING



West Hanover Township has three battery recycling containers. One right inside the door at the Administration Building; one inside the rear door of the Community Center; and one at the Public Works Department. Alkaline, Dry Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Lithium-ion, Mercury Batteries, Button Cells, Zinc Carbon, Nickel-Metal Hydride (NiMH), Lithium Primary/Metal, Silver Oxide, Non-Spillable Lead Acid, can all be recycled by placing them in the container. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at Home Depot. The bins are near the Customer Service Center.

Township Offices will be closed:

Monday, September 4

Monday, October 9

Tuesday, November 7

Thursday, November 10

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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megonnell@westhanover.com

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Alexis Woodruff, MS4 (Stormwater) Administrative Assistant ext. 105

Christopher Mumma, Public Works Roadmaster ext. 302

David Wollerton, Public Works Assistant Roadmaster ext. 301

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Melvin Miller, (JR) Public Works

Ryan Shradley, Public Works

Tracy Burigana, Public Works

Joe Killinger, Public Works

Keenan Curry, PT Public Works

Ron Hoy, PT Compost Attendant

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Susan Boyne, PT Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant ext. 201

Dan Homrighousen, Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Ron Harper, Parks & Recreation Maintenance

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Tax Collector: Aaron Hoke

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 or whtaxcollector@gmail.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

- 7th - Board of Supervisors (if necessary) - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 11th - Public Safety Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m. - Fire Station #1, Jonestown Road
- 12th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 13th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 14th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 19th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue
- 20th - Parks & Recreation Board - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue
- 21st - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 28th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.

OCTOBER

- 5th - Board of Supervisors (if necessary) - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 9th - Public Safety Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m. - Fire Station #1, Jonestown Road
- 10th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 11th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 12th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 17th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue
- 18th - Parks & Recreation Board - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue
- 19th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 26th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.

NOVEMBER

- 2nd - Board of Supervisors (Budget Workshop) - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 8th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 9th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 13th - Public Safety Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m. - Fire Station #1, Jonestown Road
- 14th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 15th - Parks & Recreation Board - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue
- 16th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 16th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m. - 7171 Allentown Blvd.
- 21st - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

23.003 JoJo's, Francesco Randazzo is the owner and applicant of the property located at 7800 Allentown Boulevard. The applicant proposes to demolish 3 existing office buildings (a 2 story, 2,800 square foot) office building in the front, a 2-story office building (3,100 square foot) in the rear, a one storage detached garage (975 square feet) in the rear and construct a 940 square foot addition to the restaurant, construct a 2 story, 10,024 square foot office, storage and restaurant building and add 16 parking spaces in the rear. The engineer for the land development plan is RJ Fisher & Associates Inc.

Waivers (deferrals) Requested: 1. Section 173-26 Curb 2. Section 173-27 Sidewalks
PLAN HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Conditional Use

23.01 Luke Lingle is the owner and applicant: Requesting a conditional use approval permitted by Section 195-17A in accordance with Section 195-172 to construct a single-family dwelling in the Conservation zoning district at 1133 N. Fairville Ave, Tax parcel #68-014-026, Harrisburg, PA 17112.
Recommended by PC to go to Board of Supervisors, September 21, 2023 for Approval.

Zoning Ordinance Modernization: Recommended by PC to go to Board of Supervisors September 21, 2023.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD DECISIONS

#2023.03 PFJ Southeast LLC Store #4563 - owner; Texas Republic Signs, LLC - applicant: Requesting a variance in order to construct a sign from Section 195-150. H. height and Section 195-150 K. sign area located at 7833 Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcel #68-024-194 in the Interchange (I) zoning district.
Approved



West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) Update

The first stream restoration projects are anticipated to start around beginning of October, weather permitting. The projects are at the Beaver Creek across from Central Dauphin High School and at the Unnamed Tributary to the Beaver Creek (UNT) between Lenker Park and Mountain View Swim Club. Construction was awarded to Flyaway Excavating LLC, who was the lowest bidder. These projects will go towards project requirements of our MS4 permit. We will post photos on the website and Facebook pages as we receive them!

We are continuing to work with Keystone Collections and our solicitor Salzmann Hughes, on collecting delinquent stormwater fees. If you received a letter from the Authority or Salzmann Hughes, we highly encourage you to take care of your past due balance(s) immediately as further action will be taken. If you are unsure if your stormwater fees are paid in full, please call Keystone Collections directly at 866-539-1100. We recommend checking on all years there was a stormwater fee: 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Payments are not accepted at the Township office. If you are buying or selling a home in West Hanover Township, please make sure all stormwater bills from all years are paid. The fee stays with the parcel and not the owner. It is important for everyone to understand that not paying stormwater fees burdens your fellow residents. For each property owner that does not pay, the remainder of the community must make up for that deficit. Whether you agree with the fee or not, fairness requires everyone to pay their share. Please understand the Township is mandated by the State and Federal government via our MS4 permit.

The Authority and Dauphin County Conservation District will be hosting a rain barrel workshop (see flyer) for West Hanover Township residents on Monday October 16th at 6 pm at Parks and Recreation. The workshop is free, and attendees will receive a free rain barrel to take home. Registration is limited to 43 participants and is first come first serve so register soon! Please email stormwater@westhanover.com or call 717-412-0154 to register.

The Authority would like to welcome our newest board member, Don Holmes. Mr. Holmes has replaced Tom Stewart for the remainder of his term, expiring December 31, 2025. The Authority hosts their monthly meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at the West Hanover Township Administration building or via Zoom. Public comment is welcome for those that attend in person. If you would like to submit a comment but cannot attend in person, comments can be submitted in writing by 12 pm the day prior to the meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend the monthly Stormwater meetings.



REMINDER

Trick-or-Treat night will be held on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31 from 6 - 8 p.m.



IMPORTANT MS4 REMINDERS

The **MS4**, or **M**unicipal **S**eparate **S**torm **S**ewer **S**ystem, is a network of curbs, gutters, swales, inlets, and pipes that carries stormwater to our creeks and rivers. It is important that we understand that precipitation falls onto our property as clean water. It is everyone's responsibility to keep that water managed and free from contaminants like eroded soil, excess salt, oil, chlorine from swimming pools, nutrients from fertilizers, and harmful bacteria from pet and farm animal wastes. As it makes its way through the MS4, stormwater runoff from West Hanover Township eventually flows into the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay where millions of people depend on clean water for drinking, fishing, recreation, and even their livelihoods.

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

TIPS TO REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION

- Wash vehicles at a commercial carwash or in vegetated areas of your lawn to avoid contaminants from reaching the storm sewer system or local waterways.
- Apply lawn fertilizers only when necessary and apply only the amount directed by the manufacturer. Avoid fertilizing on rainy or windy days and immediately sweep up and dispose of residual fertilizer granules left on driveways, sidewalks, and roadways.
- Avoid discharging grass clippings onto streets and roadways. Also, do not dump grass clippings along stream banks or drainage ways. Grass clippings contain nutrients that promote algae growth and pollutants that can be harmful to aquatic life.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly. Never dispose of pet waste in a storm inlet or near a waterway.
- Properly dispose of unwanted or unused hazardous chemicals, such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, paints, oils, and cleaning products. Release of these chemicals to the storm sewer system or waterway is illegal and detrimental to the environment.
- Never discharge swimming pool or hot tub water to a street or stream. Plan ahead to de-chlorinate and slowly drain to a vegetated area of your yard, without running off onto neighboring properties.



ILLICIT DISCHARGES

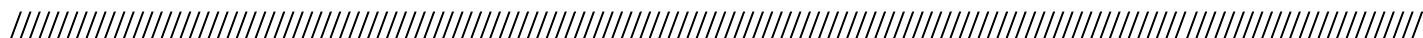
Any discharge to the Township's storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, or a PADEP approved non-stormwater discharge shall be considered an illicit discharge. **Please report cases of suspected illicit discharge to the Township at 717-652-4841 or online at <https://westhanover.com/contact/>**


BOY SCOUT TROOP CLOSING PICNIC

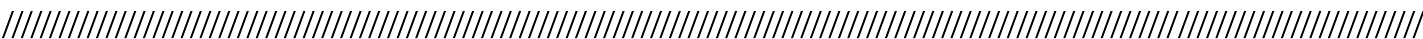
Boy Scout Troop 27 of West Hanover Township invites all friends, alumni, and supporters of scouting to our Troop's closing picnic on Saturday September 16th from 2PM to 5PM at Skyline Community Park. Please join us as we reflect on 60 years of local scouting history and say thank you to everyone who has supported Troop 27 during that time.

Food and drinks will be provided; to help us prepare please RSVP by September 10th using the link below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E49A5AA29A3FA7-bsatroop>



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Township Notaries

There are two notaries at the Township Building.
We are able to take care of basic notary needs.
Please call ahead so we can determine needs.



From Your Friendly Township Supervisor Jay P. Megonnell

Here it is Fall already! Where has the time gone? It seems like Summer just began and now we are getting prepared for the change in the season. November is the month that has a lot of good things we can be thankful for.

First is the change from Daylight Savings Time to the regular Eastern Standard Time. We get to enjoy an extra hour of sleep (oh boy)! The most important part of this month are the two holidays that are very important to our heritage. On November 11 we honor and show appreciation to the dedicated men and women who are serving or have served our great country. We are a good and honorable country only because of the brave military members who wear the uniform. They are willing to defend our rights, our freedoms, our right to choose where we want to live, what job we chose and the independence to travel our country freely. Our military people are the protectors of our freedom. Thank a military member or former military member when you see one. I do!!

Thanksgiving is the day many have a family feast with turkey and all the trimming and watch football games. Our forefathers did not plan this day to be this way. It was started by people who wanted to honor the people who saved and made this county great. We do have a lot to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving! Also, don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 7.

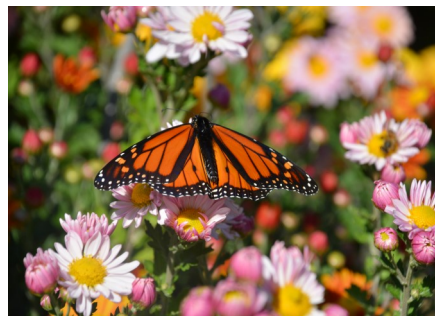
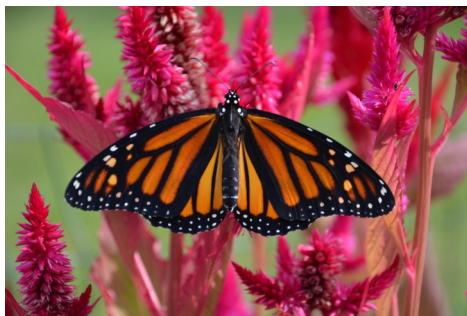
P.S. The month of December will be my final month as your Township Supervisor. The New Year will usher in two new Supervisors and I bid them the best.

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LOCAL WIDLIFE CORNER



Both photos submitted
by John Miele



The above photos were submitted by Diane Allen. Diane and her husband, Phil, shared this information about the Monarch Butterfly: they find the Monarch Caterpillars on their milkweed and have an enclosure to raise the caterpillars in and also feed them milkweed. They watch them go into a chrysalis and then emerge 10-14 days later into a beautiful butterfly. The real reward is releasing them. Diane said you can tell the male from the female by the two dark spots on either side of the hind wing; they are only on the male. Also, the male has a visible thinner black veins running through his wings, whereas, the female has much thicker black veins in her wings. Very interesting! Thank you

2023 FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 22

5:00 - 8:00 pm

WH Community Center

628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Free admission! Pumpkins - \$5 each



LIVE MUSIC

S'MORES

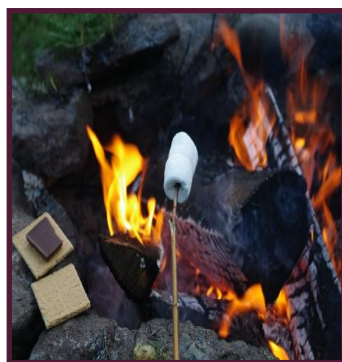
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STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

If you notice a street light is not working, please write down the pole number (located on a plate on the pole) and call Eileen at the West Hanover Township Building at 717-652-4841, ext. 108. 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 business days.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Submitted by Township Supervisor Donald Steinmeier

West Hanover Township encourages citizens to come out to the meetings and participate in discussions on Township issues. People have a right to know the truth on Township issues. There are people in the Township who pass on misinformation about what takes place in our public meetings. Too many times, people who like to twist the truth about our personnel and issues, have failed to participate actively in our government.

West Hanover Township is always looking for good people to serve on our local government boards and provide leadership in solving local problems. The Board of Supervisors have always looked out for the best interest of our citizens. We may not be 100% perfect, but your Township real estate taxes have remained the same since 1991.

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HELP CONTROL THE CAT POPULATION

West Hanover Township no longer has the voucher TNR program, as mentioned in the last newsletter. However, we did find out about a very good, affordable program (thank you Jan Galloway). Nobody's Cats Foundation at 3909 Hartzdale Drive in Camp Hill offers spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccine, distemper vaccine, parasite treatments, post-operative antibiotic, subcutaneous fluids/pain medication (when appropriate) and ear tipping for only \$40. They perform the surgeries on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and you must have an appointment. You can schedule online. These services are for feral cats only and you are responsible for trapping and then releasing in the same area once the surgery is complete. If you have cats on your property, please consider this type of program to help with the cat population.



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West Hanover Township Rain Barrel Workshop

Are you interested in conserving water while making a positive impact on water resources in your community?

Join West Hanover Township and Dauphin County Conservation District for this **FREE** workshop to learn more about stormwater management and receive a **FREE** rain barrel for use at home!

Registration is required (see below).

This workshop is limited to 43 participants so register soon!

DATE: Monday October 16, 2023

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: West Hanover Parks and Recreation

628 Walnut Avenue

Harrisburg, PA 17112



West Hanover Township Rain Barrel Workshop Registration Form

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER HOUSEHOLD (West Hanover Township residents)

RSVP to: stormwater@westhanover.com or 717-412-0154

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

2023 WEST HANOVER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 10
3:00 - 7:00 pm

INFLATABLE VILLAGE * LIVE MUSIC * CAR SHOW * KIDS GAMES
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\$8.00 per Quart

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***DRIVE-THRU PICKUP TIME ***

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm

West Hanover Community Center

628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg 17112

TO PRE-ORDER, CALL: 717-724-0083

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Thank you to Yingst Homes!

Yingst Homes has once again sponsored the “Movies in the Park” Series. This is a very popular ongoing event for our residents. Thank you very much Yingst Homes!



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.

2023 FALL INDOOR YARD SALE

Saturday, November 4
7:00 am - 12:00 pm
WH Community Center
628 Walnut Avenue

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CODES CORNER

BUILDING PERMITS

Residents are reminded that **ALL** building permits require a **FINAL INSPECTION** to closeout the permit. It is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure a final inspection is scheduled and completed. If you sell your home, buyers may want to see any Certificates of Occupancy that you have for any additions or structural changes you made while owning the home, before you go to close on the home.

Anyone buying or selling a home in West Hanover Township will need to provide a copy of the stormwater fee to the settlement company. PLEASE CONTACT KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS DIRECTLY FOR THIS INFORMATION AT 724-978-0300.

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 for a complete list of licensed pumper/haulers.

ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

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

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Dirt From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiders

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

George Eliot

The vans will not run on the following dates: Labor Day, September 4; Thanksgiving, November 23, and Monday December 25.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from using the vans to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping, hair appointments, etc have them call the van office number 717-652-1702. We can get them registered.

The van office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you call outside these hours, chances are we will not be able to accommodate your appointment. We like at least 24 hours notice, more if possible. The hours for the vans running are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in knowing more about the van service call the van office at 717-652-1702. Also, we can always use more drivers so please call that same number and we will be very happy to answer any questions you might have.



**“The Gopher” - WHT
Senior Citizens Van**



Requirements to use the van service:

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

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

If you would like to place an ad in the Township Newsletter, please call Eileen LaForce at 717-652-4841, ext. 108 or email her at elaforce@westhanover.com for more information.
Thank you!



Ongoing Classes for
2022 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 need to 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 for the Security Alliance Kid's Safe Network.

Tues: 5:45-6:15 pm

Thurs. 6:30-7:00 pm

Sun. 4-4:30 pm (Starts Jan)

1 Class Per Week (4 classes/session)
Price \$45

2 Classes (Per 4 wk Session) \$55

3 Classes (Per week Per 4 wk
Session \$65 (Starts January)



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, Promotion of the Martial Arts Award from the Action Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Fame.

Tues. 7-8:15 pm / Thurs. 7-8:15 pm / Sun. 4:45-6pm

1 Class Per Week (4 wk/session) Price \$50

2 Class Per Week (4 wk / Session) Price \$65

3 Class per week (4 wk / Session) Price \$80

Sunday classes starts in Jan

* 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: 5:45-6:15 pm (Starting in Sept)

Thurs. 6:30-7:00 pm

Sun. 4-4:30 (Starts Jan)

1 Class Per Week (4 classes per session)
New Price \$45

2 Classes Per week Per 4 wk Session \$55

3 Classes Per wk. Per 4 wk session \$65
Sunday Class starts Jan.

Weapons class

will follow Tues. Tigers.

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

Session Schedules 2023

Tues:

July 11-Aug 8 (no class
Aug. 1st)

Aug. 15-Sept. 5

Sept. 12-Oct. 3

Oct. 10-Nov. 7 (No class
on Oct. 31)

Nov. 14-Dec. 5

Dec. 12-Jan. 2

Thurs:

July 13-Aug. 3 (No Class July 6)

Aug. 10-31

Sept. 7-28

Oct. 5-26

No Class Nov. 2

Nov. 9-Dec. 7 (No Class Nov.
23)

Dec. 14- Jan. 2

Sun:

July 16-Aug. 6

Aug. 13-Sept. 3

No Class Sept. 10

Sept. 17-Oct. 1

Oct. 8-Oct. 29

Nov. 5-26

*No Sunday Class Dec.
will Resume in Jan 2024*

*You must sign up for
Sunday class it may not
be used for a makeup
class.*



West Hanover and Lower Paxton Lions Clubs Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

On Saturday, October 14, the West Hanover and Lower Paxton Lions will serve a Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 am. For a \$8.00 donation, you get a breakfast of pancakes, delicious sausage links and a drink.

The pancake breakfast will be held at West Hanover Township Community Center, 628 Walnut Avenue, just off Linglestown Road, across from Central Dauphin High School.

To learn more about the West Hanover and Lower Paxton Lions Clubs, go to their web sites, www.westhanoverlions.club, and www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lowerpaxtonpa, respectively.



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LIONS CLUB CASH BINGO

Saturday, September 23 - 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.

\$30 for 20 games of cash bingo - Food will be available for purchase

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

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AARP SMART DRIVERS COURSE

A program for older drivers aged 55 and up, taught by AARP instructors. Pennsylvania residents with clean driving records who complete the scheduled sessions may be eligible to get up to 5% discount on their auto insurance. Please check with your insurance company for clarification. The refresher course is only a 4-hour class held on Monday, October 9, 2023 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OR

The 8-hour AARP Smart Driver's Course will be spread out over two days, beginning, Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Both classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

All classes will be held at the West Hanover Parks and Recreation Building, located at 628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, 17112. To register for either class, please call 717-724-0083.

The 4-hour class covers everything that is included in the 8-hour class; but is condensed into 4 hours. You must have already completed the 8-hour course or the 4-hour class within the last 3 years. You must bring verification of same.

FEE: \$20.00 for AARP members - \$25.00 for non-members.

Payments can be made directly to AARP the day of class.



Senior Electronics Corner

628 Walnut Avenue

First Thursday of each month from 12 - 3 p.m.

The cost is \$3.00 per person. **Please RSVP before the week of the class at 717-724-0083.**

An opportunity to bring your technical questions to us for help. Bring in your smart phone, laptop or tablet to get assistance or to get help submitting online forms or making faxes, etc.

Beverages and light snacks will be served.

West Hanover Township Senior Luncheon Meals

628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Third Thursday of each Month

The cost is \$8.00 per meal. **Please RSVP before the week of the scheduled meal at 717-724-0083.**

Community Center opens at 11:00 am, meal served at noon

September 21

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll

Dessert: Peach Cobbler

October 19

Chicken Saltimbocca, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable Medley, Dinner Roll

Dessert: Apple Crisp or Apple Cake

November 16

Homemade Chili, Baked Potato Bar

Dessert: Sugar Cookies

Senior Entertainment

628 Walnut Avenue

Doors open at 12 p.m. and entertainment begins at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$3.00. **Please RSVP before the week of the entertainment at 717-724-0083.**

September 28

Patricia Anderson, Dutch Storyteller

October 26

Craig Bomberger - Paint on Canvas (\$20)

November 30

Bingo - Gift Cards

2023 ELECTION HOMEMADE SOUP SALE

Tuesday, November 7 from 12 - 5pm

Pre-order before Friday, November 3



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SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

A huge thank you
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2023 Summer
Camp Program



A Message from Don Holmes, Parks Director

Hi Neighbors!

I hope that you all had a great Summer! Time to trade in the bikes and basketballs for new school clothes and bookbags. It was a very busy season in the parks. We had 50+ kids participate in our Summer Camp. They went on field trips to places like Knoebles, Cherry Crest Farms, and Legoland Discover Center, just to name a few. They received weekly visits from the local 4-H Club, PA State Police, WH Fire Co, and many other interesting visitors. We sure kept the campers busy!

We are happy to announce that West Hanover Twp. has been working with the Mt. Laurel Community Association for the past couple of years to take over the park. Mt. Laurel Community Park originated back in the 1930s and we look forward to restoring it to its glory. It will remain closed through 2023 as we do some work there, as we have a lot of improvements in the works. For those curious about the future of the property, it will continue to be Mt. Laurel Community Park and the stage & hall areas will be available for parties/weddings/reunions in the future.

By approximately mid-September, we expect the Pickleball courts to be complete. We are constructing two side-by-side courts on the lower level of the park. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and we are glad to be able to offer it here in WH. Special thanks to WH Public Works team and Breneman Co. for their hard work.

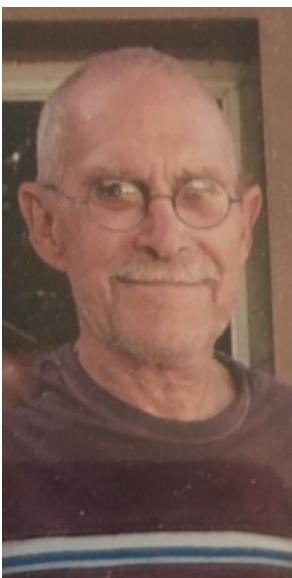
As always, we appreciate the volunteers who serve on the Parks & Recreation Board and those that come out to help with our events. I am extremely fortunate to have an amazing team of staff to ensure quality programming, memorable events, and delicious food for our community to enjoy. Thank you to Hoffman Ford and Yingst Homes for their continued generous support. And last, but not least, thank you the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager, Mike Gossert, for their support of Parks & Recreation. If it was not for all of your efforts, we would not be able to do what we do.

See you in the parks!

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STEPHEN MILLARD OBITUARY



Stephen L Millard passed away on July 11, 2023. He was born on July 17, 1939, in Syracuse NY. He is survived by his wife Molly McClure (Harrisburg), his son Stewart Millard (Nadja, North Carolina), his stepdaughter Allison Bowie (Chip, Oregon), grandson (Miles), and sister Vicky Seibert (John, Texas).

Steve served in the U.S Navy from 1957 to 1961. For most of his career he was a software and computer engineer. After retiring from that vocation, he spent many years as a professional woodworker specializing in cabinet and furniture making.

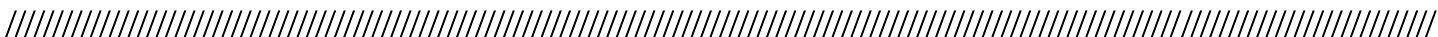
Steve was in every sense a renaissance man. He lived life with a passionate curiosity that knew no bounds. He was a lifelong learner. He studied everything. He learned most everything firsthand and would spend days dismantling Volvos and rebuilding them.

He was an avid cyclist, and often would ride over 75 miles a day.

He was an enthusiastic gardener and spent time each day caring for his fruit trees and gardens.

He was interested in local politics and became dissatisfied with the township administration and sought to make changes. In the style of Thomas Paine, he began publishing and distributing a weekly newsletter that listed his grievances with the township and his proposed changes. When the opportunity occurred, he ran for township office and was elected a Township Supervisor and then served on the Water and Sewer Authority. He became an expert in the innovative use of worms in sewage treatment and was instrumental in developing an experimental field in the township to test those ideas.

He loved work, any kind, and had an intuitive sense that a life well lived was one spent fully engaged. He found value in everyday existence and did not worry about any larger meaning. He was grounded in a commonsense philosophy, committed to those he loved and did the best he could with the life he was given, a challenge to all of us who survive him to live up to.



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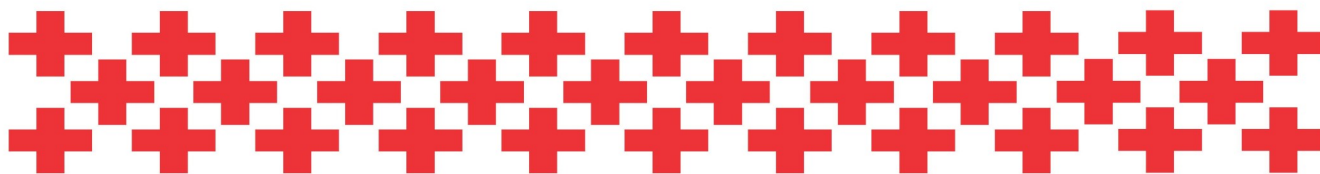
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628 Walnut Avenue
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Wednesday, September 27, 2023
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COST: \$3

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7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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Harrisburg, PA 17112

For more info: 717-724-0083

The Pinochle Card Club has openings and are welcoming interested individuals. The club meets every other Friday from 1 - 4:30 pm at the West Hanover Community Center.

For more information call **Cindy Bolt** at 717-756-5119.

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2023 BUS TRIPS



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

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

Saturday, October 7 - Horseshoe Curve Railroad Trip - \$169 per person

Friday, November 17 - Radio City Music Hall - \$169 per person

Wednesday, November 22 - Toby's Dinner Theatre "Miracle of Christmas" - \$124 per person


Saturday, November 25 - New York City on Your Own - \$69 per person

Thursday, November 30 - Longwood Gardens & Pleasant Run Farm - \$149 per person

Saturday, December 2 - Dickens of a Christmas - Wellsboro - \$115 per person

Saturday, December 9 - New York City on Your Own - \$79 per person






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Wednesday's - 7:00pm~8:00pm RACHAEL
Saturday's - 9:00am~10:00am RACHAEL


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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 10 - Community Festival - 3 to 7 p.m. - (page 13)

Thursday, September 21- Senior Lunch - (page 20)

Saturday, September 23 - Lions Club Bingo - 1 to 4 p.m. (page 19)

Wednesday, September 27 - Blood Drive - 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. - (page 25)

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 4 - Pot Pie Drive-Thru Pick up - Noon to 5 p.m. (page 14)

Wednesday, October 11 - Golden Oldies Dance - 7 to 10 p.m. - (page 26)

Saturday, October 14 - Lions Club Pancake Breakfast - 7 to 11 a.m. (page 19)

Monday, October 16 - Rain Barrel Workshop - 6 p.m. - (page 12)

Thursday, October 19 - Senior Lunch - (page 20)

Sunday, October 22 - Fall Festival - 5 to 8 p.m. (page 9)

Tuesday, October 31 - Trick-or-Treat - 6 to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4 - Indoor Yard Sale - 7 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (page 15)

Tuesday, November 7 - Election Day Soup Sale - Noon to 5 p.m. - (page 21)

Thursday, November 16 - Senior Lunch - (page 20)

