



### Township Facilities

### **Municipal Building**

7171 Allentown Boulevard717/652-4841

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

717/724-0083 Fax 717/724-0086

Parks

### 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

# New Municipal Complex Update

These are some exciting times for West Hanover Township residents. After a little over two years of planning, public meetings, discussions and Supervisor scrutiny we have crossed yet another major milestone. Recently, at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Supervisors meeting, the Board voted to accept the bids for the construction of the new Municipal Complex. This obviously is the biggest step forward and the Township is financially well positioned to construct this project.

Many Supervisors both past and present have recognized a need for this project over the decades and there is a mutual consensus that something needed to be done. The Board of Supervisors tasked the staff to look at all possibilities of township needs and what could be accomplished.

Over this 2-year process the cost of the project rose above the original budget. While staff, construction manager and the architect implemented value engineering processes to ensure cost containment, rising inflation and supply chain issues caused the project to come in slightly over budget. Fortunately, we anticipated that with budgeting contingencies.

So next steps. While we proceed through the contractor award and construction contracts phase, we anticipate breaking ground the end of April or early May. The construction phase will proceed through the winter and into 2025 with an anticipation of occupancy late spring or early summer of 2025.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the new complex and finally closing out this project for our residents.



Municipal Building

All Township Buildings will be closed:

Tuesday, April 23

Monday, May 27

Public Works Building

### WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Gloria Zimmerman, Chairperson

zimmerman@westhanover.com

Kyle Miller, Vice Chairman

miller@westhanover.com

Donald Steinmeier, Secretary/Treasurer

steinmeier@westhanover.com

Deb Carl

carl@westhanover.com

Erich Bair

bair@westhanover.com

### **STAFF**

Township Phone: 717-652-4841

Mike Gossert, Township Manager ext. 108

Timothy Houck, Finance Director ext. 109

Eileen LaForce, Office Manager/Executive Secretary/Asst. Board Secretary ext. 108

Janet Hardman, Zoning & Planning Administrator ext. 102

Sharmaine Harman, Zoning & Planning Administrative Assistant ext. 103

Tara Rex, Building Codes & Public Works Administrative Assistant ext. 100

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

Christopher Mumma, Public Works Roadmaster ext. 302

David Wollerton, Public Works Assistant Roadmaster ext. 301

John Stitley, Public Works

Melvin Miller, (JR) Public Works

Ryan Shradley, Public Works

Tracy Burigana, Public Works

Joe Killinger, Public Works

Keenan Curry, PT Public Works

Dieter Jordan, PT Compost Attendant

Don Holmes, Parks & Recreation Director ext. 204

Jeannette Zimmerman, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director ext. 203

Cathy Wingeard, Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant ext. 202

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

Dan Homrighousen, Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Ron Harper, Parks & Recreation Maintenance

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 - whtaxcollector@gmail.com

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

### **MARCH 2024**

7th - Board of Supervisors Workshop with Fire Company - 6 p.m.

11th - Public Safety Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m. - Fire Station #1, Jonestown Road

12th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m.

13th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m.

14th - Zoning Hearing Board - No Meeting

19th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - Sewer Authority - 628 Walnut Avenue

20th - Parks & Recreation Board - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue

21st - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.

28th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

### **APRIL 2024**

4th - Board of Supervisors Workshop with Historical Soc. - 6 p.m. with Parks & Rec 6:30 p.m.

8th - Public Safety Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m. - Fire Station #1, Jonestown Road

9th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m.

10th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m.

11th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m.

16th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue

17th - Parks & Recreation Board 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Avenue

18th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.

25th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

### MAY 2024

2nd - Board of Supervisors (if necessary) - 6 p.m.

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

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

13th - Public Safety Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m. - Fire Station #1, Jonestown Road

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

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

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

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

23rd - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

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

# West Hanover Township Receives \$80,000 Greenways, Trails, & Recreation Program Grant to Develop Trail Network Plan

On January 16, 2024, West Hanover Township was awarded a \$80,000 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant for the development of a study to evaluate potential trail network connects throughout the township.

The Township currently has a fragmented park system that was developed over a long period of time, largely without the benefit of a comprehensive trail network plan. As a result, the park system is not in line with the current or future needs of township residents. A comprehensive plan would help remediate this problem. Additionally, it is a high priority for the township as it will support improved outdoor recreation and citizen health and well-being, as well as the desirability of the township as a place to live and work.

"On behalf of the township, we would like to thank Rep. Kerwin and Sen. DiSanto for their support of this important community project," said Township Supervisor and Board President Gloria Zimmerman. "It furthers the Township's desire to create opportunities for trail alignments and enhancement, as well as the expansion of sustainable green climate mitigation measures."

Residential and commercial growth throughout the township is expected to continue at its fast pace. The Township must take the time now to learn the priorities of citizens with regard to greenway preservation and connectivity so that priority areas can be protected from new development before it is too late. A comprehensive plan is also needed to ensure future residential and commercial developments incorporate recreational features in line with the township's needs.

The GTRP program is used to fund projects which involve development, rehabilitation, and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails, and river conservation. It is funded through the Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Fund program under the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). The Act 13 programs are highly competitive, and the CFA received eligible requests totaling an estimated \$88 million for the approximately \$22.9 million that was available.

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### LIONS CLUB CASH BINGO

Saturday, April 27

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 Club and the West Hanover Lions Club

## WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED SUPERVISORS



Deb Carl resides in West Hanover Township with her husband Butch. She plans to help WHT continue to be a great place to live and work. She would love to hear resident views and concerns.

Erich Bair is a lifelong Township resident, living on the farm his grandfather purchased in 1950. He plans to work hard to maintain a balance between growth and keeping the rural nature of the Township.



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# Notes from your Supervisors

As a newly elected Supervisor, I wanted to let the residents know the Board will be holding workshops the following Thursdays. March 7 with the WHT Fire Company and April 4 with the Historical Society and Parks & Recreation. These workshops are open to the public and will begin at 6 p.m. at the Township Building. Please submit any questions you may have in writing to elaforce@westhanover.com prior to the workshop. Any future workshops will be announced on our website as well as Facebook page. Deb Carl



All of the wildlife and landscape photos used in this newsletter are from Diane Allen's West Hanover Township property or nearby.

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS**

### **DECEMBER & JANUARY**

- Approved Resolution 2023-43, Adopting the 2024 Budget consisting of estimated revenue of \$19,025,235.00 over estimated expenses of \$16,902,850.00 with no increase in property taxes
- Approved the 2024 Employee Compensation Plan
- Approved 23.002, West Hanover Municipal Complex Final Land Development Plan and waivers
- Approved Resolution 2023-41, Fixing the Tax Rate of 1.35240 mills
- Approved Resolution 2023-42, 2024 Fee Schedule
- Extended the new municipal complex bid deadline to no later than February 1, 2024
- Approved Ordinance 2023-07 to amend the project description of the "2024 Bonds" to include the demolition of a Township-owned building
- Approved Amendment #2 to the Township Manager's Employment Agreement
- Approved C. M. High, Inc.'s Traffic Signal Preventative Maintenance Proposal for 2024 in the amount of \$4,010.00
- Approved the purchase of 16 replacement light heads for sports courts at Lenker Park from Shaedler Yesco, a Costars vendor, in the amount of \$4,000.00. Funds will come from the Capital Purchases budget line where funds were previously earmarked for park improvements
- Accepted the resignation of Erich Bair from the Zoning Hearing Board
- Accepted the resignation of David Templin from the Zoning Hearing Board
- Approved a two-year septic pumping extension for 7217Orlando Drive
- Approved Resolution 2024-01 Township Manager
- Approved Resolution 2024-02 Township Roadmaster
- Approved Resolution 2024-03 Township Solicitor
- Approved Resolution 2024-04 Township Engineer
- Approved Resolution 2024-05 Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) and Alternate SEO
- Approved Resolution 2024-06 Vacancy Board
- Approved Resolution 2024-07 Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Board Member(s)
- Approved Resolution 2024-08 Zoning Hearing Board Member(s)
- Approved Resolution 2024-09 Sewer Authority Board Member(s)
- Approved Resolution 2024-10 Planning Commission Member(s)
- Approved Resolution 2024-11 WHT Authority Board Member(s)
- Approved Resolution 2024-12 East Shore Business Association (ESBA) Member and Alternates
- Approved Resolution 2024-13 Fire Company Liaison and Alternate
- Approved Resolution 2024-14 Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Delegates and PSATS Voting Delegate and Alternate
- Approved Resolution 2024-15 Depository for Township Funds
- Approved Resolution 2024-16 Official Signatures (two of four signatures required)

### **ACTIONS** continued

- Approved Resolution 2024-17 Bond Limits
- Approved Resolution 2024-18 Compensation for Boards and Authorities
- Approved Resolution 2024-19 Authorization to Pay in Advance
- Approved Resolution 2024-20 Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee Delegate and Alternate
- Approved Resolution 2024-21 Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Representative and Alternate
- Approved Resolution 2024-22 Mileage Reimbursement
- Approved Resolution 2024-23 2024 Meeting Dates
- Approved Resolution 2024-24 Township Holidays
- Approved Resolution 2024-25 Re-Adopt the Dauphin County & West Hanover Township Emergency Operations Plan
- Approved 22.007 Lezzer Lumber Preliminary Final Land Development Plan as reviewed by HRG
- Approved the final Financial Security Adjustment for 895 Pheasant Road, Hess Residence, in the amount of \$12,007.00, bringing the balance to 0, as reviewed by HRG
- Approved Financial Security Adjustment #2 for Brookview Phase V, in the amount of \$166,220.00, bringing the remaining balance to \$413.00, as reviewed by HRG
- Approved Financial Security Adjustment #4 for Brookview Phase IV in the amount of \$166,270.65, bringing the remaining balance to \$4,752.00, as reviewed by HRG
- Approved the final Financial Security Adjustment for Whitetail Crossing in the amount of \$33,282.00, bringing the remaining balance to 0, as reviewed by HRG
- Accepted the resignation of Steve Jones from the Parks & Recreation Board effective December 31, 2023
- Approved Resolution 2024-26 Parks & Recreation Board Member(s) Dawn Keller from Alternate #1 to Seat #4, expiring December 31, 2028
- Approved Resolution 2024-27 Parks & Recreation Board Alternates Jim Williams to Seat #8 (Alternate #1) and Anthony Cover to Seat #9 (Alternate #2)
- Approved the proposal from River Valley Landscapes for engineered wood fiber (woodcarpet) to be installed at all play sites in the parks in the amount of \$20,644.00

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### PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

No recent meetings

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### **ZONING HEARING BOARD DECISIONS**

No recent meetings

# **CODES CORNER**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Call Keystone Collections at 724-978-0300 for the certificate.

# Please consider the following items when applying for a Building Permit:

Plan questions (red notes, failed inspection items) contact <u>codes@westhanover.com</u> Inspection scheduling: text/call 717.649.0310 email <u>trex@westhanover.com</u> Required inspections are listed on the permit.

# Inspection Schedule (starting 01/30/2024) We do not inspect on Monday or Thursday.

**Tuesday** - Both am and pm times. NO commercial. NO ADA/accessibility **Wednesday** - All inspections/both am and pm times. **Friday** - Both am and pm times. NO commercial. NO ADA/accessibility

**Re-inspections:** This is a failed inspection that requires a separate trip to re-inspect. Must be paid PRIOR to the release of the CO/completion certificate.

Residential/per inspection \$80.00 Commercial/per inspection \$130.00

# CODES CORNER continued

### ALL PERMITS REQUIRE A FINAL INSPECTION - NO EXCEPTIONS

All inspections are mandatory. A final inspection is required for every permit. See paragraph (b) as *all* inspections must be scheduled by the permit holder or their authorized agent (contractor).

PA Uniform Construction Code / Article 403.64

- (a) A construction code official shall inspect all construction for which a permit was issued. <u>The permit holder shall ensure that the construction is accessible for inspection</u>. An inspection does not bar prosecution or other legal action for violation of the Uniform Construction Code.
- (b) The *permit holder* or an *authorized agent* shall notify the construction code official when work is ready for inspection and provide access for the inspection.
- (c) The construction code official shall notify a permit holder if construction complies with the Uniform Construction Code or fails to comply with the Uniform Construction Code.
- (f) A construction code official <u>shall conduct a final inspection of the completed construction work</u> and file a final inspection report that indicates compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

### Common fails for pools (both in-ground & above-ground):

Note: ALL permits require a FINAL inspection. Pools may have multiple contractors (i.e. fence, pool co, etc.)

ALL of these items are required for the CO.

- 1. The pool barrier is incomplete. For in-ground pools, the perimeter fence must be complete.
- 2. Any gates in the fence must swing open away from the pool. When released, the gate must close and self-latch.
- 3. Any doors and any windows within 6FT of the ground that are common to the enclosed area <u>must</u> have a <u>UL2017 compliant alarm</u>. This listing must be part of the alarm.
- 4. For above ground pools, the top of the pool sides <u>must not be within 48" of the ground</u> in any dimension.
- 5. Decks or stairs providing access to an above ground pool must comply with the <u>pool barrier</u> requirements.

Finally, reminder emails or letters will be out for all building/demolition/electrical permits issued that have not had a final inspection. These are just to close the permits out and there are not additional fees for a forgotten permit, unless you fail an inspection.

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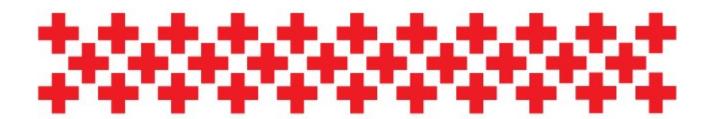


### **TEMPORARY BERM RAMPS**

Temporary berm ramps are not permitted in the Township right of way. These have been used to prevent vehicles from dragging on the apron of the driveway. Aprons that are too high from the street can be fixed permanently.

# **American Red Cross**

Give blood. Help save lives.



# Blood Drive West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation

Community Center 628 Walnut Ave Harrisburg, PA 17112

# Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 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.

All Presenting Donors At Mobile Drives March 1-17, 2024
Will Receive An American Red Cross St. Patrick's Day
Themed T-Shirt
While Supplies Last.
(Gifts are not transferrable and not redeemable for cash).

# NOTICE!

# UPCOMING CHANGES FOR PAYMENT OF SEWER BILLS

Effective May 1, 2024, due to a change by the billing company, payment for sewer service will no longer be accepted at the West Hanover Township Sewer Authority office. Payments must be made directly to the Authority's billing company, Diversified Technology Corporation.

Payments may be made via check, credit card, echeck, pay-by-phone or automatic checking withdrawal. Any mailed payments may be sent to:

# West Hanover Township Sewer Authority P.O. Box 723 Bloomsburg PA 17815

An envelope is included with your bill if you wish to pay by mail. If you have questions regarding your bill or payment options, you may contact them directly at 877-330-1699.

Information for payment and access to your account is also available online at the West Hanover Township Sewer Authority website at <a href="https://www.whtsa.com">www.whtsa.com</a>.

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# **MOWING REQUEST**

When mowing your lawn, DO NOT throw grass clippings onto the street. Grass on roadways is extremely slippery and hazardous to motorcyclists, joggers, walkers, bicyclists, etc. Also, it can be carried by rainfall into storm drains, clogging them.





### DIRT FROM THE GOPHER HOLE

### By Brenda Lawson

Are you interested in getting involved with something that helps people while not requiring lots of work or time? The West Hanover Senior Van Program would love your help. We are always looking for people who like to drive. You can commit to a specific schedule each month or you can schedule whatever days work best for you. You can drive one day a week or one day a month, or anywhere in between! Whatever fits your schedule works for us. If driving really doesn't appeal to you, we can also use help with the dispatching of the vans. Please call 717-652-1702 for more information.



"The Gopher" -WHT Senior Citizen Van Service

If you'd like to schedule a ride with our van service, we have 3 requirements to use the service. First, you must be age 60 or older; second, you must be a resident living in the Township; and third, you must be able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We are not permitted to take wheelchairs. We can take you to medical appointments, shopping, hair appointments, etc. Medical appointments are always a priority so be sure to schedule them as soon as possible.

Our van service is a free service, but donations are greatly appreciated. We have donation envelopes in each van and you can easily put your donation into those envelopes.

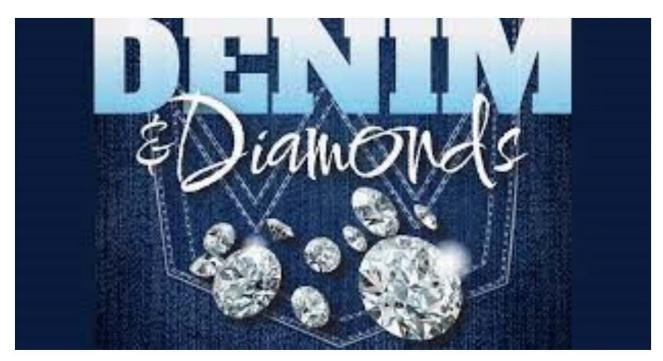
Van office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call during these times. Remember to call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule rides. Both vans can be quite busy most days and same day service is not possible. If you get voice mail, please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you.

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Claire Zeiters, shown with her husband Jim, was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Board of Supervisors for her tireless 27-year service to the Township through the West Hanover Gopher Senior Van Service.





# MOTHER & SON DANCE

Friday, May 3rd 6:30 - 8:30

West Hanover Community Center

628 Walnut Ave. Hbg. PA 17112



Please call to register - (717) 724-0083



# WEST HANOVER BASEBALL & SOFTBALL (WHBSA) OPENING DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 10 A.M.
WEST HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTER
628 WALNUT AVENUE

BLAZING SWINE WILL BE ON HAND WITH A BBQ
THIS \$12.00 PRESOLD TICKET INCLUDES A PULLED PORK
SANDWICH, COLESLAW & CHIPS
PICKUP BETWEEN 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
PROCEEDS BENEFIT WHBSA

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY CONTACTING
BASEBALL@WHBSA.ORG

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# West Hanover Township Senior Luncheon Meals

# WH Community Center, 628 Walnut Avenue

Meals are held on the third Thursday of every month. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. Please reserve your seat ahead of the scheduled meal by calling 717-724-0083.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m., meal is served at noon.

### March 21st

Lasagna, Side Salad, Garlic Bread Dessert: Jell-O w/Whipped Topping

### April 18th

Meat Loaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans Dinner Roll Dessert: Assorted Cup Cakes

### May 16th

Taco Bar

Dessert: Apple Bites

### June 20th

Mini Sub Bar, Cup of Chicken Corn Soup Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

### July 18th

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans Dessert: Watermelon & Cantaloupe

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# TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!

Casino Night

Saturday, March 2nd from 6 to 10 p.m.

West Hanover Township
Community Center
628 Walnut Avenue
Please call 717-724-0083
with questions or to purchase tickets

Benefits the WHT Fire Company



(Graphic courtesy of the PA Parks & Forests Foundation)

Earth Day 2024 will educate and mobilize more than one billion people to collectively benefit our global environment with activities and events such as:

- Citizen Science and technology combine to collect data points to measure air quality, water quality, pollution and human health.
- Earth Day will engage volunteers around the globe to plant trees and remove trash from our neighborhoods, beaches, and parks.
- Earth Day continues to work with teachers, students and innovators worldwide to benefit
  a new generation of environmental stewards.
- Earth Day is globally recognized as the most significant annual civic event of each year.
- As Earth Day reaches its 54th Anniversary on April 22nd, the natural environment still
  faces enormous challenges from loss of biodiversity, pollution and degradation of our
  ecosystems. Creative artistic efforts can help to publicize and personalize this dilemma.

The West Hanover Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) encourages all residents to become involved in an Earth Day activity of their choosing and to make every day ... Earth Day! See <a href="https://www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a> for more information.

# Environmental Advisory Council Members

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

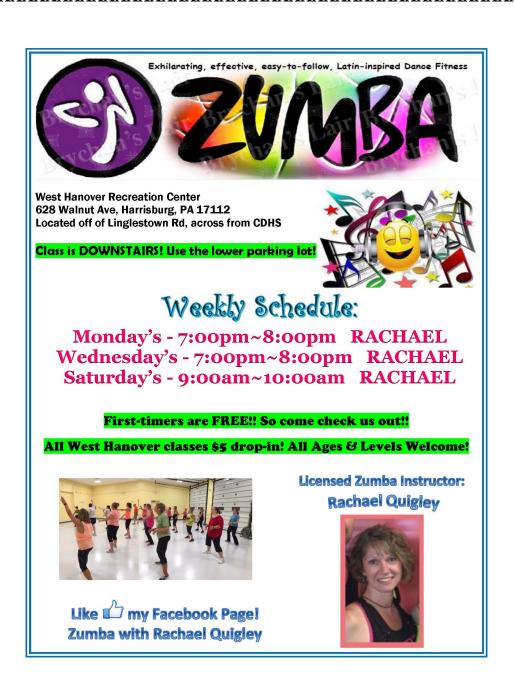


### STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

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.

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# West Hanover Township







# FULL-DAY SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

JUNE 10 - AUGUST 15 JEO AM - 5EO PM

DIEST HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTER

628 WALNUT AVE. HARRISBURG, PA 17112

### **WEEKLY FEE INCLUDES...**

- Exciting field trip each week Turkey

  HIll Experience, Crayola Experience,

  Knoebels, Lake Tobias, Cherry Crest

  Adventure Farm and more!
- Swimmimg every Friday
- 2 snacks per day
- √ Guest programs/presenters
- Fun activities including sports, arts & crafts, and STEM
- Caring staff who are dedicated to ensuring a safe summer of fun

RESIDENT: \$225 PER WEEK
NON-RESIDENT: \$250 PER WEEK
(8 WEEK MINIMUM REQUIREMENT)

CHILDREN MUST HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN AND ARE ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE SUMMER AFTER FIFTH GRADE

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STREET STREET

JUNE 17 - AUGUST 15 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SKYLINE PARK

305 SHORT STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17112

### **WEEKLY FEE INCLUDES...**

- 1 snack per day ice cream each Friday
- Fun activities including sports and arts & crafts
- Access to playgrounds, pickleball court, basketball court, nature trail and more!
- Caring staff who are dedicated to ensuring a safe summer of fun

\$75 PER WEEK
(WEST HANOVER RESIDENTS ONLY)
(4 WEEK MINIMUM REQUIREMENT)

CHILDREN MUST HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN AND ARE ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE SUMMER AFTER FIFTH GRADE

### **REGISTER TODAY!**

CONTACT JEANNETTE ZIMMERMAN: (717) 724-0083 JZIMMERMAN@WESTHANOVER.COM



PUT AWAY THE DEVICES
AND JOIN US FOR A
SUMMER OF FUN!

# WEST HANOVER ELEMENATRY MAYFAIR FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 18th from 3 - 7 p.m.

WHT Community Center, 628 Walnut Avenue

Games - Prizes - Raffles - Entertainment

Bounce House - Petting Zoo - Food Trucks

Event sponsored by the West Hanover Elementary PTA

Rain or Shine

Tickets will be available for purchase

Please contact Sara at saraline252@gmail with any questions.

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# Golden Oldies Dance

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Snacks & Beverages Available

ADMISSION - \$5.00 per person

### WEST HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTER

628 Walnut Ave.

Harrisburg, 17112

For more info: 717-724-0083



### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

If you or a family member has accomplished a milestone, such as a 50-year marriage, retirement from a job after many years, a community service project, any awards (church, scouting, clubs, etc.), we would love to announce it in our newsletter. Pictures can also be included. Please email (elaforce@westhanover.com) or call her at 717-652-4841 ext. 108. Thank you!

### Stormwater Update

Annual stormwater bills are expected to go out to parcels Mid-March. Please be on the lookout for your bill coming from Keystone Collections. We will post an update on our website and Facebook pages when they are going in the mail. Make sure all stormwater bills are paid from all previous years (2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023). Credits are not applied to delinquent accounts. If you are unsure if your bills have been paid, you can call Keystone Collections directly at 866-539-1100. We cannot accept payments at the Township office.

We are continuing to work with our Solicitor, Salzmann Hughes, and Keystone Collections on collecting delinquencies. Liens have been placed on selected parcels and more liens will be placed on other delinquent parcels. If you have received correspondence from the Authority and Salzmann Hughes, we encourage you to pay your fees. If you do not pay your stormwater fees, you will incur other legal and lien fees that will more than double some of the bills. Aside from this expense, not paying your fee burdens your fellow residents. As we have mentioned many times, please understand the Township is mandated by the State and Federal government via our MS4 permit.

The Authority is working on our potential third stream restoration project, which will be the Unnamed Tributary to Manada Creek by the Sewer Authority. We are currently under a 30-day public comment period (February 13 - March 14) to review the amended PRP plan from our original stream restoration project at Lakeside Avenue that fell through. A copy of the amended PRP plan is available at the Township Building and, on our website, where you can submit your comments, if you have any. The next monthly stormwater meeting is on March 13<sup>th</sup> where there will be a public comment opportunity.

The Authority has joined the Water Resource Enhancement Program (WREP) with the Tri County Regional Planning Commission along with several other municipalities and boroughs in the area. This program allows all participants to work together on projects, public outreach, etc. which can boast a cost savings.

Monthly stormwater meeting are held at the Administration Building the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm or on Zoom. We encourage all to attend!

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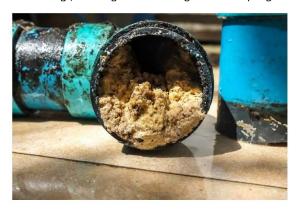


### **Down the Drain: Tackling Challenges in Sewer Systems**

### By Jamie Aston, WHTSA

Sewer systems, the silent backbone of modern living, face an adversary that threatens their smooth operation: grease. This article explores the impact of grease on sewer systems, the associated challenges, and potential solutions to overcome its effects.

Often originating from cooking and food preparation, grease appears harmless when washed down the drain. However, within sewer systems, it transforms into a formidable enemy. Over time, grease solidifies, forming obstructions in pipes, known as "fatbergs," causing severe blockages and disrupting wastewater flow.



This accumulated grease in sewer pipes congeals with other debris, creating blockages that lead to service interruption, backups and possible overflows. This poses not only environmental and public health risks, it can also corrode pipes, reducing their lifespan and increasing maintenance costs for ratepayers.

While service interruption is inconvenient, overflows are even worse. They release untreated wastewater, laden with grease and contaminants into the environment, endangering our streams and rivers and compromising drinking water sources.

Luckily, we aren't just victims in this story as there are ways we can fight back! Installing grease traps in commercial kitchens can intercept and contain grease before it reaches the sewer system, but these require regular maintenance and cleaning to work properly. As a homeowner, being careful about what you put down the drain can help as well.

When cooking, pour grease into a dry, empty jar, can or cupped aluminum foil and then allow it to cool. Once it has solidified, throw it away with your regular trash. By doing this and avoiding flushing items like "flushable wipes" (they aren't!) and sanitary products, we can all help keep these blockages from forming in the first place.

# If in doubt, throw it out!

In the coming months, as the weather warms up, you may notice Sewer Authority employees out in the field conducting inspections of sewer lines and commercial grease traps in order to protect our public sewers from the impacts of grease and other contaminants. By performing these inspections, we can ensure the efficiency and longevity of our sewer systems, keep costs down and protect the public health and the environment.

If you have any questions about what you can or cannot send down the drain, or any other sewer related items, please visit the Authority website at <a href="https://www.whtsa.com">https://www.whtsa.com</a> or call us at 717.540.0124 and we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

## WEST HANOVER PARKS & RECREATION

2024 SPRING INDOOR YARD SALE

Saturday, March 9th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm WH Community Center 628 Walnut Ave. (717) 724-0083



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# **EASTER EGG HUNT** SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 11 A.M.

Houck Manor Park, 628 Walnut Avenue (New location to accommodate parking!)

Register by March 27th

### VISIT AND TAKE PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

11:00 - Ages 1-2 11:15 - Ages 3-5

11:30 - Ages 6-8 11:45 - Ages 9-12

Lots of Special Eggs & Prizes!

Presented by West Hanover Parks & Recreation

Call 717-724-0083 or email jzimmerman@westhanover.com to register



# 2024 BUS TRIPS

# Registration forms are available on the Township website www.westhanover.com For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 717-724-0083

Tuesday, April 16 - Mt. Hope Murder Mystery - \$125 per person

Saturday, April 27 - Springtime in NYC - \$85 per person

Thursday, May 2 - Colonial Annapolis - \$125 per person

Tuesday, May 28 - Hometown Heroes - \$135 per person

Thursday, June 13 - Wine & Roses - \$159.99 per person

Saturday, June 15 - Washington DC on Your Own - \$65 per person

Tuesday, June 18 - Farm Fresh Fun - \$126 per person

Saturday, June 22 - Summer in NYC - \$85 per person

Saturday, July 27 - Finger Lakes Wine Festival - \$115 per person

Saturday, July 27 - Coney Island, New York - \$85 per person

Saturday, August 3 - Bronx Zoo - \$135 per person

Saturday, August 10 - AC Thunder Over the Boardwalk Air Show - \$125 per person

Saturday, August 17 - Salute America - Ellis Island & 911 Memorial Site - \$125 per person

Thursday, August 22 - Honor & Valor - \$195 per person

Tuesday, September 24 - Jim Thorpe Adventure - \$179 per person

Wednesday, October 2 - Fabulous Fall Foliage - \$175 per person

Thursday, October 3 - Fall into the Curve Tour - \$169 per person

Thursday, October 10 - Wine & Wolves - \$123 per person

Friday, November 22 - Radio City Music Hall - TBA

Saturday, November 23 - NYC on Own (Value Day) - \$75 per person

Saturday, December 7 - Dickens of a Christmas - Wellsboro - \$130 per person

Friday, December 13 - Holidays with the DuPont's - \$175 per person

Saturday, December 14 - NYC on Own - \$85 per person

Saturday, December 21 - NYC on Own (Value Day) - \$75 per person





# 2024 SPRING HOMEMADE SOUP SALE

Friday, April 26th 12 pm - 5pm

## WEST HANOVER COMMUNITY CENTER



628 Walnut Ave.

Limited Quantity!

Call to pre-order!

(717) 724-0083

### PRE-ORDERS ONLY!!

Chicken Corn Soup

Beef Vegetable Soup

\$10.00 / quart

Order by April 19th

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### 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.











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, May 6th, 2024, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The two day 8-hour course will be held on Monday, June 24, and Tuesday, June 25th, 2024.

All classes will be held at the West Hanover Parks and Recreation Building, located at 628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112. To register for the 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.

Make checks payable to: AARP
West Hanover Parks & Recreation

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# Drive-Thru Senior Expo Sponsored by Representative Joe Kerwin

Thursday, Apr. 11 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 717-652-6820 to register
Houck Manor Park
628 Walnut Ave. (across from Central Dauphin High School)
Harrisburg, 17112

# Document Shredding Event Sponsored by Representative Joe Kerwin

Saturday, June 1st, from 9 to 11 a.m.
West Hanover Township Community Center, at 628 Walnut Ave., Harrisburg, near Central
Dauphin High School off Route 39.

Protect yourself from identity theft by shredding documents that contain a Social Security Number, bank account information or other sensitive details. Stop by the parking lot of the West Hanover Township Community Center for secure shredding.

No businesses, please, and a maximum of four boxes per household.



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# A Message from Don Holmes, Parks Director

### Neighbors,

If you believe that crazy groundhog, then Spring will be upon us on the earlier side this year. I hope he is right because I am tired of the cold! We have a lot to do this year in the parks. The Parks & Recreation Board is currently working to design a restroom facility to be installed at Fairville Park. Mt. Laurel Park construction will continue into 2024 as we work to make electrical, plumbing, and structural repairs and upgrades. The Board is also working on a Master Plan for the park. We are currently working with our local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops to perform service projects in the parks, including a shelter along the nature trail at Fairville Park and a Community Garden at Mt. Laurel.

All of our playgrounds in the Township had fresh woodcarpet (safety surfacing) installed in February. Our crews will be working to remove all of the down branches and trees laying around in the parks from the Winter months. Be cautious as you navigate our nature trails as we work through this process.

Thanks to the excellent fundraising work by our Township Manager, Mike Gossert, we have received funding from the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Department of Economic & Community Development to develop a Trail Network Plan for the Township. The Parks & Recreation Board will work together with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to develop the plan, which should be ready go early next year.

We are gearing up for our Summer Recreation Camp Programs for this year and are excited to introduce a half-day camp at Skyline Commons Park. Check out the flyer in this newsletter for registration info. We expect to reach capacity this year, so please get your registration in early to reserve your spot!

See you in the parks!

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CDHS Football Community Connection, where young players donate their time to our Breakfast with Santa event along with other events throughout the year.



The CASA 2012 Girls soccer team gathered at the West Hanover Rec Center on Friday, January 19th as part of their Raise Craze fundraiser. The girls made Smile Bags for Caitlin's Smiles that included bracelet making kits, bookmark making kits, cards and gift bags for children in the hospital. They also made thank you cards for CASA coaches, staff and referees. Through their two week Raise Craze fundraiser the team raised \$3,835, and completed 162 acts of kindness. The money they raised will help reduce the costs of travel soccer including things like new uniforms, tournament costs and other soccer related expenses.



WEST HANOVER PARKS & RECREATION & HOFFMAN FORD PRESENT THE

# 2024 STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Sunday, June 2nd 3:00 — 5:00 pm

WH Community Center 628 Walnut Ave.

Fresh Strawberry Pie, Ice Cream Bar, Chocolate Covered Strawberries, Strawberry Lemonade and more!!

Enjoy social time with friends and family!!

SPONSORED BY OUR FRIENDS AT





Butterfly Kisses Father / Daughter Dance

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH 6:00 = 8:00 PM

HOFFMAN HALL
WH COMMUNITY CENTER
628 WALNUT AVE.

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER (717) 724-0083



Life is a collection of moments make them count.

# WEST HANOVER LIONS CLUB

CHARTERED 1951



# annual chicken bbq

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

11:00 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT

DRIVE-THRU LUNCH AT THE WH COMMUNITY CENTER
628 WALNUT AVE. HARRISBURG, PA 17112

(ONE BLOCK FROM CENTRAL DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL)

DELICIOUS PIT
BARBECUED HALF
CHICKEN, BAKED
POTATO, APPLESAUCE,
ROLL & BUTTER, FOR
JUST A \$10 DONATION!





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

Sun. 4-4:30 pm

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)



# Session Schedules 2023 to 2024

**DRAGONS Class Ages 8- Adult** 

& Advanced Tigers Class Ages 5-7

Martial, Arts Magazine Hall of Fame.

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

Families are welcome. Classes consist of traditional mar-

tial 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 award-

ed 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

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

# 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

### Sun. 4-4:30

1 Class Per Wk.(4 classes per session)\$45 2 Classes Per Wk. Per 4 wk Session \$55 3 Classes Per wk. Per 4 wk session \$65 Starts in Jan

### Attention: Schedule Change!!!

Dec. 2023 (3 classes only offered) Tigers and Lil Dragons 1 class 3 wk session \$34 / 2 class 3 wk session \$41 Dragons & Adv. Tigers: 1 class \$37 / 2 class \$50 This will only be for month of December 2023

#### Weapons class

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

### Tues:

Nov. 14-Dec. 5 Dec. 12-Jan. 2 (No class Dec. 26) 3 class payment this session only Jan. 9-30 Feb. 6-27 March 5-26 April 2-23 April 30-May 28(no class

May 21)

June 4-25 (no class July 2)

July 9-30

Aug. 13-Sept. 3 (no class Aug. 6th)

Sept. 10-Oct. 1

Oct. 8-Nov. 5 (No class Oct.

Nov. 12-Dec. 10 (No class Nov 26)

Dates Subject to Change

### Thurs:

Nov. 9-Dec. 7 (No Class Nov.23) Dec. 14- Jan. 4 (No class Dec. 28) 3 class payment this session Only Jan. 11-Feb. 1 Feb. 8-29 March 7-28 April 4-25 May 2-30 (no Class on 23) June 6-27 July 11 -Aug. 1 (No class July 4)

Sept. 12-Oct. 3 Oct. 10-Nov. 7 (No class Oct. 31) Nov.14-Dec.12 (No class Nov,28)

Aug. 8-Sept. 5 (no class Aug 29)

Dates Subject to Change

### Sun:

No Sunday Class Dec. will Resume in Jan 2024 Jan 7-28 Feb 4-25 March 3-24 (no class 31) April 7-28 May 5-June 2 (no class 26) June 9-30 July 14-Aug. 4 (no class July Aug. 11-Sept. 8 (no class Sept. 1) Sept. 15-Oct. 6 Oct.13-Nov. 3 (No class Nov. 10) Nov. 17-Dec. 15 (No class Dec. 1)

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

Dates Subject to Change

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### **MARCH**

Wednesday, March 6th - Senior Electronics Corner - 9 a.m. to Noon (page 24)
Wednesday, March 6th - Golden Oldies Dance - 7 to 10 p.m. (page 19)
Saturday, March 9th - Indoor Yard Sale - 8 a.m. to Noon (page 22)
Wednesday, March 13th - American Red Cross Blood Drive (page 10)
Thursday, March 21st - Senior Lunch (page 15)
Saturday, March 30th - Easter Egg Hunt - NEW LOCATION!! (page 22)

### APRIL

Thursday, April 11 - Drive-Thru Senior Expo - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (page 26)
Saturday, April 13th - WHBSA Opening Day - 10 a.m. (page 14)
Thursday, April 18th - Senior Lunch (page 15)
Friday, April 26th - Spring Soup Sale - Noon to 5 p.m. (page 24)
Saturday, April 27th - Lions Club Bingo (page 4)

### **MAY**

Friday, May 3rd - Mother/Son Dance - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (page 13)

Monday, May 6th - AARP Refresher Drivers Course - 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. (page 25)

Thursday, May 16th - Senior Lunch (page 15)

Saturday, May 18th - West Hanover Elementary Mayfair - 3 to 7 p.m. (page 19)

Saturday, May 25th - Chicken BBQ - 11 a.m. until Sold Out (page 28)

# **JUNE**

Saturday, June 1st - Document Shredding (page 26)
Sunday, June 2nd - Strawberry Social - 3 to 5 p.m. (page 28)
Friday, June 7th - Father/Daughter Dance - 6 to 8 p.m. (page 29)
Saturday, June 20th - Senior Lunch (page 15)
Monday, June 24th & Tuesday, June 25th - AARP Smart Drivers Course (page 25)