



WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



**WINTER
2023/2024**

2024 BUDGET

The 2024 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 2024 budget highlights.

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

General Fund

The General Fund ending in 2023 projects a total annual estimated revenue amount of \$6,368,343 and expenses ending for 2023 estimated at \$4,267,761. For Budget year 2023 Revenues were estimated to be \$5,116,429 with expenses estimated to be \$4,865,845. Once again, the township was able to come in under expense projections and over revenue expectations. Budgeted expenses within the General Fund account for realistic projections of anticipated annual increases in Township operating expenses.

To provide transparency and give actual year over year comparisons the following projections remove the new municipal complex revenue and expense for 2024 since they are a single year line item. The 2024 General Fund budget projects a total annual estimated revenue amount of \$6,025,235 and expenses ending for 2024 estimated at \$3,952,850.

2024 revenue and expense projections including new municipal complex grant and borrowing, projects revenue of \$19,025,235 and expenses of \$16,952,850.

The 2024 proposed Budget allows for the continuation of essential Volunteer Fire and Public Works services along with offsetting the operating costs of other necessary Departments to include Administration, Planning/Zoning, Finance and Recreation without a need for an increase in the Real Estate Tax rate. 2024 marks the 39th consecutive year without an increase in the Real Estate Tax rate for West Hanover Township.

Storm-Water Fund

The Stormwater Management Fee Tiered Rate will, for the third year in a row, remain the same in 2024. 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 2024, this fund includes state liquid fuel contributions which will amount to an estimated total revenue of \$384,048. The fund will cover the costs of utilities for traffic signals throughout the Township and provide additional funding for necessary street resurfacing projects.

Summary

The entire 2024 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.

**Township Offices will be
closed:**

Monday, December 25th

Monday, January 1st

Monday, January 15th

Monday, February 19th

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Gloria Zimmerman

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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 - whtaxcollector@gmail.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2023

- 7th - Board of Supervisors - No Meeting
- 12th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m. (Cancelled)
- 13th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m.
- 14th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m. (No Meeting)
- 19th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - Sewer Authority - 628 Walnut Street
- 20th - Parks & Recreation Board - 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street
- 21st - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.
- 21st - Planning Commission - No Meeting

JANUARY 2024

- 2nd - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.
- 9h - 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 Street
- 17th - Parks & Recreation Board 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street
- 18th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.
- 25th - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2024

- 1st - Board of Supervisors (if necessary) - 6 p.m.
- 8th - Zoning Hearing Board - 6:30 p.m.
- 13th - Environmental Advisory Council - 6:30 p.m.
- 14th - West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) - 6 p.m.
- 15th - Board of Supervisors - 6 p.m.
- 121st - Parks & Recreation Board 7 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street
- 20th - Sewer Authority - 6 p.m. - 628 Walnut Street
- 22nd - Planning Commission - 7 p.m.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

23.004 - Ciocca Honda Body Shop. The applicant proposes to consolidate tax parcel 68-035-122 and 68-035-076 into one lot 6.0774 acres (264,731.33 square feet) and construct a one story, 17,200 square foot addition and parking lot with 160 spaces. The engineer for the land development plan is Cowan Associates Inc. **Approved with conditions.**

23.002 - West Hanover Municipal Complex - The applicant proposes to construct a new one story, 16,682 square foot administration building, a 28,900 square foot Public Works building and parking lot with 82 spaces for the administration building and 13 spaces for the Public Works building located on Jonestown Road beside the existing Sewage Treatment Plant. The engineer for the land development plan is H. Edward Black and Associates Inc. **Approved with conditions.**

ZONING HEARING DECISIONS

September through October 2023

2023.04 Joanne Roth – owner and applicant: Requesting a variance from the maximum coverage requirements of Section 195-44.F and the rear yard setback of Section 195-44.E(3) to install a rear patio located at 202 Tiverton Lane, Hbg. PA 17112, tax parcel #68-035-146 in the Suburban Residential (R-3) zoning district. **Approved**



All of the landscape and wildlife photos in this newsletter were taken by Diane Allen on her property in West Hanover Township.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- ♦ Approved the Conditional Use Application for 1133 N. Fairville Avenue, Luke Lingle
 - ♦ Adopted Ordinance 2023-04, Zoning Ordinance and Map Modernization
- ♦ Approved Resolution 2023-37, filing a formal application and business plan for another \$1.5 million RACP Grant for the new municipal complex
 - ♦ Accepted the Cassel Avenue Truck Restriction study as submitted by HRG
 - ♦ Authorized advertisement for Ordinance 2023-05 Restricting Truck Traffic on Cassel Avenue
- ♦ Approved Township Loan Guarantee for Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank (DCIB) Loan (WHT Authority – Stormwater)
- ♦ Approved Resolution 2023-38, Adoption of amended articles of incorporation for the West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater)
- ♦ Approved Change Order #1 from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., decreasing the contracted amount by \$50,560.00 to reconcile installed quantity vs. bid quantity for the WHT paving project, as reviewed by HRG
- ♦ Approved Application for Payment #1 from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. for \$314,835.00 for the WHT paving project, as reviewed by HRG
- ♦ Approved the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2024
- ♦ Approved Resolution 2023-39, Appointing Linda Turns and Bob Fowler as two alternate members to the West Hanover Township Planning Commission
 - ♦ Adopted Ordinance 2023-05, Restricting Truck Traffic on Cassel Avenue
 - ♦ Adopted Ordinance 2023-06, DCIB-G Financing for the West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater)
- ♦ Authorized staff and consultants to initiate the bidding process for the municipal complex
- ♦ Approved the purchase of a new WHT Volunteer Fire Company Chief's vehicle from Whitmoyer Auto Group for \$44,500.00, which is Co-Star pricing
- ♦ Approved the Contract Closeout Documents from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. for \$675.00, final payment for the WHT paving project, as reviewed by HRG
- ♦ Waived the building and zoning permit fees for a small press box behind home plate on the varsity softball field at Central Dauphin High School
- ♦ Approved Resolution 2023-40, filing of an application to the statewide local share account program requesting up to one million dollars towards the purchase of a new fire apparatus
- ♦ Approved the purchase of replacement water fountains for Skyline Commons Park in the amount of \$11,706.60

WEST HANOVER PARKS & RECREATION



Breakfast with Santa

**WH Community Center
628 Walnut Ave**

Saturday, December 9th 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!**



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DECEMBER 5th!**

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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CHANGES

Effective December 31, 2023, Chair Stacey Connors and Supervisor Jay Megonnell will end their time as Board Members. They both have a long history of community service and that is what led them to serve as Supervisors. During their tenure, they have worked hard to ensure a bright future for West Hanover Township and we look forward to working with them in other capacities in the future.

At the first Board of Supervisors meeting of 2024 on January 2nd, we welcome new board members Erich Bair and Deb Carl. Both were elected to the board in the 2023 general election. They will serve along side Don Steinmeier, Gloria Zimmerman, and Kyle Miller. We thank them all for their service to the township and look forward to a prosperous 2024!



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END OF AN ERA

The West Hanover Gopher Senior Van Service was established in 1983 by the West Hanover Lions Club and the Dauphin County Commissioners. The county covered the cost of the first van and the program has grown from there. Claire Zeiters, a second generation and longtime member of the Lions Club, began driving for the Gophers in April of 1996. This year, after 27 years, Claire drove her last run as a Gopher. We are forever grateful for Claire's service to the township seniors and her continued advocacy for the program. Claire continues to serve her community through her activities in the Lions Club. The Gopher Senior Van Service depends on support from rider donations, Lions Club donations, and support from Dauphin County. If you are interested in supporting this program either through volunteering as a driver or a monetary donation, please contact Brenda Lawson at (717) 652-1702.



Pictured is Claire receiving the Lion's of the Year Award from fellow WHT Lion Bill Moulfair.

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

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 for a complete list of licensed pumper/haulers.

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STEPPING AWAY

By Jay Megonnell, Township Supervisor 2010-2023

Well, my second term as Township Supervisor has come to an end. I have chosen not to run again for the position of West Hanover Township Supervisor. During a total of 12 years (two 6-year terms) I am proud to say a lot of good things happened: a new elementary school, a recreation/senior hall, and a new fire station (which did not use any taxpayer money). There was no tax increase, two new firetrucks (mostly Gaming Funds), and two new sewer line projects (Holiday Park & Houck Manor).

The Board worked with Dauphin County Recycling and got the Township to be a satellite drop off for tv's, computers and other e-cyclables. It was a trial which is now a routine service. It took place at the same time Waste Management stopped taking them so it couldn't have worked out any better.

My involvement with Emergency Services will still be a goal of mine. Continuing my membership in the Fire Company and remaining on the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB). I will still serve on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and West Hanover Township Historical Society.

The most challenging times were during the COVID Pandemic. We all bonded together and weathered it with lots of temporary changes in the workforce.

Thank you for letting me be an extended voice for all you residents. It was a real experience, meeting many new friends along the way.

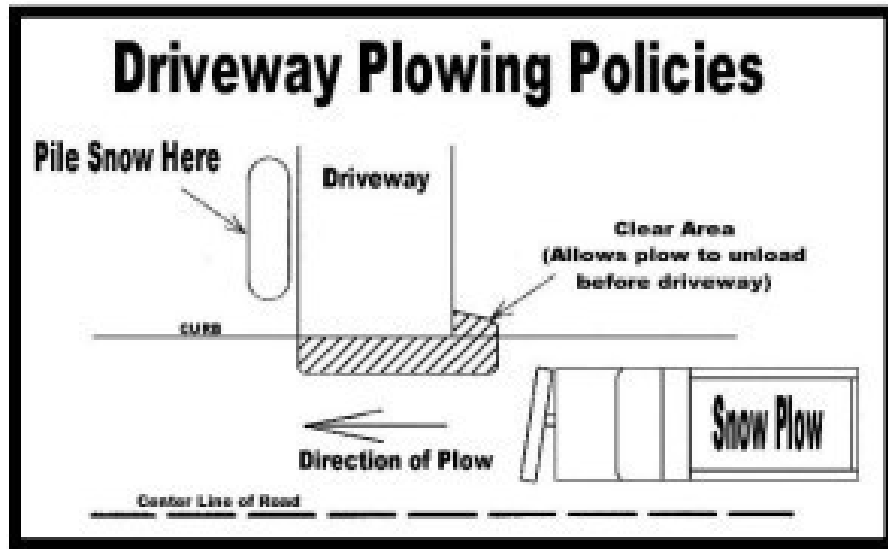
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EXCITING SUMMER CAMP NEWS!

Exciting news! In Summer 2024, a half-day summer camp program will be offered in addition to our existing full-day summer camp. The full-day program will consist of exciting field trips, weekly pool time, guest presenters, and

a wide range of fun activities. The half-day program will consist of fun activities and supervised recreation time, with access to the playgrounds and other amenities at Skyline Park. Both programs are for children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade and will offer safe summer fun! The full-day program will run from June 10 to August 16 and the half-day program will run from June 17 to August 16. The details for both programs are coming soon. We are looking forward to an awesome summer of fun!



**Keep snow and ice
3 feet away from
fire hydrants.**

In case of fire, firefighters
need to be able to get to the
hydrants quickly to protect
people and property.

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Worship: Sunday, 10:30 am

Bible Study: Wed, 7:00 pm

Youth Fellowship: Wed, 7:00pm

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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.



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WINTER WONDERLAND 2024 BALL

Friday, January 26th

6:30- 9:30 pm

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

CASINO NIGHT

March 2nd, 2024

Tickets on Sale

January 15, 2024

Presale - \$40

At Door - \$50

Tickets can be purchased at
WH Community Center.

Includes:

Appetizers, Desserts, Beer,
Wine, Soft Drinks,
Funny Money to play card
games.

Trade in funny money for
raffle tickets.

Benefitting West Hanover Township Fire Company

West Hanover Township Fire Co. 2023 Santa Run Sunday, December 10th

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 Community Center - 628 Walnut Ave

Santa will light the Christmas tree accompanied by Victorian carolers. Snacks, beverages, and a carol sing will follow in Hoffman Hall.

2023 CHRISTMAS GATHERING
LAST STOP ON THE SANTA RUN
LEGEND OF THE YULE LOG
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
WH COMMUNITY CENTER - 628 WALNUT AVE.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

- 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, Victorian Carolers & 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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STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

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Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste in West Hanover Township

Residents of West Hanover Township are entitled to one free 'At Your Door' pickup 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.

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PINOCHLE CARD CLUB OPENINGS

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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A Message from Don Holmes, Parks Director

Neighbors,

Now that Turkey Day and what was left of the warm weather is behind us, it's time to fire up the fireplaces and wood stoves and get ready for Santa's arrival! He will be visiting the WH Community Center on Dec. 9th for our annual Breakfast with Santa and circling back Sunday at 6:00pm to sing carols and enjoy some cookies, cocoa, and the legend of the Yule Log with the WH Historical Society. Special thanks to Hoffman Ford, WHVFC 36, and the WH Historical Society for helping us spread some holiday cheer!

We had a great year in the Parks & Recreation Department and look forward to a busy 2024. With help of our Public Works team, we installed two side-by-side Pickleball courts at Skyline Commons Park. They were completed in October. Our friends from the Small Engine Tech Shop at DCTS helped us clear some brush and stumps as part of the clean-up effort at Mt. Laurel Community Park. Recently, the WH Historical Society held a meeting there discussing the rich history of Piketown. About 50 people were in attendance and a lot of great stories were shared.

Next year, we have plans to upgrade lighting around the parks, improve accessibility at Houck Manor Park, and do some resurfacing to the courts at Lenker Park. The Parks & Recreation Board plans to work on designing and installing a restroom facility at Fairville Park. Mt. Laurel Park needs a lot of work including roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. This work will continue through 2024. Once we get it over the hump, we will make it available for rentals and begin holding public events there again.

Please note, the portable restrooms have been removed for the winter and will be back on April 1. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you again real soon!



New Pickleball Courts



October Lions Bingo



DC Vo-Tech students
clearing brush at
Mt. Laurel Park

Boy Scout Troop 10
working on the
camping area at
Fairville Park



Recent paint day at
Parks & Recreation
hosted by
Craig Bomgardner of
Craig's Canvases

Dirt From the Gopher Hole by Brenda Lawson

We are getting into the winter months so we can expect bad weather. If the weather is such that the van will not be going, we will call you as soon as possible to let you know. It is better to be safe than sorry.

We will not be operating the vans on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1.

If you like to drive and would like to volunteer with the van program, we can use your help. Several of our drivers go south for the winter so we really can use the help. You do not have to commit to a specific day if you do not want to. You can drive one day a week or one day a month, whatever fits your schedule. Please call 717-652-1702 for more information.

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. Same day service is not possible because both vans can be quite busy most days and it is not possible to fit someone in the schedule at the last minute. If you get the answering machine, leave a message and someone will get back to you.

We will take you shopping, hair appointments, and just about anywhere you wish to go...as long as it is within a 15-mile radius of the Township Building. Medical appointments are always a priority so be sure to schedule them as soon as you have them.



"The Gopher" - WHT Senior Citizens Van

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Boy Scout Troop 10 helped Owen Criley complete his Eagle Scout project to replace the split rail fence at Sandy Hollow Cemetery for the WHT Historical Society.

Great job!





West Hanover Lions President Don Holmes, left,
welcomes new member
John Scott Fernsler.
Eileen LaForce is his sponsor.

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LIONS CLUB CASH BINGO

Saturday, February 3rd

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**

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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 a.m. and the meal is served at Noon

December 21st

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: Tapioca or Chocolate Pudding

February 15th

Lasagna, Side Salad, Garlic Bread

Dessert: Jell-O w/Whipped Topping

March 21st

Meat Loaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans & Dinner Roll & Butter

Dessert: Assorted Cupcakes

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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.

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HOLIDAY GOLDEN OLDIES ADULT DANCE

Wednesday, December 6th

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

WH Community Center

628 Walnut Avenue

\$5 per person

Light Refreshments - Beer & Wine Served





HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Pearl Miller recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Pearl and her husband, Ervin have resided in West Hanover Township for over 50 years. They raised their family on a farm off of Moyer Road. Their home has always been a gathering place for family and friends.

Your friends at West Hanover Township wish you the best birthday and a happy, healthy 2024!



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2024 AARP TAX AIDE

West Hanover Parks and Recreation at 628 Walnut Street will be the location for 2024 AARP Tax Aid. AARP will start making appointments 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

2024 BUS TRIPS

Registration forms are available on the Township website

www.westhanover.com

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

Sunday, February 18th	American Music Theatre 50's Dance Party	\$140.00 pp
Tuesday, March 5th	Phila. Flower Show "United by Flowers"	\$99.00 pp
Thursday, April 11th	Wash. DC Cherry Blossom w/ Lunch Cruise	\$175.00 pp
Tuesday, April 16th	Mt. Hope Murder Mystery	\$125.00 pp
Saturday, April 27th	Springtime in NYC	\$85.00 pp
Saturday, May 25th	Salute America-Ellis Island & 911 Mem. Site	\$125.00 pp

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SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

We would love to showcase your landscape and wildlife photos that are taken in West Hanover Township in upcoming newsletters. Starting with this newsletter we would like to use resident photos instead of stock images of our beautiful Township. Please send photos to elaforce@westhanover.com and include your name, address and any other information you would like to share.

Also, if you have viewed the official Township Facebook page you will see that there is a photo to start the day. We would love to have your pet photos to send out with our "Happy whatever day of the week it is". Please include your pet's name. By sending these photos you are allowing the Township to use them in the manner described.

STORMWATER UPDATE

The West Hanover Township Authority (Stormwater) is excited to announce that we have completed our first two stream restoration projects! These projects will generate credits towards meeting the Township's MS4 permit requirements. Rettew and Flyway Excavating Inc. were the engineer and contractor for the projects, both were the lowest bidders. The Unnamed Tributary (UNT) to the Beaver Creek is located between Lenker Park and Mt. View Swim Club. The Beaver Creek is located across from Central Dauphin High School. Construction began the week of September 25th and took approximately 6 weeks to complete. Upon completion, native trees were planted at both locations. See photos from the projects on the next page.

On October 16th, we partnered with Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) to host a rain barrel workshop, which approximately 40 Township residents attended. We will receive credits towards the Township's MS4 permit for public education and outreach for participating in the workshop. Bob Cristoff, from DCCD, presented a slide show educating the importance and reasoning of stormwater regulations, tips for homeowners and offered a Q&A. After the workshop, participants took a complimentary rain barrel home with them!



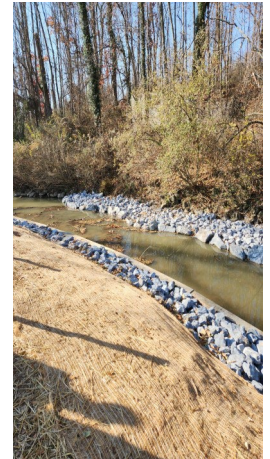
The Township and Authority are mandated by the State and Federal government via our MS4 permit to reduce pollution entering Pennsylvania Waterways. West Hanover Township has had annual stormwater fees since 2020. As we often mentioned, it is important to understand that not paying stormwater fees burdens your fellow residents. For each property (parcel) owner that does not pay, the remainder of the community must pay extra to make up for that deficit. To better manage the delinquent fees, we have been diligently working with **Keystone Collections** and our solicitor, **Salzmann Hughes**, on collecting delinquent stormwater fees from 2020 and 2021. After mailing multiple notices, we have begun filing liens on selected parcels. The filing of a lien is the first step in the collection process. If the owner does not take action to resolve and pay the outstanding fees, the process ultimately ends in the sale of the parcel at sheriff's sale. We encourage any delinquent parcel owner to avoid additional costs by paying their fees now. If you are unsure if your parcel is current, please call **Keystone Collections** directly at 866-539-1100 and they can confirm your payments. Also, if you are moving or buying a home in the Township, please make sure your stormwater fee is taken care of at settlement, if it has not been taken care of prior. The fee stays with the parcel and not the owner.

Please make sure your 2023 and previous years stormwater bills are paid no later than December 31st, 2023. All payments must be made to Keystone Collections, we cannot accept payments at the Township office. Remember, credits are not applied to delinquent accounts. Your account must be current for all years to receive any approved or automatic credits. The 2024 annual stormwater bills will go out in Mid-March like previous years.

The Authority's engineer (HRG) has received some of the data from the Army Corps of Engineers' analysis on the Township's stormwater pipes. They will be analyzing the data to identify priority areas to develop a long-term infrastructure plan for coordination with road paving projects and with other projects in the Township. The Public Works department has been busy street sweeping, repairing inlet boxes and pipes around the Township.

The Authority holds their public monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Township Administration building. 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. Residents unable to attend can observe the meetings via Zoom.

Beaver Creek Project



UNT to Beaver





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Community Center
628 Walnut Avenue
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Wednesday, December 20, 2023
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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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.**



Final Yard Waste Collection

The final Republic Services Yard Waste collection will be during the week of December 11. 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

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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 8th and January 22nd on your regular trash day. Do not bag trees and make sure they are bare, with all decorations removed. If you miss those dates you will have to hang on to your tree until the Compost Center opens on March 30, 2024.



Ongoing Classes for
2024 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, 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 / 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 to 2024

Tues:

Nov. 14-Dec. 5
Dec. 12-Jan. 2
Jan. 2-23
Jan 30-Feb 20
Feb 27-March 19 (no class March 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)

Thurs:

Nov. 9-Dec. 7 (No Class Nov. 23)
Dec. 14- Jan. 2
Jan. 4-25
Feb. 1-22
Feb. 29-March 21 (no class March 28)
April 4-25
May 2-30 (no Class on 23)
June 6-27
July 11 -Aug.
Aug. 8-Sept. 5 (no class Aug 29)

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 7)
Aug. 11-Sept. 8 (no class Sept. 1)
You must sign up for Sunday class it may not be used for a makeup

E-cycling Information

E-Cycling is being accepted, at no charge, at the Compost Center, 402 North Fairville Avenue, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 8 a. m. to 3 p.m. year-round. Call the Township Office at 717-652-4841 for additional info.

Please check in with Compost Center attendant.
No Compost Facility Permit is needed for E-cycling.

The Dauphin County Recycling Center does not accept any items without a circuit board. Toasters, irons, etc., may be placed in household trash and the metals will be recovered at the Harrisburg Incinerator.

Items accepted for E-Cycling:

- D** Answering Machines
- DCD Players
- DCell Phones
- D** Central Processing Units
- D** Computer Peripherals
- D** Copiers (*floor or tabletop models*)
- D** DVD Players
- D** Mainframe Servers
- D** Microwave Ovens
- DMiscellaneous (*i.e. calculator*)
- DMonitors
- DPagers
- D** Printers (*commercial or personal*)
- D** Radios (*personal or portable*)
- Dscanners
- D** Stereo Equipment
- DTelephones
- DTelevisions
- DVCRs

Items with compressors will not be accepted at West Hanover Township E-Cycling and must be taken to the Dauphin County Recycling Center at 1625 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA. Call 717-982-6772 for more information.

For additional recycling information, call the Dauphin County Recycling Center at 717-982-6772, or visit the county website at www.dauphincounty.org.

What to Recycle at WHT Compost Center

402 North Fairville Ave. Open March thru November; Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Township Office at 717-652-4841 for specific dates. *Compost Facility Permits are required and can be purchased at the Township Office M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m., or online for \$30.*

DYard waste (*no grass clippings*)

D Christmas trees

No Compost Facility Permit needed for:

D Used oil and antifreeze - 2-gal limit per visit (*free of water and gas*)

D Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)

Recycling Household Hazardous Wastes

Dauphin County residents are eligible for one free HHW collection a year. Common hazardous materials, other than mercury, are weed killers, pool chemicals, paints, car batteries, bleach and antifreeze. Call the HHW Hotline at 800-449-7587 to schedule a collection date or go to www.WMatyourdoor.com for additional info.



Republic Services is our trash/recycling provider. You can contact them directly at 800-210-9675 or visit republicservices.com

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Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle**

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2024 Edition

West Hanover Township

Curbside Recycling & E-Cycling Guide



Prepared by the West Hanover Township
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) 2024

What to Recycle at Curbside

West Hanover Township's *single-stream recycling program, putting all your recyclables together in the recycling bin*, makes it easy. Simply set your recyclables at the curb on recycling day and you're done.

Thoroughly rinse food containers. Do not tie or bundle newspapers, magazines or other recyclable paper. Flatten all cardboard. Lids must be removed from all containers.

New Single Stream Recyclables for 2023

D Coated milk and juice cartons with peaked tops
D Aluminum beverage containers

(aluminum foil and pie/baking tins will no longer be accepted)

D Glass food and beverage containers: Clear, brown, green.

D Numbered plastic 1, 2 & 5 such as, milk bottles, water bottles, single serve yogurt containers, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc. *When in doubt about recycling a plastic container, do not put it in the recycling bin.*

D Construction paper, kraft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, or similar brown cardboard

D Ferrous cans (*iron, steel, tin*)

D Newspapers, printer paper, computer paper, copy paper

D Junk mail, magazines, paperback books, catalogs and phone books

D Corrugated cardboard. *Broken down and flattened to fit into recycling bin*

One bulk item per week can be placed at curbside along with trash and recyclables.

Acceptable Bulk Items (Please contact Republic Services to arrange for a bulk item pickup):

D Appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, hot water heater, etc.)

D Furniture (tables, chairs, sofas, desks, etc.)

D Mattresses and box springs wrapped in plastic

D Carpet (rolled and tied into 4-ft lengths)

All residents and businesses are required by State and Township Ordinances to recycle.

Unacceptable Bulk Items

D Paints and Household Hazardous Wastes

D Herbicides and Insecticides

D Solvents, Chemicals, Propane Tanks and Liquids

D Batteries, Tires, Electronics, TVs and Construction Debris

What NOT to Recycle at Curbside

D Wax coated paper or cardboard

D Any material with food debris

D Plastic bags (*recycle at local food markets*)

D Styrofoam (*polystyrene of any kind. Dauphin County Recycling will take food grade Styrofoam*)

D Light bulbs (*see E-Cycling in this brochure for recycling CFLs and tubes*)

D Mirrors, window or auto glass, porcelain, ceramics, microwave oven trays, drinking glasses, perfume/cologne bottles

D Wood or yard waste (*see Curbside Leaf Waste Collection in this brochure*)

D Unnumbered plastics

D Plastic flower pots and trays

D Wire coat hangers (*recycle at local dry cleaners*)

D Household items such as toasters, cookware, bakeware, appliances, etc., electronics (*see E-Cycling in this brochure*)

D Hazardous or toxic substances (*see Recycling Household Hazardous Wastes in this brochure*)

D Items which have contained hazardous or toxic substances such as paint, glue or petroleum products

Electrical items, toasters, irons, etc. may be placed in household trash.

Metals will be recovered at the Harrisburg Incinerator

When in Doubt, Leave it Out!

If you are in doubt about recycling an item, even though it may have a recycling symbol, leave it out of your recycling bin.

Contamination in the bin is a big problem and increases recycling costs.

Curbside Leaf Waste Collection

Unlimited curbside leaf waste is collected by Republic Services as part of the standard service to all. There is no fee. **Free labels are available at the township office to place on containers.** Leaf waste includes leaves, weeds, shrub trimmings, bundled tree pruning and garden waste.

Leaf waste does not include grass. Grass is collected with the solid waste.

Plastic bags CANNOT be used for leaf waste.

D Leaf waste is collected one time per month, the same day as your trash/recycling collection in a different truck, April through November. For collection schedule go to township's website www.westhanover.com.

D Christmas trees are collected two times in January. Trees must be free of all decoration, and plastic "tree bags" cannot be used.

D All leaf waste must be placed at the curb before 6 a.m. on your collection day.

D Plastic bags may not be used. "Kraft" bags or 10-36 gallon trash cans can be used for leaf waste. Cans cannot weigh more than 50 pounds when full.

D Brush and branches must be tied in bundles 6 foot or less in length. Tree branches can be no greater than 2 inches in diameter.

D Branches greater than 2 inches in diameter must be taken to the WHT Compost Center, 402 North Fairville Ave. Permit is required. *See Compost Center info in this brochure.*

D Leaf waste containers that contain trash and/or grass clippings or a mix of leaf waste and trash will not be collected.

BATTERY RECYCLING

Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at no cost at Home Depot near the Customer Service Center.

West Hanover has three battery recycling containers for 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 one of the containers. There are containers at the Township Building, Public Works Building and the Parks & Recreation Center.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER

- Wednesday, December 6th - Golden Oldies Adult Dance from 7- 10 p.m. (page 19)
- Thursday, December 7th - Senior Electronics Corner from **Noon to 3 p.m.*** (page 25)
- Saturday, December 9th - Breakfast with Santa from 8 until 11 a.m. (page 6)
- Sunday, December 10th - Santa Run from 3 until 6 p.m. (page 12)
- Sunday, December 10th - Yule Log - starts at 6 p.m. (pages 13)
- Thursday, December 21st - Senior Lunch, doors open at 11 a.m. (page 19)
- Wednesday, December 20th - Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. (page 24)

JANUARY

- Wednesday, January 3rd - Senior Electronics Corner from 9 a.m. until Noon (page 25)
- January 15th make appts. for AARP Tax Aide (page 20)
- Thursday, January 18th - Senior Lunch, doors open at 11 a.m. (page 19)
- Friday, January 26th - Winter Wonderland Ball from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. (page 11)

FEBRUARY

- Saturday, February 3rd - Lions Club Cash Bingo, doors open at 11 a.m. (page 18)
- Wednesday, February 7th - Senior Electronics Corner from 9 a.m. until Noon (page 25)
- Thursday, February 15th - Senior Lunch, doors open at 11 a.m. - (page 19)

MARCH

- Saturday, March 2nd - Casino Night from 7 until 10 p.m. (page 12)
- Wednesday, March 6th - Senior Electronics Corner from 9 a.m. until Noon (page 25)
- Wednesday, March 6th - Golden Oldies Adult Dance from 7 - 10 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9th - Indoor Yard Sale from 7 a.m. until Noon

***this will be the last Senior Electronics Corner from Noon to 3 p.m.
Starting in 2024 it will be held from 9 a.m. until Noon**