



THE **H**ANOVER TOWNSHIP **R**ARBINGER

FALL 2007

Meeting Times

- Board of Supervisors meets the second and fourth Monday of each month with the exception of the December meeting being scheduled for Dec. 10. Work session meetings begin at 6:30 PM with the regular meeting following at approximately 7:00 PM.
- The Planning Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The Sewer Authority meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at treatment facility, 2290 Fagleysville Road.
- The Technology Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.
- The Environmental Advisory Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The Recreation Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

OFFICE HOURS

8:30am - 4:30pm
Monday thru Friday

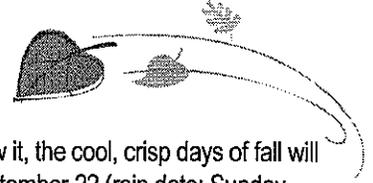
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RECREATION COMMITTEE FALL AND WINTER ACTIVITIES



Right now, you are enjoying the last days of summer. But before you know it, the cool, crisp days of fall will be here! Yes, that's right -- the **Fall Frolic** is coming! Saturday, September 22 (rain date: Sunday, September 23) at the New Hanover Community Park, located at 2766 Gail Drive, from 1-5 PM. This year we are adding even MORE special activities, for both young and young-at-heart with food and fun for your enjoyment. Convenient parking with a shuttle service to and from the park has been arranged for originating at the Hope Community Church; look for the shuttle service signage. Come out, meet your neighbors and have fun! Crafts, food, animals, entertainment for the whole family and information from various groups will be available. Kids can tour a fire truck, talk to our own local police officers, take a hayride and paint a pumpkin! Activities are either free or at a minimal cost.

The Recreation Committee offers other activities all throughout the year, not just the **Fall Frolic**! We offer a winter volleyball and basketball program at Boyertown Junior High School East for adults and Senior High School Students. We also offer a Winter Children's After School Program at the New Hanover Upper Frederick School. You can also purchase discount tickets for Bear Creek right at the Township Building! Summer programs include children's recreation and swim instruction programs. For more information on these or any of our activities and programs, please visit the Township's website at www.newhanover-pa.org.

The Recreation Committee of New Hanover Township meets the first Wednesday of each month to plan the **Fall Frolic** and implement other programs for the residents of our township. We are volunteers who are interested in keeping New Hanover a vibrant, active township. Why not sit in on our next meeting? We'd love to have you join our committee and share your ideas with us! For more information about the 2007 **Fall Frolic** or the Recreation Committee, contact Eileen Pogany at 610-323-1008 or epogany@newhanover-pa.org. See you at the **Fall Frolic**!

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT



2007 has been a very busy year for the New Hanover Township Police Department. Our increasing population is constantly providing new challenges for the officers.

Some good fortune and timely grant money allowed us to purchase state of the art computer laptops for the patrol cars. These allow the officers to complete their reports in the car, which means they are spending more time on patrol. The system also incorporates a GPS that allows the dispatch center to know where the patrols are at all times. This is an important safety feature. This equipment was purchased and installed with funds received from a Technology Grant presented to us by Representative Allyson Schwartz.

As the result of a large drug arrest, the police department received forfeiture funds to be used for equipment and training. With these funds we were able to purchase and equip a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe. We were also able to replace our aging firearms.

Rest assured that the New Hanover Township Police Department will be prepared to meet the challenges of the future and to continue to seek ways to better serve and protect the citizens of New Hanover Township.

Chief Michael Dykie



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Fall is nearly upon us. The leaves are starting to change. The air is cooler. Now is the perfect time to take a leisurely drive through our township to visit the sights. One place to stop by is the restored schoolhouse on Reifsnnyder Road. This building has been beautifully restored to near original condition. One step inside takes you back to the days of the one room schoolhouse.

Along with the fall comes football season. The Boyertown Bears again look good this year. I always look forward to the Thanksgiving game when they play my alma mater, Upper Perkiomen. It's always a good game. And of course the Eagles show promise as well. I bleed Eagles green.

Speaking of green, your leadership is actively seeking to purchase open space in our township. In a past survey, the number one concern of our residents was suburban sprawl. We are doing what we can to preserve our pristine township. We enlarged the minimum lot sizes in much of the northern portion from one acre to two acres. This in conjunction with purchasing development rights or the outright buying of property is a very high priority goal of the township's. If you know of any acreage that might be a good candidate for our open space program, please let us know.

Our public works department is gearing up for another winter. Ray Batchelder, for whom the road into the township building is named, is preparing for the snow plowing season. I can't tell you how many times I've been told by people of other areas how they are surprised to see how well maintained and how quickly snow is removed from our township roads. Even the gravel roads are kept clean. Did you know that New Hanover Township has more gravel roads; than any other township in Montgomery county?

So while you are taking your drive through the township, remember to observe the fall foliage. We are working hard to preserve it.

Board of Supervisors Chairman, **Martin Dyas**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

Planning for the Township's first wastewater treatment system began in 1968 with the first treatment facility coming on line in 1982. In 2002 the treatment facility was relocated along Fagleysville



Road and the spray irrigation system replaced with an oxidation ditch system with a secondary clarification and ultraviolet light disinfection system designed to treat 3,000 equivalent dwelling units commonly referred to as EDU's. The expansion project now underway will provide for treatment of wastewater for an additional four thousand EDU's and is expected to be completed in April, 2008. The new expansion is a mirror image of the facility constructed in 2002, except that the larger tanks will allow for treating an additional 1,000 EDU's for a total of 7,000 EDU's. Developers have already reserved capacity in this project and construction is proceeding on schedule at this time. Four full-time employees and one part-time employee attend to the operations, maintain the property and assure that all wastewater is suitable to be discharged back into the environment.

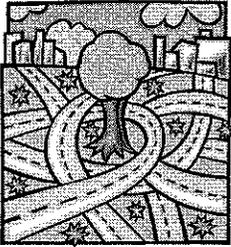
CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The township is planning on providing a drop-off site for Christmas trees at the municipal building January 1 through 13, 2008; no curbside pickup is being planned for this year. Trees will be collected and mulched for recycling. Please visit www.newhanover-pa.org or watch for an ad in *The Mercury* for any additional details closer to the holidays.



**PLEASE
DO YOUR PART IN PRESERVING
OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
RECYCLE BY:**

- Placing newsprint, magazines, junk mail, all clean paper in a brown grocery bag
- Comingle glass, metal, plastics 1 and 2 in your in your recycling bin



HIGHWAY SAFETY

New Hanover Township Supervisors and staff work diligently throughout the year to provide safe conditions for vehicular and pedestrian passage on Township streets and roads. Eight full-time and one part-time Public Works employees are constantly maintaining township roadways, mowing roadway shoulders and intersections, clearing snow and ice, maintaining public parks and maintaining storm water collection systems. Public works and emergency management personnel are called out 24/7 during storms or emergency situations to offer their services in order to avoid accidents and to assist when accidents do happen.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW & HOW YOU CAN HELP

PARKING ALONG STREETS

Please remember that all motor vehicles or other means of transportation must be removed from public road surfaces, cartways and shoulders or rights-of-way for a distance of 20' from the edge of the paved surface within one hour from the start of icing or snowfall that has reached an accumulation of 1.5". The Snow Emergency Ordinance permits the towing of a car left on the roadway if, in the opinion of the township, it prevents the safe clearing of snow from the roadway. Any vehicles in violation will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

MAIL BOXES

Be sure that your mailbox is installed properly to avoid damage from snowplows. Absolutely no part of the mailbox should extend over the curb or edge of road. Check with the Post Office about appropriate installation. It is township policy not to replace mailboxes that are damaged during the normal course of clearing a road.

SIDEWALK CLEARING

For safe pedestrian crossing, sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of a winter storm in accordance with Ordinance # 97-3.

DRIVEWAYS

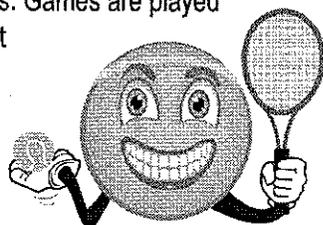
A helpful hint to remember is to shovel snow in driveways to the right side of the driveway (as you face the road) and clear the area immediately to the left of your driveway. This will not eliminate snow being pushed back into the driveway in all cases but will assist the snow plow operator in most cases.

REPORT ICE CONDITIONS AND DANGEROUS POT HOLES

Nothing is more dangerous to drive on than ice. If you see an intersection or a stretch of road that has some ice buildup, call the township. The Public Works Department will salt, cinder, and plow the area clear or contact the County or State for similar service. Safe roads are the best roads!

PICKLE BALL

Pickle ball has come to New Hanover. *(no pickle used or harmed in any way!)* This is a low impact, tennis type sport for men and women of all ages. Games are played at the Boyertown Jr. High East tennis courts; wear sneakers, equipment provided. Call Bill Greiner for more information @ 610 326-6759.





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CAN WE FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY??

AMBULANCE, FIRE OR POLICE

Our emergency providers constantly face the challenge of responding to emergency in the least amount of time as is possible. Many residences currently are not displaying their house numbers so that they can be identified from the street. House numbers **need** to be displayed in a minimum of 3" reflective numerals. If a mailbox is located at the house, the numerals should be displayed on both sides of the mailbox, in development settings, numerals should be clearly displayed on the house front, and in situations where homes cannot be seen from the street or there is no mailbox, numerals can be displayed on a post along the property frontage. Please be sure that you can be located easily in event of an emergency and remember, these situation are never planned for, **do it today!**

