



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Things sure are changing. It seems like not long ago that we were buried under a couple feet of snow. But now the flowers are up and the temperatures are rising. This is the best time of the year. Things are changing in our township as well. We have two key people retiring from our ranks. Public Works Director, Ray Batchelder, has decided to retire after 35 years of working for New Hanover Township. He has done an outstanding job over the years with leading his team in clearing the roads in the winter and maintaining them in the summer. He was also in charge of the parks and what a fine job he has done.

Our other retiree, Police Chief Mike Dykie has been with New Hanover Township for 32 years, 24 of them as our Chief. He has seen our police department grow from 4 officers in 1978 to 10 officers today. He has been an integral leader for building our police force of talented and well trained officers. That leadership responsibility will now go to Corporal Bill Moyer as he takes the reins as Acting Police Chief.

Be sure to visit our newest 20 acre open space acquisition at Hickory Park. It has beautiful open spaces and it also boasts numerous well maintained pavilions that can be rented. Try to visit each of our parks this summer, as every one of them is unique. While you are at it, plan a visit to the Historical Society's restored schoolhouse on Reifsnyder Road. Walk into the old building and you'll feel like you are walking into the past.

We also now have a Compost Park on Fagleysville Road, just past the Sewer Plant on the right. This is where you can take your grass clippings and other yard waste materials. It will be open on the weekends. Enjoy your spring and summer. Go Phillies.

Martin Dyas, Chairman

POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS

Pennsylvania Department of Health recommends that persons residing within a 10 mile radius of the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station maintain a supply of Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets for their families. In the unlikely event of an incident and radioactive release at the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station, KI adds an extra layer of protection for the thyroid gland. If you do not have a fresh supply of these tablets, you may visit the Montgomery County Health Department located at 364 King Street, Pottstown and request a supply for your household.

FIRE STUDY - DCED GRANT

The Township has been awarded a \$5,000 DCED grant toward the cost of having a professional comprehensive study performed on fire service in the Township. The study will cover all aspects of fire services provided by both New Hanover and Sassamansville Fire Companies and will help the Township evaluate its current situation and prepare for needs of the future.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library offers many services to the community in addition to bookmobiles and visiting preschools to share story time. A mail service is offered to shut-ins. Call 610 278-5100 or visit the website at www.npl.org for additional information.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

ATTIC, BASEMENT OR GARAGE CONVERSIONS

Adding additional habitable space by finishing an attic, basement or attached garage requires the submittal of a building permit application prior to starting any construction. Failure to obtain the required permits and inspections could result in serious ramifications and costly penalties. Violations are typically discovered during fire and emergency services investigations or when a property is offered for sale and County tax records and Township files cannot validate the improvements.

GARAGE AND YARD SALE REGULATIONS

Ordinance No. 06-08 was adopted by the Township Supervisors September 11, 2006 and provides reasonable restrictions on yard and garage sales. The ordinance allows for three sales within any calendar year and allows for placement of signs two days prior to the date of the sale which are to be removed within twenty-four hours after the sale has ended. Signs are not to exceed two square feet and are not to be attached to utility poles, traffic signs or similar structures.

PARKS & RECREATION

HICKORY PARK

ADDED TO TOWNSHIP'S PARK SYSTEM

The Township is pleased to have acquired the Hickory Park property as of July 31, 2009. The purchase of this 20.6 acre park was made possible with the assistance of funding through the Montgomery County Open Space program. The Township's Public Works Department employees along with volunteers have been busy completing the improvements to ensure safety and to beautify the park for public use. The park is open for public enjoyment from sunrise to sunset. Reservations may be made for private functions for the various pavilions, gazebo, or the food service pavilion by completing a reservation form and remitting the applicable fee. Most pavilions are equipped with electric, running water and a grill. An application form can be found on the Township's website www.newhanover-pa.org or by stopping in at the Township office. A ball field and volleyball court are available for use and open spaces allow for active recreational activities. Tot lot play structures are expected to be installed this spring and will offer a variety of interesting, fun, healthy physical activities for children.

A master plan is currently being prepared and will provide a schematic showing park facilities presently and showing a footprint for adding of amenities in the future. The swimming pool is currently being evaluated and if feasible, will be brought up to standards suitable for public use and enjoyment; the Township hopes to offer season tickets or a daily use pass for the 2011 season.

NEW HANOVER PARKS

Reservations can also be made to use the facilities at the New Hanover Community Park which offers a roller hockey rink, basketball court, baseball field, disc golf course, walking/biking trail, tot lot, large indoor facility, pavilion and grills.

A complete listing and description of additional Township parks can be found on the Township's web site or by inquiring at the Township office

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Recreation Committee will be hosting the Township's first Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Hickory Park; 2140 Big Road, rain date is Sunday, May 23. Vendor spaces will be marked and can be reserved for \$10. a space, anyone having large amounts of items for sale may reserve additional adjoining spaces. All unsold items must be removed from the premises, by the vendor, at the conclusion of the event. Snack items will be offered for sale. Reselling useable items, still in good condition, is the perfect way to recycle merchandise no longer useful to you. Vendor reservations may be made at the Township office.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM - A NEW LOCATION



The summer recreation program for elementary age children will be offered at the Township's newly acquired **Hickory Park**. The park has recently been renovated and will offer opportunities for nature focused activities in a natural setting along with organized activities planned and directed by the staff of the YMCA. The program will run from June 28 to July 23, Monday through Friday - 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon. Pre-registration is required at the Township office with a registration fee of \$40. per child and is on a first-come, first-serve basis with a limited number of enrollees.



THE HARBINGER

NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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SWIMMING POOLS

All swimming pools, capable of holding water 24" deep or greater, require a permit and must be inspected for protective barrier requirements prohibiting unauthorized access by small children.



REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Residents are requested to obey all "No Parking" signage and to park with traffic, not against traffic. Parking against traffic is occurring frequently, it is a safety issue and a violation. The police are strictly enforcing this regulation township wide where signage is provided.

Please REPORT any suspicious activity or incident to the police department AS IT IS OCCURRING. It is critical that an incident be investigated while it is occurring or as soon as possible following its occurrence. Township police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any emergency should be called in to 911 or a non-emergency reported to 610 327-1150. If a non-emergency call is forwarded to the Montgomery County dispatch center, operators will collect pertinent information and contact the police immediately.

Renovations have recently been made to the municipal building south wing, Police Department. Public entrance to the department is located on the south side of the building and is identified by signage; the police department can no longer be accessed from the lobby of the municipal building. It is not necessary to come to the municipal building to request services; a call to the Montgomery County dispatch center will result in a message being relayed to the officer on duty and the officer will respond appropriately.

Recently changed PA Motor vehicle law requires that when your windshield wipers are activated, headlights and taillights MUST be illuminated. You can save yourself a \$110 fine and more importantly, your life, by simply turning on your headlights whenever using your windshield wipers.



FREE GUN LOCKS

Project Child Safe sponsors a free gun lock program. There is no limit to the number of locks you can receive by stopping into the Police Department and making a request.

Meeting Times

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday - June 21, July 12 (at Historical School House, 3189 Reifsnnyder Rd.), Aug 09, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 08, Dec 13, 2010. Public Work Meeting begins at 6:30 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at approx 7:00 PM.

PLANNING COMMISSION
2nd Wednesday monthly 6:30 PM June 09, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 08, Oct 13, Nov 10, and Dec 08, 2010.

SEWER AUTHORITY
held at 2990 Fagleysville Road, 3rd Wednesday monthly 6:30 PM May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 08, 2010.

RECREATION COMMITTEE
1st Wednesday Monthly 7:00 PM-June 09, July 07, Aug 04, Sept 01, Oct 06, Nov 03, Dec 01, 2010.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD/SHADE TREE COMMISSION
3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM -June 15, July 20, Sept 21, Oct 19, Dec 21, 2010. Meetings scheduled 1st Wed for Aug 04, and Nov 03 will be held jointly with the Recreation Committee.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
2nd Wednesday quarterly - 6:00 PM May 12, Aug 11, and Nov 10, 2010.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
3rd Monday quarterly - May 17, Aug. 16, and Nov. 15

OFFICE HOURS

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

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TOWNSHIP COMPOST PARK

In order to provide a site for disposal of branches, leaves and yard wastes, the Township is providing a location just past the Township's wastewater treatment facility at 2990 Fagleysville Road as a drop off site open on weekends only. Tree branches up to a 4 inch diameter and yard wastes left at this site will be chipped by the Township's Public Works Department. Chipped products and mulch are available to residents on a self-serve basis. Please remember that yard wastes are not to be collected by your trash hauler nor are they to be burned.

2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS

Please remember to complete and return your 2010 census form. This census differs from the local annual census and results are used to decide the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. Congress. The amount of government money each neighborhood receives for services to children, elderly, roads and other local needs is dependent upon the results.

RETIREES

Two valued, long-term employees of the Township, Police Chief Michael Dykie and Public Works Director Raymond Batchelder have tendered their resignations of employment with the Township. Chief Dykie began as an officer in the police department on August 17, 1978 at a rate of \$4.75 per hour and was promoted to the Chief's position in November 18, 1986. Mr. Batchelder came to the Township in July 21, 1975 at a rate of \$5.75 per hour and became the Director of Public Works on March 19, 1980 at a rate of \$7.10 per hour. The Township owes a debt of gratitude to these gentlemen for their long and faithful service to the Township and its residents. In addition to their daily responsibilities, they have been called upon to respond to various types of emergencies, anytime during the day or night, including snow storms, flooding, automobile accidents, police emergencies and ambulance calls. We wish these gentlemen good health and happiness during their well-deserved retirement years.

NEW HANOVER SQUARE ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

PennDOT has advised that plans have been made to remove the bridge deck and replace beams on the New Hanover Square Road bridge located just south of Swamp Picnic Road. The Township has requested that the project begin after the close of the school year 2010 due to the number of school buses traveling the roadway; the project is estimated to take 6-12 weeks.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION



Montgomery County's schedule of drop-off collection sites for hazardous residential waste is available online at www.montgomerycountypa.gov/recycles or by calling 610 278-3618. Acceptable items include oil-based paint products, outdoor pool and lawn products, automotive products, electronic equipment, household cleaners and other miscellaneous items which are not to be disposed of with your weekly trash collection. Best Buy stores also accept some electronics throughout the year and are committed to recycling or disposing of them in an environmental friendly manner.