



THE HARBINGER

NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP

New Hanover Township
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Gilbertsville, PA 19525

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Meeting Times

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday Evening – Public Work Meeting begins at 6:30 PM followed by the regular meeting at approximately 7:00 PM. May 09, June 08 & 22, July 13 & 27, Aug. 10 & 24, Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 09 & 23, Dec. 14 & 28, 2015.

PLANNING COMMISSION
2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM. May 13, June 10, July 08, Aug. 12, Sept. 09, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 09, 2015.

SEWER AUTHORITY
Held at 2990 Fagleyville Road, 3rd Wednesday monthly at 6:30 PM. May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 2015.

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Held at 2373 Hoffmansville Road, 1st Wednesday monthly at 7:00 PM. May 06, June 03, July 01, Aug. 05, Sept. 02, Oct. 07, Nov. 04, Dec. 02, 2015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD/ SHADE TREE COMMISSION
3rd Tuesday quarterly at 6:30 PM. May 19, Aug. 18, Nov. 17, 2015.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
3rd Monday quarterly at 6:30 PM. May 18, Aug. 17, Nov. 16, 2015.

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday thru Friday

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610.327.1150
www.newhanoverpolice.org

For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

MEET THE NEW MANAGER

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Township Manager. My name is Kevin Tobias and I was born and raised in Berks County. I started with New Hanover on December 17, 2014, and I am very thankful for the very warm welcome from staff and the public.

I am very excited for the opportunity to serve as manager, and feel this is a very unique position because of the chance the Board of Supervisors and staff have to shape the township for many years to come. The possibility exists for a vast amount of development, but great caution needs to be exercised in the planning and development of the township.

My experience includes over twenty seven years in local government, and over seventeen years as a municipal manager. I graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Communications, and from Kutztown University with a Master's degree in Public Administration. My work experience includes work with the City of Reading, Topton Borough, Wyomissing Borough in Berks County, and West Earl Township in Lancaster County.

I currently reside in Maidencreek Township in Berks County with my wife, two children and two dogs. My oldest daughter currently resides in Lehigh County and is working as an engineer.

I enjoy Philadelphia sports teams and continue to experience the ups and downs that they provide for their local faithful. I try to attend as many Penn State football games as I can, and enjoy NASCAR.

NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FALL FROLIC 2015: Hickory Park will be hopping on September 12th from noon till 5 pm. For the cost of a wristband - \$7.00 – you can enjoy unlimited rides and games in all areas around the park. There will be food available in the concession stand at reasonable prices! Metz Amusement will provide a swinger, rock wall, trackless train, slide, bounce, and obstacle course. Philadelphia Mobile Zipline Company will be zipping us through the air as in years past, but also bringing a mechanical bull this year for you to give it a go! There will be multiple vendors and businesses in our pavilions handing out freebies. These are just some of the things this event will have to offer. To learn more or to purchase a space as a vendor, call 610-652-2720 or email cgarner@newhanover-pa.org.

Senior News:

Montgomery County Health Department will

be offering a free program on Prescription Drug Misuse. They will be discussing how to safely use prescription medications, how to store your medications, and how to dispose of medications in the proper way. Join us June 16th at 9:00 am at the Recreation Center, 2373 Hoffmansville Road, Frederick to participate in this educational program. Refreshments will be served.

Montgomery County Health Department will be offering a free program on home safety. The presentation will bring awareness to potential hazards that exist in and around your home. How to reduce or eliminate the risk of accidental injury or poisoning will be highlighted. Join us June 30th at 9:00 am at the Recreation Center to be a part of this informative class. Refreshments will be served.

More programs coming in July!

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PUBLIC WORKS 2015

Hello. My name is Dennis Flynn Jr. I started as the new Public Works Director in November. I was previously employed with Limerick Township where I worked for 18 years, and as road foreman for the last 10 years. I have been around construction most of my life. I am also a Sergeant First Class in the Army National Guard with 25 years of service.

My plan for New Hanover Public Works for the spring and summer is as follows:

- Street Sweeping- A contractor swept our curbed roads in April. Non-curb roads will be done by public works (please have your vehicles moved so we can sweep all the roads).
- Ditching – We will be cleaning the ditches out for proper drainage.
- Tree Trimming- Trees and bushes along the roads will be trimmed.
- Road-Side Mowing- We will be mowing to keep roads clear of vegetation.
- Road-side spraying- Guiderails, signs, some rocks, and any other hazards will be sprayed.
- Paving-We will be paving some of our roads, and a list will be available on our website.

Please remember, the township right of way is 16'-1/2 from center of road

This will make New Hanover Township an attractive and safe place to live, work and play. Any question or issues, please do not hesitate to call, email or stop by the office.

SEWER AUTHORITY SAFETY

New Hanover Township Wastewater Treatment Facility would kindly like to remind our residents of items that should not be flushed down the drain. Our treatment facility is a biological system to which very sensitive microorganisms are adversely affected by some common household items.

- Prescription Medicines
- Paint, Oils, Toxic Cleaners
- Products high in phosphorus, such as laundry soap
- Grease & Fat
- Dental Floss
- Baby Wipes

Many of the items above also have the potential to cause costly repairs to our sanitary sewer system and could pose a safety hazard to our operators.



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Hickory Park: For those of you who are new to our Township, you may not know that we have a beautiful park with a pool, pavilions, playground, volleyball, and much more where the Hickory Park Campground was once located. Pavilions are available to rent for that special party, graduation, or family reunion. We hold special events in this park throughout the summer season. This year we will be hosting Family Fun Nights on Wednesday evenings in July. The pool will have extended hours those nights and be open until 9 pm. We will be having a Talent Show on July 15th in and around the Gazebo area. If you have a special talent, please sign up for this fun event. The winner of the Talent Show will receive \$100 cash prize. Follow us on Facebook: New Hanover Township Recreation to learn about this event, as well as other events in the Township.

2015 Hickory Park Pool Memberships are available to New Hanover, Upper Frederick and Douglass Township residents. The cost of a family membership is \$130 for a family of four. The cost for each additional family member is \$10 per person. The pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day seven days a week from noon till 7 pm. Day passes can be purchased Monday thru Friday for walk-ins. Go to our website: www.newhanover-pa.org to download a Pool Application and find additional information.

If you own a business and would like to advertise at the Hickory Park Pool, please contact cgarner@newhanover-pa.org. Money made from your advertising will go towards recreational programs in the Township. Thanks to all the businesses who continue to support us!

NHT American Red Cross Blood Drive - Where: NHT Recreation Center, 2373 Hoffmansville Road, Frederick on July 24 from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Why? It feels great to donate! You get a free snack. It's something you can spare - most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around. You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed - most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do. You will be someone's hero - in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation. You can enter to win a \$50 Gift Certificate to "Our Place Restaurant."

USA Sport Camp is coming to the Recreation Center August 10th thru August 14th. Check out their program by going to our website: www.newhanover-pa.org and clicking on the

link! Programs are for children ages 3 to 12. Great program to get your child up and running!

NHT Halloween Safe House: October 27th - 6 pm to 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center. Bring your ghosts and goblins to trick or treat at the Recreation Center. Vendors will be there handing out goodies and so will your friendly township employees and Recreation Committee. Follow us on Facebook or check the township website for information.

We will be hosting a NHT Holiday Home Decorating Contest again this year. All residents interested in being a part of this event can register at the Recreation Center. Entry is free! Keep an eye on our website for more information as the holiday season approaches.

NHT Here Comes Santa: December 12th at 6 pm to 8 pm at the Recreation Center. Santa is coming to New Hanover with his reindeer and sleigh. (Well just two real reindeer, because the others will be resting at the North Pole and saving their strength for Christmas Eve!) Follow us on Facebook: New Hanover Township Recreation for more details in the coming months.

See you there!

NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New Hanover Township Historical Society continues with its mission of collecting, preserving, and presenting the history, heritage, and lore of New Hanover Township. The group has meticulously restored the 1852 Swamp Creek School House in the township's Reifsnnyder Road, Swamp Creek Park. Additionally, they have undertaken the ongoing restoration of the nearby "Dengler Summer Kitchen" and demonstration kitchen garden.

Historical Society membership is open to anyone interested in township history. Public meetings featuring programs on local history are held at 7:00 p.m. at the school house ("Winter programs are held at the Township Building) on the fourth Wednesday in the months of January, March, May, July, and September. Contact Robert Wood at 610-326-4165 with questions and comments.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Do you have old, expired and/or unwanted medications in your home?

Since last year at this time the police department has been collecting unused and unwanted medication via a collection box obtained through the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, made available through the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. The box is located in the lobby of the New Hanover Police Department, located at 2943 North Charlotte Street (Route 663), Gilbertsville, PA 19525. So far the program has been extremely successful, but we know there is a lot more out there. Properly disposing of unused medication prevents it from getting into the wrong hands and poisoning the environment.

Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter medications will be accepted, along with pet medications. Syringes and illicit substances, however, should not be placed in the box.

Prescription medication need not be removed from its container. The program is anonymous and no attempt will be made to identify an individual using the collection box. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the New Hanover Township Police Department at 610-327-1150.

FROM THE FIRE COMPANY

Are you a homeowner with an automatic fire alarm? Can you ensure that someone is always around to let the fire company into your home if your fire alarm activates when you are not? If this is not the case, the fire department is participating in a program called the "KNOX BOX" system. This lock box system is currently being utilized by many commercial establishments in the township and is now being offered to homeowners. All you need to do is purchase the key box and install it at your home. This system allows a non-destructive way to enter your home to check the alarm activation without trying to force a window or doorway. If you are interested in this enhancement for your property, email the fire company with your contact information at newhanoverfire@yahoo.com. A fire officer will then contact you to guide you on the least expensive way to put this feature in service for you.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS

The township receives numerous calls regarding proper disposal of paints and various other products which may not be appropriate to include with weekly trash collection. Montgomery County schedules collection sites at various locations throughout the County each year for both hazardous waste and electronics. Please check their website at montgomery-countyrecycles.org or contact them at 610-278-3618.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

ATTIC, BASEMENT OR GARAGE CONVERSIONS

Adding additional 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. These 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 providing for reasonable restrictions on yard and garage sales. The ordinance was intended to eliminate perpetual sales and nuisances associated with signage and parking/traffic. The ordinance allows for three sales

within any calendar year period 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 nor are they to be placed upon private property without written consent of the property owner. A copy of the entire text of the ordinance is available at the Township office.

SWIMMING POOLS

All swimming pools and hot tubs capable of holding water 24" deep or greater, require a permit and must be inspected for pool compliance. It is important to make safety a priority to protect children and others in and around the water. Please contact the Township Codes Department for any questions you may have.