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Dear Residents,

We are excited to share with you many updates within this edition of our community newsletter. Some of our highlights:

- We have recently hired a new police chief and assistant manager (and planning and zoning director), among other positions we needed to fill due to retirements, that will bring a fresh perspective into our community.
- Our renovation projects have been completed, as our former Recreation Center transitioned into our new Police Department (2373 Hoffmansville Road) last October and our Municipal Building being finished in March. *Please reach out if you would like a tour of our buildings!*
- Efforts are being made to make doing business with the Township more convenient: We're finalizing the ability to pay for permits electronically or via a debit/credit card, with the ability to pay for your sewer bill (if applicable) online to date.

We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter, but stay tuned for the next one as we are in process of revamping the layout to provide even more relevant information within our community.

Sincerely,

Marie Livelsberger, Board of Supervisors, Chair

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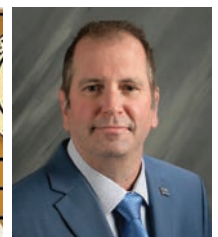
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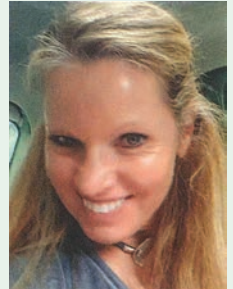
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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Labor Day – Monday, September 4  
Veterans Day – Friday, November 10  
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23  
Christmas Eve – Friday December 22  
Christmas Day – Monday, December 25  
New Year's Eve – Friday, December 29

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors	First Thursday and Third Thursday (as needed) of each month
Planning Commission	Second Wednesday of each month
Municipal Authority	Third Wednesday of each month
Recreation Committee	First Wednesday of each month
Environmental Advisory Board	Second Monday each month

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA beginning at 6:30 PM

## STAFF DIRECTORY

Township Manager	Jamie L. Gwynn	610-323-1008 x 106	<a href="mailto:jgwynn@newhanover-pa.org">jgwynn@newhanover-pa.org</a>
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## UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	
NO JULY MEETING	
06-01-2023	6:30 PM
06-15-2023	6:30 PM
08-03-2023	6:30 PM
09-07-2023	6:30 PM
09-23-2023	BOS Road Tour
10-05-2023	6:30 PM
11-02-2023	6:30 PM
12-07-2023	6:30 PM
PLANNING COMMISSION	
NO JULY MEETING	
06-14-2023	6:30 PM
08-09-2023	6:30 PM
09-13-2023	6:30 PM
10-11-2023	6:30 PM
11-08-2023	6:30 PM
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	
NO JULY MEETING	
05-17-2023	6:30 PM
06-21-2023	6:30 PM
08-16-2023	6:30 PM
09-20-2023	6:30 PM
10-18-2023	6:30 PM
11-15-2023	6:30 PM

## TOWNSHIP BUILDING TAKING ON A NEW LOOK

The renovations at the municipal building are ongoing and will provide a full complement of administration and meeting room spaces. The renovated administrative building will include offices for the township manager, finance, codes, zoning, and administrative offices.

The Police Department is now situated at 2373 Hoffmansville Road, Frederick, and is configured to support operations of the department to include security protocols, contains a sally port, holding cells, evidence storage and processing, training rooms, break and support rooms, and office and conference spaces.

## OPEN SPACE CLEANUP

New Hanover Township has experienced many downed branches and trees partially due to the Emerald Ash Bore and Spotted Lanternfly epidemic. The Township Public Works Department has spent much time, depending on the location of the trees, trimming, clearing fallen branches and taking trees down and has also spent much money paying for professionals where they are unable to tackle the job. The Township is not able to address issues on private property, please address any potential hazards on your properties to avoid consequences.

## PRESERVING OPEN SPACE - AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

This program was established in 1961 as a tool for protecting agriculture in Pennsylvania. In this program, farm owners can help to preserve farms by establishing Agricultural Security Areas (ASA). Benefits to participating farmers are special consideration if the farm is proposed for condemnation, as well as protecting farmers from some "Nuisance" challenges to allow agricultural uses. This program is important since it is a prerequisite for the county farmland preservation programs and farms located in an ASA consisting of at least 500 acres may apply for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement by the Commonwealth. The ASA designation will stay with the property when it is sold or subdivided. Properties included in the district are obligated to maintain ASA status of the farm for seven years and after the seven-year period, a request to leave the district could be submitted to the township.



## TOWNSHIP TIDBIT

In 1832 the postal address of New Hanover was called "Swamp Churches." The village had a Lutheran church, a German Reformed church, a post office, a tanyard, 2 taverns, 2 stores, and 8 dwellings.





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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## CHIEF JOHN A. CIARLELLO (JAY)

Chief Ciarllo joined the New Hanover Township Police Department in 2023 bringing over 27 years of law enforcement experience and leadership to our agency. He attended the Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy in 1995 and shortly after began his law enforcement career as a part time officer with Bridgeport Borough. In 1997, he was hired by the Hatfield Township Police Department as a full-time officer. While in Hatfield, Chief Ciarllo served in many positions such as Field Training Officer, Accident Reconstructionist and Youth Aid Panel Coordinator. He was also cross sworn as a Special Montgomery County Detective serving on both the Drug Task Force and Montgomery County Elder Abuse Task Force. During his time with Hatfield, Chief Ciarllo rose through the ranks serving as a Patrolman, Detective, Detective Sergeant and finally as the Operations Lieutenant where he oversaw both the Patrol and Detective Divisions. He also supervised the recruitment, testing and

hiring process for new police officers.

Additionally, Chief Ciarllo served Montgomery County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) for over 22 years many of those years in leadership roles. He served as both the Team Leader and Commander of the North Penn Tactical Response Team (NPTRT) and later as the Team Commander for the Montgomery County SWAT-Central Region Team (MSWAT-CR).

Chief Ciarllo has a Bachelor Degree from Cabrini College in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice. He also has a Graduate Degree from Saint Joseph University in Public Safety Management. Chief Ciarllo is a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Trilogy training, MALEEDS Regional Command College training at Princeton University, the FBI National Academy Class #276 at Quantico, Virginia and Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command Class #509.

## OFFICER RONALD ULARY, JR.

Officer Ronald Ularly became a member of the New Hanover Township Police Department in April of 2022 as a part time police officer. On January 3, 2023, Ofc. Ularly was sworn in by Judge Saylor as a full-time police officer. Prior to joining New Hanover Township Police Department, Ofc Ularly attended the Temple University Municipal Police Academy in 2011 and began his law enforcement career as a police officer with the Jenkintown Borough Police Department in 2013. Ofc Ularly served in many positions in Jenkintown such as Field Training Officer, Uniformed Crime Reporting Manager, Criminal Investigator, and Vehicle Maintenance Officer. He was also the department's instructor for Taser, OC Spray, handcuffing, and expandable batons. Ofc. Ularly was also recognized for numerous police commendations for merit and bravery to include apprehending a suspect who was attempting to disarm a police officer after being ambushed by gunfire while responding to domestic disturbance, where over 60 rounds

were fired at him and responding officers.

Ofc. Ularly serves as a cross sworn as a Special Montgomery County Detective serving on both the Drug Task Force and the Gun Task Force. He also serves as an Intelligence Officer with the Delaware Valley Intelligence Center (DVIC) run by the Philadelphia Police Department. In addition to his law enforcement experience, Ofc. Ularly has earned an Associate's Degree of Science in Computer Electronic Engineering Technology from ITT Technical Institute and graduated from the FBI Inter-County Detective School.

The New Hanover Township Police Department was very fortunate to hire Ofc Ularly and we look forward to seeing his career progress here in New Hanover.



## CALLING 911

Assistance can be obtained in instances of police, fire department or ambulance emergencies when immediate assistance is needed.

When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency; a crime, a car crash, a medical emergency.
- Details about the emergency – stay calm, do not be frustrated with the questions asked. If a police issue, physical description of the person who may have committed a crime and any information about the vehicle (if involved) and if

there are weapons involved, in cases for fire, a description of what may be burning, if an injury or symptoms are being experienced by a person, describe physical symptoms.

- Reports can be made by sending a text message, but telephone is preferred so that information can be collected.

Remember that the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly. Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives until help arrives, such as step-by-step instructions to aid someone who is choking or needs first aid or CPR. Do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to do so.

If you dialed 911 by mistake, do **not** simply hang up since a call taker may assume there is a problem and send responders unnecessarily; simply explain the mistake.

# HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

## Four SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

- 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.** Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.
- 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.** They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.** Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.** They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.



Information for this article from the Federal Trade Commission website: [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM

- 1. Block unwanted calls and text messages.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- 2. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.** Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, such as your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- 3. Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- 4. Know how scammers tell you to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- 5. Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).



## ARE YOU READY FOR HOME EMERGENCIES?

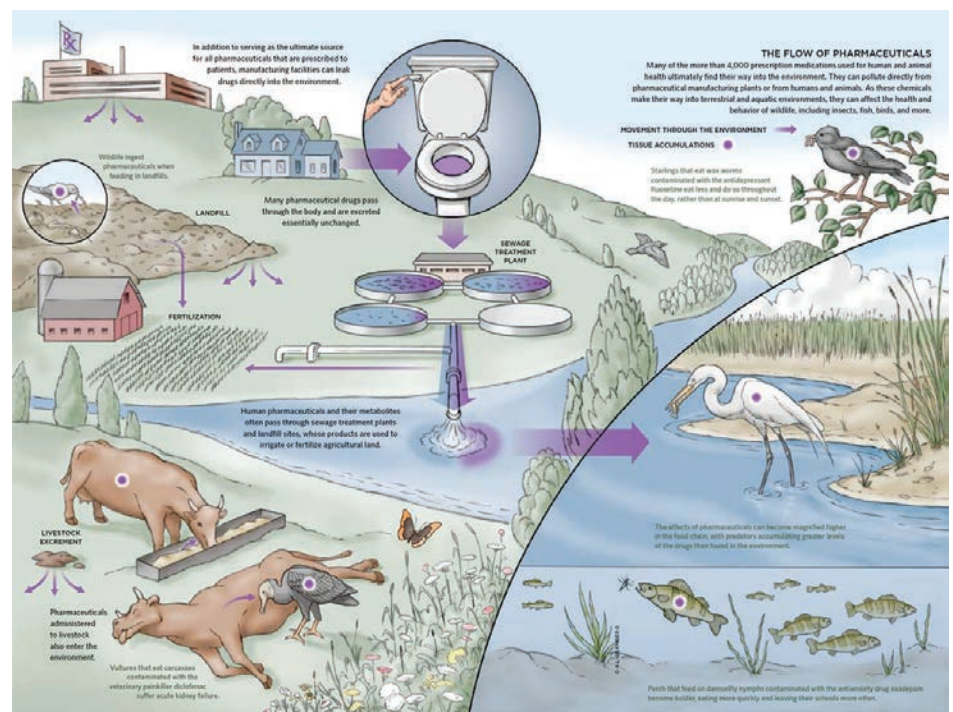
Many adults will experience an emergency at some point in their lives. From accidents, faulty alarms, broken water pipes and flooded basements, or children accidentally locking themselves in a room. The majority of our firefighters are volunteers and leave their jobs and families to respond to these calls which puts a strain on them. Property owners and residents can help alleviate or reduce the number of calls with just a little knowledge and planning. Many homeowners do not know how their alarm system works, nor do they know their password or code to give to the monitoring company when they call to verify an activation. All members of your household should know the code. If you are planning to have any work performed in your home that could cause an activation, such as painting, sanding, construction, or plumbing, the alarm needs to be placed out of service or on test. Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and also accidental alarms. You should know where your main water and natural gas shutoffs are then, if you should get a leak or broken pipe, you can quickly shut off the supply and keep damage to a minimum. All fuel fired heating units are required to have a shutoff and you should know where the switch is in case the unit malfunctions. Be sure that your electric panel is properly marked with what each circuit breaker supplies. Dryer vents should be cleaned to prevent buildup of lint. If you have a patio fireplace or fire pit in your yard, please remember to use them safely. An outdoor fire should only be ignited and attended during a time with calm winds and when there are no restrictions due to dry or windy conditions. Only dry seasoned wood should be used. Please be considerate of your neighbors and ensure that any smoke from your fire is minimal. Diseased and dead trees and limbs should be checked since they could break and fall causing damage. If installing an emergency generator, it should be located outside of the home and installed per code requirements. As a final reminder, battery-operated smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors, depending on manufacture, may need to be replaced every 5 to 7 years. Hopefully, these tips will help to keep you and your family safe and minimize any emergency situation that may arise. If you have a true emergency, get yourself and your family to a safe location and call 911.

## POSSIBLE PRESCRIPTION PROBLEMS

Prescription medications that are consumed and then eliminated from the body can end up in wastewater and potentially contaminate the water supply. This can occur when people flush medications down the toilet or when sewage treatment plants do not have the ability to effectively remove these medications. The potential for prescription medications to enter wastewater increases when individuals do not properly dispose of their medications properly.

The presence of certain medications in the water supply can have negative effects on aquatic life and may potentially pose a risk to human health if the water is not properly treated. Some studies have shown that trace amounts of certain medications can have hormone-like effects on fish and other aquatic animals, leading to reproductive and developmental problems. In addition to the potential negative effects on aquatic life and human health, the presence of prescription medications in wastewater can also have environmental consequences. For example, some medications have been found to have an impact on the growth and reproduction of algae, which can alter the balance of ecosystems.

To help reduce the potential for prescription medications to end up in wastewater, it is important for people to properly dispose of their medications according to guidelines provided by their healthcare provider or local waste management agency. This may include returning the medications to a designated collection site or disposing of them in a special container. It is important for individuals to be aware of the potential consequences of improperly disposing of medications and to follow guidelines for proper disposal to help protect the environment and public health.







# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## 2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

### By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at [www.MontcoPARecycles.org](http://www.MontcoPARecycles.org)

## DATES:

**Saturday, May 20**

**Temple University–Ambler Campus**

Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

**Saturday, June 17**

**Norristown Area High School**

1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

**Saturday, June 24**

**Abington Middle School**

Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

**Saturday, September 23**

**Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center**

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

**SUNDAY, October 22**

**Lower Merion Transfer Station**

1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by [Bucks](#), [Chester](#), [Delaware](#), or [Philadelphia](#) Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department ensures that residents can take part in leisure, entertainment and recreational activities. The Recreation Committee with the assistance of the Township staff, is responsible for planning and implementing events and programs while the Township's Public Works Department oversees park maintenance.



### FISHING DERBY

The Township is offering a Fishing Derby event which is open to children ages 12 and younger. The fishing derby will take place at Hickory Park, 2140 Big Road and will be held on May 13 with a rain date of May 14 if necessary. Anglers may toss in their lines to catch some very hungry trout beginning at 9:00 AM with the event concluding at 11:00 AM. Prizes will be awarded for the smallest, the largest, the first caught, and the most fish caught. A preregistration form including a waiver and release of all claims and assumptions of risk, available at [newhanover-pa.org](http://newhanover-pa.org), must be signed by the parent of each child participating. Completed registration forms may be emailed to [sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org).

A few palomino trout are released every year among the 300 fish stocked by Stony Creek Anglers for the Fishing Derby.



**When: Saturday, May 13, 9 AM – 11 AM**

**Rain date, May 14, 9AM – 11 AM**

**Where: Swamp Creek at Hickory Park**

**2138 Big Road, Gilbertsville**

Bring your own pole and bait to this popular event!

### PARKS AND FIELDS

#### *Community Parks:*

- **Hickory Park:** 2140 Big Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Swimming Pool, Concession Stand, Pavilion Rentals, Grills, Playground, Fishing & Gaga Pit
- **Swamp Creek Park:** 3179 Reifsnyder Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Model Airplane Flying, Walking Trail (.8 miles), Historical School House, Small Playground & Dog Friendly
- **NHT Community Park:** 2766 Gail Drive, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Barn Rental, Baseball/Softball Field, Basketball Court, Frisbee Golf, Hockey Court, Walking Trail, Pavilion Rental, Picnic Tables, Grills & Playground
- **Pleasant Run Park:** 600 Schultz Road, Perkiomenville – Amenities: Fishing Pond & Park Benches
- **Deep Creek Park:** Deep Creek Road (North of Pleasant Run Park), Perkiomenville – Amenities: Trails, Bird Watching & Picnic Tables
- **Windlestrae Park:** 132 Chalet Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Small Playground
- **Briar Ridge Park:** Magnolia Drive, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Small Playground



#### *Athletic Fields:*

- **Windlestrae Park:** 132 Chalet Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Two Football Fields
- **Middle Creek:** Dotterer Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Baseball Field & Two Soccer Fields
- **Layfield Park:** Dotterer Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Three Soccer Fields



## SUMMER CAMP AT COMMUNITY PARK

The township in conjunction with the Boyertown Area YMCA will offer a half day summer camp for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade.

First session will be held June 26th to July 7th (no camp July 4th)

Second session will be July 10th to July 21st.

The program will run Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 12 PM, weather permitting.



## HICKORY PARK POOL

Sharon DelPorte has assumed the responsibility for management of the Hickory Park Pool this season. Lots of exciting ideas are in the works for this year! The pool opens May 29th and it is looking good that we will have adequate staffing to remain open with adjusted hours until Labor Day.

We are looking into expanding our food offerings, opening a little earlier and staying open a little later a few days to incorporate a senior swim and an adult swim. Three levels of swimming lessons will be offered, check our website for details.

We will be hosting a story time for the kids and starting an adult book club. The first selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Sorry no wine, just a chance to chat and get to know fellow pool-goers. Come out to the first meeting on Tuesday, May 30th at 2:00 to discuss and vote on the next book.

Note that cash will not be accepted at the concession stand or pool registration area. Please pay by credit, debit, or Venmo.

Check our website, [www.newhanover-pa.org](http://www.newhanover-pa.org) for specifics and updates.

Pool membership cards can be picked up at the pool on your first day there or at the Township Building for applications received by May 18th. Thank you and we are looking forward to a fun and safe summer!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Touch-A-Truck** June 24, Hickory Park 9 AM – 12 PM

**Fall Frolic** September 16th, rain date of September 17th

Amusements, activities, food trucks, vendors, music, pony rides, animals and more!

Volunteers needed, please email [sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org) or call Sharon at 610-323-1008, ext. 101, if interested, in working a few hours or for the day

## CROSSWORD CLUES

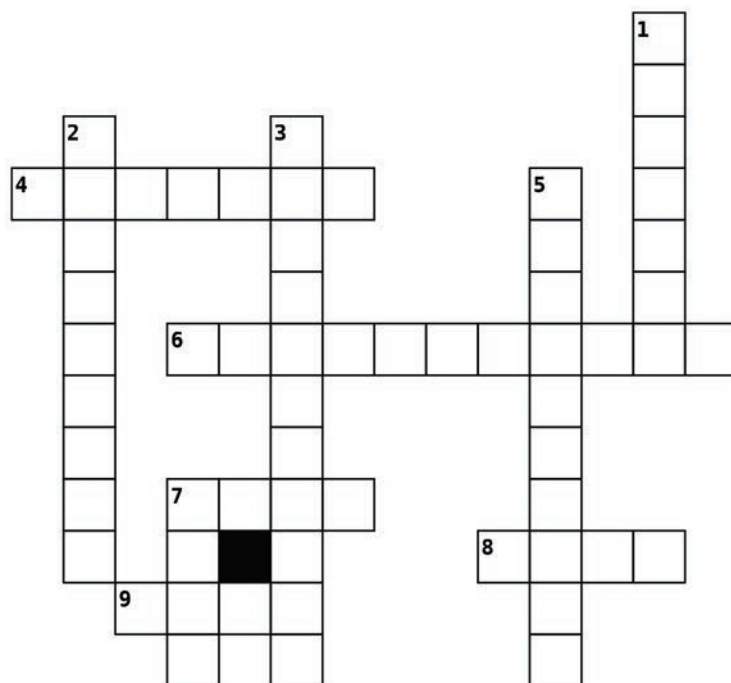
### ACROSS

4. EAB and volunteers recently live-staked 297 of these trees at Swamp Creek Park
6. Building from 1853 at the "airplane park"
7. Site of Halloween Haunt at Community Park
8. This variant of dodgeball can be played in the pit at Hickory Park
9. Type of golf course at Community Park

### DOWN

1. Township residents that swim free at Hickory Park
2. Township's first park
3. Popular event with a variety of vehicles and apparatus (3 words)
5. Items on display at 6 across
7. Angler friendly machine at Hickory Park

*Answers will be available on the website!*



## BEAUTIFY YOUR PROPERTY - PRESERVE OUR RESOURCES

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Increasing the number of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers on your property is becoming increasingly important for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. As more and more wooded and meadow areas get turned into housing developments and malls, there are fewer and fewer places for birds and other wildlife to survive. Maintaining a lawn can become costly, it must be mowed, and many people also add fertilizers and pesticides to their lawns which not only cost you money, but are dangerous for beneficial insects and stream organisms. Much of the rain that falls on a lawn runs off into the storm drains and then into the nearest stream, this is a significant problem. You can make your yard into a safe oasis for you, birds, and pollinators by simply planting large beds of native plants and choosing a mix of plants so that some bloom each season. Plants provide nectar for butterflies, seeds for birds, and caterpillars for parent birds to feed their young. These native plants don't need water once they are established, nor pesticides or mowing. There are resources available which will help you decide what plants you might want to use to start helping birds and pollinators in your yard.

## ILLICIT DISCHARGE REPORTING

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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection mandates that the Township monitor locations where stormwater enters streams, creeks, or rivers. An illicit discharge is an unlawful act of disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than stormwater into the stormwater drainage system. The stormwater drainage system includes streets, ditches, catch basins, yard inlets, lakes, small or large pipes, or where swale discharges into a waterway. In addition to the monitoring by Township personnel, we count on citizens like you to help us identify problems in the watershed that drain into streams, creeks or rivers. A partial list of illicit discharges that we are asking you to report, if you observe them happening or see evidence of such an occurrence, includes oil, gas, chlorinated swimming pool discharge, or other toxic material being dumped or spilled. Please contact the Township at 610 323-1008.

## YARD AND LEAF WASTE DROP-OFF

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Hetrick Gardens provides a drop off-site for yard waste for New Hanover Township residents.

The facility is located at 2620 Swamp Pike, Pottstown, PA. Residents will need to provide proof of residency and sign in to drop off their yard waste materials.

Hours:

**Monday - Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM**

**Saturday – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**



## *What is an EAB, anyway?*

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EAB stands for **E**nvironmental **A**dvisory **B**oard

This Board helps bring environmental issues and concerns to the Board of Supervisors for review and action by the Township. The EAB welcomes all township residents to attend the monthly meetings and offer suggestions or voice concerns. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM and are held in the Township building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525.

The EAB aims to educate Township residents about environmental issues so they can play a part in protecting/improving the Township.

The EAB assists the Township in monitoring basins to ensure proper function during and after a heavy rain event, gives advice to the Board of Supervisors after reviewing proposed development plans, is working on improving the Township parks with meadows and pollinator areas to make the parks more attractive and inviting, and is working on a recycling ordinance among other environmental topics.

Now, when you drive by the Township building and see EAB and a date on the sign out front, plan to attend, now that you know what EAB is!



## PLANNING AND ZONING

Spring is here which means that thoughts turn to home improvement projects! Before you begin, please be aware that most require a permit prior to construction. The purpose of this department is to protect the public health, safety and the general welfare as related to the construction and occupancy of buildings and structures. The following residential projects require permits:

- Additions
- Accessory structures such as sheds, gazebos, pergolas, pole barns, and detached garages
- Creation of habitable space in a basement, attic, loft or attached garage
- Decks
- Demolition
- Driveways, including new installations, extensions to existing driveways, and changes to the public road intersection
- Electrical, plumbing and mechanical additions or modifications such as piping, wiring, lighting, heating, cooling, generators, and solar panels
- Fences
- Grading or other changes to property drainage
- Home occupation businesses
- Patios
- Pools and hot tubs, above or below-ground, capable of holding water 24 inches deep or greater
- Signs
- Sump pumps, except for replacement of existing sump pumps without change of discharge location



This list is not all inclusive and non-structural improvements may not require a permit, so please call the office at 610-323-1008, extension 102 for specifics as needed. Additionally, if you rent all or any portion of your property, you must register the tenants with the Township.

Applications can be found on our website at [https://www.newhanover-pa.org/resources/documents\\_and\\_forms.php](https://www.newhanover-pa.org/resources/documents_and_forms.php). Applications can be submitted by email to [permits@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:permits@newhanover-pa.org), placed in the lockbox in the vestibule, which is accessible at all times, by mail, or in-person. A non-refundable deposit is due at the time an application is submitted. Full payment is due upon permit issuance. Payments may only be made by cash or check, with credit card payments being accepted later this year. The Municipal Building is open from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Thursday if you have any questions. All inspections and plan reviews are done by the township's third-party building inspectors from Monday through Friday.

Failure to obtain the required building permits and inspections could result in serious ramifications and costly penalties. Violations are often discovered during fire and emergency investigations or when a property is offered for sale and County tax records and Township files cannot validate the improvements. Additional permits will not be processed for a property with outstanding prior permitting violations.

Residents of communities with a Homeowners Association (HOA) are requested to submit the HOA note that is on our website, with your building and zoning applications. The covenants, conditions and restrictions of an HOA may impose a more restricted use than is permitted under applicable Township ordinances. The HOA must be contacted before any work can be started.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public works crew will be out cleaning and preparing parks for spring and summer usage, maintaining walking trails and making sure playgrounds and equipment are in safe condition.

**Road Maintenance:** Crews will be out cleaning and making repairs to drainage ditches, patch paving, repairing potholes, crack sealing and making inlet repairs throughout the township.

**Community Park:** Later this summer look for the new Traffic Garden that will be installed in the parking lot alongside the playground.

**What is a Traffic Garden?** Known as a small safety town for children are a set of small streets painted on the asphalt with stop signs crosswalks, where children can practice navigating streets on foot or bicycles in a fenced in protected environment and also a great place for families to play and teach their children to ride bikes. In partnering with Montgomery County, they will also provide education classes for children at the traffic garden. This will be installed by the Public Works Department in the summer months.



## Capital Road Projects 2023

- **Scheduled for paving:**
  - Swamp Picnic Road from Reifsynder Road to New Hanover Square Road
  - Deep Creek Road from Layfield Road to Erb Road
  - Evans Road from Fagleysville Road to the Dead End
  - Rhoads Road from Buchert Road to Courtside Avenue
  - Lutheran Road from Swamp Picnic Road to Church Road
- **Fog Sealing:** Fairbrook Drive, Donald Drive, Willow Brook Drive, and Sweet Briar Court.
- **Oil and Chip:** Broomstick Road, Eichele Road, and Schulbelish Road

*All Capital Road Projects are based upon Board of Supervisors approval and scheduling can change.*

## State Roads in New Hanover Township

- North Charlotte Street, Route 73 "Big Road", Route 663 "Layfield Road"
- Any issues or concerns with State Roads. Contact Penn Dot @ 1-800- FIX ROAD

## Montgomery County Roads in New Hanover Township

- Swamp Pike, Snyder, Kulp from Deep Creek to Hill Road, Deep Creek from Kulp to Township Line at Fisher Road, Henning from Deep Creek to Snyder Road.
- Any issues or concerns with County Roads. Contact Montgomery County Roads and Bridges at 610-278-3613

**Looking for informative information on streams, outfall, inlet and sewer line locations,  
go to our website [newhanover.org](http://newhanover.org) and check out our GIS mapping system of the township.**



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