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Dear Residents,

As the flowers begin to bloom and the days grow longer, we welcome you to our latest newsletter comprised of helpful information and happenings in our township. Some of the features enclosed:

- Kids Fishing Derby: We are excited to hold this event again for children ages 12 and under on May 11 at Hickory Park. Please see the details for pre-registration. There will be prizes for First Caught, Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, and Most Fish.
- Online Permit Payments for Fences, Sheds, and Patios: There's a new online portal for permit submissions for fences, sheds, and patios. The required documents and payment can now be submitted from the convenience of your home.
- Recognition of Individuals in our Community: We have a couple highlights of individuals who have made a positive impact in New Hanover Township. We are thrilled to recognize them for their positivity and commitment to serving others.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you enjoy exploring our newsletter and that your spring is filled with happiness, growth, and abundant blessings.

Best regards,

Marie Livelsberger, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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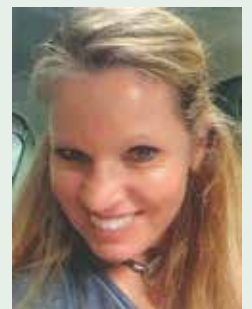
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27
Independence Day – Thursday, July 4
Labor Day – Monday, September 2
Veterans Day – Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28
Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25
New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Keith Youse, Treasurer

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 Tuesday of each month
Recreation Committee	First Wednesday of each month
Environmental Advisory Board	Second Monday of each month

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

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UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NO JULY MEETING

04-04-2024	6:30 PM
05-02-2024	6:30 PM
06-06-2024	6:30 PM
08-01-2024	6:30 PM
09-05-2024	6:30 PM
09-28-2024	Road Tour
10-03-2024	6:30 PM
11-07-2024	6:30 PM
12-05-2024	6:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

NO JULY MEETING

04-08-2024 (Workshop Meeting)	6:30 PM
04-10-2024	6:30 PM
05-08-2024	6:30 PM
06-12-2024	6:30 PM
08-14-2024	6:30 PM
09-09-2024 (Workshop Meeting)	6:30 PM
09-11-2024	6:30 PM
10-07-2024 (Workshop Meeting)	6:30 PM
10-09-2024	6:30 PM
11-11-2024 (Workshop Meeting)	6:30 PM
11-13-2024	6:30 PM
12-11-2024	6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

NO JULY MEETING

04-16-2024	6:30 PM
05-21-2024	6:30 PM
06-18-2024	6:30 PM
08-20-2024	6:30 PM
09-17-2024	6:30 PM
10-15-2024	6:30 PM
11-19-2024	6:30 PM
12-17-2024	6:30 PM

ADAM CANIGIANI JR. – DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD RECIPIENT

On February 1, 2024, the Board of Supervisors presented 17-year-old resident Adam Canigiani Jr. with the Distinguished Citizen Award for his outstanding service to the community. State Senator Tracy Pennycuick and State Representative Donna Scheuren also presented him with accolades.

Adam is the son of Adam and Jessica Canigiani. Their family has held the Canigiani Christmas Light Show since 2007 that is enjoyed by thousands of people in this region. In conjunction with the Light Show, Adam began in 2020 to collect food drive items for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service and donated approximately 7,500 pounds of food. His Eagle Scout Project in 2022 consisted of disbursing business cards, along with his volunteers at the Light Show, that contained a QR code that led visitors to an Amazon wish list that was created by the Child Life Department at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In May 2023, while Adam was receiving treatment for his own health battles, he was able to deliver over 1,000 toys valued at over \$6,000 for The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Adam and his parents assisted the Township this past winter with the food drive, in which 1,474 pounds of food was donated to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

He will graduate from Boyertown Area Senior High this spring and then attend Penn State Berks in the fall where he will major in Business. It is evident that Adam has a bright future ahead of him and we are sure that he will continue to make a profound impact on the lives of others.



WISHING EILEEN POGANY A HAPPY RETIREMENT

We would like to thank Eileen Pogany for her many years of service working at New Hanover Township. Eileen officially submitted her resignation on 12-31-2022 and then accepted an offer to continue serving on a 2-day per week basis the following year. Prior to this time, she received training as a Respiratory Therapist in Pittsburgh, PA and was employed as a Respiratory Therapist there and later at Grand View Hospital, Sellersville. She and her family became township residents in 1971 after purchasing their first home on Hill Road. In July of 1983 she accepted a position on the township administration staff as a clerk and later became office manager as well as administrative assistant. With determination and the support of her co-workers and the persons affiliated with the many functions of the township, she became knowledgeable and was a resource for persons needing information or seeking assistance. She reports that she has considered it an honor to have represented the township, working with the township staff and assisting residents. Retirement plans include spending time enjoying her family and friends, reading, crafts and volunteering for opportunities to serve others. Thank you for your years of dedicated service and enjoy your retirement, Eileen!

TAX COLLECTOR

Molly Bauer is the elected Tax Collector for New Hanover Township. She is responsible for collecting Real Estate taxes for Montgomery County and Boyertown Area School District as well as the Township. Additionally, she collects the Per Capita taxes for the Township as well as the School District. Ms. Bauer is an Attorney and experienced and certified account professional who has earned a Qualified Tax Collector status with the DCED and is a Certified Tax Collector with the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors' Association. She is a member of the State and Montgomery County Tax Collector Associations.

Ms. Bauer can be reached at 484-644-3123. All Payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 249, Gilbertsville, PA 19525.

In person New Hanover Tax Collection Hours for the tax year 2024 are held at the Township Building. The following tax

collection hours have been scheduled:

9 AM – 11 AM: 3/16, 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, 4/27, 6/15

6 PM – 8 PM: 3/19, 3/26, 4/10, 4/23, 4/24, 4/29, 4/30, 6/26, 12/30

Additional hours will be added later in the year.

Please see bill for details regarding due dates and payment options. You can expect County/Township Real Estate bills in the mail during the first week of March and School Real Estate and Per Capita bills during the first week of July.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is available to qualifying individuals and information can be found at <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for the recording of all revenues and for the disbursement of all funds in compliance with the annual budget. The department provides accurate financial statements to the Board of Supervisors at the monthly meetings along with a detailed Bill's List. The Finance Department is also responsible for the billing and collection of rebillable land development expenses. The department maintains developer escrow accounts for all land development in the township. In addition, the Finance Department processes payroll and administers the township pension plans. Dallas Data Systems supports the Finance Department monthly by reconciling the township bank accounts. The Department is also responsible for the filing of all annual reports throughout the year and assisting the Township Manager with the annual budget. Starting in 2023, the Finance Department became responsible for the collection of sewer payments.

The Township adheres to the modified accrual basis of accounting and maintains all financial records in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial records are independently audited annually by Maillie, Certified Public Accountants, which issues audited financial statements that are available for public review via the township website.



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CRASHDOCS – ACCIDENT REPORTS SERVICE

The Police Department is now using a service called Crashdocs (Powered by Carfax) which serves as a central hub for obtaining accident reports and allows citizens to access accident reports without the need to contact Township personnel for report copies. This service offers convenience to those who have experienced accidents within the Township by providing 24/7 access to the accident information and at the same fee that it would have cost to have previously obtained a report through the Township.

In addition, Carfax extends various investigative tools and offers complimentary training sessions to the Police Department. These resources encompass unlimited Carfax reports, partial license plate searches, 24/7 VIN monitoring, interagency collaboration, and a mobile app. These invaluable tools significantly enhance the department's ability to investigate crimes related to vehicle fraud, VIN alteration, stolen vehicles, and incidents involving partial license plate information, among others.

To access Crashdocs, please visit CRASHDOCS.org.

FREEZE YOUR CREDIT TODAY TO SHIELD YOURSELF FROM FINANCIAL FRAUD

In today's digital age, where personal information is more vulnerable than ever before, protecting your financial well-being should be a top priority. One effective and proactive measure to safeguard your financial assets is to freeze your credit. Freezing your credit is a simple but powerful tool that can help prevent identity theft and financial fraud. In this article, we'll delve into the reasons why you should consider freezing your credit and how it can provide you with peace of mind in an increasingly risky world.



- 1. Identity Theft Is on the Rise:** Identity theft is a growing problem in our modern society. Cybercriminals are constantly developing new and sophisticated ways to steal your personal information. By freezing your credit, you put up a substantial roadblock to these criminals, making it much harder for them to access your credit history and use your identity for nefarious purposes.
- 2. Prevent Unauthorized Access to Your Credit Report:** When you freeze your credit, you effectively block anyone from accessing your credit report without your consent. This means that even if a criminal gets hold of your Social Security number or other personal information, they won't be able to open new lines of credit or take out loans in your name.
- 3. Control Over Your Credit:** Freezing your credit gives you ultimate control over your financial reputation. When you need to apply for credit, whether it's a new credit card, a loan, or a mortgage, you can temporarily lift the freeze with a simple request. This control ensures that only you decide when and where your credit information is used.
- 4. Preventative Measure, Minimal Hassle:** Freezing your credit is a straightforward process that involves contacting each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) plus a lesser known credit bureau, Innovis, and requesting a credit freeze. This can usually be done online or over the phone, and it's free. The minimal hassle involved far outweighs the potential financial devastation caused by identity theft.
- 5. Cost-Effective Insurance:** Think of freezing your credit as a form of insurance against identity theft and financial fraud. The cost is nominal, especially when compared to the potential financial and emotional costs of dealing with identity theft.
- 6. Peace of Mind:** Perhaps the most significant benefit of freezing your credit is the peace of mind it brings. Knowing that your personal information is secure and that you've taken proactive steps to protect your financial future can reduce stress and anxiety, allowing you to focus on more important aspects of your life.
- 7. Complementary Security Measures:** Freezing your credit is not the only measure you should take to protect yourself from fraud, but it's a crucial foundation for your financial security. You can also complement this with other security practices such as regularly monitoring your credit reports, using strong and unique passwords, and enabling two-factor authentication on your financial accounts.

In a world where data breaches and identity theft incidents continue to make headlines, taking the initiative to freeze your credit is a responsible and prudent choice. It is a small step with significant benefits that can help protect your financial future. Don't wait until you become a victim of identity theft; act now to freeze your credit and fortify your defenses against financial fraud. Your financial security is worth it, and the peace of mind it brings is priceless.

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VOLUNTEER AS A:

- FIREFIGHTER**
Protect property and help save lives during an emergency. Learn to advance a hose line, how to position a ladder dependent on the situation, and perform search-and-rescue duties.
- EMT**
Administer pre-hospital medical care. Transport the sick and injured to the hospitals.
- FIRE POLICE**
Keep community members and responders safe by directing traffic and controlling crowds.
- JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER**
Gain experience by assisting with groundwork at the scene of fires. Begin fire training to prepare to become an active firefighter at 18 years old.
- ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER**
Assist with vehicle maintenance, fundraising, organizing community events and more.

Fill out an inquiry form at www.MONTCOFIREFIGHTERS.org to take the next steps toward volunteering. A member of New Hanover Fire & Rescue will contact you asap.

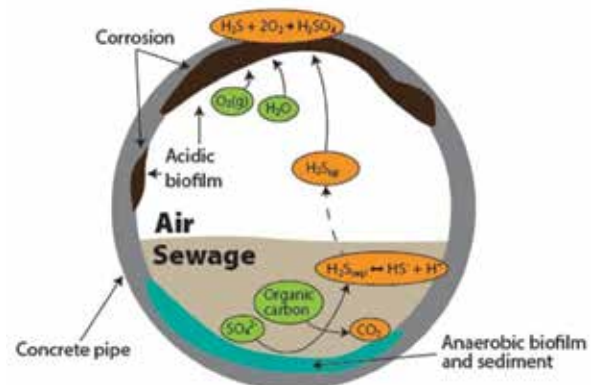


HYDROGEN SULFIDE IN WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS

Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) is a colorless, flammable gas with a characteristic rotten egg odor that is frequently encountered in wastewater collection systems. This compound is formed during the microbial decomposition of organic matter in sewage under anaerobic conditions. In wastewater collection systems, H₂S can pose significant challenges due to its corrosive nature. The gas can react with moisture in the air to form sulfuric acid, leading to the deterioration of concrete and metal structures within the system. Corrosion caused by hydrogen sulfide can result in the degradation of pipes, manholes, and other infrastructure, leading to increased maintenance costs and the potential for system failures.

To mitigate the adverse effects of hydrogen sulfide in wastewater collection systems, various control measures are employed. Proper ventilation and aeration are critical components of effective control, as introducing oxygen helps create aerobic conditions that are less conducive to the production of hydrogen sulfide. Implementing these control measures not only safeguards the structural integrity of the system but also minimizes the associated maintenance costs and potential risks of infrastructure failures.

Regular monitoring of hydrogen sulfide levels is a crucial aspect of managing wastewater collection systems. Monitoring allows operators to assess the effectiveness of implemented control measures and identify areas within the system that may require targeted interventions. By staying vigilant and proactive in addressing hydrogen sulfide concerns, wastewater management authorities can ensure the long-term sustainability of their infrastructure, reduce environmental impact, and protect the health and safety of both workers and the surrounding community.



MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public works crew will be completing the Dotterer Road trail project this summer.

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: Interior and exterior painting of the barn.

Hickory Park: Pavilions along the playground will have new ceilings installed.

CAPITAL ROAD PROJECTS 2024

- **Scheduled for Paving:** Miles Road, Jane Lane, Sanatoga Road after new culvert installation, Fagleysville Road along the section of the sewer line repair, Rhoads Road from Buchert Road to Courtside Avenue after new culvert installation, and Romig Road from Swamp Pike to Buchert Road.
- **Fog Sealing:** Anthony Drive, Briana Drive, Lafayette Court, and the upper portion of Washington Drive.
- **Oil and Chip:** Henning Road, Kingswood Vale, and Lee Road.
- **Slurry Seal:** Faust Road from Washington Drive to the Limerick township line.

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

MET-ED: REPORTING TREE PROBLEMS & OUTDOOR LIGHTING PROBLEMS

For hazardous tree issues along state or county roadways that are overhanging the roadway or electric lines, if it is within 10 feet of an electric line only a qualified linesman in tree removal/pruning practices can trim or remove the tree. Met-Ed can be notified about issues by visiting firstenergycorp.com/met_edison. Under the Service Requests tab, select 'Report Tree Problem'.

Residents can report streetlight issues to Met-Ed by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) or at the website listed above by going to the Service Requests tab and selecting 'Outdoor Lighting Problem'. They may also contact the township and provide information of the closest address or the pole number.

STATE ROADS IN NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP

- North Charlotte Street, Route 73 "Big Road", and Route 663 "Layfield Road"
- For any issues or concerns with state roads, contact PennDOT at 1-800- FIX-ROAD or through their Customer Care Center at customercenter.penndot.gov

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, and Henning from Deep Creek to Synder Road
- For any issues or concerns with county roads, contact Montgomery County Roads and Bridges at 610-278-3613

For information on streams, outfall, inlet and sewer line locations, go to our website, newhanover.org, and check out our GIS mapping system of the township.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS & PAYMENTS FOR FENCE, SHED, AND PATIO PERMITS

There's a new and easy way to apply for your permits! New Hanover Township is pleased to introduce an online portal for permit submissions. You can fill out the form, attach the required documents, and pay for the permit all from the convenience of your home. This is currently available ONLY for fence permits, shed permits, and patio permits. All other permit types will require mailed, e-mailed, or in-person submission on the required form(s) with the applicable fee. Please email permits@newhanover-pa.org with any questions.

To access the online portal, please visit newhanover-pa.org/resources/documents_and_forms.php.



STORMWATER BMP INSPECTION PROGRAM

As part of the Township's MS4 Permit, all stormwater facilities (Best Management Practices - also referred to as BMPs) built after 2003 must be inspected. Prior to 2021, the Township relied on self-inspections for properties containing a stormwater management facility; this was done either by individual owners or by consultants hired by property owners to conduct the inspection. In 2021, the Township consulted with its engineer at that time to conduct inspections of all BMPs in the Township. The intent was to start all properties on the same inspection timeline. Inspections were completed in 2021 and 2022 but then paused during 2023.

This year, the Township is continuing with conducting BMP inspections and will be offering an option for self-inspection in lieu of the engineer inspection. BMPs will be inspected based on the approved plan specific to that BMP. The Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance has changed over time, therefore, the required design standards for older basins look different from more modern basins. Each BMP falls under an Operations & Maintenance agreement that gives the legal right for the Township or its agents to go onto a property to perform the inspection.

BMPs are classified into 2 categories:

- PCSM BMPs (Post-Construction Stormwater Management BMPs) are facilities constructed as part of a land development plan and are required to be inspected yearly.
- LT1A BMPs (Less than 1 Acre BMPs) are facilities installed on individual properties as a result of the addition of impervious cover over 1,000 square feet and are to be inspected once per year for the first 5 years and then a minimum of 3 years thereafter.

Residents impacted by the Stormwater BMP Inspection Program received a notice letter in February to provide information about the program timeline, future costs, and options for a Township versus self-inspection.

The inspections will be conducted by Knight Engineering. Fees for the inspection program will be billed at an hourly rate. Residents will receive an invoice after their inspection is completed. Inspections will be held on a rolling basis starting in May/June and completed by July. As the inspections are completed, properties with no violations will receive a letter confirming such. Non-compliant properties will receive notice letters; compliance will either be marked for review the following inspection year or 90 days for more serious violations. Re-inspections will occur in August/September.

The survey technician will utilize an online survey tool called Survey123 where the data will be collected in the field, including photos of the BMP. The data will be exported into a report and reviewed by the Township engineer for completeness before sending the final report to the Township. The report data will be uploaded into the Township GIS under our service agreement with the Center for Watershed Protection.

Residents will have the option to opt into a self-inspection rather than have the Township engineer perform the inspection, provided that they meet the deadline and submit by a designated day on Township provided forms. Resources prepared by Township staff will be available to educate residents on how to perform a self-inspection; check the Township's website and Facebook for updates pertaining to these resources.



Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Spring 2024

CARING FOR YOUR YARD THIS SPRING

Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather, longer days and lots of yard work! Before you head outside to tackle your latest project, remember that what you do on your yard has a direct impact on the environment. This is especially true when it comes to caring for your lawn.

Lawns are notorious for their negative impacts on wildlife as well as local waterways. Luckily there are lots of small steps that you can take as a homeowner to make your yard more eco-friendly!

Consider these tips to reduce stormwater pollution and create wildlife habitat on your property this spring.



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WWW.PERKIOMENWATERSHED.ORG

-  **Clean-up:** Collect and dispose of any trash that might have blown into your yard over the winter. Mulch or compost leaves and garden cuttings from the fall so that they don't get washed into local streams.
-  **Fertilize Carefully:** Look for slow release nitrogen fertilizer which is less likely to harm water quality. Several small fertilizer applications spread out over the growing season is better than one large application. Never apply fertilizer before it rains!
-  **Plant Natives:** Spring is a great time to plant native trees, shrubs and perennials! Native PA species require less maintenance, are more beneficial for wildlife and absorb more stormwater than non-natives.
-  **Mow Sharp and High:** A sharp mower blade cuts grass cleanly which improves turf health. Set your mower deck to 2.5" or more to help reduce stormwater runoff. Consider converting a section of your lawn to native garden!

PARKS AND RECREATION

New Hanover Township has many fun events scheduled. Keep an eye on our website and follow New Hanover Township Parks & Recreation on Facebook for updates.



2024 RECREATION EVENT SCHEDULE

Spring Fling Food & Tasting Event, Adults Only

- Friday, April 12
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- La Massaria at Bella Vista
- Tickets required: www.LaMassaria.com

Fishing Derby

- Saturday, May 11
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Hickory Park
- Please refer to our website to pre-register by May 6

Touch-a-Truck

- Saturday, June 22
- 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Hickory Park

Fall Frolic

- Saturday, September 14, rain date September 15
- 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Hickory Park

Halloween Haunt

- Saturday, October 26
- 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Community Park



Pictures with Santa

- Saturday, December 7
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Township Building



SUMMER CAMP

Hickory Park Summer Camp Program, run by the YMCA, offers half-day sessions for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. Early registration is recommended as each session accommodates a maximum of 32 campers. Registration for non-township residents opens on April 22. Sessions take place at Community Park from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, allowing kids to enjoy outdoor activities, games, crafts, and fun in cooler morning temperatures. Session 1 runs from June 24 to July 5 (excluding July 4th), and Session 2 runs from July 8 to July 19.

PARK RENTALS

Pavilion rentals are offered from the last weekend in April to the first weekend in October. These rentals are open to both residents and non-residents. Non-residents can submit rental forms for the current calendar year only, while township residents can submit forms for the following year starting in December.

Hickory Park:	Resident	Non-Resident
Pavilion 1 (Capacity 40)	\$ 85.00	\$135.00
Pavilion 2 (Capacity 40)	\$ 85.00	\$135.00
Pavilion 3 (Capacity 75)	\$135.00	\$185.00
Pavilion 4 (Capacity 40)	\$ 85.00	\$135.00
Entertainment Gazebo	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
Community Park:		
Pavilion (Capacity 40)	\$ 85.00	\$135.00
Indoor Facility (Capacity 125)	\$160.00	\$210.00

It is vital to respect park regulations and show consideration for fellow visitors. Please remember to comply with the no-alcohol policy, refrain from using nails, staples, or tacks, and properly dispose of trash to avoid deductions from the \$100 security deposit. If you have any additional inquiries or need further information, don't hesitate to ask!

2024 HICKORY PARK POOL SEASON

The grand opening is set for Saturday, May 25th! Our regular hours are from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with adjustments made while school is in session. Swimming lessons and adult swim sessions will take place before the noon opening.

Visit our website for rates and membership applications. Take advantage of our special offer this year: pay your membership fee before May 1st and receive complimentary weekday passes for your friends.

Please note that HPP operates on a cashless system. Payments can be made via Venmo, debit, or credit card. Prepaid punch cards can be purchased with cash at the Municipal Building during regular business hours.

Please reach out to Sharon at sdelporte@newhanover-pa.org with any suggestions you may have to enhance your pool experience. Share your interest in activities such as story-time for kids, preferred days and times for an adult book club, water aerobics, or any other ideas you would like us to consider.

SUMMER CAMP AT COMMUNITY PARK

Community Parks:

- **Briar Ridge Park:** Magnolia Drive, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Small Playground
- **Hickory Park:** 2140 Big Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Swimming Pool, Concession Stand, Pavilion Rentals, Grills, Playground, Fishing & Gaga Pit
- **Swamp Creek Park:** 3179 Reifsnnyder 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

Athletic Fields:

- **Gambone Complex:** 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
- **Recreation Center Fields:** 2373 Hoffmansville Road, Frederick – Amenities: Three Lacrosse Fields

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

The township's Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) would love for you to attend their monthly meetings to learn and join in on the discussion about environmental issues! This dedicated group plays a crucial role in advocating for our environment within our township. The EAB helps bring issues and concerns directly to the Board of Supervisors for review and action.

The EAB meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Township Building. Their mission goes beyond just discussing problems; they aim to educate residents about environmental issues so that everyone can play a part in protecting and improving our township.

Some of the things they're currently involved in:

- Monitoring basins to ensure proper function during and after heavy rain events.
- Providing advice to the Board of Supervisors after reviewing proposed development plans.
- Working on enhancing Township parks with meadows and pollinator areas to make the parks more attractive and inviting.

Together, we can make a difference in preserving our environment and enhancing our community. Join us at our next meeting and be part of the change!



New Hanover Township
LAWN TO NATIVE
GARDEN WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:
Learn about the many benefits of native plants & the harmful environmental impacts of "lawn culture." Different methods & tips for reducing lawn area & increasing native garden area on your property will be discussed along with garden design & plant selection.

NATIVE PLANT BENEFITS:

- Great for wildlife!
- Filter and infiltrate stormwater.
- Require less maintenance & inputs than non-natives.
- Establish quickly & are naturally hardy & healthy.
- Provide a variety of colors, textures, & bloom times to add interest to your landscape.

PERKIOMEN
WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

Date and Time
Thursday, April 18th, 2024
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location
New Hanover Township Building
2943 N. Charlotte St, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Cost
Registration with plant package: \$35
Registration without plant package: FREE

Register Here
<https://connect.perkiomenwatershed.org/event/new-hanover-township-lawn-to-garden-workshop/e555475>





The Home Garden Contest is Growing!

Are you ready to enjoy the spring weather, be more active, and use your green thumb in the Regional Home Garden Contest? You could win a little extra "green" for yourself—up to \$200!

Registration is FREE and opens April 26. All homeowners and renters are eligible within the boroughs of Boyertown and Pottstown, as well as the townships of Colebrookdale, Douglass (Montgomery and Berks), New Hanover, Upper Pottsgrove, Lower Pottsgrove, West Pottsgrove, North Coventry, and East Coventry.

7 Categories. 35 Cash Prizes.

General Garden	Pleasant Porch
Edible Garden	Pocket Garden
Outdoor Oasis	Curb Appeal
Youth Gardener	

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 21

For registration & information, visit HomeGardenContest.com or contact:

Tracy Purdy
(email) trcpurdy@yahoo.com
(phone) 319.321.9142





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2024 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 27

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

Saturday, June 1

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 15

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, June 22

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, September 21

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, October 13

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.

Contact us at:

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610.278.3618



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