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Dear Residents,

Welcome Spring! We are looking forward to warmer weather and also some changes happening in the Township offices. Efforts are being made to make doing business with the Township more convenient. The Township website is constantly being updated to provide timely information such as road improvement schedules, meeting dates, agendas and minutes, recreational activities, proposed developments, building and zoning updates and in some cases applications or forms. Residents benefiting from sewer service have various options for making payments conveniently. Our office hours have changed as of January 1, 2022 providing for a 4-day work week with the administrative staff being on hand at the building from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Thursday. For the convenience of the public, the foyer area just inside the front door is accessible at all times and non-sensitive items can be picked up or dropped off there at any time. A lock box is also available for payments or sensitive information. Voicemail messages left on the telephone will be returned as soon as possible, please listen to the recording to direct your message to the appropriate department. Renovations are ongoing at 2373 Hoffmansville Road, the former recreation building, to accommodate our police department and provide them with a facility and technology to serve our growing and vibrant community. Following the completion of the facility, the administrative building will be renovated and given a facelift. Please bear with us while changes are being made.

Sincerely,
Marie Livelsberger, Chair

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NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP

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OFFICE HOURS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Good Friday – Friday, April 15
Memorial Day – Monday, May 30
Independence Day – Monday, July 4
Labor Day - Monday, September 5
Veterans Day – Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24
Christmas Eve – Friday December 23
Christmas Day – Monday, December 26
New Year's Eve – Friday, December 30

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marie Livelsberger, Chair
W. Ross Snook, V. Chair
Kurt Zebrowski, Member
D. W. Boone Flint, Member
Keith Youse, Member

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors	First Thursday and Fourth Monday (as needed) of each month
Planning Commission	Second Wednesday of each month
Sewer 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 Gwynn	610-323-1008 x 106	jgwynn@newhanover-pa.org
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Code Enforcement/Zoning Director	James Wozniak	610-323-1008 x 103	jwozniak@newhanover-pa.org

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	
03-03-2022	6:30 PM
04-07-2022	6:30 PM
05-05-2022	6:30 PM
06-02-2022	6:30 PM
06-27-2022	6:30 PM
NO JULY MEETING	
08-04-2022	6:30 PM
09-01-2022	6:30 PM
09-24-2022	BOS Road Tour
10-06-2022	6:30 PM
11-03-2022	6:30 pm
12-01-2022	6:30 PM
PLANNING COMMISSION	
03-09-2022	6:30 PM
03-24-2022	6:30 PM
04-13-2022	6:30 PM
04-28-2022	6:30 PM
05-11-2022	6:30 PM
05-26-2022	6:30 PM
06-08-2022	6:30 PM
06-23-2022	6:30 PM
NO JULY MEETING	
08-10-2022	6:30 PM
09-14-2022	6:30 PM
10-12-2022	6:30 PM
11-09-2022	6:30 PM
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	
03-16-2022	6:30 PM
04-20-2022	6:30 PM
05-18-2022	6:30 PM
06-15-2022	6:30 PM
NO JULY MEETING	
08-17-2022	6:30 PM
09-21-2022	6:30 PM
10-19-2022	6:30 PM
11-16-2022	6:30 PM

FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK

The Board of Supervisors implemented a 4-day workweek on a 9-month trial basis effective January 1, 2022. Administrative department staff are available in the Municipal Building between Monday and Thursday from 8 AM to 5 PM. If you need to drop something off, though, on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the foyer area just inside the front door is accessible at all times and non-sensitive items can be picked up or dropped off there at any time; a lock box is also available for payments or sensitive information. Telephone voice mail messages can be left at any time and will be returned as soon as possible. The Public Works Department and Municipal Authority's work hours are Monday through Thursday from 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The Township welcomes resident comments regarding this policy; please provide comments to the Township Manager at jgwynn@newhanover-pa.org.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works maintains over 80 miles of roadways owned by the Township and follows a 10-year plan for upcoming road projects. They are also responsible for painting crosswalks, maintaining traffic signals, clearing vegetation in roadway rights-of-way and tree trimming. They are responsible for emergency response to weather conditions and repairs if needed. Maintenance of parks and open space are also their responsibility.

Spring forward, Leaving the Colder Weather Behind Us

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.

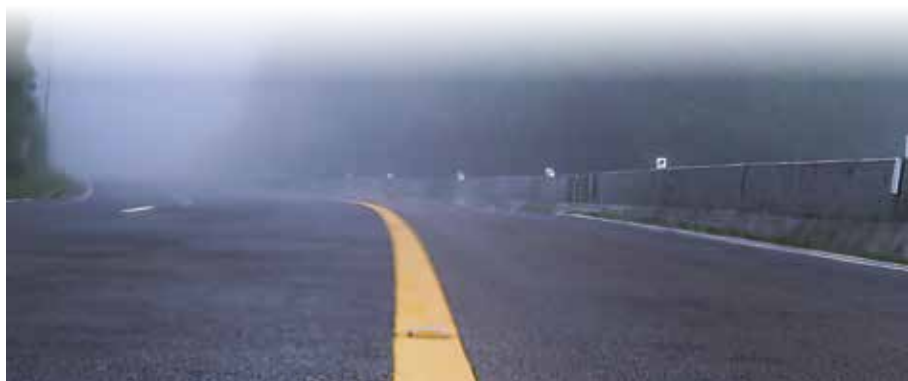
Road Maintenance: Includes cleaning and making repairs to drainage ditches, patch paving, repairing potholes, crack sealing and making inlet repairs throughout the township.

Street Sweeping: will take place in late spring to clean up any debris along the roadways and curb lines in the developments.

Community Park: Is scheduled for resurfacing of the roadway and complete repairs of the basketball and hockey courts this summer.

Capital Road Projects 2022

- **Scheduled for paving:** milling and overlay of Fagleysville Road from the State bridge to Colonial Drive. Overlay Renninger Road from Route 73 to the bridge.
- **Fog Sealing:** Barn Swallow, Romig Road Circle and Fairbrook Drive.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT *continued*

- **Oil and Chip:** Serenity, Quiet Court, Houseman Road from Colflesh to Little Road, Renninger Road from the bridge to Little 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 PennDOT @ 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 @ Fisher Road, Henning from Deep Creek to Snyder Road.
- Any issues or concerns with County Roads Contact Montgomery County Roads and Bridges @ 610-278-3613

Looking for information on streams, outfall, inlets, and sewer line locations, go to our website @ www.newhanover-pa.org and check out our GIS mapping system of the Township.

Boyertown School Census

The school census is being done in-house at the Boyertown School. All forms must be returned to the Education Center, 911 Montgomery Avenue, Boyertown, PA 19512 or fax to 610-369-7620.



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 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 2022 are held at the Township Building and are listed.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BD.	
03-14-2022	6:30 PM
04-11-2022	6:30 PM
05-09-2022	6:30 PM
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NO JULY MEETING	
08-08-2022	6:30 PM
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RECREATION COMMITTEE	
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NO JULY MEETING	
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MOLLY BAUER 484-644-3123

In person tax collection hours for year 2022 are held at the Township Building as follows:

9-11 am 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/23, 4/30, 6/25

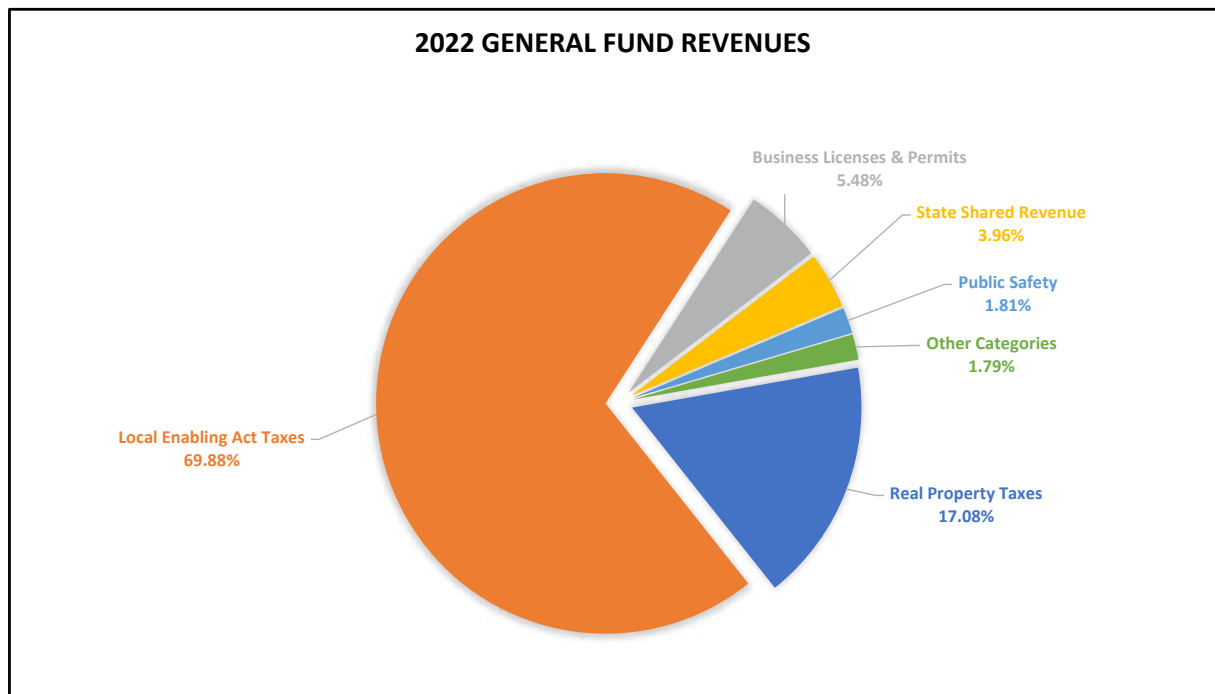
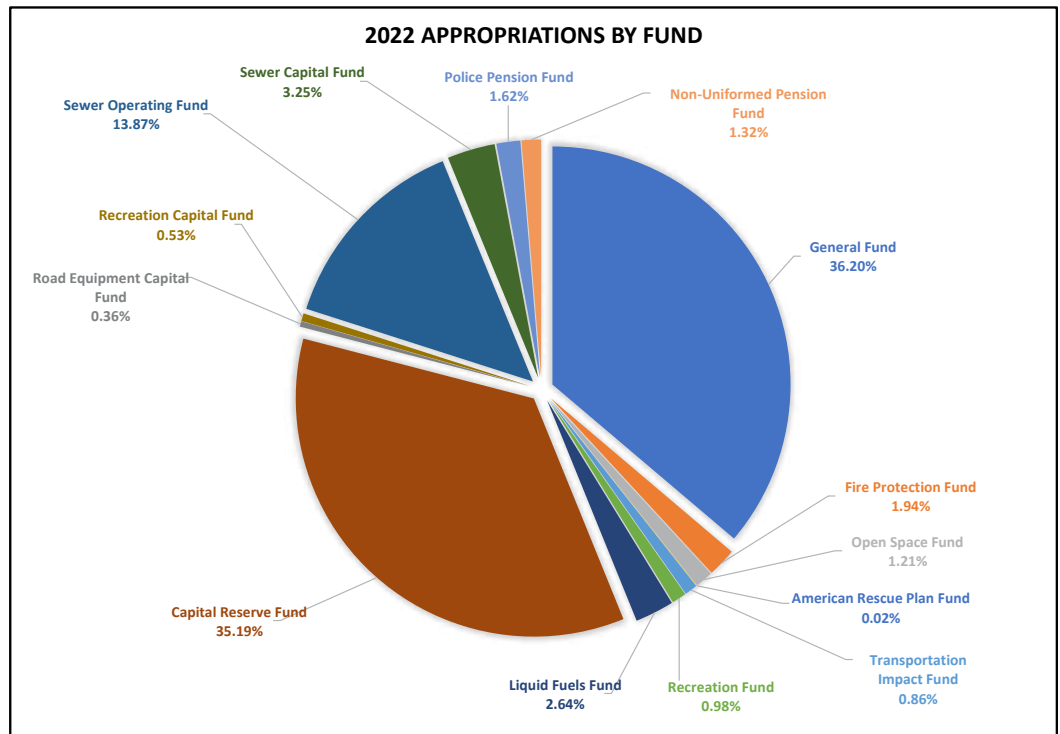
6-8 pm 3/22, 3/30, 4/5, 4/13, 4/19, 4/20, 4/26, 4/27, 5/24, 7/19, 8/30, 9/13, 10/11, 12/27

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. Please see the link: <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx>

SPRING FINANCE LETTER

The 2022 Annual Budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Budget is again approved without increases in real estate property taxes. This is the 16th year in a row that taxes have not been increased. Maintaining low taxes has been an objective of the Board for many years, but is imperative now, as the effects of COVID-19 continue to impact our residents, businesses, and property owners. The total Township Real Estate Taxes will remain at the already low rate of 1.587 mills, real estate taxes for a home assessed at the average assessment value of \$153,747 would pay \$244 per year, or about \$20 per month for Township services.

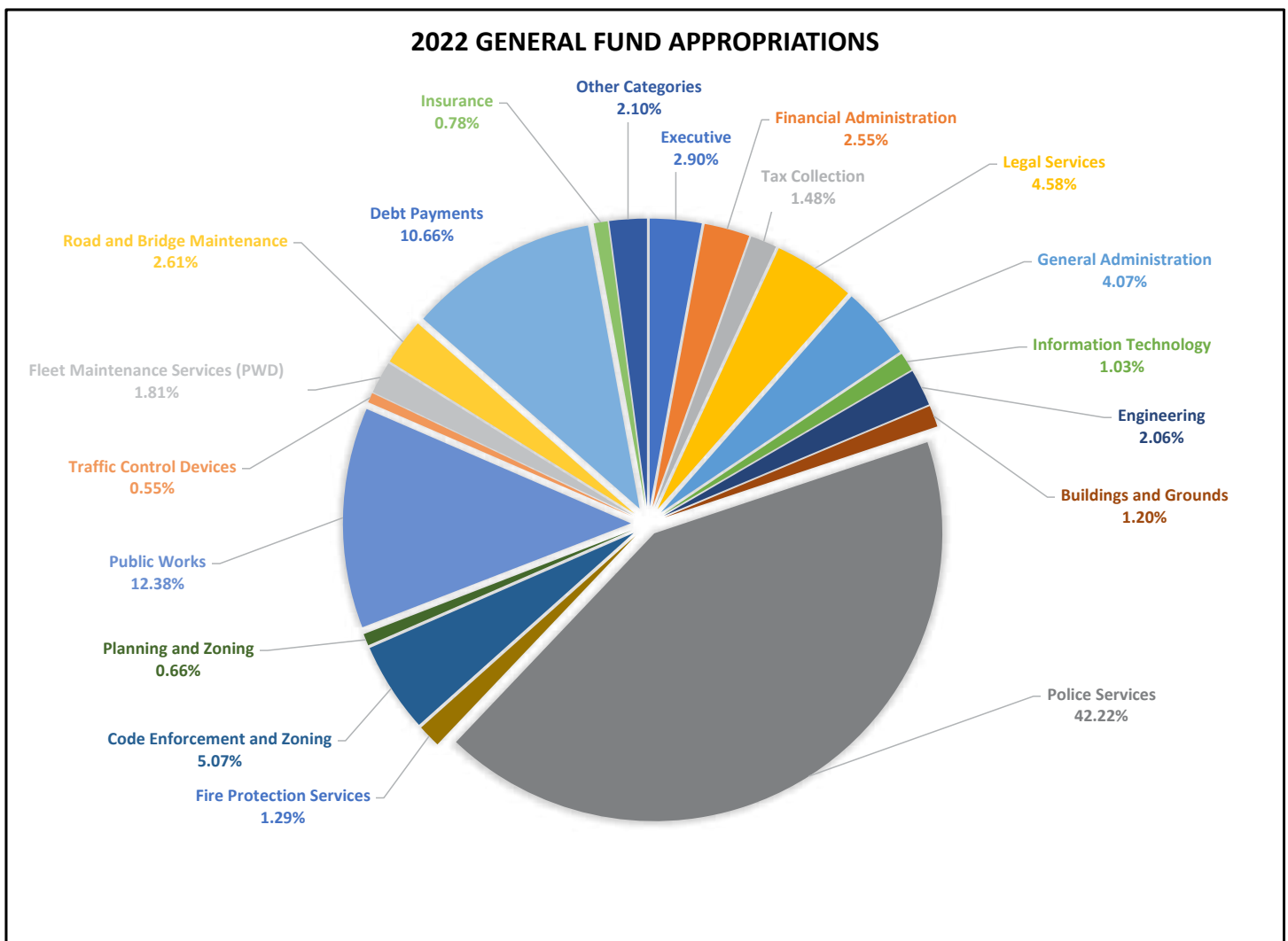


The General Fund is the largest Operating Fund and accounts for many common local government services, including police protection; planning and zoning; general administration; finances; legal and engineering services; tax collection services; and public works services and maintenance.

General Fund appropriations total \$5.86 million. Appropriations in the Special Revenue Funds include the Fire Protection Fund (\$315,000), Open Space Fund (\$196,000), American Rescue Plan Fund (\$4,000), Transportation Impact Fund (\$140,000), Recreation Fund (\$159,000) and Liquid Fuels Fund (\$428,000). Appropriations for the Sewer Operating Fund total \$2.25 million. Combined capital appropriations total \$6.37 million and pension funds total \$477,000.

The primary revenue sources for the General Fund are real estate taxes, Act 511 taxes (earned income, per capita, local services, and transfer taxes), business licenses, permit fees, grants, state-shared entitlements, and charges for service. Local enabling taxes account for almost 2/3rds of our revenue. The Township levies a 1% earned income tax and revenue generated from residents is shared equally with the Boyertown School District. Earned income taxes will generate a projected \$2.46 million in 2022, representing 56% of total revenues in the General Fund. Real estate taxes are projected to come in close to \$748,500, representing about 17% of total revenue in the General Fund

Proposed General Fund appropriations in 2022 total \$4.36 million before interfund transfers. This represents a significant increase (\$600,000) over the 2021 Budget. This increase is attributable to payments on debt on funds borrowed for the renovation of the Municipal Building and Recreation Center (\$465,000) and moving salt expenses for winter storms from the Liquid Fuels Fund to General Fund (\$75,000); engineering services (\$30,000); and legal services (\$60,000). Each year also includes increases in certain line items, specifically to wages (uniformed employees are receiving a place holder 3% increase, but the actual amount will be determined by contract negotiations, and non-uniformed employees a 3% increase) and benefits (healthcare costs increased 3%). There is also an appropriation for an interfund transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund (\$1.5 million) to fund capital improvements based on the Capital Improvement Plan.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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 – UPDATE

The Township's fishing derby last year was a huge success. Children 12 years of age and younger were accompanied by adults and lined the entire length of the Swamp Creek. This event will be offered again this year on May 14, 2022 with a rain date on May 15 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 and largest fish as well as for the 1st caught and most caught. A completed pre-registration form must be submitted no later than May 6 accompanied by a "Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumptions of Risk" signed by the parent of each child participating. ALSO stay tuned for updates as planning continues for our September Fall Frolic event to take place on Sept 17 – noon to 5PM.

FALL FROLIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

Planning is underway for our 34th annual Fall Frolic to be held on September 17 (rain date September 18) at Hickory Park, 2140 Big Road, Gilbertsville, PA. Each year we offer many activities for children and things of interest for adults also. There is no cost to attend the event and the Township offers the opportunity to purchase a wrist bracelet for children 12 years of age and younger at a cost of \$10 which entitles them to participate in all activities for the entire afternoon; individual tickets may also be offered. Activities being planned include a rock wall, a miniature golf course, an obstacle course and slide, a moon bounce, a petting zoo, music etc. The Fire Company will be displaying their equipment, Gilbertsville ambulance will be on hand and vendors will display their crafts. Food trucks will be on hand for guests to purchase food and beverages which can be enjoyed under a pavilion. Purchases can be made conveniently using the "Square" we will not be able to make change for anyone wishing to use cash.

SUMMER CAMP



The Summer Camp Program is run by the YMCA and is for New Hanover and Upper Frederick Township residents. This program is a half day program from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children who have graduated from kindergarten to sixth grade. The children will participate in activities such as outdoor games, arts, crafts, science experiments, etc. Please contact Shelly Sallade at 610-323-1008 ext. 104 or by email at ssallade@newhanover-pa.org or check the township's website for more information as the program details have not been confirmed at this time.

HICKORY PARK POOL

Had enough of winter already? Are you looking forward to summer? Can't wait to get to the pool? You can beat the heat by cooling off in the pool, soaking up the sun and purchasing snacks from the concession stand. Hickory Park Pool will be opening the 2022 season on Memorial Day Weekend. Please check the township's website for more information which will be available soon.



FAMILY DAY EVENT

In the evening on Saturday, June 11th (rain date Sunday, June 12th), New Hanover Township will be hosting a Family Day Event for the community at Hickory Park. The activities that are planned for this event are as follows: Pool will remain open until 8:00PM for members, Touch A Truck, Bonfire and Campfire (smores), Kona Water Ice & an Ice Cream Truck, Games such as a Duck Pond, Fish Bowl, Corn Hole, Bubble Machine, Contests for children, Popcorn Machine, and the movie *Encanto* projected on a 26 ft Inflatable Movie Screen. Look for more information coming soon on the Township's website.



LIFEGUARDS WANTED FOR THE 2022 POOL SEASON!

Are you looking for Summer Employment? Lifeguards are needed for the Hickory Park Pool. Certified lifeguards and those interested in becoming certified lifeguards should contact Shelly Sallade at ssallade@newhanover-pa.org.

PARK RENTALS

Park rentals are available through the first weekend in October. All rentals are available to both residents and non-residents. Rental forms will only be accepted for the current calendar year.

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



All pavilions at Hickory Park have a grill area, electricity, and access to running water and bathrooms. You must notify the Parks and Recreation Department before your rental if you would like access to water.

Community Park

Pavilion (Capacity 40)	\$85.00	\$135.00
Indoor Facility (Capacity 125)	\$160.00	\$210.00

The Indoor Facility at Community Park has access to a bathroom and electricity.

Keep in mind all park rules and remember to be courteous to others when using park facilities:

Remember, no animals nor alcohol is permitted, keep areas free of litter, park amenities are available to the general public, no smoking under pavilions, park in designated areas only, no open fires, fireplaces are available – wood or charcoal is not supplied, nails, staples and tacks should not be left in tables or posts.

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 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
- **Briar Ridge Park:** Magnolia Drive, 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

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING

The Code Enforcement/Zoning Office has two full time staff, the Director and the Administrative Assistant. New Hanover Township enforces the PA Uniform Construction Code and Township adopted ordinances. The purpose of this Department is to protect public health, safety and general welfare as related to the construction and occupancy of buildings and structures.

The following residential projects require permits:

- Additions
- Creating habitable space in a basement, attic or attached garage
- Decks
- Accessory structures 200 square feet or greater (building and zoning permits)
- Accessory structures less than 200 square feet and without a utility connection (use residential utility building application)
- Pools and hot tubs capable of holding water 24" deep or greater
- Electrical/ plumbing/mechanical additions such as piping, wiring, lighting, heating, cooling, generators and solar panels
- Installation of sump pumps, not applicable to replacement of existing sump pumps without change of discharge location
- Driveways, new installations, extensions to existing driveways and changes to the public road intersection
- Fences
- Patios
- Gazebos and pergolas
- Home occupation
- Grading

Please contact the Zoning Office if you realize that you or the previous homeowner did not properly obtain a permit for any of the above items, and we will work with you to resolve any future legal issues.

The following residential projects do not require permits:

- Repair or replacement of any nonstructural member
- Exterior siding and reroofing
- Replacement of windows and doors with no change in opening size



- Gutters and downspouts, without change of discharge location
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpentry, countertops and similar finish work, not including structural repairs
- Appliance replacement
- Replacement of hot water heater or furnace with the same size and type
- Repair or replacement of any sink, toilet, tub, shower or similar plumbing fixture without relocation of any drain or vanity device
- Replacement of an electrical switch or receptacle with one of the same rating
- Residential swings and play equipment
- Oil tank removal (The DEP should be contacted for tanks over 1,000-gallon capacity.)

Rental units must be registered with the Township for a nominal fee. The residential reporting form can be found on the website. Application for all other permits are also on the Township's website and can be submitted by email, mail, or in-person at the township office. Payment is not due until your plans are approved. Currently payments can only be made by cash or check. All inspections and plan reviews, including electric, are done by the Township inspectors.

Should you live in a community with a Homeowners Association (HOA), please submit the HOA note that is on our website, with your building and zoning applications. Be aware that the covenants, conditions, and restrictions of an HOA may impose a more restricted use than is permitted under applicable Township ordinances and the HOA must be contacted before any work can be started.

Thanks for reading and feel free to contact the Zoning Office at 610-323-1008, Extension 102 if you need assistance or have questions.

Did You Know?

What is the Geographic Information System (GIS)?

- It's a computer-based platform that is used to collect and manage all types of data including but not limited to:
- Manhole numbers and locations throughout the township.
- How many feet/miles of sanitary sewer are in the township.
- The type of material the pipe is made of and the size of the pipe.
- Direction of flow.

With GIS we have the ability to better understand visually what is happening in the collection system. Over the next few years, the collection system will be cleaned, televised, and inspected by the authority. Any failing sewer mains identified during inspections will be updated to the GIS map for future repair. Pictures and videos of those areas can be uploaded to GIS to help with workflow.

GIS is also being used to help with gravity sewer main condition. There are several ratings from 1 being the poorest condition (red) and the best being a 5 (green). The GIS system is a great tool that has been added to the township that all disciplines can use and will continue to grow with information for years to come. The GIS map can be located on the Township website. To explore the many capabilities of GIS on the Township's website, go to the Resources Tab and check off the items of interest in the layer list on the right – I think you will find it interesting. Persons having Storm Water Agreements with the Township can access their information via the GIS site.



EVER HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TOWNSHIP ?

Please know that the Township website is an excellent source of information about various departments, commissions and committees, codes and regulations, access to the Township's codified codes, information about new development proposals, road and bridge repairs, GIS, parks and recreational opportunities, agendas for meetings and meeting minutes posted after they have been approved.

Thank
you

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This publication is made available through the generous advertising sponsorship of the businesses listed throughout our newsletter. We wish to encourage your patronage of these establishments; they play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only, Preregistration is Required

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 30

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 7

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

Saturday, May 21

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

Saturday, June 18

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 25

Abington Junior High School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 24

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

SUNDAY, October 23

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:

MontcoPARecycles.org
recycling@montcopa.org

610.278.3618



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- Family medicine
- HNL Lab Medicine
- Imaging (including X-ray and ultrasound)*
- Mobile breast health services*
- OB-GYN
- Rehabilitation services (adult and pediatric)*
- Pediatric specialties, including pulmonary, endocrinology and gastroenterology
- General pediatrics – coming soon

*A service of Lehigh Valley Hospital

Health Center at Pennsburg
101 W. Seventh St., Pennsburg
LVHN.org/pennsburg



NEW HANOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

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Like many municipalities in Pennsylvania, New Hanover Township relies on a full-service volunteer fire company which includes fire police, auxiliary members, and administrative members. Members make countless sacrifices responding to calls, including water rescues, educating the public through Fire prevention outreach, and maintaining the property and equipment. The main station is housed at Swamp Pike and the north end substation is located off PA 663 near Little Road. There are approximately 77 active members with 54 serving as active firefighters covering an area of 40 square miles and approximately 140 road miles. The fire company has mutual aid agreements with adjacent municipalities which means that all residents in the Township are within four miles of a fire station. Coordinated efforts with Aqua America has resulted in an increase in the capacity of the water system to improve the ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating of the fire company and impacts home insurance rates. The fire company receives an annual financial contribution from the fire tax but relies primarily on fund raising, solicitation, and grant awards to cover a majority of operating capital. Truck apparatus and major equipment is replaced on a schedule. Hydrant locations and apparatus accessibility on development sites is monitored to ensure all are setup for fire response. New technologies have been adopted to improve performance and provide tracking information to optimize response time and personnel dispatch.

RETENTION BASINS

A retention basin, though it may seem unattractive, has an important purpose which is to retain water so that it is infiltrated into the ground or evapo-transpired into the air. Retention is achieved in green infrastructure such as rain gardens or bio swales. Bio-retention areas are generally small compared to detention ponds and are best suited for residential development, site development or roadside ditches.



Retention basins are often considered a part of post-project development conditions. Before development occurs, rainwater infiltrates into the ground in spaces between soil particles. The ground acts as a sponge, soaking up water and reducing runoff into streams and rivers. With development, grassy areas become covered by streets and buildings. Water that used to soak into the soil now travels elsewhere, some of which is directed into infiltration basins. The soils in these basins are specifically designed to allow for the infiltration into the soil and may contain different sized rocks, gravel, and soil. The areas are often seeded with native plants adapted to both wet and dry soil conditions. Retention basins are not the same as detention basins. Detention basins are man-made ponds designed to store water during heavy rains and drain within 48 hours.

RENOVATIONS PROJECTS

Renovations are underway at the Recreation Center to convert it into a Police Building for our long-term policing needs. This part of our project is scheduled to be completed by September. Then, the project will shift to the Municipal Building, where the current police department will be converted into a larger meeting room, and the rest of the building will be upgraded, too. This part of the project is scheduled to be completed by May 2023. Those interested in learning more should contact the Township Manager at jgwynn@newhanover-pa.org.

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