



# THE NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP HARBINGER

New Hanover Township  
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FALL 2011

### Meeting Times

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Monday Evening - Public Work Meeting begins at 6:30 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at approx 7:00 PM.  
Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, 2011.

The 2012 budget meetings will be held on August 22, Sept 19, Oct 17 and Nov 07, 2011 starting at 6:00 PM.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
2nd Wed. 6:30pm, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 09, and Dec 14, 2011.

**SEWER AUTHORITY**  
Held at 2990 Fagleysville Road, third Wednesday monthly at 6:30 PM.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
1st Wednesday Monthly 7:00 PM  
- Sept 07, Oct 05, Nov 02, Dec 07, 2011.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD/ SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 PM.

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### CONTACT Us

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215.679.4131  
610.327.1150  
newhanoverpolice.org

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1*

## FALL FROLIC 2011 COMING SOON - RESERVE THE DATE!

The Township's annual community day, Fall Frolic 2011 is scheduled for September 17 from 12 noon to 5:00 pm with a rain date of September 18, 2011.

We will be offering our most popular attractions from prior years but also attempt to add new attractions each year and are open to suggestions from the public. Anyone wishing to provide an activity, offer suggestions or volunteer to assist during the day are welcome to contact the Township office. Approved vendors may be permitted for a nominal fee; vendor applications are available in the Township office. For convenience and safety purposes we encourage everyone to take advantage of the free bus shuttle service between the Boyertown Area Junior High School East and the park.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Officer Michael Salvo and Officer David Fugelo began their employment with the Township following a swearing-in ceremony during the Board of Supervisors meeting of August 8, 2011. The officers come to the Township well qualified and have assumed their part-time positions in the department. Our police department is staffed 24 hours a day, every day! All emergency calls should be directed to 911; other police matters should be directed to 610 327-1150. In the event there is no one in the office to receive the call, the call will be directed to the County communication center and an officer will be notified to return the call as soon as his schedule allows. Please welcome our new officers!

### NEW WEBSITE

Visit the department's newly created website at [www.NewHanoverPolice.org](http://www.NewHanoverPolice.org), and also to follow the Department on Twitter and Facebook in order to receive updates on activities and conditions in the community which may concern you.

### NOTICE: NUMBERING OF HOUSES, BUILDINGS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES

New Hanover Township requires numbering of houses, buildings, and other structures. Please refer to the NHT Police website for additional information.

### NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Please familiarize yourself with the signs near your home. Police officers will be enforcing no parking regulations and will be issuing parking tickets for non-compliance. Anyone choosing to ignore a parking ticket may be issued a citation. Save yourself from enforcement actions by parking only where parking is permitted.

*Police Chief Kevin McKeon*

### 10 BEST PRACTICES TO AVOID IDENTITY THEFT:

1. Never give your PIN number or bank passwords to anyone.
2. Shred bank account or credit card statements if you intend to throw them away.
3. Keep credit and debit cards in a secure place.
4. Never provide confidential information to anyone over the phone, by mail, or by Internet unless you initiated the contact.
5. Write "SEE ID" on the signature line on credit or debit cards. Be prepared to present your ID when using these cards.
6. Routinely monitor your bank and billing statements.
7. Never lend your credit or debit cards to anyone.
8. Contact your creditors or utility companies if you do not receive a scheduled billing statement.
9. Secure your personal financial information at home.
10. Check your credit report regularly.

**2011 FALL FROLIC**  
Reserve the Date  
September 17, 2011 Noon to 5 PM  
Vendor table applications available  
at Township office.

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!!!

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to our inland lakes, streams, and rivers. So, any motor oil, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain eventually gets into public waters without being treated. Pollutants that find their way into storm drains can poison fish, birds, and other wildlife. In addition, storm drains can become clogged with dirt, litter, branches and grass clippings causing them to clog and subsequently cause flooding. Please be sure to report anyone dumping materials into a storm drain or ditch to the Township office.

### 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

1. Sweep up driveway and sidewalk instead of hosing them with water.
2. Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a ditch.
3. Plant bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use fertilizers sparingly and avoid pesticides.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
7. Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil. Did you know that just four quarts of oil can form an eight-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain?
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. If you are on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped regularly.

**THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

Autumn is almost here, the mornings are cooler, we are all now gearing up for winter.

The Hickory Park pool will soon be closed after what looks like a good year. We had numerous people coming out to the community pool and the outdoor movies were a success. Look for more improvements to this park in the future.

Once winter is here, please clear the snow from your sidewalks and around fire hydrants at your property. We have updated our ordinances to authorize workers to shovel your snow if you don't do it within 24 hours and we'll send you the bill later. You don't want this to happen to you so please take care of your snow. We want to avoid having our children walking to school in the streets because snow has not been removed in a timely fashion.

We often read in the paper that municipal budgets seem to be resolved at the last minute at the end of every year. This is not the case in New Hanover Township. Our Board of Supervi-

sors, Manager and department heads have already started working on our 2012 budget. It is our goal once again this year to keep township costs low without losing any benefits to the taxpayers and without raising General Fund taxes. We will continue to fix our roads as needed and operate our budget diligently. We always get this done in a timely fashion and announce our budget early thanks to our Finance Department who work hard to make this happen.

You may have noticed a greater police presence in the township. Chief McKeon has added two new part time police officers to the force. There will now be an increase in citizen protection, more DUI checkpoints, speed details, etc. Please respect our officers and be careful on our roads.

Enjoy the falling leaves and get your snow thrower running. Winter is coming.

Martin Dyas, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

**A FEW REMINDERS AS WE HEAD INTO FALL AND WINTER**

- Leaves will be falling very soon. Please remember the best way to handle fallen leaves is to mulch them on your lawn so that they can provide nutrients back into the soil. Township ordinances forbid the blowing of leaves into the street or into the storm water system.
- School is back in session. Please drive slowly around school bus stops and be aware of children waiting for their bus. The speed limit is 15 mph in school zones when the light is flashing; be sure to observe the limit.

While discussing traffic, a few reminders...(1) motorists are required to yield to emergency vehicles.... (2) per the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, motorists are required to turn on their headlights whenever using their windshield wipers during inclement weather. Please observe these rules as they are intended to provide a measure of safety.

**SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL**

Providing a 30" clear path is required of homeowners within 24 hours after the cessation of snow fall, sleet or freezing rain. Snow and/or ice from the sidewalk and driveway may not be placed in roadways in such a manner or amount as to cause a hazard or require additional cleanup by the Township. Please use proper snow etiquette by removing all obstacles such as trash cans, basketball hoops and any other items that may interfere with the proper clearing of the roads. Avoid venturing out into a snow storm until you are able to travel safely unless it is absolutely necessary in order to avoid injury, and additionally, to avoid disabled vehicles from

impeding snow removal operations. Remember to clear your vehicle of snow before you begin traveling to avoid chunks of snow and ice from damaging another vehicle; this is a law! PLEASE NOTE, the Township will adopt an ordinance on September 12, 2011 authorizing them to hire a contractor in instances where a property owner is negligent in clearing their sidewalk and to invoice the property owner for the cost of the service. The Township suggests, in instances where the property owner is unable or unavailable to perform the snow clearing themselves, they make arrangements with a contractor of their choice to avoid the Township selecting a contractor for them. Our Public Works Department works around the clock to clear our streets for the safety of the public and we need to clear the sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to the school bus stop.

**CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL**

The Township's Public Works Department will be collecting Christmas trees within the Township on a random basis beginning on Monday, January 2, 2012 through Friday, January 13, 2012. Residents are asked to place trees curbside and a Public Works employee will be around to collect it. Christmas trees can also be dropped off at the municipal complex in the designated area on the left side of the building from December 26, 2011 through January 17, 2012. All trees will be composted; please do not have your tree collected by your trash hauler!

**PARK NEWS**

**HICKORY PARK**

The Township is pleased to report that its first full season of pool use has been very successful. The Township completed the improvements necessary to acquire a License from the Montgomery County Department of Health in order to offer a variety of snack items for sale which include packaged chips, crackers, and candy items as well as Philly soft pretzels, ice cream novelties, slushies and hot dogs. Season passes and day passes were available for anyone wishing to enjoy the pool facility. Persons wishing to obtain season passes for the 2012 season will receive a 10% discount if purchased prior to January 31, 2012.

Pavilion rentals have been very popular for group functions in the park. Persons attending events at a reserved pavilion are offered \$1.00 discount on daily pass for use of the swimming pool. People have reported being impressed by the improvements and maintenance at the park which makes it a pleasant setting for outdoor events. You may want to consider reserving a pavilion for your next celebration or gathering. Residents may reserve pavilions for the 2012 beginning in January. Pavilion rentals will be opened to non-residents April 1, 2012 and throughout 2012.

**HICKORY PARK MOVIES UNDER THE STARS**

The Township, along with its sponsors, Gerhart, Hartman & Ritner, Creative Furnishings, Philly Pretzel Factory, Garner & Bauer, WZAR TV and Hope Community Church hosted its first

movies under the stars event in the park. June 25th Despicable Me was shown on an inflatable 9' x 12' screen and on July 24th Toy Story 3 was shown. New Hanover Fire Company and Township police officers assisted with parking and traffic control. Personnel from the Hope Community Church welcomed guests with free popcorn and beverages. Due to the interest shown by the public, the Township expects to offer Movies Under the Stars during the summer months of 2012.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT HICKORY PARK POOL 2012**

**POOL MANAGER** – applicants for this position must be experienced in all aspects of pool management including maintaining proper chemical balance of pool, operating a concession stand, scheduling and supervising the lifeguard staff. Pay rate will be based on experience. To read the full job description please visit our website [www.newhanover-pa.org](http://www.newhanover-pa.org) and click on the Hickory Park Pool link.

**LIFEGUARDS** – applicants for lifeguards must be either 18 years of age or a high school graduate at the time of employment and must be willing to work weekends and instruct swimming lessons to children ages 3-12. Current certifications are required by American Red Cross in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Lifeguard Training and Community First Aid. Pay rate will be based on experience. To read the full job description please visit our website [www.newhanover-pa.org](http://www.newhanover-pa.org) and click on the Hickory Park Pool link.

**MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS AND CURB REPAIRS**

Owners of property benefited by curbing and sidewalks shall be responsible for keeping the sidewalks and curbs immediately in front of his property in good order including repairs and maintaining the area free of all obstructions. It is the responsibility of the owner to repair or replace any sidewalk or curb that deteriorates or becomes hazardous in accordance with Township Specifications.

**TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE**

Remember to check the Township's website for important information and up to date notifications which may be of value to you. Take the time to browse through the various sections to familiarize yourself with your Township and community events. Meeting dates, agendas and minutes are posted on the web. We invite you to join our mailing list by adding your information in the block on the right side of the home page. Visit us at [www.newhanover-pa.org](http://www.newhanover-pa.org).

**DISCOUNT SKI LIFT TICKETS TO BEAR CREEK**

The Township plans on offering discounted mid-week and evening lift tickets to Bear Creek; holiday and weekend lift tickets are not being offered at a discounted price.

**ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

Exercise your privilege and remember to cast your vote on election day!