



East Hanover Township

Dauphin County, PA

Winter 2023-24 ~ December - February

Administrative Offices:

8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028
(Entrance off Manada Gap Road)

Phone: 717-469-0833; Fax: 717-469-1442

Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30 am-4:00 pm

Township Building Holiday Closures:

Monday, December 25th

Monday, January 1st

Monday, January 15th

Monday, February 19th

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'Wonders of Nature' by B. Gregory

He took this photo of ice formations during a cold snap in December 2022 while walking along the Manada Creek on Mill Road and thought they looked like elf or gnome hats dancing on the water.

Public Meetings:

December

- 04 Park & Recreation Board, 7 pm
- 05 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 12 Municipal Authority, 6 pm
- 18 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 pm
- 19 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 20 Planning Commission, 7 pm

January*

- 02 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 03 Board of Auditors, TBD
- 08 Park & Recreation Board, 7 pm
- 09 Municipal Authority, 6 pm
- 16 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 23 Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 25 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 pm

February*

- 05 Park & Recreation Board, 7 pm
- 06 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 13 Municipal Authority, 6 pm
- 20 Board of Supervisors, 7 pm
- 22 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 pm
- 27 Planning Commission, 7 pm

*Meeting dates in January and February are tentative.

Free Event: Private Water Supply Education and Water Testing

Learn about testing and protecting your well or spring water supply and when water treatment might make sense.

When: January 30, 2024 (6:30 PM-8:00 PM)

Where: East Hanover Twp. Municipal Building

Registration deadline: January 26, 2024, 11:59 pm

Who is this for? Residents of Pennsylvania with a private water supply (well, spring, cistern).

What will you learn?

- How to test and protect your well or spring
- When water treatment makes sense
- Well/spring system inspection and maintenance



Do you live in one of the more than one million homes and farms in Pennsylvania that get their drinking water from a private well or spring? Do you know what is in your drinking water and how to keep it safe for you and your family? Would you like to have your water tested for free? The Private Water Supply Education and Water Testing event is designed for people who manage a private drinking water supply. We'll cover how to test and protect your well or spring and when water treatment might make sense. We will also discuss well and spring system inspection and maintenance so you know how to protect your family, your property, and the groundwater we share. This event is for residents of who use a private water supply (well, spring, cistern) in their primary residence.

To participate in this program, you must meet the following requirements:

- In order to qualify for free water testing, registrants must register and attend the live educational event.
- Have primary residence (no camps or summer homes) with a private water supply that is either a well, spring, or cistern.

Participants will receive a copy of the publication "Water Tests: What Do the Numbers Mean?"

Only one test is permitted per household. Water testing supplies will be distributed to participants after attending the event. Using a pre-paid mailer, participants must return their water samples by a specified date.

The following parameters will be tested: bacteria, pH, nitrate, manganese, lead, copper, barium, sodium, and arsenic. All these tests are related to potential health risks and can only be detected through water testing. A Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Accredited Laboratory will do all testing.

Space is limited! Preregistration is required!

Website: <https://extension.psu.edu/private-water-supply-education-and-water-testing-workshop>

Phone Number: 1-877-345-0691

Township Sponsored Holiday Events

Community Tree Lighting, Friday, December 1st, 6-7:30 pm

Join us at the Township Building to welcome Santa Claus with caroling & lighting of our Tree! Warm up inside with hot chocolate, music and light refreshments while children can visit with Santa and make a holiday craft. No registration necessary.

Fresh Greens Wreath Workshop, Fri., Dec. 8th, 6-8:30 pm or Sat., Dec. 9th, 9-11:30 am

\$10 per wreath, frame, greens and decorations provided. Information and registration on pg. 9

Coloring Contest, Ages Pre-school to 5th Grade

Official coloring pages will be delivered to the Grantville Nursery School, EH Elementary School and available on our website and in the Twp. Building. Entries must be received in the Township office no later than **Monday, December 11th**. All entries will be displayed during our Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 16th. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each age group.

Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 16th, 8-10 am. Information and registration on pg. 9

Movie Night, Friday, December 22nd, 6 pm

Wear your PJs and join us for 'The Polar Express'. Enjoy Hot Cocoa & Cookies. Adult must accompany children.

*All programs held at the EHT Municipal Building, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville

YOUR HOME IN EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP—DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Do you work from home? The EHT Zoning Ordinance regulates In-Home Occupations. Please contact the Zoning Officer for the appropriate approvals prior to starting your home business!

Considering chickens or other farm animals as pets? Please check with the Zoning Officer first! These animals are permitted in some Zoning Districts with restrictions.

Fences & accessory structures, including small sheds, pergolas & greenhouses, require a Zoning Permit.

Swimming pools must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

All pools holding more than 24" of water, including inflatable pools, require Zoning & Building permits.

Growth from trees & bushes may not obstruct sidewalks or impede the vision of motorists.

Grass and weeds are not to exceed a height of 12". Yards must not be cluttered or littered with debris, trash, building materials, etc.

Permits are **not** required for the replacement of appliances, existing roof material, siding, or for cosmetic

Stormwater management is required on all properties within the Township. **Formal stormwater permitting may be required, depending on the project scope** (sheds, pools, fill sites, etc. may require stormwater permitting, contingent on existing impervious area and disturbance size). Roof drains, foundation drains, and sump pumps must discharge to infiltration areas, vegetative BMP's, or pervious areas.

No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept, or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.

Complaints regarding barking dogs or dogs running at large should be directed to the PA Dog Warden for Dauphin County at 717-480-9737.

Complaints must be filed using the Township complaint form. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

Residential privacy fences may be installed on the property line in the side and rear yards (*with permission from the neighboring property owner & provided you do not have an easement on your property*), not exceeding 6' in height. Fences located in the front yard are limited to 4' in height and must be located outside of the right-of-way.

PLEASE CONTACT EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP TO DISCUSS YOUR PLANS AND DETERMINE IF PERMITS OR APPROVALS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO BEGINNING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. (717) 469-0833 x201



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Larry McCarter
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INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY?

The Township is looking to fill an upcoming vacancy on the East Hanover Township Municipal Authority. This vacancy will be for a five-year term beginning in 2024. Any resident, taxpayer, or business owner within the Township is eligible for consideration.

Interested persons should forward a letter of interest and resume to the attention of Nicholas Yingst, Township Manager, as soon as possible. The letter of interest should address why the applicant is interested in serving on the Municipal Authority, share any relevant experience, and note his or her history of community involvement. This information can be submitted by email to twpmanger@ehtdcpa.org or by mail or in person to the East Hanover Township Building, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028.

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See page 5 for Office Hours and Information

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SOLICITOR: Salzmann Hughes, PC

1801 Market Street, Suite 300,
Camp Hill, PA 17011, 717-234-6700

CODES & ZONING, BUILDING INSPECTIONS:

Light-Heigel & Associates

430 E. Main Street, Palmyra, PA 17078
717-838-1351 / permits@light-heigel.com

Need a Building and/or Zoning Permit?

Light-Heigel has office hours in the Township Municipal Building on Mondays from 8:00 am to 12 noon, and Thursdays from 12 noon to 4:00 pm

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: HRG, Inc.

Aaron Moyer, P.E.
717-564-1121 / amoyer@hrg-inc.com
369 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

MS4 & STORMWATER PROGRAM UPDATES:



BEFORE YOU SHOVEL, CONTACT US TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!

Did you know that East Hanover Township (EHT) coordinates two similar, but very distinct stormwater programs?

First, is the **Township Stormwater Management Ordinance**. This ordinance stems from guidance and regulations via the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act, aka Act 167, which was passed in 1978. Under this act, PA counties were required to develop comprehensive stormwater management plans for each watershed within their county. Once approved by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), municipalities were required to implement these county-wide watershed plans through local ordinances. EHT's first Stormwater Ordinance was adopted in 2008, with the most current revision being adopted in 2020. This ordinance requires Stormwater Permits be obtained for 'regulated activities,' such as:

- Earth disturbance activities
- Subdivision & Land development
- Construction of new or additional impervious surfaces
- Construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings
- Removal of pervious cover
- Installation of stormwater management facilities
- Installation of stormwater BMPs
- Diversion of piping of natural or man-made stream channels

Projects that may require a stormwater management plan and permit include, but are not limited to, new homes, sheds, patios, pole barns, swimming pools, land clearing, and fill sites.

PLANNING A PROJECT? Be sure to check with EHT for permit requirements well in advance of your anticipated installation date. Stormwater management plans require the services of a professional engineer. Once submitted to EHT, the stormwater management plan review and permit issuance process may take three months or longer.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PROGRAM

While the name is a bit of a tongue twister, you're likely familiar with our **second** stormwater program, the **MS4** Program, due to your quarterly stormwater fees. The federal Clean Water Act regulates stormwater requirements that states administer under federal supervision. The PA DEP administers stormwater efforts through the **MS4** Program.

Like other communities, East Hanover Township manages stormwater through a series of pipes, inlets, and swales that convey stormwater when it rains. In addition to the costs of maintaining infrastructure and continuing to address flooding concerns, East Hanover Township is faced with requirements from the state and federal governments through its **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**, **General Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)**. The **MS4** permit is a comprehensive list of requirements with which permittees are mandated to comply, broken into six general categories or 'Minimum Control Measures':

1. Public education and outreach
2. Public participation and involvement
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination
4. Construction site stormwater runoff control
5. Post-construction stormwater management in new/redevelopment
6. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2022-2023 MS4 PERMIT YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



- 1,501 feet of metal culvert pipes replaced
- 7 stormwater inlets replaced & additional inlets repaired
- Township roads cleaned with vacuum truck
- Cleaned debris from stormwater inlets
- Cleaned storm drains & storm sewer pipes
- 1 Illicit Discharge event investigated
- 2 Stormwater Ordinance violations investigated
- 32 MS4 designated outfalls inspections completed
- 5 of 28 MS4 designated structural BMPs inspected
- Submitted Annual MS4 Report to PA DEP
- Permit application submitted to PA DEP for EHT Park-Stream Restoration Project
- 4 Public Meetings held
- 4 Newsletter articles published
- All Township owned facilities maintained per MS4 O&M Manual



PUBLIC WORKS & TAX COLLECTOR



Snow Removal Guidelines for EHT

The EHT Public Works Department understands that when it snows, driving on the roads can be trying. We try hard to make the roads as safe as possible during snow and ice storms. We have 5 trucks and plows that are assigned to different areas throughout the township. Other equipment is available as needed. Salting of our roads will begin shortly after a storm starts. Plowing will begin after about 3" have accumulated. We are aware that your street/road is important to you and are committed to providing excellent snow removal service.

In order to help us do a better job, we ask residents help us in a couple areas:

1. **ALL CARS** are to be parked in driveways or off the streets, during a storm, to allow us to clear the street/road to the edge of the road.
2. **NO CARS** should be parked in CUL-DE-SACS. They are very time consuming to plow, having cars parked there makes it very difficult to plow.
3. During plowing operations, snow will go into your driveway. If possible, **wait until the street/road is plowed before clearing driveway openings.** Place the snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street.
4. **DO NOT THROW OR BLOW SNOW ONTO THE STREET/ROADS.** This creates a hazardous and unsafe condition on already plowed roads.
5. Please shovel out any fire hydrants if they are located on your property.

MAILBOXES: Heavy snow, as it is plowed, will occasionally damage or topple mailboxes. To lower the potential for damage, make sure your mailbox is secured tightly and on a sturdy post. Residents are reminded that damage occurring from plowed snow is the property owner's responsibility.

BASKETBALL POLES/NETS are not acceptable items within the right-of-way. EHT will not be responsible for any damage to them.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN, DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, AND HAVE A SAFE WINTER SEASON!

Respectfully, Bryan Ziegler, EHT Public Works Director

WINTER TAX COLLECTOR NOTES

Office Hours: Monday, 4 pm - 6 pm
Tuesday, 9 am - noon

Additional 2023 Office Hours:
Saturday, December 30th, 9 am until noon

Questions: email at TAXC@EHTDCPA.ORG
or call 717-469-1048

Key 2023 Dates:

December 31st: Last day to pay County and LDSD real estate taxes and LDSD personal taxes.

Any unpaid County/School/Township Real Estate/Personal Taxes not paid or postmarked by December 31st are considered delinquent. Any check returned for insufficient funds is also considered delinquent. These tax bills are turned over to Keystone Collections Group (724-978-0300) and your local Tax Collector can't assist you in payment.

Key 2024 Dates:

February 1st- 2024 Dauphin County
Real Estate Bills mailed

March 1st- Last day to submit
Homestead Act Relief application

March 31st- Last day to pay County and Township
Real Estate taxes at a DISCOUNTED rate.

New Residents: Please contact the Tax Collector
with Household information.



2023 Paving Projects

Each year seems to get a little busier than the last. In 2023, we spent \$1,100,000 paving Township roads, which is the highest dollar amount to date for the Township. Thank you for tolerating the work zones, the closed roads and slowing down when you see us out there working. Next year may bring just as much work, depending on the price of asphalt in 2024. The newly paved roads tend to cause motorists to increase speeds. **Please slow down for the safety of everyone!**

Winter Is Almost Here! Snow Is Coming

Winter is upon us. Snow and ice will make traveling difficult. Travel only when necessary, during storms. Snowplow trucks will be out there working hard to make the roads as safe as possible. Snow poles are still available at the Township office for purchase. **Have a safe winter season and stay warm!**

Respectfully, Bryan Ziegler, EHT Public Works Director

ZONING & PLANNING UPDATES

Subdivision and Land Development Plans currently under review*:

Walters Services Subdivision and Land Development Plan:

Plan proposes to subdivide a 13.37 acre lot from parcel 25-007-010 (between Ridge Road, Bow Creek Road, and Station Road) and construct a new septic contractor business headquarters which would include three shop buildings, one office building, separate accesses to Ridge Road and Station Road, a parking lot, a stone storage area, utilities, and stormwater management facilities. The property is proposed to be served by a private well and on-lot sewer system. The proposed subdivided lot to be developed is in the Industrial Commercial (IC) zoning district. The plan was accepted for review on February 28, 2023. Three review extensions have been granted, and the plan review period currently expires on November 25, 2023. No waivers are currently being requested by the applicant. On July 25, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended the plan be conditionally approved.

Bonawitz Real Estate Investors/JLB Construction Subdivision and Land Development Plan:

Plan proposes to subdivide an 8.053 acre lot from parcel 25-007-010 (between Ridge Road, Bow Creek Road, and Station Road) and construct a new construction business headquarters which would include one 3,000 square foot office building, one 15,000 square foot shop building, access to Ridge Road, parking facilities, paved storage area, a stone storage area, utilities, and stormwater management facilities. The property is proposed to be served by a private well and on-lot sewer system. The proposed subdivided lot to be developed is in the Industrial Commercial (IC) zoning district. The plan was accepted for review on February 28, 2023. Three review extensions have been granted, and the plan review period currently expires on November 25, 2023. No waivers are currently being requested by the applicant. On July 25, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended the plan be conditionally approved.

North Mill Simple Subdivision Plan:

Plan proposes to subdivide the lot of approximately 3.4 acres at 8363 Jonestown Road, Grantville into a northern parcel of approximately 2.1 acres and a southern parcel of approximately 1.3 acres. The parcel is in the Rural Agriculture (RA) zoning district and there are no plans for construction at this time. The plan was accepted for review on April 4, 2023. Two review extensions have been granted, and the plan review period currently expires on December 30, 2023. No waivers are currently being requested by the applicant.

Subdivision and Land Development Plans recently approved/denied:

Fasnacht/Brassell Lot Line Revision Plan:

Conditional approval was granted on October 17, 2023, for plan to adjust the location of the shared property line between the properties at 2391 Sand Beach Road and 2403 Sand Beach Road, Grantville. The properties are located in the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district and a waiver was granted from the wetlands study requirement of Section 421 of the Subdivision And Land Development Ordinance.

Sand Beach Enterprises Lot Line Revision Plan:

Conditional approval was granted on October 17, 2023 for plan to annex 3.903 acres from parcel 25-021-067 located along Earlys Mill Road to parcel 25-021-047 with an address of 185 Earlys Mill Road. The properties are located in the Rural Agriculture (RA) zoning district and no waivers were requested or granted.

Zoning Hearing Board recent decisions:

Satellite Shelters, Inc. requested a special exception for the property at 841 Bow Creek Road, Grantville to allow the property to be used for storing and parking unused modular office buildings. The property is located in the Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district. The Zoning Hearing Board granted this special exception on August 21, 2023, subject to the conditions clarified by the applicant at the hearing (including that no repairs, maintenance or cleaning of the trailers will be performed onsite, no buildings will be erected or placed onsite, and vegetative screening will be planted and maintained at the north and south ends of the property) as well as maintaining operating hours of Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and maximum onsite storage of 100 units.

** = Please note this information is current as of the date the newsletter is submitted for publishing and is likely to change throughout the period covered by this newsletter.*

Is it a Township or State-owned Road?

There are several PennDOT owned roads throughout the Township. They are Mountain Rd (Rte. 443), Manada Bottom Rd, Manada Gap Rd, Allentown Blvd (Rte. 22), Laudermilch Rd (Route 743), Sand Beach Rd, Canal Rd, and Interstate 81.

PennDOT is responsible for all maintenance of these roads including paving, snow removal, trimming trees, cutting grass, stormwater, and any other items pertaining to these roads. All traffic signals in East Hanover are owned by the Township and are maintained by the Public Works Dept., even if they are on a PennDOT road. From time to time the Public Works Dept. may assist PennDOT with a maintenance item.

If you have issues concerning a PennDOT road, you may call them directly at 717-787-5391 or call the Township Public Works Department at 717-943-8822. Thank You!



EHT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING

Penn Waste Solid Waste Pick-Up: Trash & Recyclables

For information about Penn Waste's EHT services, call 717-767-4456 or visit the EHT section of their website at: www.pennwaste.com/municipalities/east-hanover-twp/

Holiday Collection: If your trash collection day falls on or after a holiday, your collection day moves one day back. If a holiday falls on a weekend, your collection day will not change.

Prescription Drug Drop Box

State Police - Troop H
8000 Bretz Drive, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

Drop box is located in the main lobby of the police station.

Items Accepted: Prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, tablets and capsules, liquid medications, and more.

Items NOT Accepted: Intravenous solutions, injectables and needles. Call 717-671-7500 for more information.



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees are equal to one bag of trash. Please make sure to place them where you place your trash on your specified pick-up day.

Electronic Recycling

East Hanover Township has joined forces with Dauphin County Solid Waste Management to facilitate electronics recycling. Accepted devices include answering machines, fax machines, camcorders, CD players, copiers, electric typewriters, laptop and desktop computers, microwave ovens, modems, pagers, printers, radios, remote controls, scanners, stereo equipment including speakers, telephones, televisions, and VCR's.

Old cellphones can now be dropped off at the EHT Municipal Building with Electronics Recycling.

Recycle your **empty Inkjet Cartridges** in the Drop-off Box located in the EHT Municipal Building lobby.

PLEASE NOTE: This service is provided to EHT Residents (please bring I.D.), Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. You must come into the office to complete the "Recycling Form" (listing your items, if your item has a screen you will need the screen size) and independently load all items into the trailer which is now kept in the building. Only complete units will be accepted - NO STRIPPED UNITS.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Appliances, Tools, Batteries, Light Bulbs, Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors, etc.

EHT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Since we are going into the winter months, we would like to offer residents some reminders of severe winter weather and how to cope with these events.

Many of us have been through the winter weather that occurs in our area and we take whatever 'old man winter' delivers us in stride. Some residents may be new to the area and may not be experienced in dealing with harsh winter weather that can occur. Many residents have put faith in the old almanac, some in how the wildlife maintains itself in the months before winter, and some choose to look at media outlets with their own predictions. Whatever you may choose to believe, or think is accurate, it is always better to be prepared for a difficult winter and hope for a mild one.

Winter weather events may include snowfalls, sleet, freezing rain, and very high winds. A heavy snowfall may impact our area for several days and may limit travel until roads can be cleared for safe travel. If a heavy snowfall is expected, be sure to have enough essentials on hand in the event travel becomes difficult. Sleet and freezing rain can make roads icy and dangerous, causing travel to be slow moving and may not be able to move at all. It is best to stay off the roads and let the snow removal crews open roads and enable safe travels.

Utility outages are another possibility caused by heavy snowfalls, ice accumulation on wires, and high winds. Electricity, communications, and phone service may be out for days depending on the severity of the weather event. If you do come across downed utility lines, report it immediately to the utility and stay clear of the wire. Even communication lines can become energized when in contact with live electrical lines. Some residents may resort to generators during power outages. If you do, please be mindful to place the generator so there is no possibility of carbon monoxide fumes entering your house.

Being prepared means having a standby kit or 'go kit' ready and supplied with things such as a flashlight, extra batteries, bottled water, battery powered radio, and non-perishable food items. If you absolutely must travel during predicted severe weather, consider a 'go kit' for your car as well. See page 10 for a list of items to keep on hand in your car 'to go' kit and internet resources for more information. There you will find many interesting items to stock up on and various ways to store your prepared items. You most certainly will find some items that are right for you and your family.

The staff of East Hanover EMA wish you a safe happy upcoming Holiday Season! Ronald L. Johnson, Coordinator



PARK & REC ~ EVENTS



Shape-Up with Sara @ EHT Municipal Building

Every Tues & Thurs, 9-10 am

To all Ladies ages 55+

Give yourself gifts that will last all year:
Friendship - Fun - Education - Exercise
Join SHAPE UP WITH SARA!

Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-10am in the East Hanover Township Municipal Building.

NO COMMITMENT.....NO COST.....
NO CRITICISM

We have participants in their 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's and each one is a prized gift to the class. Our instructor is Sara Zentmeyer, a retired physical therapist, who can adapt any exercise to fit your particular need or capability.

No registration necessary. You do not have to be a resident of East Hanover Township. No fee charged, but you are asked (not required) to bring a food or personal care item to donate to the Grantville Food Pantry. Call Sara at 717-533-8421 for additional information.

December

See page 1 for a list of Holiday events.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Friday, January 12th, 6-8:30 pm and
Friday, February 16th, 6-8:30 pm

Get your 4-person team together of family or friends, and we'll see who completes the full puzzle first! Register your team no later than the Monday before each date, by contacting Becky, Park & Rec at 717-469-0833 x202 or parkandrec@ehtdcpa.org. Puzzles and light refreshments provided.

FOUR PUZZLE CATEGORIES: Family-friendly (100+ pc.); Puzzle-Lite (300 pc.); Standard (500 pc.) and Puzzle-Master (750 pc.)

February 2023

Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday, February 3rd, 8 am- 12 noon

Must register by January 29th. Payment required to reserve a space- \$10/space EHT resident, \$15/space non-resident. No direct sales or business advertising. Vendor Registration form below.

Family Valentine's Night, Friday, February 9th, 6-8:00 pm

Enjoy a family night of games, crafts and Heart-healthy snacks to warm you up on a cold winter's night. No registration required for this free event.

**Unless specified, all programs held at the EHT Municipal Building, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville*

SCAN ME



Park Facility Survey

Please help the EHT Park and Rec Department complete an assessment of our park facilities by completing this brief survey (by February 16th) to ensure our parks meet the needs of our residents. Blank copies of the survey are available in the Township building, and on our website. If you would like to add further comments or need assistance, please contact the Park and Recreation Director at 717-469-0833 x202 or parkandrec@ehtdcpa.org.

Thank you for your assistance!

Connecting our Parks and Community, become a Park & Rec Volunteer

Use your talents, energy and time for East Hanover Township. With your help, we can do more for our community!

Become a **Park and Rec Board member**, and help improve our parks, community programs and plan capital projects. The Township is accepting letters of interest and resumes for an open board position.

Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, February 3rd, 8 am- 12 noon @ EHT Municipal Building. Must Register by January 29th. No Direct Sales or Businesses. Space size approx. 8'x10' with one (8' x 2.5') table. Payment is required to reserve a space. \$10/space for an EHT resident, \$15/Non-resident. Weather cancellation will be communicated on Twp. Voicemail, Website and Facebook.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of spaces (2 max.) @ \$10 each (Res.) or \$15 each (N-Res.) _____ Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to East Hanover Twp. Park and Recreation, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028.
Please return your non-refundable payment no later than January 29th to reserve your space(s).

PARK & REC ~ REGISTRATION

EHT Fresh Greens Wreath Workshop

Friday, Dec. 8th, 6-8:30 pm OR Saturday, Dec. 9th, 9-11:30 am

We provide the wreath frames, greens, floral wire, decorations & basic instruction. Please bring your own gardening gloves and hand pruners. Light refreshments provided. **Spaces are limited! Deadline to register is November 27th or when workshops are full.** Register on our website or use this registration form.



\$10 per Wreath

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Wreaths _____ Total \$ Enclosed _____

☐ Friday, December 8th
6:00 to 8:30 pm

☐ Saturday, December 9th
9:00 to 11:30 am

Make checks payable to East Hanover Township Park and Recreation, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028.
Workshop registration fee is non-refundable. Contact 717-469-0833 x202 or parkandrec@ehtdcpa.org for more information.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 16th, 8-10 am

EHT Municipal Building, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville



Hosted by the East Hanover Twp. Lions Club and Parks & Rec

Adult Meal- \$4, Child Meal- \$3

Menu:

- #1- Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon
- #2- Eggs, Home Fries, Sausage
- #3- Pancakes & Bacon
- #4- Pancakes & Sausage

**All food selections are final*

**** REGISTER WITH THE EH TOWNSHIP OFFICE BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th BY 4:00 PM ****

First & Last Name <small>*List each person separately*</small>	Breakfast Selection Number	Adult (\$4) / Child (\$3) <small>*Please circle one*</small>
1.		Adult or Child
2.		Adult or Child
3.		Adult or Child
4.		Adult or Child
5.		Adult or Child
6.		Adult or Child
Home Address:	Phone Number:	Email Address:
Please mail registration form and payment to: 8848 Jonestown Rd., Grantville, PA 17028	Make checks payable to: East Hanover Twp. Park & Rec	Total Due / Enclosed:



STATE NEWS & INFORMATION

News from State Senator John DiSanto

Pennsylvania State Senate, District 15

Free Counseling for Veterans and their Families at Harrisburg Vet Center

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides free and confidential readjustment counseling for war-zone veterans and their families. One of these non-medical counseling centers is located locally here in Harrisburg. Vet centers are staffed by highly trained counselors dedicated to seeing veterans through the challenges that come with managing life during and after the military.

Whether you come in for one-on-one counseling or to participate in a group session, Vet centers can help you form social connections, try new things, and build a support system with people who understand you and want to help you succeed.

Vet center services are available to veterans regardless of discharge character and without the need to be enrolled in VA health care or having a service-connected disability. Members of the National Guard and Reserve are also eligible for services under a variety of circumstances connected to active-duty responsibilities.

Vet center services are also available to family members when their participation supports the growth and goals of the veteran or active-duty service member as well as bereavement services.

The Harrisburg Vet Center is located at 1500 N. Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, and its phone number is (717) 782-3954. For more information, please visit www.vetcenter.va.gov.

Please stay in touch! Go to my website, www.senatordisanto.com, and click on "sign up for emails." You may also call my office at 717-787-6801 for help with any state-related matters.

A Note from State Rep. Tom Mehaffie

106th District, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

(717) 534-1323; RepMehaffie.com/contact

1 East Chocolate Ave., Suite 700, Hershey, PA 17033

My office is happy to help you with a variety of state-related issues. Some of the services we provide include assistance with property tax/rent rebate applications, birth certificate and death record applications, veterans' information, providing PennDOT forms, LIHEAP applications, assistance with unemployment and state licenses. We are also thrilled to hold events throughout the district like the Veterans Breakfasts, Tea w/ Tom, Safety Seminars, and more!

My recent events included the Veterans Breakfast on Nov. 3 which honored those who have served our nation valiantly. My Tea with Tom event on Nov. 16 celebrated those who have been together for 30 years or more. Make sure to check out my website (RepMehaffie.com), Facebook ([RepMehaffie](https://www.facebook.com/RepMehaffie)), and subscribe to my weekly emails (RepMehaffie.com/email-signup), for my upcoming events in 2024!



Eshleman-Pankake-Wolf VFW, Post 9639

I joined the VFW in East Hanover Twp. to present them with a House citation celebrating their 75 years of service to veterans, youth, and the greater community since 1948!



TROOP H - COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin and Perry Counties

Sharing the Road with Winter Weather

A quick guide of things to remember this winter season while you are on the go.

10 things to remember:

1. If you do not have to go out in bad weather, then don't!
2. SLOW DOWN and increase follow distance.
3. Be cautious of black ice and areas where ice forms quickly (bridges/ramps).
4. State law requires you to have headlights on when your wipers are on.
5. Remove ice and snow from your vehicle including all mirrors, windows, and lights.
6. Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a plow line (Several trucks plowing side by side).
7. Make sure someone knows where you are going and your ETA.
8. Keep your gas tank at least half full.
9. Do not drink and drive and always wear your seatbelt.
10. Prep your car with an emergency kit.

Emergency Kit checklist

First Aid Kit	Warm Clothes and Gloves	
Jumper Cables	Blanket	Water & Snacks
Flashlight & Batteries	Ice Scraper	
Sand/Cat Litter	Cell Phone and Car Charger	

Personalize your Emergency Kit

If you have any special medications or you are traveling with a small child or pet, do not forget to pack extra items for them. If you get stuck, you have everything you need.

What about a dying phone?

If the battery of your phone is dying and you do not have a charger, change your voicemail to include information such as your general location, current time of day, and any other important details. Even if your phone dies, people calling you will get all the information they need to locate you or get you help.

For more information:

Here are some websites that can provide more information to prepare you for the winter weather:

www.NHTSA.gov

www.PennDOT.pa.gov

GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

717-469-7155; Station located at 9199 Allentown Blvd.

Grant Garland, President – presidents@grantvillefire.com

Saul Schmolitz, Fire Chief – chiefs@grantvillefire.com



As the end of 2023 fast approaches, the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company reflects on both this past quarter and its 75th year, as well as looking to 2024. Our mission statement reads as follows: The purpose of the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company shall be the protection of lives and property. The primary functions shall be the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires and to provide rescue and emergency medical services within East Hanover Township, Dauphin County and to provide mutual aid assistance to surrounding communities.

The fall focus, and in complete alignment of our mission, was fire prevention at East Hanover Elementary School. Eleven crew members spent 66.5 manhours educating 336 students between K-5th grade on fire prevention. There was a different lesson plan for each grade level – ranging from tools and toys to stop, drop and roll. They learned what number to call in an emergency, how to talk to a dispatcher, how to crawl if in smoke, and 51 fifth grade students put out an actual fire with a fire extinguisher. A poster contest was held, and 3 winners were selected, receiving cash and smoke detectors. Educating the young is where it starts. Who knows maybe in 5 years when a current 5th grader becomes of age, he or she will join as a junior member and pursue becoming a fire fighter.



When a call for emergency services is received, responding is expected, and taken very seriously by our members. The call can be short or several hours. That is time away from work, family, and friends. In addition to that, we spend time at meetings, trainings, and we're also "out in the community" with several fundraisers – yard sales, pulled pork sandwich dinners, chicken BBQ and rib dinners, and spaghetti dinners. We provided parking assistance for the Hollywood Casino for all 14 of their Outdoor Concert Series shows. We kicked off online raffles in September. Check us out on Facebook or our website – www.grantvillefire.com – for more information and items available to be bid on. Our annual fund drive was sent out much later than normal this year. We changed how it was done and had a few unexpected issues. We are thankful for the responses received!

We welcome new members as well as existing members who've been away for a while. Not everyone needs to become a fire fighter. There is much that needs done "behind the scenes" and the more that are able to help, the less each one has to do and thus our tagline of "doesn't take much" is spot on. Maybe you're interested in helping with fundraisers. Maybe you're a great researcher, writer, or motivator. Maybe you're interested in providing or sponsoring a meal on a training or equipment maintenance night. Whatever your strength, we can use you, and invite you to attend a meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month, or just stop in at 9199 Allentown Blvd!

We are grateful to the Township for agreeing to purchase our next engine/rescue. With the significant increase in costs, it's virtually impossible for volunteer fire companies to fundraise enough money to cover debt service. The new rig will arrive in 2027 – yes – the build time is over 4 years and will replace our existing 32-year-old Engine 39-1! In the meantime, we repaired the tank in the Engine 39-1 so that we can continue to provide the services residents and travelers through the area expect.

You can show your support by purchasing a 75th anniversary commemorative T-shirt. Prices range from \$10 to \$20 depending on size and membership/non-member.

The first main event in 2024 will be the spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 15th at the Township building. After being cooped up all winter, it will be great to get out and see folks! And our 2024 fund drive will go out in March.

From the crew and administration of the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company, thank you for making 2023 a great year for us! ***We wish all a safe and healthy holiday season!*** Look for us with Santa on December 16th!



COMMUNITY GROUPS: NON-PROFIT & VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA)

717-298-7035, info@catra.net, 168 Station Road, Grantville
Maiya Harris, Director of Events and Outreach: 717-743-7232

CATRA is looking for volunteers to help with its animal therapy and horseback riding program. Scheduling to volunteer is set up at your convenience. You can donate an hour, or a whole afternoon. Mornings or afternoons are available 7 days a week, year-round. Animal care is a never-ending reality. Come and visit. Come and help. CATRA has something for everyone and we're looking forward to our 2023-24 Winter events:

- Saturday, December 16, 1:00-4:00 pm - **Annual Holiday Party & Open House, CATRA**
- Wednesday & Thursday, January 10 & 11 - **PA Farm Show Showcase, PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center**
- Sunday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 pm - **Valentine Bingo/Chili Cook-off, East Hanover Township Building**

There's always something exciting happening at CATRA. Visit our website at www.catra.net to sign up as a volunteer or for more information about our Winter events.

East Hanover Lions Club

Josie Moyer, President: 717-497-4076

Eileen Longreen, Secretary: 717-534-2855; fingers02855@verizon.net
Nancy Gamber, Membership chair: 717-534-2972, nrgamber4@comcast.net

East Hanover Lions serve East Hanover Townships in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. Our motto is "We Serve"! We welcome new members! Contact us and/or visit us on Facebook. Please like our page East Hanover Lions for updates on our club and events or find us at the EHT Park and Rec website link.

We usually meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Some of our projects include scholarships, raffle tickets, road clean-up, assist with eye exams and glasses for persons in need and assist with community projects. We have used medical equipment for loan such as walkers, crutches, and wheelchairs. Please contact our secretary for more information. Join the world's largest service organization and make a difference in your community, country and world!

Historical Society of East Hanover Twp. Dauphin Cty.

Beverly Wyld, 717-832-2381, bawylld@verizon.net

The goal of the Historical Society is to preserve and perpetuate the history of East Hanover Township. The Society meets the second Monday of the month. Meetings and special programs are held at the Township Building at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

- **December 11, 2023, 7:00 pm - Holiday Social Gathering**, Grantville Hotel, Harry Bensinger, Host - 9946 Jonestown Road, Grantville. Members and guests. Bring a snack to share, drinks provided.
- **January 8, 2024, 7:00 pm - Business meeting** or as yet unplanned program. EHT Township building.
- **FEBRUARY - NO MEETING**

For more information, contact: Greg Dovey, Acting President, 717-469-4212 or Donna Shutt, Treasurer, 717-599-8088

Manada Conservancy

717-566-4122, office@manada.org, www.manada.org

We are a member-based, non-profit land trust that works with landowners who voluntarily wish to preserve their land. We also provide free environmental education programs and offer many volunteer opportunities for students and adults. Join Manada Conservancy for this winter program:

- **Woodland Vernal Ponds, Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm**, Hershey Gardens Conservatory. These small wetlands typically fill with water during the fall, then dry in late spring. The organisms that breed in these ponds are integral to the forest ecosystem. Details and registration can be found at www.manada.org/events or call 717-566-4122.

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Dauphin Cty.

717-921-7623, abk5978@psu.edu

1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018

New to gardening or looking to learn something new? Connect with the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners for practical horticultural information you can trust. This winter, we're offering these resources to Dauphin County residents:

- **Master Gardener Garden Hotline** at dauphinmg@psu.edu or 717-921-8803 to ask your garden questions and get unbiased, research-based answers year-round.
- Our annual **Spring Symposium**, in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center, on Saturday, February 24th and March 2nd, 2024 from 9:30-11:00 am.
- **Poison Prevention Program** lessons, aimed at teaching first grade students about pests, Integrated Pest Management, and safe practices of certain products to identify dangers and keep everyone safe. Contact Audree Khalishah (abk5978@psu.edu) to inquire about the program.

Search "Master Gardeners in Dauphin County" or visit for more programs: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin>



Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, October 1st, part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the VFW Post 9639 Auxiliary

Shellville VFW Post 9639

717-469-2195,
376 North Crawford Road,
Grantville

If you are a combat Veteran and would like to join this great organization, come to a meeting (bring a copy of your DD214) and see if you would like to join or call 717-469-2195. The Veterans meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at 376 North Crawford Road.

Our Auxiliary is also looking for new members, so if you are related to a combat Veteran and you would like to join us, come to a meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Bring their DD214 and you could join.

Blood is in short supply so if you can donate please do so to the Central Penn Blood Bank and if you would like to support this Post, donate it to our blood bank group number 0561.

COMMUNITY GROUPS: YOUTH & SENIOR PROGRAMS

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Autumn Leaves

Office: 717-469-7514, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville

We are a group of members who gather together on the fourth Thursday of most months at the EHT building. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to become a member, cost of membership is \$1.00. Transportation can be provided for EHT residents by using the Transport Service. Members are served a catered meal at noon on meeting days. Entertainment follows the meal, which is \$15 per person (price will increase in 2024, details to come) and includes entertainment. Reservations are needed by the Thursday before the meeting. Contact Laverne Mitchell at 717-712-9455 with any questions.

Shellsville Senior Center

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am- 12:30 pm. Enjoy social time with coffee, cookies and pastries in the morning, lunch served at 11:30 am. RSVP to the office at 717-469-7514 or Laverne Mitchell at 717-712-9455, two days before you plan to attend, to receive a lunch, suggested donation is \$1.00/day. Please come out and join us!

Autumn Leaves Transport Service

Volunteer drivers are greatly needed and appreciated! Please consider becoming a driver, contact the office for more details. Transport Service is provided for EHT residents who are at least 60 years of age or disabled. The van is available Monday through Friday from 8 am-4 pm to provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, meetings, etc. The van is available after-hours for emergency situations. Calls for service should be made at least 48 hours in advance, except in the event of an emergency. The office at EHT is staffed by volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon. Appointments for services need to be made during these times. Please leave a message if no one is available. Donations are accepted for all trips and services.

Shape-Up with Sara

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9-10 am. More details on pg. 8.



Wonders Found Thrift Shop

Along Route 22, at 7810 Allentown Blvd. (beside JoJo's Pizza and in front of the West Hanover Elementary School), you can find **Wonders Found Thrift Shop**. Established in 2011, the little 5-room shop has grown to fill the entire building with donated treasures.

We are open Tuesday – Saturday from 10am to 5pm and are run solely by volunteers.

All profits are used to fund Mt. Calvary UMC's mission team as they renovate and rebuild homes in disaster areas. Funds also support missions and ministries, some local such as Bethesda Mission and Cocoa Packs, and some far away like Sowing Seeds in Belize and Hope Made Real in Africa. In addition to monetary donations, the shop supports local individuals in need with clothing and household items. We welcome volunteers who have a desire to set their own schedules, work with great people and have fun while helping others. Stop in for more information or to see what wonders you can find!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning (CHS)

(717) 553-2767, enrollment@chslearn.org

We are a subsidiary of Milton Hershey School, and are enrolling children at its Early Childhood Education Center that will provide non-residential, weekday education and care to children with all costs covered for qualifying families. The CHS Center will provide a core early learning program with a play-based curriculum designed to enhance children's educational, social, emotional, and cognitive development. Families will also be supported and connected to essential tools and resources. Children should be six weeks to 4 years old at the time of enrollment. Visit chslearn.org/enrollment to apply. ****East Hanover Township residents are eligible to apply for this early learning program.**

Cub Scouts Pack 362

Angie Gonzales, 717-370-1497

Open to boys and girls 5-10 years old. We meet Thursdays from 6-7 pm at Shells Church in Grantville. Call Angie for more information or to join the pack.

Girl Scout Troop 11062

Kathy Pierich, Girl Scout Leader, 717-652-8407

The troop is open to girls K-12th grade. Does your daughter enjoy camping, hiking, STEM activities, and many other adventures? Contact Kathy at 717-652-8407 to learn more and come join us!

Grantville Nursery School (GNS)

717-469-4324, gns.atfaith@gmail.com, 117 North Faith Rd, Grantville

GNS is a half day Preschool and mission of Faith United Church of Christ. We offer preschool for children ages 3-5. Tuesdays and Thursdays are for our 3-4 year olds, Monday/Wednesday/Friday for our 4-5 year olds. Both classes are 9:15-11:30 am. Call the school for class availability.

Scout BSA Troop 262 Grantville

Scoutmaster Doug Baker, 717-903-5441, troop262.bsa.shutterfly.com

Join Scouts BSA Troop 262 for boys ages 11 to 18. We meet during the school year on Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Contact Doug Baker at 717-469-0551 or heybaker@hotmail.com for more information.

CHURCHES & HUMAN SERVICES

LOCAL CHURCHES:

East Hanover Mennonite Church

717-821-2922, 585 Laudermilch Road, Palmyra

Faith United Church of Christ

717-469-2444, 117 North Faith Road, Grantville

Jehovah's Witness Assembly Hall, Kingdom Hall

717-469-2238, 9708 Allentown Blvd., Grantville

Manada Gap Full Gospel Mission Church

Pastor Paul Springer, Jr., 8089 Mountain Road, Harrisburg
(717) 469-1801, ManadaGapFullGospelMissionAG@gmail.com
Manada Gap Full Gospel Mission AG church was built in 1954.
Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM, along with Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Royal Rangers & National Girls Ministries.

Manada United Christian Church

Pastor Eli Eberly, 717-949-2619
or Member Sandy Meyer, 717-269-0698. Located on the corner of Ridge Road and Manada Gap Road in Grantville.

New Life Assembly of God

717-469-2023, www.nlagrantville.com, marstiem@verizon.net
9812 Allentown Blvd., Grantville (off 22 & 743 intersection behind Mainstay Suites)

Providence Mennonite Church

717-228-9806, 169 East Caren Drive, Grantville

Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church

717-469-2586, shellsadmin@shellschurch.org
287 Shells Church Rd, Grantville

St. John's UMC of Grantville

717-469-7181, 165 Firehouse Road, Grantville
www.grantvilleumc.org, Pastor's Number: 717-469-2489
secretary@grantvilleumc.org

Church services held at 7:45 am and 10:15 am, with Sunday School at 9:00 am.

The 3rd Thursday of the month is Thankful Thursday which is a FREE meal to anyone who would like to attend. Please call the church office if you are planning to attend. Check website calendar for all activities.

CONTACT Helpline-

Dial 2-1-1 (Info and Referral), 1-800-932-4616 (Emotional Listening Support) A 24-hour/7-days a week, listening, health and human service information and referral service. CONTACT is considered the "Gateway to Human Services" and maintains the most comprehensive listing of human services available to residents. Call us to get connected to resources in your community. We are here to listen anytime... day or night.

HUMAN SERVICES:

Grantville Area Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

717-469-2444, faithgrantville@verizon.net, 117 N. Faith Rd, Grantville
A service of Faith UCC. Hours: Thursday 6-8 pm, Friday 10 am- 12 noon. For more info, email or visit www.faithgrantville.webs.com.

Lower Dauphin Communities That Care (LD CTC)

717-350-0428, angela@ldctc.org, 291 E. Main St, Hummelstown
Lower Dauphin Communities That Care (LD CTC) is a community-based, non-profit organization established in 2001 to promote the positive development of children in the Lower Dauphin community. Come visit our Books on Board Bookmobile every other Wednesday at one of the following bookmobile stops:

- 9:30- 10:15 am - Grantville Nursery School (117 N. Faith Road)
- 10:30-11:15 am - EHT Municipal Building
- 11:30 am- 12:15 pm - Preserve at Bow Creek (Creekview Dr/Stoneford Ln)
- 12:45- 1:30 pm - Grantville Commons (by the playground)



We are currently looking for adults in the community who are interested in being a Big Brother or Big Sister to a student at East Hanover Elementary. Contact Angela Durantine, Program Director at 717-350-0428 or via email at angela@ldctc.org. Like us on Facebook and Twitter for updates on what LD CTC is doing in your community!

Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation (LDFF)

223-270-5419, foundation@ldsd.org,
291 E. Main St, Hummelstown



Established in 2006, the mission of the LDFF is to enhance educational opportunities through grants, camps and other initiatives, within the Lower Dauphin School District and community. LDFF programs, including senior scholarships, are funded through community donations and special events. For more information on LDFF, please visit our website <http://ldfalconfoundation.org>. Please consider supporting the LDFF by attending any of these upcoming events:

- 14th annual **Falcon Fling** on February 10th (Hershey Lodge)
- 15th annual **Musical Dinner Theatre** on March 1st (LD High School)
- 16th annual **Charity Golf Outing** on May 3rd (Manada Golf Club)

OTHER HOTLINES:



Dauphin County Crisis Intervention- 717-232-7511.

Crisis Text Line- text HOME to 741741.

National Domestic Violence Hotline- 1-800-799-7233.

National Sexual Assault Hotline- 1-800-656-3673.

Veterans Crisis Line- 1-800-273-8255, press 1 or text 838255 or chat online at veteranscrisisline.net.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline- 1-800-273-8255, options for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing for TTY users, use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255.

The Trevor Project (LGBTQ+)- 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678 or chat online <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/gethelp>



LOOKING FOR THE 80's+

The Historical Society of East Hanover Township, Dauphin County, is planning a program recognizing individuals ages 80 and above who have lived in East Hanover Township their entire lives. This special program would be held in April or May, 2024. It will be open to the public.

We would like you to share some of your memories and answer some of our questions about life 'back then'.

We will also have a display featuring items from various businesses (plates, cups, fly swatters, rain gauges, flower vases, matches, pens, pencils, etc.) that you might remember. We will have pictures that you might help us identify who, what, when or where.

The program will start at 6:00 pm. Transportation can be arranged through the Autumn Leaves Transport Service. Refreshments will be available.

If you are interested, please call Becki Oller at 717-460-7563. And if you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass this information along to them.

LOCAL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Grantville Community Live Nativity

December 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm



The Grantville community will present a Live Nativity at "Fabe's Corner" at the intersection of Rt 22 and Rt. 743. Please join us in being a part of the presentation this year. Call 717-329-4444 for more information.

MIRACLE OF LIGHTS

Presented by the Mohl Family,
219 Stirrup Ln, Harrisburg, PA 17112

- **Christmas Show**, November 24 through December 26
- **New Year's Show**, December 27 to January 7

Tune your radio to 87.9 FM. Donations support Four Diamonds. Check website or Facebook for hours.

www.miracleoflights.org

Fort Indiantown Gap Annual

Tree Lighting & Social Gathering

December 6, 2023



Tree Lighting

Intersection of Fisher and Clement
Avenues between the Boxcar and the
Pt. Indiantown Gap Community Club
5:00 pm

Social Gathering

Pt. Indiantown Gap Community Club
5:30 pm
Visit with Santa, Hot Chocolate,
Coffee, Cookies, & Refreshments



Pet PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 2
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Hanoverdale Agway
486 Hershey Road
PA-39, Harrisburg

Receive 4x6
print by donation.

Each pet receives a
present from Santa.
While supplies last.

No appointment
necessary.

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Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club
Bldg. 9-65, Fisher Avenue, Annville, PA

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP

8848 Jonestown Road
Grantville, PA 17028
(Entrance on Manada Gap Road)

Phone: (717) 469-0833

Fax: (717) 469-1442

Hours: Monday-Friday

7:30 AM- 4:00 PM

www.easthanovertpwpcpa.org

Did you know...?

Recently the two-story house on the northwest corner of the "square" in Shellsville was razed. For more than three quarters of a century this was the Boyer home. The following paragraphs are taken from the East Hanover Township Dauphin County, Pennsylvania Bicentennial Celebration (1776-1976) book.

"BOYER FUNERAL HOME - Robert L. Boyer has been a funeral director and furniture dealer since 1933 when his father, Harry A., who was also a mortician, made him a partner in the business.

The house on the northwest corner of the square in Shellsville, was built by David A. Boyer sometime after 1870. The general store next to the house was built about the same time. David's son, Harry A. Boyer, built the furniture store about 1903. At this time, the funeral parlour was at the home. In 1933, the funeral home was added to the west side of the furniture shop."



Boyer Home about 1903

The Bicentennial Book has been reprinted and is available for purchase through the Historical Society.

This would make a great holiday gift! Contact Donna Shutt at 717-599-8088.

"Did You Know?" is provided courtesy of the Historical Society of East Hanover Township