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Dear Residents,

As the weather gets warmer and nature wakes up around us, we welcome you to our latest newsletter, bursting with positive news, exciting events, helpful information, and heartfelt stories of life in New Hanover Township.

- A Hockey Dream Come True - Revisit the journey of The Rink at Community Park through the lens of the girls who made it all happen.
- Kids Fishing Derby - We are so excited to host this beloved event again for children ages 15 and under on May 3 at Hickory Park. Compete for prizes for First Caught, Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, and Most Fish. Please see the details for pre-registration.
- Grants and Accolades - Join us in celebrating hard-working members of our police force, and our community advocates. We have so much gratitude for the wonderful funding for improvements granted to our Police Department and our Fire and Rescue team.

The positivity of our community continues to make New Hanover an amazing place to live and work. Thank you for being a part of everything we get to enjoy every day in our township.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and wish you a wonderful year of happiness, health, and connection to the people, places, and things that bring you joy.

Best regards,

Marie Livelsberger, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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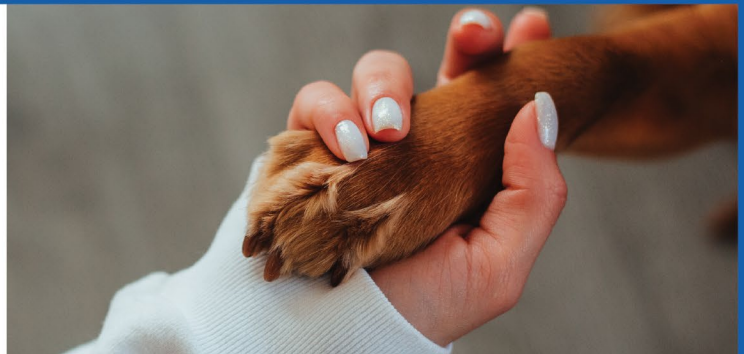
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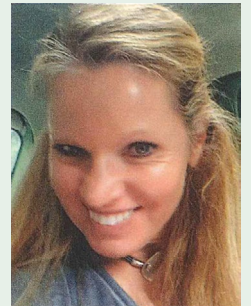
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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

President's Day – Monday, February 17  
Good Friday – Friday, April 18  
Memorial Day – Monday, May 26  
Independence Day – Friday, July 4  
Labor Day – Monday, September 1  
Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11  
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27  
Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24  
Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25  
New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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## UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 3  
 May 1  
 June 5  
 June 19  
 August 7  
 September 4  
 October 2  
 November 6  
 December 4, 2025

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

April 2  
 May 7  
 June 4  
 August 6  
 September 3  
 October 1  
 November 5  
 December 3

### PLANNING COMMISSION

April 7 (Work Session)  
 April 9  
 May 12 (Work Session)  
 May 14  
 June 9 (Work Session)  
 June 11  
 August 13  
 September 8 (Work Session)  
 September 10  
 October 6 (Work Session)  
 October 8  
 November 10 (Work Session)  
 November 12  
 December 8 (Work Session)  
 December 10

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

April 14  
 May 12  
 June 9  
 August 11  
 September 8  
 October 13  
 November 10  
 December 8

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.  
 All meetings will be held in the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, PA, 19525. Anyone requiring special accommodations, please call 610-323-1008.

### NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

April 15  
 May 20  
 June 17  
 August 19  
 September 16  
 October 21  
 November 18  
 December 16



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Key Responsibilities of the Finance Department:** The Finance Department is tasked with overseeing a wide range of functions critical to the township's financial operations:

- **Revenue Recording and Fund Disbursement:** The department is responsible for the accurate recording of all revenues and the disbursement of funds in accordance with the approved annual budget.
- **Monthly Financial Statements:** At each Board of Supervisors meeting, the department provides comprehensive financial statements and a detailed Bills List, ensuring transparency and fiscal responsibility.
- **Land Development Billing and Escrow Accounts:** The Finance Department handles the billing and collection of rebillable land development expenses and maintains developer escrow accounts for all township land developments.
- **Payroll and Pension Administration:** Payroll processing and management of the township's pension plans also fall under the department's purview.
- **Bank Account Reconciliation:** Each month, Dallas Data Systems assists by reconciling the township's bank accounts, ensuring accuracy and consistency in financial reporting.
- **Annual Reports and Budget Assistance:** The department is responsible for the filing of various annual reports and supports the Township Manager with the preparation of the township's annual budget.

### Commitment to Transparency and Accountability:

The township adheres to the modified accrual basis of accounting and ensures that all financial records are in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

To maintain transparency, our financial records are independently audited each year by Maillie, Certified Public Accountants. The audited financial statements, which reflect the integrity and accuracy of our financial management, are available for public review on the township's website.

We are proud of the work the Finance Department does to support the township's operations, and we look forward to continuing to serve the community with the same level of dedication and care.





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## ★What Happens When You Dream Big★

By Natalie Van Druff, 7th Grade

### How It Started - October 2023

When we heard our rink was going to be turned into pickleball courts, we sprung into action. But we couldn't do this on our own, so we gathered up the hockey community. But let's take a step back, my mom (Kate Van Druff) wanted to buy a net for the rink so she could start women's pickup, so she asked the township if they could pick it up. They told her that they were thinking about turning the rink into pickleball courts. But did we let that happen? Oh heck no!



### Township Meetings

The Township Manager (Jamie Gwynn) told me (Natalie Van Druff) and Lilly Walter to dream big. And boy did we DREAM BIG. Lilly and I went to many township meetings talking about our ideas. We like to put little jokes in our speeches. My little sister (Olivia Van Druff) would do special effects sometimes like music and holding up signs. We'd meet at Panera, Starbucks, and Chick-fil-A to prepare our speeches.



The Flyers found our story and felt inspired to help. After some phone calls, they invited us to the Flyers Skate Zone in Voorhees, NJ, and brought us upstairs where Garnet Hathaway and Gritty presented us with a \$200,000 check to rebuild our rink! Cindy, Blair, and the Flyers Charities team took us to New York City to the NHL Headquarters where we met Gary Bettman. We also met amazing people from NHL Street and the PWHL who were so proud of us for growing the game.



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# NATALIE & LILLY'S CORNER

## Grand Opening - August 12, 2024

The grand opening of the new rink was truly an amazing day. It was a day to celebrate the rink and the journey. I was so happy and amazed at how many people came out that day. I could not believe that this is reality.



## Thank You

We want to say thank you to so many amazing people and organizations. A lot of teamwork went into making this dream possible. Thank you to Flyers Charities for donating \$200,000 to rebuild our rink. Thank you to Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation. Thank you to New Hanover Township and Public Works. Thank you to Athletica and MS3. Thank you to local businesses that supported. And thank you to our friends, especially Alexis, and to everyone who assisted and believed in our dream.



## Women's Tournament - October 5, 2024

Our women's tournament was awesome. I got to be Jr Tournament Director because I had a concussion and could not play. It was just amazing to see women, girls, mothers, and daughters playing together. Our youngest player won MVP. The day was so special because it celebrated the journey of the rink. After all, the whole hockey dek project did start because of women's pickup.



## Where We Are Now

When the weather gets warmer, we will host pick up hockey games so anyone can come out and pick up a stick and play. We are excited to partner with the Flyers for a Learn to Play program for kids, so stay tuned for details. Follow Pick Up Sticks Hockey on Facebook for pick up hockey schedules and events.

*Thank you to one and all for making this dream a reality, and we can't wait to see you all out on the rink!*



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## POLICE PROMOTIONS

On January 6, 2025 at the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors meeting, Officers Matt Dean and David Fugelo were promoted to the rank of Corporal.



**Corporal Matt Dean** was born and raised in New Hanover Township. He is a graduate of Boyertown Area Senior High. After High School, Matt attended Bloomsburg University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts while playing baseball for four years.

Following college in 2013, Matt joined the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office while also attending the Montgomery County Police Academy at night. In September 2016, Matt began working part-time with the New Hanover Township Police Department while maintaining his full-time role at the Sheriff's Office. In January 2018, he transitioned to a full-time position with the New Hanover Township Police Department.

Throughout his career, Matt has taken on several significant roles at New Hanover including:

Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Less Lethal Instructor.

Matt is also an active member of the Montgomery County Drug Task Force and the Montgomery County Gun Violence Task Force, partnering with officers and detectives throughout Montgomery County to remove illegal firearms and narcotics from the streets.

To prepare for this promotion and leadership role, Matt has completed advanced training through Penn State University and the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) and is currently pursuing his Master's degree from Saint Joseph University in Criminal Justice.

Cpl Dean will lead a squad of himself, Det Lawlor and Ofc Davidson for 2025.

Congrats to Corporal Dean!



**Corporal Dave Fugelo** was born in King of Prussia. He is a graduate of Upper Merion High School. After high school, Dave joined the United States Marine Corps where he served 6 years, rising to the rank of Military Police-Sergeant. During Dave's military service to his country, he deployed for both Operation Iraq Freedom and Operation New Horizons Peru.

Dave started his law enforcement career as a part-time police officer with Bridgeport Borough Police Department in 2009. He joined New Hanover Township Police in 2011 as a part-time officer and continued serving both municipalities until becoming a full-time officer in New Hanover in 2013.

Throughout his career, Dave has taken on several significant roles at New Hanover, including:

Detective and Field Training Officer - Dave is the department instructor for defensive and control tactics, taser, handcuffing, and baton. He also serves as the department quartermaster.

Dave is a crisis negotiator with the Montgomery County SWAT Team - Western Region. Like Cpl Dean, he also serves as a member of the Montgomery County Drug Task Force and Gun Violence Task Force, partnering with officers and detectives throughout Montgomery County to remove illegal firearms and narcotics from the streets.

Dave has both a Bachelors and Master's degree from Saint Joseph's University in Criminal Justice, with a concentration in intelligence and crime analysis.

Cpl Fugelo will lead a squad of himself, Det Coyle, and Ofc Almiron for 2025.

Congrats to Corporal Fugelo!

# NEW HANOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

## PA State Rep. Donna Scheuren Awards \$75K Check to New Hanover Fire and Rescue Company

At the New Hanover Fire Company Banquet, PA State Rep. Donna Scheuren presented Matt Barnes (President) and Phil Smith (Fire Chief) with a check for \$75,000. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) provided this funding as a vital investment in the safety and well-being of our residents.

This grant funding allows for the purchase of a new combination utility vehicle, additional hoses and other essential equipment, and/or the refurbishment of one of their main engines. With these improvements, the men and women of New Hanover Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services will be able to enhance their response to emergencies and their ability to do their jobs efficiently.

"To the New Hanover Fire and Rescue Company: thank you for your dedication, professionalism, sincerity and service," said Scheuren. "It's an honor to support your mission, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact this funding will have on your operations and our community. Together, we are building a safer, stronger Pennsylvania."



## DON'T WAIT - CHECK THE DATE ON YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!

Some things in life get better with age. Smoke detectors aren't one of them.

Reliable smoke alarms are one of the best ways to prevent injuries and fatalities during a fire. Besides having smoke alarms installed, they must also be in good working condition and placed strategically. An effective smoke alarm system is so vital, with 52% of home fire fatalities occurring between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

A report by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reveals that in 20% of U.S. homes with smoke alarms, those alarms aren't functioning properly. Shockingly, three out of five fire-related deaths occur in homes without smoke alarms (38%) or with alarms that aren't working (21%).

### The 10-Year Rule

Did you know that your smoke alarm has a lifespan of just 10 years from its manufacturing date? Many homeowners are unaware of this, but the NFPA recommends replacing alarms that are over a decade old. To check the age of your alarm, simply look at the manufacturing date on the back. If it's over 10 years old, it's time for a replacement.

### Best Practices for Smoke Alarm Safety

Along with checking the age of your smoke alarms, here are some essential tips from the NFPA to ensure your smoke alarms are as effective as possible:

**Use Interconnected Smoke Alarms:** These alarms all sound off when one is triggered, providing an extra layer of safety. Interconnected alarms are proven to be the most effective type.

**Ensure Proper Placement:** Install smoke alarms inside and outside of every sleeping area, as well as on every level of your home, including the basement.

**Commit to Monthly Testing:** Test your smoke alarms at least once a month to ensure they're working. If your alarm is battery-powered, replace the batteries at least once a year or immediately if the alarm fails to sound during testing.



**Install Specialized Alarms for the Hearing Impaired:** For those who are deaf or hard of hearing, specialized smoke alarms are available, offering a combination of vibrating beds, strobe lights, or alarms with specific sound frequencies to ensure they can still respond to an emergency.

### The Importance of Ongoing Fire Safety

Conscious focus on fire safety makes a real impact on reducing household fire fatalities, yet much work remains to be done. You can further improve fire safety by:

- Encouraging others to test their smoke alarms
- Checking the manufacturing dates
- Replacing older units

Make sure you and your loved ones are protected—don't wait. Check the date on your smoke alarms today!

**When in Doubt,  
Switch It Out!**



**Please take a moment to check the manufacture date on your smoke alarms and replace any that are 10 years old or older.**

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Road Maintenance:

Our dedicated staff will be out ensuring township roads are in top shape. Tasks include:

- Cleaning and repairing drainage ditches
- Patch paving and fixing potholes
- Crack sealing to extend road life
- Roadside mowing for better visibility and safety
- Repairs to inlets across the township

### Parks:

Playgrounds will be refreshed for spring with:

- Cleanup and resurfacing using certified play-ground mulch
- Preparations for the Hickory Park Pool to ensure it's ready for summer fun!



### Capital Road Projects – 2025

Planned projects for road improvements (subject to Board of Supervisors' approval and scheduling changes):

#### Scheduled for Paving:

- Colflesh Rd. – Layfield Rd. to Church Rd.
- Wagner Rd. – Upper portion
- Ludwig Rd. – Middle Creek to Sassamansville
- North Schaffer Rd.
- New Hanover Square Rd. – Orchard La. to Bridge
- Buchert Rd. – North Charlotte to Romig Rd.

#### Ultra-Thin Wearing Course:

- Little Rd. – Layfield to Church
- Angel Drive, Colonial Drive, Federal Drive
- Burton Drive, Homestead Court
- Country Lane, Harvest Lane, Orchard Drive

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

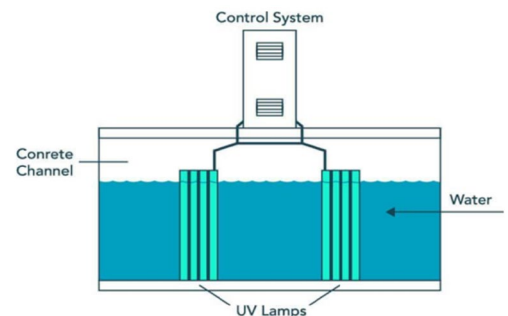
### Disinfection: The Final Step

Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection is an effective and environmentally friendly method used at New Hanover Township Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant to disinfect effluent and reduce harmful pathogens.

In this process, specialized lamps emit UV light to target microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, and protozoa present in the treated wastewater. The UV light disrupts the DNA or RNA of these pathogens, rendering them unable to reproduce or infect.

Unlike traditional chemical disinfectants, UV disinfection does not introduce harmful byproducts into the water, making it an eco-friendly option for wastewater effluent treatment.

UV disinfection systems in wastewater treatment plants are typically installed as the final step in the treatment process. The treated effluent passes through a channel containing UV lamps, where the pathogens are exposed to ultraviolet light. The intensity and duration of UV exposure depend on the design of the system and the quality of the water being treated. UV disinfection is highly effective at low doses for most microorganisms. Overall, UV disinfection is a crucial technology in modern wastewater treatment, providing a safe and reliable method for ensuring water quality and protecting public health.



### Oil and Chip:

- Erb Road
- New Road

### State Roads in New Hanover Township

- North Charlotte Street
- Route 73 ("Big Road")
- Route 663 ("Layfield Road")

For concerns about state roads, contact PennDOT:

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### Montgomery County Roads in New Hanover Township

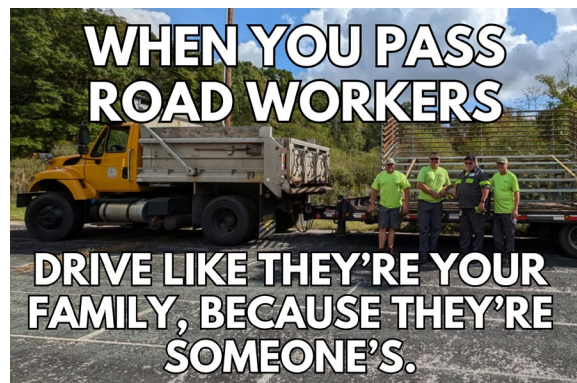
- Swamp Pike
- Synder
- Kulp (Deep Creek to Hill Road)
- Deep Creek (Kulp to Township Line)
- Fisher Road
- Henning (Deep Creek to Synder Road)

For issues with county roads, reach out to Montgomery County Roads and Bridges:

- 610-278-3613

### Looking for More Information?

Explore detailed GIS maps of township streams, outfalls, inlets, and sewer lines. Visit [newhanover.org](http://newhanover.org) and check out the GIS Mapping System.





# STORMWATER NEWS

## Spring Addition: Managing Spring Stormwater

### Preventing Stormwater Pollution

Warmer weather is on the horizon! Increasing temperatures mean longer days, budding leaves, blooming flowers and spring rain. While rain showers are important for the environment, they also have the ability to lead to harmful stormwater pollution. Below are some tips for preventing pollution this spring:

- **Only rain belongs in the drain!** As you're cleaning up your yard this spring, remember that storm drains are not garbage disposals. Never dump anything, including leaves and grass clippings, into a storm drain.
- **Use lawn chemicals sparingly.** Always follow the application instructions and never use before it rains. Switch to organic fertilizers where possible or mulch leaves and grass clippings into your yard to add nutrients back into your soil.
- **Replace turf grass with natives!** Lawns have little to no environmental benefits and turf grass requires lots of maintenance to stay green. Swap your lawn for native perennials by adding more garden space in your yard! Not only do natives require less maintenance than turf grass, they are vital for the health of our environment and the survival of pollinators, birds and other wildlife.



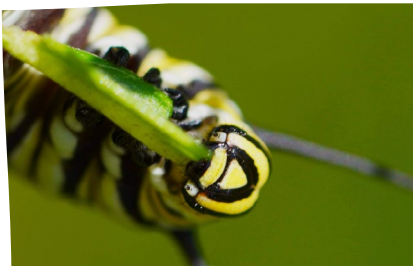
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### Helping Wildlife this Spring

Spring means increased activity for wildlife, with many species busy gathering food, building nests and caring for their young. You can take small steps at home to provide important food sources and habitat for our local wildlife during the spring months:



- **Plant for pollinators.** Plant with a variety of native species that flower throughout the year to provide pollinators with vital food sources.
- **Recreate outdoors responsibly.** Spring is a great time to explore the great outdoors! Be respectful of wildlife during your visit by sticking to paths, keeping dogs on leash and taking litter home.
- **Provide food and water for wildlife.** Early in the season, food may be scarce and water sources can still be frozen. Make sure replenish and clean feeders and bird baths regularly.
- **Plant trees and shrubs.** Trees and shrubs have immense benefits for wildlife! Leaves, flowers, bark and branches provide vital resources for a wide variety of species.



# HICKORY PARK POOL

Hickory Park Pool opens its gates on **Saturday, May 24** and will bid farewell for the season on **Sunday, August 31, 2025**.

Subject to lifeguard coverage, hours for the season should remain 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

## Pool Parties

Looking to celebrate with a pool party? Available party times are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., contingent upon lifeguard availability.

## Swim Lessons

Stay tuned for swim lessons, which are offered in two-week sessions. Classes run Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with Friday as the rain date.

Depending on skill level, lessons may cover water safety, acclimation to the pool, floating, swimming short distances, water endurance, and basic swimming skills like treading water, swimming longer distances on front and back, and retrieving sinking toys. More advanced groups may learn swim strokes like freestyle, backstroke, and side swimming, as well as diving. Basic water safety applies at all levels.

**Swimming Lessons are \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Sign up on our Township website!**

## POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Available Now!  
**Hickory Park Pool**  
 2140 Big Road, Gilbertsville, PA

2025 SEASON  
 MAY 24 - AUGUST 31

Resident Family Pass.....	\$225
Non-Resident Family Pass.....	\$300
Single Resident.....	\$100
Single Non-Resident.....	\$155
Senior Resident.....	FREE
Senior Non-Resident.....	\$70
Extra Person.....	\$40

\* Family Pass includes 4 people

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# PARKS AND RECREATION

Bringing people together continues to be a key focus for New Hanover Township. Stay tuned to our Upcoming Events on our website and follow New Hanover Township Parks & Recreation on Facebook so you never miss an exciting opportunity to make memories in our community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Flyers Learn to Play Hockey Program

- Ages 4 - 9
- Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- April 14 - June 9 (No sessions 4/21 and 5/26)
- \$35 for 7 weeks of instruction!
- All players receive a Flyers hockey stick, ball, and reversible pinny.
- Sign up by April 11, 2025.



### Fishing Derby

- Saturday, May 3 (rain date 5/4)
- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Hickory Park
- Please refer to our website to pre-register.
- Paws & Pizza Pet Adoption Event also takes place 8 to 11:30 a.m.



### Touch-A-Truck

- Saturday, June 7
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Hickory Park



### Fall Frolic

- Saturday, September 20 (rain date 9/21)
- 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Hickory Park

### Halloween Haunt

- Saturday, October 25
- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Community Park



### Pictures with Santa

- Saturday, December 6
- 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (pets permitted last 30 minutes)
- Township Building



## PARKS AND FIELDS

### Community Parks:

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

### Athletic Fields:

- **Gambone Complex:** 132 Chalet Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Two Football Fields
- **Middle Creek:** Dotterer Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Baseball Field & Two Soccer Fields
- **Layfield Park:** Dotterer Road, Gilbertsville – Amenities: Three Soccer Fields
- **The Rink at Community Park:** 2766 Gail Drive, Gilbertsville - Amenities: Dek Hockey Roller Hockey Rink
- **Recreation Center Fields:** 2373 Hoffmansville Road, Frederick – Amenities: Three Lacrosse Fields



**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**  
**9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.**  
**RAIN DATE: MAY 4**

**FREE TOWNSHIP EVENT**

**KIDS FISHING DERBY**

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 2140 BIG ROAD  
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**PRIZES AWARDED:**

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Free for Kids 15 and under | Please Preregister by April 24  
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**FACILITY RENTAL FOR EVENTS**



Get more info about facility rental for our outdoor pavilions and seasonal indoor barn (available May - early October).




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**Help Us Decorate Our Parks with Homes for the Birds!**

**BIRDHOUSE BUILDERS**

**MAKE A SPLASH!**

**Submit by May 1!**

**All Entries Receive Day Passes to the Pool!**  
 Please Drop off Birdhouses at the Municipal Building (2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville) by May 1, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



# PAWS & PIZZA PET ADOPTION EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025



Boyertown Middle School East  
Animal Friends Club

Along with the annual Fishing Derby, Boyertown Middle School East's Animal Friends Club will host a pet adoption event at Hickory Park on May 3 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. New Hanover Township's dynamic duo Natalie Van Druff and Lilly Walter approached the Recreation Committee to plan this event.

## Helping pets find their fur-ever family.

Founded in Spring 2021, the Animal Friends Club has 23 student members and works closely with local pet rescues. The pet adoption event will help local pets find loving homes and raise awareness about

the needs of area rescues.

### How to Get Involved:

- Attend the event!
- Adopt a pet!
- Donate old towels and blankets, new pet toys, and pet food.
- Volunteer or offer raffle items.
- Help spread the word!

"We're excited to launch our new pet adoption event this spring," said Mr. Steve Hartenstine, the club advisor. "Please join us at this inaugural event to support our students and local animal rescues."

Mark your calendars and join them on May 3 – you might just find your newest family member! To support or get involved, reach out to [kvandruff@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:kvandruff@newhanover-pa.org).



## NEW HANOVER COMMUNITY CHAMPION – KIRT MICHAELS



New Hanover Township recently honored Kirt Michaels, Authority Superintendent, as the inaugural recipient of the Community Champion Award. Established in 2025, the Community Champion Belt celebrates individuals who lead by example, demonstrate integrity, and put excellence into action—values that have shaped our community since its founding in 1741. This monthly, highly selective award is presented by the Township Manager to a community member, staff member, or township official who embodies these honorable qualities.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized? We encourage residents to nominate a Community Champion who makes a meaningful impact. And who knows—you might just be next! Recipients are honored, photographed, get to "wear the belt" for a month and even get a chance to score some exclusive New Hanover Township swag! To submit a nomination or learn more, reach out today!

## STORMWATER BMP INSPECTION PROGRAM UPDATE!

With spring showers on the horizon, the New Hanover Planning and Zoning Department is focused on the township's Stormwater Best Management Practices ("BMP") Inspection Program. We are trying something new for 2025 to help simplify the springtime inspection process. The self-inspection option is now the default inspection method for ALL stormwater controls. No opt-in is required. Simple controls such as downspouts and amended soils will be shifted from annual inspections to a complaint-based process, which will greatly reduce the frequency of inspections for these controls. Inspection of these simple controls will only be required if you were sent a noncompliance notice in 2024.

All property owners with stormwater BMPs located on their property(ies) were sent a letter on March 13 with instructions on how to complete inspections for the year. If you have any questions about the process after reviewing your letter, or if you have not yet received a letter and you know you have a stormwater facility installed on your property, you can email us about the program at [SWM@newhanover-pa.org](mailto:SWM@newhanover-pa.org). Alternatively, you can schedule to meet with township staff during office hours with the Township Engineer between 12 – 6 p.m. on any of the following days to discuss items related to this year's inspection: April 3, 9, or 24; May 1, 14, or 22.

If you received a letter indicating that you have a self-inspection due for 2025, it should be completed by May 29th so that no fees will be applied. Otherwise, your inspection will default to an inspection by the Township Engineer, which will incur fees for their time as noted in the 2025 Fee Schedule.

You can read more about the Stormwater BMP Inspection Program at [https://newhanover-pa.org/information/stormwater\\_bmp\\_inspection\\_program.php](https://newhanover-pa.org/information/stormwater_bmp_inspection_program.php). Scan the QR code or visit <https://arcg.is/1WLK900> to begin your self-inspection today!





# Pediatric Care Built Just for Kids and Close to Home

From wellness checkups to milestone check-ins, Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital is here for whatever childhood brings your family's way. For hours or to schedule an appointment, visit [LVHN.org/GilbertsvillePeds](https://LVHN.org/GilbertsvillePeds) or call **888-402-LVHN**.

**Care close to home located at the new Health Center at Gilbertsville**

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