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Dear Residents,

As spring arrives, we welcome a season of renewal, growth, and community connection here in New Hanover Township. Inside, you will find important Township updates, upcoming events, and helpful information designed to keep you informed and connected. Some of our highlights:

- **Grant News Worth Celebrating** – New Hanover Township has secured over **\$1.1 million** in grant funding to enhance public safety, expand trails, and improve our parks. Turn to page 14 to learn more about these exciting investments in our community's future!
- **Pool & Program Registration Simplified** - The Township is now using RecDesk, a new software system for program registrations, facility rentals, and pool memberships.
- **America 250** - The New Hanover Township Historical Society shares how our community is commemorating the Nation's Semiquincentennial. Learn about local Revolutionary-era history, the Society's preservation efforts, educational programs, and opportunities for residents to explore and connect with the Township's rich historical heritage.

We encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities highlighted in this newsletter and to stay engaged with Township initiatives throughout the year. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable spring season.

Best Regards,  
Marie Livelsberger, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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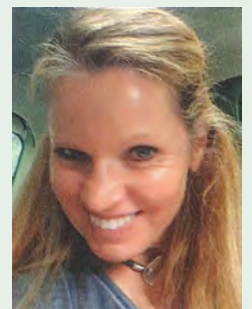
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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25  
Labor Day – Monday, September 7  
Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11  
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26  
Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24  
New Year's Eve – Thursday, 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 2, 2026  
May 7, 2026  
June 4, 2026  
June 18, 2026  
August 6, 2026

### PLANNING COMMISSION

April 6, 2026 (Work Session)  
April 8, 2026  
May 11, 2026 (Work Session)  
May 13, 2026  
June 8, 2026 (Work Session)  
June 10, 2026  
August 10, 2026 (Work Session)  
August 12, 2026

### NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

April 21, 2026  
May 19, 2026  
June 16, 2026  
August 18, 2026

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

April 1, 2026  
May 6, 2026  
June 3, 2026  
August 5, 2026

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

April 13, 2026  
May 11, 2026  
June 8, 2026  
August 10, 2026

*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.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Who's Watching the Township's Wallet?**  
Spoiler alert: *A lot of people—and that's a good thing.*

Every year, New Hanover Township gets a full financial check-up to make sure your tax dollars are handled responsibly and in line with state law. It's all about accuracy, accountability, and transparency.

### **The Annual Audit: The Financial Report Card**

An independent auditing firm, **Maillie**, reviews the Township's finances from top to bottom – revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities. Their job? Make sure every dollar is accounted for and used exactly as intended.

Once the audit is complete, a report is shared with the **Board of Supervisors** and filed with the **PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)**, where it becomes part of the public record. Want to see it for yourself? The audit is posted on the Township website under the **Finance Department** tab.

### **Roads, Snow, and Potholes: Enter the Liquid Fuels Audit**

The Township also undergoes a **Liquid Fuels Audit**, focused solely on state funds used for roadwork. These funds pay for things like **paving, snow plowing,**

**bridge repairs, and general roadway maintenance.**

Each year, PennDOT checks the books to ensure those dollars were spent properly and only on approved projects. Bottom line: road money goes to roads.

### **Why It Matters (Even If Audits Aren't Exciting)**

Audits keep everyone honest and on track. They confirm that New Hanover Township is managing public funds carefully, correctly, and with residents' best interests in mind. It's transparency you can trust and proof that your tax dollars are working for you.

### **2026 Budget Spotlight: Local Services Tax**

The **2026 Budget** includes an increase to the **Local Services Tax (LST)** from **\$10 to \$52 per year** for people employed in New Hanover Township. This tax applies only to those who work here; residents do not pay it unless they are also employed in the Township.

The increase helps cover the growing costs of **police protection and other essential services**, while more fairly sharing those costs between property owners and those who work in the Township and use its roads, facilities, and emergency services.



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## ACCREDITATION



The New Hanover Township Police Department successfully completed the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Accreditation Program in November 2025. On January 22, 2026, Chief Ciarllo, Corporal Dean, and Police Specialist Vanaman attended the Accreditation Commission meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to formally accept the designation as an accredited police department.

The accreditation process began in January 2025 and concluded with a two-day on-site assessment by the PLEAC Assessment Team in November 2025. During the assessment, the team conducted a comprehensive review of departmental files to verify full compliance with all applicable standards.

The New Hanover Township Police Department's accreditation status is valid for a three-year period and requires the submission of annual reports to maintain good standing. We are proud and honored to have achieved this significant milestone.

## NEW OFFICERS

Please help us welcome Officer McKewan Funk and Officer William Manley. Both officers were sworn in on December 4, 2025, at the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors meeting. Officer Funk is being trained by Officer Ulary and Officer Manley is being trained by Officer Rosa. We are excited to watch these officers begin their journey to protect and serve the residents of New Hanover Township with integrity and pride.



### Officer McKewan Funk

Officer Funk grew up in Lansdale, PA and attended North Penn High School. While attending North Penn, Ewan was a student at North Montgomery County Technical Career Center for Protective Services. Following high school

graduation, Ewan joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, as an infantryman and attended training at Fort Benning Georgia. He continues to serve his country in the National Guard.

In 2025, Ewan continued his academic path taking classes at Montgomery County Community College and attended Temple University Police Academy, where he graduated on October 10th 2025. Welcome Officer Funk!



### Officer William Manley

Officer Manley grew up in Middletown, Pennsylvania where he attended Lower Dauphin High School and graduated in 2018. He was a standout baseball player in high school and continued playing collegiate baseball at DeSales

University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Following college graduation, Will continued his academic path by attending the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy and graduated in June 2024. After completing the police academy, he spent a year and a half at Middletown Borough Police Department prior to being hired by New Hanover Township. Welcome Officer Manley!

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# PUBLIC WORKS

**Road Maintenance:** Staff will be out cleaning and making repairs to drainage ditches, patch paving, pothole repairs, crack sealing, roadside mowing, and inlet repairs throughout the township.

**Parks:** Staff will be out cleaning up playgrounds & re-surfacing the areas with a certified playground mulch & preparing Hickory Park Pool for the summer.

**Streetlights:** If you have a streetlight out in your area, please visit [www.firstenergy.com](http://www.firstenergy.com) and use the Service Request link on the homepage

### Capital Road Projects 2026

- Scheduled for paving: New Hanover Square Road from Swamp Pike to Heather Lane. New Hanover Square Road from Swamp Pike to Orchard Lane
- Ultra-Thin Wearing Course: Kleman Road, Gail Drive, Stacie Drive, Bow Lane, St. Anthony Way, Sunny Ridge Drive, Woodland Way
- Moyer Road Paving Project by Aqua

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

Keep an eye on Swamp Creek Park & Community Park for the installation of additional playground equipment this summer.

Keep your curb lines clean and do not blow grass clippings into the street.

### State Roads in New Hanover Township

- North Charlotte Street, Route 73 "Big Road", Route 663 "Layfield Road"
- Any issues or concerns with State Roads, contact PennDOT @ 1-800-FIX ROAD or [www.pa.gov](http://www.pa.gov) to submit concerns online.

### Montgomery County Roads in New Hanover Township

- Swamp Pike, Snyder, Kulp from Deep Creek to Hill Road, Deep Creek from Kulp to Township Line Fisher Road, Henning from Deep Creek to Snyder Road.
- Any issues or concerns with County Roads, contact Montgomery County Roads and Bridges 610-278-3613

**For information on streams, outfall, inlet and sewer line locations, go to our website: [newhanoverpa.gov](http://newhanoverpa.gov) and check out our GIS mapping system of the township.**



Road Repairs



Road Paving



Pool Opening

# MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

An automatic bar screen is one of the first and most important tools used in wastewater treatment. Installed at the headworks of a plant, it acts like a giant mechanical filter, capturing large debris such as plastics, rags, and sticks from incoming wastewater. Unlike manual screens, it uses motorized rakes or arms to automatically remove and dispose of the collected waste - keeping the system clean without the need for constant human oversight.

This early-stage filtration is crucial for protecting pumps and other treatment equipment from damage or clogging. By removing solids at the start, the bar screen also helps improve the overall efficiency of downstream processes like sedimentation and biological treatment. Less debris means fewer maintenance issues, lower operating costs, and more reliable performance across the entire system.

Automatic bar screens are widely used in both municipal and industrial facilities. They're especially valuable in areas prone to heavy inflow, such as during storms or in older sewer systems. By quietly handling the dirty work up front, these machines play a key role in keeping our wastewater treatment systems running smoothly - and our environment cleaner.



# Electronics Recycling Event

**Event open to New Hanover Township residents only**

**No non-resident or commercial services**

**Saturday,  
May 16th**

Rain Date: May 17

**NHT Community Park**  
2798 Gail Drive, Gilbertsville, PA

**8:00 am**  
**-1:00 pm**

## GUIDELINES FOR DROPPING OFF ITEMS:

- Residents visiting the site shall show the attendant their identification signifying that they are a township resident.
- Residents will be able to drop off a maximum of five electronic devices at no charge (two televisions maximum included in the five items).
- Residents are to have items accessible from the backseat or the trunk of their vehicle; please remain in your vehicle and attendants will remove these items from the vehicle.

### ✓ Acceptable Materials

Audio/visual equipment, copiers, peripherals, bar coding equipment, fax machines, PlayStations, BlackBerrys, floppy drives, plotters, cable TV boxes, Game Boys, power supplies, calculators, hard drives and memory, printers, cameras, laptops, telephone systems, CD ROM drives, mainframes and servers, telescopes, cell phones, microfiche readers, televisions, circuit boards, microscopes, test equipment, communication systems, modems, X-Boxes, computer equipment, MP3 players, computer scrap (copper, metal, plastic), Nintendos, and oscilloscopes.

### ⊘ Unacceptable Materials

Hazardous materials, items containing freon, refrigerants like dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, or freezers, acids, paints or liquids of any kind, radioactive materials such as ion scanners, oils or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and large appliances.





## *Signs of the Times from the Township Historical Society*

New Hanover Township, like many municipal governments across the United States, is focusing local activities this year on our Nation's Two-Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary—its Semiquincentennial. But where did the term Semiquincentennial come from? It literally means "half of five hundred" and is the preferred way of denoting a two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. As a Historical Society, we are certainly interested in the events that unfolded here locally, as well as more broadly, during the time of the American Revolution. After all, Semiquincentennial anniversaries are not unusual in these parts. Thirty-five years ago, New Hanover Township celebrated the Semiquincentennial of its legal establishment in 1741, and a large and very active committee was formed to record and celebrate that milestone. For those who want to learn more about the creation and development of the Township, we recommend the excellent publication *New Hanover Township, 1741–1991, Volume I*. Although it is out of print, copies are available for reference through the Historical Society, the Township office, and local libraries.

Now well into our third decade, the Society has developed several avenues for preserving and presenting the history of the Township. First and foremost has been the restoration and preservation of the 1853 Swamp Creek One-Room Schoolhouse as the Society's headquarters, along with the restoration of the circa 1845 Summer Kitchen from the Dengler farm, which once occupied the land that is now Swamp Creek Township Park. The preservation and use of these buildings - and the artifacts they contain - provide direct and visible connections to a period near the midpoint of the Township's long history. Visitors are able to better appreciate their place in that story and perhaps gain a deeper sense of belonging within the community, both now and into the future.



*One Room School Session (Bob Wood)*

The second avenue we have developed is the publication of a four-volume book series entitled *Swamp, New Hanover, Volumes I, II, III, and IV*. These collections of articles and

essays were primarily written by Robert (Bob) Wood, President of the Society, and were originally printed in local newspapers. Through stories and factual accounts of events spanning from the earliest settlements to more recent issues of Township interest, Bob has compiled an impressive historical tapestry of New Hanover and the surrounding area. While some volumes may be out of print, copies are available through local libraries and may also be borrowed from the Historical Society.



*853 Swamp Creek One Room Schoolhouse*

The Society's third avenue of outreach is its broad array of meetings, special events, and tours or group programs held at the Schoolhouse and Summer Kitchen. To complement the Summer Kitchen, the Society created and maintains a scaled-down, mid-19th-century Pennsylvania Dutch Kitchen Garden. This garden provides a hands-on opportunity for students and adults to better understand the realities and sustainability practices of earlier times. Prior to COVID-19, we hosted multiple school groups each year; however, many schools have not yet returned to regular field trips. We have welcomed several homeschool groups for half-day visits and look forward to a gradual increase in student participation from various organizations in the future. Reaching today's youth - tomorrow's leaders - is essential to providing the tools and perspective needed to build a stronger, more inclusive future for both the Township and the broader world.

If you are new to the area or have never attended one of the Historical Society's events, we invite you to stop by on a Friday during the warmer months when we are cooking over the open hearth, maintaining the garden, and caring for the facilities, or consider attending one of our program meetings. All events are free and open to the public, though we always welcome new members who wish to support our mission of preserving the past while preparing for the future. We have recently updated and improved our website, [newhanoverhistory.org](http://newhanoverhistory.org), where you can learn more about our ongoing activities and upcoming events. We hope to see you soon!

# CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY CODE UPDATES

## Construction and Safety Code Updates: What You Need to Know

Big changes are coming to construction and safety codes in Pennsylvania! The Commonwealth has finalized updates to the statewide Uniform Construction Code (UCC), adopting the 2021 International Codes (I-Codes), effective January 1, 2026. These updates, which occur roughly every three years, ensure our building codes remain relevant, keeping pace with technological advancements and evolving public safety standards.



The new UCC requirements cover residential and commercial building codes, as well as mechanical, electrical, and plumbing regulations. Since New Hanover opted into the PA UCC program in 2014, this update will apply automatically to all new local projects except as follows: For projects with designs or construction contracts signed before January 1, a six-month transition period will allow continued use of the 2018 I-Codes.

## Fire Protection & Property Maintenance Code Updates

In addition to the UCC changes, New Hanover Township has revised the local fire code and property maintenance code, both of which previously referenced the 2015 code sets. Effective January 1, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC) and the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), along with customized insertions and revisions tailored to meet our community's needs. The changes to these codes may be reviewed in the Township Code, Chapter 5, Parts 2 and 3.

## Open Burning and Trash/Recycling Disposal

Open burning is regulated under the New Hanover Fire Protection Code. Burning household or commercial waste and/or recyclables is prohibited. A list of licensed haulers

is available on our website at [https://newhanoverpa.gov/information/trash\\_and\\_recycling.php](https://newhanoverpa.gov/information/trash_and_recycling.php). All residents, commercial establishments, and other property owners or tenants must use a registered trash and recycling hauler, as required by the township's solid waste ordinance. Please call the township office if you need additional information about this topic.

## Recreational Fires, Ceremonial Bonfires, Agricultural Burning Exemptions, and Annual Permits

"Open burning" does not include recreational fires (these would include fire pits with a pile size not to exceed 3 feet in diameter) or ceremonial bonfires (pile size not to exceed 5 feet in diameter, with a valid operational permit issued by the township fire marshal). Fires with pile size not to exceed 5 feet in diameter for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices or for prevention or control of disease or pests are exempt from permitting requirements, while such fires with pile size exceeding 5 feet in diameter require annual operational permits. Application for operational permit approvals can only be submitted by and permits issued to the owner of the land on which the fire is to be kindled for these larger fires. No operational permits may be issued for a fire with a pile size exceeding 5 feet on properties containing multifamily dwellings (does not include a two-family dwelling, as defined in our ordinances) or occupancies, nor on properties used for purposes that are both nonagricultural and nonresidential.



You can view the entire Township Code online at <https://ecode360.com/37909977>. Newly adopted ordinances are available in the "New Laws" section until they are fully codified by the staff at General Code.

# GOOD WILL STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY #1

**Good Will Ambulance had a productive year in 2025,** responding to 9,472 calls across 25 municipalities in Montgomery, Chester, and Berks Counties. Of those, 247 calls occurred in New Hanover Township, resulting in 176 patient transports—primarily to Pottstown Hospital (Tower Health) and Lehigh Valley Hospital—Gilbertsville. In total, Good Will ambulances traveled nearly 106,000 miles in 2025.

Good Will operates from three stations: its headquarters on East High Street in Pottstown; a substation at Norco Fire Company in North Coventry Township (6 a.m. to midnight); and a 24-hour Advanced Life Support unit at Ringing Hill Fire Company in Lower Pottsgrove Township, located just minutes from New Hanover Township.

Paramedics and EMTs remained exceptionally busy, with six staff members each responding to more than 1,000 incidents and 11 others responding to over 500 calls.

Their dedication and commitment to community care are commendable.

Notable accomplishments in 2025 included paying off two ambulance loans—saving approximately \$35,000—and securing two LSA grants totaling \$305,000. These grants will fund a new ambulance and equip the fleet with Power Load Systems to improve safety and efficiency. Remounted ambulances are expected in late 2026 and early 2027.

Good Will continues to offer first aid, CPR, AED, fire safety training, and community outreach presentations. Ambulance billing is handled by Cornerstone Adminisystems, which can be reached at (877) 214-6018. The Good Will business office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and can be reached at (610) 970-0878 or [office@goodwillpottstown.org](mailto:office@goodwillpottstown.org).

# SPRING STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



SPRING 2026

In addition to flowers, spring showers can also bring stormwater runoff! As rain flows over lawns, driveways and streets, it carries pollutants like fertilizers, soil, oil and litter into our waterways. See below for simple steps you can take this spring to protect clean water and reduce flooding.

## SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!

### SPRING STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Clean Gutters & Downspouts:** Remove leaves and debris so rainwater can flow freely. Direct downspouts to grassy areas or gardens instead of driveways.
- **Plant Natives:** Add native trees, shrubs and perennials to help soak up spring rains. Consider planting a rain garden in low spots of your yard where water naturally collects.
- **Mulch Garden Beds:** Mulch helps to prevent weed growth, reduce erosion, keep soil moist and reduce runoff. Make sure to use un-dyed mulch!
- **Install a Rain Barrel:** Rain barrels are designed to capture stormwater from your roof. You can use the collected water for gardens and landscaping!



Learn more at:

[www.perkiomenwatershed.org](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org)

# SUMMER STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



SUMMER 2026

Stormwater runoff is rainwater that flows over lawns, driveways and streets, picking up pollutants along the way and carrying them straight into our waterways. This summer you can help to reduce stormwater runoff by following the tips below!

## SUMMER STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Water Wisely:** Water lawns early in the morning or late evening to reduce water loss through evaporation. Avoid overwatering which can lead to runoff.
- **Use Fertilizers & Pesticides Sparingly:** Only apply when necessary and follow label instructions. Never apply before rain is expected!
- **Mow Smart:** Keep grass longer (3") to absorb more water. Leave clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer - never blow into streets or storm drains!
- **Wash Cars the Right Way:** Take your car to a commercial car wash where water is treated. If washing at home, do it on grass or gravel so water can soak in.
- **Try a Summer-Friendly Project:** Plant native flowers, shrubs or trees that soak up rain. Install a rain barrel to collect and reuse stormwater!

## SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!



Learn more at:

[www.perkiomenwatershed.org](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## 2026 PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS CALENDAR

**Saturday,  
April 11, 2026  
Touch-A-Truck**

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Hickory Park

**Saturday,  
May 2, 2026  
Fishing Derby**

- Rain date May 3*
- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
  - Hickory Park
  - Please refer to our website to preregister.

**Saturday,  
September 19, 2026  
Fall Frolic**

- Rain date September 20*
- 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Hickory Park

**Saturday,  
October 24, 2026  
Halloween Haunt**

- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Community Park

**Saturday,  
December 5, 2026  
Pictures with Santa**

- 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

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# POOL AND FACILITY RENTALS SIMPLIFIED!

New Hanover Township is now using **RecDesk**, a new software system for program registrations, facility rentals, and pool memberships, for this season's offering. RecDesk provides convenient online registration, facility management, communication tools, and reporting, helping the Township operate more efficiently while improving the overall community experience.

Launched in March, the system allows residents and non-residents to register and pay online for pavilion rentals, pool

memberships, swimming lessons, summer camp and pool parties. With RecDesk, paper forms are no longer required, and individuals will no longer need to visit the Township Building to complete registrations. Township Building staff will continue to be available to assist anyone who needs help with registrations or payments during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM.

# NEW HANOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

## Volunteer With New Hanover Volunteer Fire And Rescue

Joining New Hanover Volunteer Fire and Rescue is a rewarding way to serve your neighbors and strengthen your community. Members gain valuable skills and training that extend well beyond the firehouse, and no prior experience is required. All training and equipment are provided - what matters most is your commitment and willingness to help others.

We offer several ways to get involved, including Firefighter, Fire Police, and Associate Member roles (which support fundraising and operations). Our team responds from two stations, 2154 Swamp Pike and the station at Layfield and Little Roads, both critical facilities that house specialized apparatus to serve New Hanover Township and assist neighboring communities through mutual aid.

Volunteers also receive meaningful incentives. The Township covers Workers' Compensation insurance, and NHVFRS provides additional off-duty life insurance. Montgomery County also offers a County Tax Rebate Program, allowing volunteers to earn a 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% rebate on county taxes based on points earned for training, fundraising, and emergency responses. Those same points also count toward our Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP), which provides cash awards each December.

If you are interested in joining or would like to learn more, stop by the Swamp Pike firehouse most Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to meet our members and complete an application.

**Teamwork gets it done.**



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## Household Hazardous Waste

### 2026 Residential Event Dates

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Philadelphia Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

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- Saturday, April 25**  
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130 Maple Avenue  
Harleysville
- Saturday, June 6**  
Temple University-Ambler Campus  
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# GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

## Grant News Worth Celebrating

New Hanover Township is proud to announce the award of several grants that will directly support recreation, conservation, public safety, and community connectivity projects across the Township. These funding awards reflect strong partnerships and continued investment in projects that enhance quality of life for our residents.



### **\$225,708 – LSA Grant**

Funding for three new police vehicles, helping offset future capital costs in 2027–2029 and keeping our Police Department equipped to serve the community safely and efficiently.

### **\$250,000 – Montco 2040 Implementation Grant & \$250,000 – DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program**

This \$500,000 in funding will support the continued development of Wassmer Tract, including construction of nearly 2 miles of multi-purpose trails, a pedestrian bridge, stormwater management measures, a parking area, ADA-accessible features, landscaping, project signage, and other related improvements. These enhancements will expand recreational opportunities, improve accessibility, and help preserve open space for residents and visitors.

### **\$100,000 – DCED ACT 13 Trails Grant**

Supporting the Moyer Road Meadows & Trails Project, adding over 4,500 feet of ADA-accessible trails, pedestrian bridges, and neighborhood connections.

### **\$25,000 – Pottstown Regional Community Foundation**

Park and recreation updates to Community Park and Swamp Creek Park.

Together, these grant awards represent a significant investment in New Hanover Township's future and demonstrate continued momentum toward improving parks, trails, infrastructure, and public services for the entire community.

## OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Molly Bauer is the elected Tax Collector for New Hanover Township. She is responsible for collecting Real Estate taxes for Montgomery County, the Boyertown Area School District, and the Township, as well as Per Capita taxes for the Township and School District.

Ms. Bauer is an attorney and experienced accounting professional. She is a Qualified Tax Collector certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and a Certified Tax Collector through the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors' Association. She is also a member of the State and Montgomery County Tax Collector Associations.

### **Contact Information**

- Phone: 484-644-3123
- Mailing Address for Payments: P.O. Box 249 Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Taxpayers should refer to their bills for specific due dates, sitting dates/hours and payment options. County and Township Real Estate tax bills are mailed in early March. School District Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills are mailed in early July.

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