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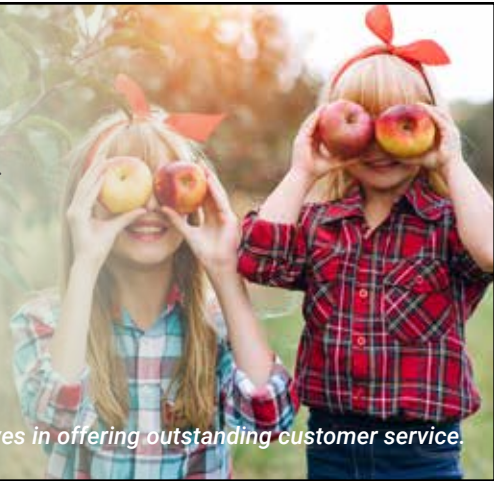
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## Hanover residents,

Welcome to the September edition of Hanover Living,

This month, I am thrilled to share with you a variety of fabulous articles from our monthly contributors, with a feature story about a really great kid. I have known Abe since he was a toddler and it's been a joy watching him grow and make such an impact. Let's go Abe!

To all of our students in town, we wish you a successful and easy transition back to school. We hope that this year is filled with growth, learning and unforgettable moments! To our parents, enjoy your time if your kids are leaving the nest or just leaving for the school day, and get back to the things you enjoy.

As always, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors and community members. Your stories, feedback and enthusiasm fuels our passion here at Hanover Living!

Please welcome Brothers Grille Bar and Restaurant, the Beijing House, and Almar Building and Remodeling to our publication. We are thrilled you have joined us!

May September be filled with positivity for all of us. Here's to a fantastic month and a wonderful start to the new school year!

Warmly,

Laurie Dannison

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# Empathy in Action

BY ERIN MCAVAY  
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traveled with helps people specifically who work and live on farms by preparing and packing food for their communities. This group inspired Abe to do more for people who are less fortunate. It felt good to him to help others and he wanted to take what he learned in Israel and bring it back home.

Once home in the States, Abe was motivated to get work done. He often thought about the food insecurities people face. Food insecurity refers to the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of or affordable nutritious food. He was inspired to start DG Eats as he knew he could make a difference. He wants quality nutritious food for everyone because he believes it will empower more people to lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.

One night Abe was on the phone with his girlfriend, Sofia, who lives in New York. The two met on the Israel trip and she too has an incredible giving spirit. She had worked with an organization to help build houses for the poor in Costa Rica and also with another group that worked to better the water issues in Africa. Abe told Sofia that he wanted to start a company to help hungry people on the South Shore of Massachusetts. The company would be named after them: with Abe's last name beginning with a D and Sofia's last name being Gabay, Abe thought putting the D and G together would be perfect. Hence, DG Eats and the rest is history.

Abe began the process of starting a company. He created a website, his cousin created a logo and Abe wrote to the IRS so DG Eats could legally be a nonprofit. He was so excited to begin this adventure. He smiled as he said he loves food and wants everyone to be able to enjoy food too. When asked what his main reasons were to start DG Eats, he said "the fact that I have the opportunities to start a nonprofit is the reason that I should." He wants to alleviate hunger and ensure that everyone is provided with essential nutritional assistance and guidance.



ABE AND SOFIA



ABE AT WORK

At just 17 years old, Abram "Abe" Dehner is not only a dedicated student-athlete, but also the founder of a nonprofit organization aimed at helping people dealing with food insecurities.

DG Eats was started in 2023 by Abe, one of our own Hanover High School students. He grew up in town and began his academic journey at the South Shore Charter Public School. Although Abe loved his time there and made wonderful connections and friends, he transferred to HPS as he wanted to feel part of his community and its sense of pride. Abe jumped right into the school and embraced the football and rugby programs which he loves.

Abe is the middle child of 3; Zach is the oldest, and Ellie is the youngest. He raves about his parents...especially their work ethic. Lisa works in marketing and Steve works in accounting. His parents motivate him and have supported his entrepreneurial mindset from the beginning.

In June of 2023, Abe went on a month-long trip to Israel with his cousin Reed. This trip was beyond life-changing. Not only was he away independently, but he learned more about his religion and himself. While traveling in Israel, he learned and embraced Tzedakah, which signifies charity in the Jewish culture. The group he



ABE AND HIS FRIEND SAM AS THEY WORK  
A MOCK TRIAL AT HHS

Abe's main goal is to spread the word as to how great the need to reduce food insecurities is, in addition to collecting non-perishable food for distribution to local food pantries. Regional food pantries play a vital role in providing essential nutritional assistance to families and individuals struggling with hunger.

"At DG Eats, we are committed to fostering a healthy and vibrant community," said Abe. "Food insecurity is a serious issue and with the cost of living continuing to rise, more people in our communities need help to access nutritious meals."

### How to contribute:

- Drop-off Locations: A list of designated drop-off locations and food pantries around the South Shore is available on the DG Eats website ([www.dgeats.org](http://www.dgeats.org)).
- Organized Food Drives: Businesses, schools, and community organizations can contact DG Eats to help organize their own food drives.
- Donate monetarily to your chosen food pantry, community garden, food rescue program or education and advocacy program right on the DG Eats website ([www.dgeats.org](http://www.dgeats.org)).

### Most needed items:

Non-perishable food items with long shelf lives are most appreciated. These include:

- Canned goods (soups, vegetables, fruits, fish, meat)
- Pasta and rice
- Beans
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Oatmeal
- Canned or boxed shelf-stable milk
- Cooking oil



LISA AND STEVE, ABE'S PARENTS

In the short time that DG Eats has been in business, Abe has already seen generosity across the South Shore. He is excited to see how far his efforts can go. To learn more, visit the DG Eats website ([www.dgeats.org](http://www.dgeats.org)) or follow them on social media for updates and drop-off locations.

Abe Dehner is a truly remarkable young man. His ideas are endless. As he said "If I can fix it, I will." When sitting with him, I was beyond impressed with his spirit and tenacity. In addition to working at the YMCA, training to be a personal trainer, playing football and rugby, hanging with friends and family, seeing Sofia and being an outstanding student, he is all in with the DG Eats endeavor.

I know that Abe will continue to make a difference. His dominating kind-hearted personality is one that will make this world a better place in many ways. We need more people like Abe Dehner. In the meantime, we can all learn from him-- and help him in his new endeavor.



ABE AND FRIENDS IN ISRAEL



# HANOVER GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

By FRANCESCA WADDELL

This whimsical 12" vanilla layer cake featuring homemade vanilla buttercream and raspberry filling, was the star attraction at the recent wrap party for the new film *The Peppermint Twist*. Mama B. - legendary local baker and co-owner

of Shugah Hill Bakery in Hanover, designed and delivered it to the cast and crew. Shugah Hill Bakery was selected as one of the movie's key locations and transformed into a magical coffee shop at Christmas. Several Shugah Hill staff members and other locals were featured as extras during the filming on July 13th and 14th. Directed by J.W. Myers, the comedy follows divorcee Karen McClain whose life has just been thrown into chaos after her husband leaves her for his pregnant girlfriend. Karen turns to the imaginative world of the Holly Jolly Holiday Network where everyone is cheery all the time. The film is slated for release Christmas, 2025.



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TESS MADDEN



By ERIN McAVAY | PHOTOS BY STEPHEN RYERSON

A very exciting endeavor is underway at B. Everett Hall Field. After Tess Madden, HHS junior and volleyball captain, had the fantastic idea of restoring the beach volleyball court, she presented a proposal to the Hanover Parks and Rec Committee. The Committee was impressed by Tess's thoughts and ideas; they gave their full support to the project.

Before presenting to Park and Rec, however, she put out an online survey to gauge interest in the project and got a great response. It wasn't until after she got the approval from Park and Rec to move forward with the project that she started trying to gather donations.

On July 22, 2024, Hanover DPW began removing years of overgrowth and weeds and left the playing area ready to go. Mass Pavement/Gallant Grader Service donated the equipment for this project and P.A. Landers, Inc. delivered sand for the court.

Hanover High's girl's volleyball team eagerly rallied at the court on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, to help with the project.

Soon, netting graciously donated by McGee Toyota of Hanover will be situated around the court perimeter.

This venture was certainly a group effort, but would not have happened without the tenacity of Tess Madden. Her persistence and motivation are a foreshadowing of her bright future.

Along with Tess, the project would not have been possible without the entire Madden Family as well as the leadership of Colleen Smith, HHS Head Girls Volleyball Coach. The support of the following sponsors made the project possible: P.A. Landers, Inc., Mass Pavement/Gallant Grader Service, McGee Toyota of Hanover, and Bison Sports Equipment.

**Thank you, Tess. You make Hanover proud!**

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# Planning for Incidents Before They Occur



BY CHIEF JASON CAVALLARO | BANNER PHOTO BY ABBEY KNOLL PHOTOGRAPHY | PHOTO BY MICHAEL BOYNTON

When firefighters are responding to or operating at an emergency, there is lots of information that must be considered. With thousands of buildings and other structures in Hanover, it is impossible for firefighters to have a full awareness of all of them. A firefighter may have been inside one particular building in the past, but now when they are there again for an emergency, the layout and other important features are not always easily recalled – or they may have changed. The Hanover Fire Department has a goal of reducing this problem through “pre-fire planning.”

Pre-fire planning is a process of gathering and recording information about a building before an incident occurs. Proper pre-fire planning can make the difference between minimal and major damage and can help firefighters make life saving decisions in an emergency. Gathering that information is important, taking it one step further and giving firefighters the ability to easily access it when responding to or operating at an inside is critical. Where the gas meter is located, where the electrical panel is and how to contact a property owner in the event of an emergency are just some of the items identified during the pre-fire planning process. Like so many other topics, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) developed a standard for pre-incident planning – NFPA 1620.

Recognizing the importance of this work and the benefits to both crews and the public, the Hanover Fire Department’s Strategic Plan includes a specific goal aimed at addressing NFPA 1620. It’s easy to have this goal, but with many other competing projects, along with limited funding resources, it’s not so easy to actually accomplish it. Firefighters have other tasks to accomplish throughout the day, making this type of project difficult. At best, we may have been able to slowly make some gains over a long period of time. Fortunately, for us, we had the opportunity to utilize a summer intern to this project and are making great strides toward getting this important work done.

Hanover Resident and Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) student, Carson Butler, came to us looking for an opportunity to fulfill his school requirement of completing a summer internship. Carson is a 2021 graduate of Hanover High School and will be a Senior at MMA this coming year, majoring in International Maritime Business. One thing that we’ve learned about Carson, he has a great work ethic. His ability to complete this work during his internship is impressive with an extremely busy summer schedule. We gave Carson a list of over one-hundred commercial occupancies for him to visit during his internship. He was tasked with identifying and compiling information such as property owner contact information, whether the building

had a fire suppression system, the locations of the fire alarm panel, electrical panel and gas meter as well as other items. He took this task seriously and has been working hard to cross off each address on our list. You may have seen him around town; the feedback we’ve received has been very positive: “Carson visited us and was professional and very well spoken.” “He represented Hanover Fire very well.” “Carson was polite, knowledgeable and professional, clearly explaining what he was hoping to accomplish.”

As highlighted previously, it’s important for us to collect this information but what makes it so beneficial to fire crews is the ability to access it while responding to or operating at an incident. Once collected, this material will go into our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and become accessible by both dispatch staff and firefighters. Most of our fire apparatus have Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) or computers in each vehicle. MDT’s provide a platform for crews to bring up a specific address and have the pre-fire planning items literally at their finger-tips and easy to view.

This information is a game changer for firefighters and allows them the ability to safely, effectively and efficiently mitigate incidents– which benefits property owners.



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# School is back in session: DRIVE SAFE

BY CHIEF TIMOTHY KANE



**W**ith school being back in session, I believe it's the right time to address the importance of keeping our children safe in and around school zones, bus stops and neighborhoods. While most parents share this mindset, the Hanover Police Department consistently comes into contact with drivers who fail to exercise the

increased level of care and caution on the roadways that should be expected. Time after time we encounter drivers who pass school buses, fail to stop for a school bus while children are loading or unloading, or fail to slow while driving through a school zone where speed limits drop to 20MPH in the morning and afternoon.

You can expect to see HPD spending an increased amount of time in school zones enforcing traffic laws with school underway however, I want to share some tips for our drivers and provide some information relevant to the most common infractions we see in an effort to increase safety for all.

First and foremost, drivers should not be surprised with the obvious uptick of traffic on school days (especially between 6:30 – 9:00AM & 2:00 – 4:30PM). With two elementary schools, a middle school and two high schools in town, navigating your way through town during these hours will require a level of patience and increased caution. Give yourself additional time to account for increased congestion and the potential of driving behind a school bus making multiple stops. Do not pass a school bus or ignore the flashing lights stop sign.

Under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90 Section 14: ALL VEHICLES MUST STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS WITH FLASHING RED LIGHTS and not proceed until flashing lights are deactivated. Not adhering to this will result in a \$255 fine for a first offense, a \$1005 fine for a second offense within 2 years and a \$2005 fine for a third offense within four years. While violations can clearly get expensive, drivers should also be aware that such infractions may arise to a criminal level for reckless operation which ultimately may result in increased fines and/or a loss of license for being an immediate threat to the public. I will say that our Safety Officer, Sgt. Derek Richards, takes this type of violation very seriously and drivers should not expect us to simply write a warning for these violations. Oftentimes, we are contacted by the bus company or a parent who reports a repeat violator whom we end up observing commit an additional violation.

Also, be aware that more children are outside during early morning and afternoon hours waiting at bus stops, walking and riding their bicycles to/from school. Keep your speeds down and don't be caught off guard if you see children gathering or playing on the side of the road as they wait. Our school resource officers work closely with the bus company and schools to educate students on bus safety to include expectations at bus stops to keep them safe, such as no horseplay and keeping a minimum of 10 feet from the roadway. That being said, kids will be kids and drivers should be slowing down when approaching bus stops. Be mindful that by law no vehicle may operate less than 100 feet behind a school bus. All school buses will have this requirement prominently displayed in large, dark lettering legible at a minimum distance of 100 feet. This distance will provide a safe level of stopping distance and allow motorists an appropriate sightline while operating behind a bus making frequent stops.

Finally, drivers will always make our roadways much safer to travel if they simply keep their speeds down, limit distractions and show a little courtesy for others. Most drivers do, but the ones who don't usually stand out in a crowd (we've all seen them). Remember, under M.G.L. 90/13B the hands-free law prohibits operators from holding a mobile electronic device in their hands while operating a motor vehicle. Drivers are allowed to use an electronic device in hands-free mode so long as it is mounted on or affixed to a vehicle's windshield, dashboard or center console in a manner that does not impede the operation of the motor vehicle. A first offense of this statute carries a \$105 fine, a \$255 fine for a second offense and a \$505 fine for a third offense. In addition, a subsequent offense will result in an operator being mandated to complete a program selected by the registrar of motor vehicles that educates them on driver attitude and distracted driving.

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# Why We Love September

BY MATT FERRON,  
HPS SUPERINTENDENT



As September unfolds, our classrooms are once again filled with the vibrant energy of students eager to learn and grow. At the heart of our school is a dedicated team of teachers and staff who are passionate about fostering a nurturing and inspiring environment. Let's hear from some of them:

staff, I smile, laugh and feel grateful that I get to work with the most amazing people.

**Matt Plummer (Curriculum Director):** Every year, I'm surrounded by high-school-aged students – since they haven't aged, I haven't aged! Our students are a source of inspiration, keeping my passion for education alive and vibrant.

## 2 What is the best part about working with Hanover students?

**Pete Arena (HMS Teacher):** Everyone has their own story. Everyone comes from a different place, is interested in different things, and plays their own role in the community. However, one thing is always the same... the Pride they show for our town.

**Andy McLean (HHS Teacher):** Last graduation I bumped into alumni who were conducting research into cancer treatments, starting careers in computer programming, and starting their careers as educators. It's always great to see all the different ways our graduates make an impact.

**Plummer:** Hanover parents must be extraordinary because the students are extraordinary. Think about this – at the end of virtually

every class period, the students stand up, push in their chairs, make eye contact with the teacher, and say "thank you." It's an honor to be part of a school district that values academic excellence as well as the overall growth and well-being of every individual.

**Eileen Wilson (Elementary Music Teacher):** Hanover students are positive, enthusiastic, and up for anything! A third grade musical? Let's do it! Learn to play the violin? We've got this! A growth mindset combined with ever-growing self-confidence and a can-do attitude are attributes that make it so enjoyable working with the students of Hanover.

## 3 What is something about Hanover schools that makes you proud?

**Laura Collins (HHS Teacher):** We are open to being a work in progress. Our classroom climate is accepting enough to allow for an occasional swing and miss - and that's OK. We work among our friends which is important because our students need that level of joy and camaraderie to feel a part of their school.

**Hogan:** I admire and appreciate all the opportunities that we offer that go far beyond the classroom. Our ranks are filled with "quiet champions" who recognize that each student is a worthwhile investment and then go to extreme lengths to turn potential into actuality.

**Downs:** I am a graduate of HPS, and our schools had an enormous impact on me. The experiences I had as a student have shaped the educator I am today. I am so proud of this district that I moved my

family to Hanover, and love that my children get to follow in the same footsteps with their education.

**Michelle Pollock (Cedar School Teacher):** I think what stands out most is the dedication my colleagues at all levels demonstrate. Everyone is invested in doing what's best for the children of Hanover as well as supporting each other. Hanover is a community that feels like family, we are there for each other, no matter what, through thick and thin and all of the celebrations and challenges life brings, and I can't imagine doing this anywhere else.

**McLean:** I believe we offer a genuinely world class education for K-12. I am always amazed at what our students know and are able to do. They are talented in and out of the classroom as evidenced by our great test scores, amazing art and music programs, and all the athletic successes.

**Mike Patch (HHS Teacher):** I moved to Hanover almost 20 years ago because of the impact Hanover had on me as a teacher. I quickly realized that there was a spirit of community in the classroom and hallways that I wanted my family to be a part of. Whether through academics, the arts, or athletics, Hanover's family-focused atmosphere is what I wanted my own children to experience.

These experiences and comments are simply a taste of why we love working together at HPS with the incredible students and families of this community. We wish everyone a successful and inspirational school year - welcome back!

## 1 What excites you most about returning to school in September?

**Tom Hogan (HMS Teacher):** The anticipation of relationships that will be forged, the continuation of relationships made, and an understanding that this new cohort of students will inspire me as the ones before have.

**Ellen Burns (Cedar School Principal):** The energy and enthusiasm everyone has. It is contagious.

**Liz Downs (Cedar School Teacher):** My colleagues at Cedar are my second family. The second I step back into the building and see the

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# HANOVER'S REVOLUTIONARY LIBERTY POLE

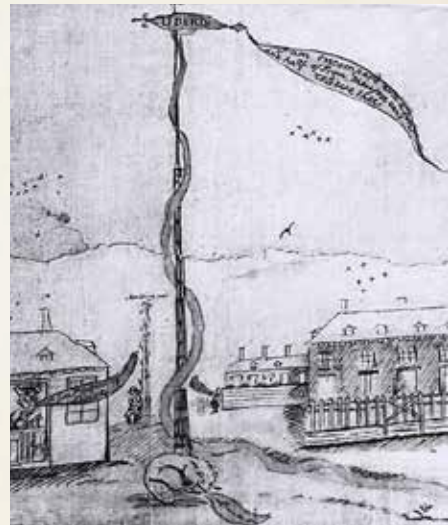
BY STEPHEN C O'NEILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HANOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two hundred and fifty years ago this fall, the residents of Hanover gathered together to erect a Liberty Pole in defiance of the King and Parliament. Isaiah Thomas's newspaper The Massachusetts Spy for November 3rd reported details of the event. It was a political protest... Liberty Poles were erected throughout the colonies in 1774, topped with red liberty caps, symbols of freedom. But Hanover's Liberty Pole was special. Attached to the Pole was an essay written and affixed as "a specimen of the genuine spirit of freedom prevalent among the inhabitants."

Hanover's residents were protesting the Boston Port Act, passed by Parliament on March 31st, 1774, which effectively closed the Port of Boston, one of the largest and most important trading centers in the British Empire. The Act was designed as punishment for the famous Boston Tea Party of December, 1773. The Act did not have the desired effect. The people of Massachusetts Bay and the other colonies joined together in protest and took the first steps toward Independence as the First Continental Congress assembled on September 5th in Philadelphia.

Hanover's Liberty Pole was erected a month later in the Four Corners neighborhood at the triangle where today's Washington Street meets Church and Rockland Streets on October 10th 1774.

This was the oldest section in town and a busy commercial center. Washington Street was also the main road between Boston and Plymouth. Hanover's Liberty Pole probably looked similar to the New York one sketched in 1770 by Pierre Eugene du Simitiere.



"The illustrious sons of freedom, in the town of Hanover, inspired with a sacred ardour, erected this pole, October 10th, 1774," reported The Massachusetts Spy, "to stand as a lasting monument, in praise and commendation, of that glow of patriotism, and love of this country, which not long since, have taken possession of the worthy inhabitants of this county, and town in particular."

The residents of Hanover were staunchly for the Patriot cause and against the Boston Port Act. "The sons of liberty, relying upon the justness of their cause, the sincerity of their views, and the excellency of the end, shall weather all the storms of time, and adverse fortune to the latest period."

Hanover's residents could not have foreseen the outcome of a protest like theirs. The American War for Independence started the following April, 1775. When they gathered together that October day in 1774, they were subjects of a Crown. When they gathered together years later, after eight years of bitter warfare, they gathered as citizens of a new republic. In the language of that essay attached to Hanover's Liberty Pole in the Fall of 1774, was hope for the future, "that all true patriots and all others, taking timely warning and repairing to this standard, consecrated sacred to freedom, shall ever be preserved, invulnerable, in every age to latest posterity."





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BY TAMMY MURRAY, LICSW, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY/ ELDER SERVICES

Town of Hanover/Community Services Department - 781-924-1913

For assistance in the below matters call **781-924-1913**.

Services Provided **free** of charge to all Hanover residents include:

**Community Shred Day:**  
September 14th 9am-12pm

**Financial:**  
Partnership with Food Pantry  
The Department assists in coordination and/or delivery of items from the Food Pantry.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Applications (SNAP)

Department has a partnership with Transitional Assistance to review and enter applications and recertifications for SNAP Benefits.

Fuel Assistance Applications (Oct-April)

Housing Application Assistance

Assist with applications and The Housing Trust's Rent Assistance Application (Town of Hanover program)

Assistance with State applications and programs

Notary services

**Behavioral/Mental Health Services:**  
Provided by licensed professionals (LICSW, LCSW, LADC11), Outreach Worker, and BSU Interns

Identification, assistance, and when needed referrals in those living with Hoarding

Free appointments for one on one therapy sessions (including addiction counseling & in-home therapy)

Groups for Hoarding/clutter, support, care givers, bereavement, memory issues, etc.

Help seniors and their families navigate the complex decisions about care needs

Referrals to outside agencies when needed

Will check in with and schedule visits to those who are considered to be high risk or potential "high risk" residents of all ages.

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# How Hanover Became Home

BY ERIN MCAVAY



He married his Hanover High School sweetheart, Marisa, and the two welcomed their first child in July. Middle child, Callie, works for Hanover



SADIE AND RONAN

Public Schools and the Office of Family and Community Engagement. You will often see her at the Salmond Building or at one of the schools orchestrating the many enrichment classes and recreation camps FACE provides. During the winter, she helps coach the HHS girls hockey team. The youngest, Cole, works as a welding teacher at South Shore Technical School in Hanover. He also helps coach their hockey and baseball teams. A key part of the Hoadley family is their pets. They have two Golden Retrievers: Bean (3) and River (1). They also have their granddog, Ryan's dog, Sadie.



BEAN AND RIVER

The Hoadley's knew that Hanover would be a great place to raise their family. Between the schools, the community and the environment, the Hoadley family is very proud to call Hanover home.

Are you lucky enough to know the Hoadley family? The Hoadleys have been calling Hanover home since 1994 when Christine and Michael built their house, although Michael has lived in Hanover his entire life. Christine grew up in Braintree.

Their love story actually started in Rockland at the famous Marylou's Coffee where Christine worked behind the counter and Michael was working as their plumber. Marylou and her husband Ron actually introduced the two and the rest was history. The two married in 1993 and have since raised their three kids in Hanover, Ryan (31), Callie (26) and Cole (25). The Hoadleys' professions have kept them local and heavily involved in the Hanover community.

Christine works as a Human Resource Manager for Marylou's Coffee and Michael is one of the owners of Hoadley and Sons, Inc. (a truck you definitely have seen around town) as well as being an on-call Lieutenant for the Hanover Fire Department for 36 years. Their eldest son, Ryan, also is an on-call fireman as well as the Waterworks Specialist for the family company.

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## IT WAS THE SUMMER OF '24: HANOVER'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW



Hanover's Town Manager has sponsored a summer internship program the past five years and each year the program has gained more structure, formality, and, as a result, the program has produced ever increasing quality and quantity of work product, benefiting the Town of Hanover and the student interns. This past summer, Hanover High School graduates Sean Dever (Salve Regina University '25), Matt DeMayo (UMASS-Amherst '25), and Gabby Guy (UMASS-Amherst '27) worked as interns.

During the Summer of 2024, Hanover's Summer Interns took on the following activities...

- Developed and presented scenarios for the Select Board to consider, and ultimately adopt, to set the water rates for FY2024-25;
- Attended all the Select Board meetings and took the official minutes;
- Updated the Town's vehicle fleet information in preparation for the FY2026 capital budget;
- Participated in a luncheon with Senator John Keenan and Rep. David DeCoste, along with various Town officials to discuss MBTA legislation and Hanover's response after Annual Town Meeting voters failed to act on the MBTA Zoning Bylaw proposal;
- Visited the Massachusetts State House as guests of Senator Keenan where they were present when the Sen. Keenan's "Revenge Porn and Exploitation" bill was voted unanimously by the Massachusetts State Senate, and later signed into law by the governor.
- Set-up and attended site visits to Scituate and Braintree to gain insight on how communities can implement solar array projects on municipal property to produce energy saving credits;
- Connected with consulting solar technology companies and took part in multiple meetings to determine which methods are available to the Town of Hanover and what method might be best to host a local solar array project;
- Researched and provided applicable information requested by the solar energy consultant in order to generate conceptual financials;

- Produced an accurate updated database of all elected and appointed Board, Trust, Committee, and Commission members in Town including their terms' expiration date, ultimately resulting in the information being added to all Committee websites;
- Completed the training and passed the test to become certified in the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Services and National Crime Information Center;
- Because of their completed training noted above, all three summer interns worked in a civilian capacity at the Hanover Police Department, and due to their certifications are able to fill shifts at HPD at anytime in the future, including when on break from college;
- Audited late bills between collection agencies and the Town's Finance Department;
- Filled in as receptionist at the Council on Aging for a number of weeks when we were short staffed;
- Staffed the Town Clerk's Office due to vacation schedules;
- Mailed out deactivation notifications for the federal census to those who fell-off voter lists;
- Provided status updates on the progress of articles/actions passed by voters at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting so the public can stay current on where those projects stand.

Hanover's Summer Internship provides local Hanover students the opportunity to learn about how their local government operates and provide their talents into making the Town even better, and Town staff, Select Board members, and other volunteers benefit from some (much needed) youthful energy and spirit enhancing the Town Hall vibe!



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