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**HANOVER TOWNSHIP LANDMARK COMMISSION “GATHERS” PUBLIC
TO CELEBRATE WHIPPANY BURYING YARD’S 300TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Hanover Township Landmark Commission cordially invites members of the public to join them on Saturday, October 20th, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, 494 Route 10 West in Whippany, for “A Gathering of Friends and Neighbors of the Whippany Burying Yard.” Attendees will help the Township celebrate the three-hundred-year anniversary of Hanover Township’s historic gem, the Whippany Burying Yard, by hearing talks about the site and those who rest there. Participants are encouraged to bring their ancestral stories, special memories, photos, artifacts, postcards, and old recipes to share with one another and the members of the Landmark Commission. Those who wish to become a part of township history by documenting their stories will have the opportunity to write on a Memory Board or verbally convey what they’d like to relate in a recording room the commission will make available during the event expressly for this purpose.

Not surprisingly, the Landmark Commission’s motivation for making the Burying Yard Tri-centennial celebration a “gathering” is itself rooted in history. In the past, stories shared among friends and neighbors became part of history. Landmark Commission Chairman Mike Czuchnicki offers an example. “Over one hundred fifty-eight years ago during an earlier ‘Gathering’ a young Reverend Tuttle from Rockaway recognized that his elderly relatives who had lived through the American Revolution were close to passing,” states Czuchnicki. “Reverend Tuttle recorded their memories, and his written accounts were published as nineteen installments, representing one of the most important recollections of daily life in the colonial era ever written.”

Landmark Commission’s October 20th “Gathering” event is open to all members of the public, but pre-registration is needed, as space is limited. The \$25.00 registration fee covers all program activities and a catered lunch to be served during the event. To reserve your spot, please visit the homepage of the Hanover Township website at www.hanovertownship.com for a link to the invitation which includes a registration form and payment details. All completed registration forms and checks made payable to “Hanover Township” should be sent by mail to: Hanover Township Recreation Department, 15 North Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Interested persons may also visit the Recreation Department during its hours of operation to register in-person.

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