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Hanover Shoe Farms shares tribute to horses



Firefighters work at the scene of a horse barn fire at the Hanover Shoe Farms on the 1000 block of Sells Station Road, April 12, in Union Township. 12 horses died in the fire, according to the farm. HARRISON JONES/THE EVENING SUN

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In the wake of a devastating fire at the Hanover Shoe Farms, the farm paid tribute to the 12 horses killed during the fire.

Twelve horses were killed after a fire

tore through a barn owned by the Hanover Shoe Farms west of Hanover around 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, the farm shared, noting that it began in a manure pit next to the barn.

“Within eight minutes the roof col-

lapsed, and no fire prevention strategies were enough,” the farm shared.

The barn, located off of the 1000 block of Sells Station Road in Union Township, was the largest barn on the farm property with 38 stalls total, the Hanover Shoe Farms said in a

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New homes in the Cambrian Hills development are seen along Ledger Drive, Oct. 9, 2025, in Berwick Township. HARRISON JONES/THE EVENING SUN

Potential Rutter’s gas station in the area

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A new Rutter’s gas station and truck parking is proposed in an upcoming commercial development on Route 94 just outside of Hanover, plans show.

Plans for a Rutter’s convenience store, which would feature a gas station along with truck parking, were submitted to the Berwick Township Planning Commission, according to the April meeting agenda.

The plans were submitted in 2026 by M&G Realty, a subsidiary of Rutter’s.

The store is proposed for the intersection of Carlisle Pike and a new road, “Slagle Drive,” which will consist of a short new extension across from Hanover Street east of Carlisle Pike.

That extension of Hanover Street, plans show, will create a four-way intersection with a traffic light at the intersection of Hanover Street and Carlisle Pike.

The first occupant of the development is Ciocca Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep & Ram of Hanover, which relocated in July 2025 from 200 Eisenhower Drive in Hanover Borough to their new building at 1825 Carlisle Pike in Berwick Township.

Conceptual plans for the development, which date to 2021, propose a concept of three automotive dealerships, including the already-built Ciocca, a restaurant, two drive-through restaurants, and a gas station to occupy a swath of land to the east of the Carlisle Pike, according to plans for the site.

While it was unclear whether specific plans for the site had changed since 2021, property records show that

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Sewer rate increase proposed in Penn Township

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The first sewer rate increase in several years is up for consideration in Penn Township later this month.

According to a release by Penn Town-

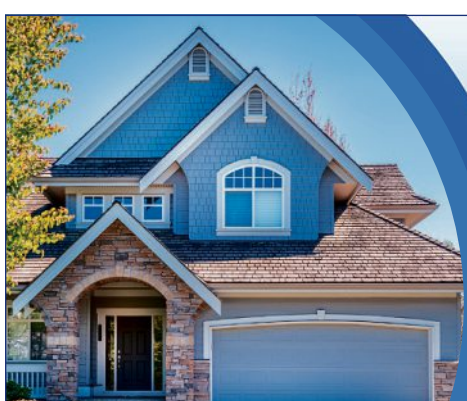
ship, a \$12-per-quarter base sewer rate increase will be up for a vote during the April meeting of the Penn Township Board of Commissioners at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.

If approved, the new base rate of \$67 per quarter would begin in the October quarterly billing cycle, the release said.

The proposed 21.8% rate increase is the first proposed increase to the Penn Township sewer rate since 2019, when the base rate was increased by \$2, going from \$53 to \$55 per quarter.

A decade earlier, Evening Sun

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