

NORTHAMPTON *Township*



WINTER 2018

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear Northampton Township Resident:

I sincerely hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and the New Year is off to a great start. On December 20, 2017, the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors approved the 2018 Annual Budget. Included in this edition of the Township Newsletter you will find updates on various Township projects and initiatives contained in the budget that have been identified as priorities for 2018. First, the Township is planning on building a new Police Station on Township Road at the location of the currently occupied Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority at 111 Township Road. This will include renovating the existing building, along with building an addition. Before this can occur however, the Municipal Authority will be relocating this spring to their new administration building located at the former vacant Fox Chase Bank in Richboro.

Other capital infrastructure improvement projects in the planning and design stages include:

- Streetscape improvements to Buck Road in Holland, including a new bridge over Mill Creek, and re-alignment of the Old Bristol Road and Buck Road intersection to allow for new left turn lanes;
- The construction of a roundabout at Second Street Pike and Bustleton Pike;
- Widening the intersection of Jacksonville Road and Almshouse Road to install left turn lanes, repairing the bridge on Lower Holland Road;
- Improving sidewalks in Richboro to make it more walkable for pedestrians; and
- Recreation Improvements at the Civic Center

Many of these projects are consistent with the Township's on-going economic development initiatives proposed in the Holland and Richboro Master Plans. In addition, I'm pleased to report the Township has been fortunate recipients of numerous commonwealth grants totaling \$8,860,000 to help offset the cost of these exciting projects.

As I hope you can see, and agree, your Northampton Township Board of Supervisors have been working very hard to improve the quality of life for Northampton Township residents. For more detailed information about the 2018 Budget and all the projects referenced here, see page 3-4 or visit www.northamptontownship.org. The 2018 Budget funds future projects that will continue to make Northampton Township a great place to live, work and do business.

All the best,

Barry Moore
Chairman, Northampton Township Board of Supervisors

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HOLIDAY CLOSING

The administration building will be closed on:

- **Monday, February 19th** in observation of Presidents' Day
- **Friday, March 30th**, Good Friday

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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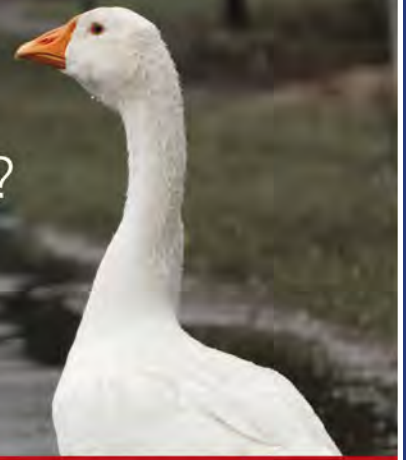


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Administration

2018 NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BUDGET OVERVIEW

On December 20, 2017, the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2018 Budget. The 2018 Budget consists of 19 funds detailing the projected revenues and expenditures for the coming year in line item format. Working with Department Directors, Administration, and the Board of Supervisors, the budget is developed by analyzing trends in revenues and expenditures from prior years, reviewing individual line item projections, and evaluating programs, services, and current economic conditions. The budget separates operating and capital appropriations. The budget includes separate operating funds for general government functions, fire and rescue services, refuse collection, library services, senior center operations, contracted street lighting, parks and recreation services, debt service, state highway aid allocations and pension funds.

The Township's ten (10) year capital improvement plan serves as a guide when budgeting for capital appropriations. The Administration and Department Directors update the plan annually through a series of meetings to discuss on-going capital needs. The budget includes necessary appropriations for improvements to the Township's road system, public buildings, storm sewer system, bridges, traffic signals, and park facilities.

Capital appropriations for general purposes are budgeted in the Capital Reserve Fund. Capital appropriations for parks and recreation, fire and rescues equipment, road equipment, senior center, and library services are included in separate funds and limited to those specific government functions. Appropriating capital project costs into special purpose funds eliminates wide fluctuations in government operating appropriations from year to year caused by one-time capital expenses.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

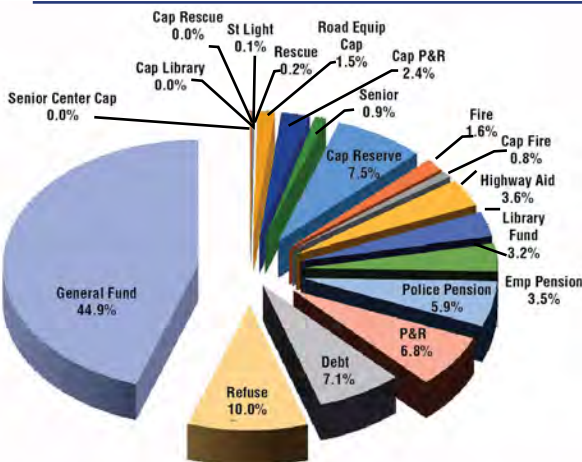
2018 BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Budget	\$35.7 Million
Operations	\$29.8 Million
Capital	\$4.2 Million
Pension Funds	\$1.7 Million

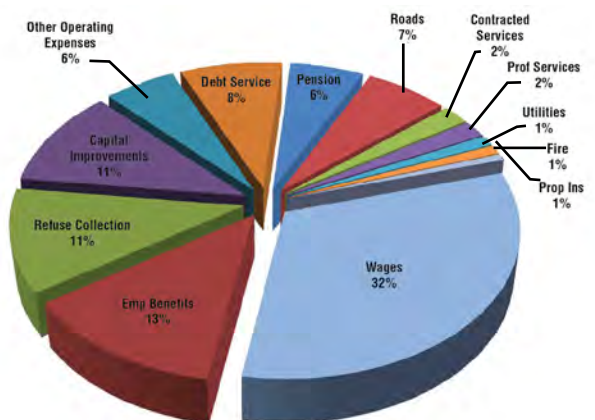
2018 TAX LEVY SUMMARY



2018 REVENUES BY FUND



2018 APPROPRIATIONS BY CATEGORY



THE BUDGET FUNDS NECESSARY CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS

The Capital Reserve Fund accounts for general capital equipment purchases and infrastructure improvement projects. Examples of capital expenditures include roadway and drainage facility improvements, traffic signal enhancements, equipment acquisition, property acquisition and facilities construction and repair.

Revenues in the Capital Reserve Fund come from a variety of sources including grants, loans, developer contributions and a transfer from the General Fund dedicated to capital appropriations. The General Fund has transferred \$297,000 each year to the Capital Reserve Fund since 2014. Beginning in 2018, this amount will increase to \$684,000 to complete several major improvement projects.

The Board of Supervisors recognized the need to construct a new police facility to replace the existing building designed for 26 officers, but now houses 43 officers and 10 civilian personnel. Construction for the new Police Station is expected to begin spring, 2018 at the location of the currently occupied Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority at 111 Township Road.



Other projects include engineering design for an extension of Township Road to the intersection of Second Street Pike and Bustleton Pike and construction of a roundabout to replace the existing traffic signal. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation supports the project, and the Township received a PennDOT Multi-Modal Grant of \$350,000 to fund preliminary engineering estimated at \$480,000.

The Dreher Group, developers of the Addisville Commons Center will contribute another \$75,000 toward preliminary engineering costs as part of its traffic system impact requirement. The Richboro Master Plan identifies this project as a key component of the Township's economic development initiative to relieve congestion at the intersection of Second Street Pike and Almshouse Road, and improve pedestrian safety.

Another future project involves streetscape and roadway improvements to Buck Road in Holland. The Township was successful in having this project included on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). It was the only project in Bucks County selected for inclusion on the TIP. The project involves constructing a new bridge over Mill Creek with additional lanes, re-alignment of Buck Road and Old Bristol Road intersection, and adding left turn lanes in all directions. It also includes streetscape improvements such as sidewalks, street trees, and ornamental street lighting along a portion of Buck Road. This is the first phase of the Buck Road improvement project proposed in the Holland Master Plan. The Township is responsible for preliminary engineering costs of \$450,000, with final engineering and construction paid with Federal Transportation Funds administered by PennDOT. The estimated cost for final engineering and construction is \$8 Million.

A third traffic improvement project involves widening and installation of left turn lanes at Jacksonville Road and Almshouse Road. Engineering design is approximately \$118,000, and the construction estimate is \$1.3 Million. Completing the engineering design will allow the Township to be competitive in seeking grant funds for construction through several state programs.

The Township has also undertaken two sidewalk improvement projects in Richboro. The first involves construction of sidewalks in areas where none exist and replacing existing sidewalks that do not meet current ADA standards. Phase 1 of the project requires \$161,000 for engineering design and \$1 Million for construction. The township applied for a \$790,000 grant to fund final design and construction costs.

In addition, the Township undertook preliminary engineering to address the need for sidewalks on Second Street Pike from Tanyard Road to Crossroads Plaza Drive. This phase "1A" will address the more difficult and costly problem of crossing Iron Works Creek and installing sidewalks along Iron Works Creek Park on Second Street Pike. Engineering design is \$210,000 and the construction cost is \$800,000. The Township currently has a pending grant application with the PennDOT TAP Program to fund 80% of the project cost.

The Recreation Capital Fund provides financial resources to maintain and improve recreation facilities and parks infrastructure. An inter-fund transfer from the Parks and Recreation Operating Fund to the Recreation Capital Fund supports capital improvements. Impact fees on new development will provide an additional \$120,000 toward capital projects. The budget includes an additional \$75,000 for capital projects. The Township received \$110,000 from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) representing 50% of approved grant funds, that paid the engineering and planning costs related to the Civic Center improvements.

The Highway Aid Fund accounts for the Township's share of liquid fuels tax dollars provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for maintenance of local roadways. The Commonwealth generates funds through a tax on motor fuels. Municipalities receive approximately 12 percent of the total collected by the Commonwealth, and PennDOT uses the remaining funds to maintain state-owned roadways. The Public Works Department paved 5.46 miles of the road system in 2017. The 2018 Road Maintenance Program includes 2.5 miles of milling and paving, and 6 miles of micro surfacing. The estimated cost of this work is \$915,000.

FUTURE TRENDS AND OUTLOOK

The Township has embarked on an aggressive economic development initiative intended to revitalize the villages of Richboro and Holland as walkable town centers with increased density for commercial uses, making goods and services available locally for township residents. Planning tools such as the Richboro and Holland Master Plans form the blueprints for future growth and development in these areas. A significant part of the growth initiative involves infrastructure improvements to enhance the appearance, safety, and walkability of the villages. These projects will improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, improve pedestrian safety and walkability, and create attractive downtown areas that promote and encourage shopping, dining, and entertainment. All projects that will make Northampton Township a great place to live, work and do business.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP WELCOMES NEW SUPER WAWA

A brand new Wawa opened its doors and gas pumps on December 15th, 2017 at Addisville Commons. A bigger store with more parking for customers was much needed from the smaller Wawa at 750 2nd Street which opened its doors January 22, 1972.



Members of the Northampton Fire & Police Departments competed in a Hoagie Building contest. The Police Department beat the Fire Department, however both were winners as Wawa generously donated \$1,000 to each team's charitable cause. The recipient of the \$2,000 donation was the Bucks County Hero Scholarship Fund.



Members of Northampton Township Police Department Hoagie Building Contest Winners

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The Board of Supervisors annually takes the opportunity to thank all the employees of the Township for their dedicated public service and for making Northampton Township a great place to live, work and do business. At its January meeting, the Board of Supervisors recognized the following employees who recently celebrated employment milestones:

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	MILESTONE
Linda Jones	Parks & Recreation	35 Years
Damon Andreoli	Parks & Recreation	30 Years
Karen Cesarone	Police	25 Years
Richard Dobson	Police	20 Years
Paul Dukes	Public Works	20 Years
Elizabeth Satterley	Parks & Recreation	20 Years
Richard Mahony	Police	15 Years
Mindy Blackman	Parks & Recreation	15 Years
Robert Wehrmann	Police	10 Years
Maureen Connelly	Police	10 Years
Lisa Russo	Administration	10 Years
Robert Pellegrino	Administration	10 Years
Karen Fean	Parks & Recreation	10 Years
Michael Long	Police	10 Years
Kathleen Adamczyk	Police	5 Years
Marisa Ristow	Fire Marshall	5 Years
Edward Orr	Public Works	5 Years
Ryan Pflieger	Public Works	5 Years
Raymond Gill	Public Works	5 Years
Cynthia Mateer	Building & Codes	5 Years

FAST FACTS FROM J. P. MASCARO & SON . . .

ON WASTE REMOVAL

- *When should trash be placed at the curb?* Place trash & recyclables out after 6:00 p.m. the night before your pickup day. Place containers so they are not blocked by parked vehicles.
- *What size containers should I use?* Household waste containers should be no bigger than 32 gallons. Each household is limited to (12) bags or cans of trash per collection.
- *How do I dispose of leftover paint?* Evaporate latex paint by air-drying or mixing with kitty litter, shredded newspaper or other absorbent. Double bag the can (s) and put out with your regular trash.

ON BULK ITEMS

- *When are bulk items collected?* Bulk items are picked up on the same day as your regular trash & recyclable day.
- *What type of bulk items are collected?* Examples of regular bulk items include furniture, cabinets, washers & dryers, mattress & box spring.
- *How much can I discard at once?* The limit is one bulk item per week.
- *What about refrigerators?* Refrigerators, air conditioners, & humidifiers contain Freon, which is considered hazardous; you must call to schedule a pick up, 1-800-432-1616. There is no charge for this service.

ON HOLIDAY PICKUPS

- *What if my pickup falls on a holiday?* If a scheduled holiday (Memorial Day, Independence Day, etc.) falls on your regular pickup day, trash & recyclables will be collected the next day. Example: Monday, Memorial Day, Monday collection will occur Tuesday.

From the Fire Marshall

COLD WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

As we move through the cold days and colder nights of the winter months many residents utilize wood stoves or fireplaces. In addition to inspecting and cleaning your chimney annually, ash disposal from these operations must be done safely. Fireplace, and stove ashes can remain hot for two weeks or more. Ashes should be stored in a covered metal container outside your home away from the house. Never ever store them inside your house or garage!

Space heaters need space, and proper electric supply. If you use an electric space heater plug it into a properly sized electrical receptacle. Avoid the use of extension cords unless properly sized to handle the heater. Never use multitap or power strips for these units. Maintain adequate clearance from your heater to combustibles as specified in the manufactures instructions. Frozen pipes are a pain, and inconvenient at the least. Never thaw your pipes with a torch, as this can lead to a fire. Hairdryers can be utilized with caution; however, it is best to slowly thaw a frozen pipe with warm air. Additional information is available by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at 215-357-6800.



CAN YOU HEAR YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS?

Early smoke detection is critical to surviving a residential fire. Many people who awake to the sound of a smoke detector believe the noise has just begun. In fact, the smoke and fire may have been present for some time and the smoke has finally reached the detector nearest their bed. Even if there are detectors in the basement or the family room, there is little chance of hearing them in a second floor bedroom during sleep.

Different levels of sleep may affect your hearing ability. Deep sleep essentially eliminates hearing. You have shut down. Light sleep may find you partially awake but the drone of an AC unit or window fan may be enough to drown out the alert of a smoke detector.

There is new technology available to help this situation. "Wireless" technology has come to smoke detectors. These are battery detectors which send and receive signals to and from each other. If one wireless detector is in your basement and one is in your bedroom, they both make noise if either detects smoke. You are now alert to the early presence of smoke. They are the equivalent of "hardwired" detectors without the costs associated with that type of installation. The Northampton Township Office of the Fire Marshal and the National Fire Protection Association recommend that a smoke detector be installed in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area (usually a hallway), each floor and the garage. Smoke does not penetrate doors. Many older homes were constructed at a time when building codes did not require the installation of a smoke detector in a bedroom. The installation of these relatively inexpensive units (around \$30 per device) may just save your life in a fire situation. The office of the Fire Marshal strongly recommends that you upgrade your homes with this new technology. If you have any questions, or desire any additional information please contact the Fire Marshal at (215) 357-6800.

Don't Kick that TV to the Curb!

Televisions, along with computers and some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. Listed are several location to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Please confirm the program, fees and any other conditions that may apply prior to dropping off your television.



SHRED ONE

1830 County Line Rd, Suite 310
Huntingdon Valley, PA, 215-364-2265

E-WASTE EXPERTS

416 Green Lane
Bristol, PA 19007, 877-328-2927

LECK WASTE SERVICES

Curbside pick-up
215-675-8000

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 800-346-4242 for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.
BUCKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 1260 Almshouse Road, Doylestown, PA 18901, 215-345-3400, Fax:215-345-3866

Building and Codes Department

Frequently, our department receives phone calls from residents about paint markings on the roadway or lawn area in front of their house. What exactly are these marks and what do the colors mean? It is all related to a **Pennsylvania One Call**.

Whenever there is excavation or digging, it is the law that a Pennsylvania One Call must be made by dialing 8-1-1. When this call is made, all utility companies come out and identify their particular utility by color. For example, water is blue, electric is red, cable is orange, etc. Due to the frequency of requests for service, many of these calls are related to the cable companies.

The marks that you see are the locations of these particular utilities. In many cases, they are in the roadway itself. Many other times, however, the utilities are located in the right-of-way adjacent to the curb. Township and State right-of-ways extend beyond the roadway and curb. In most residential developments, the right-of-way extends 10 feet beyond the curb. In response to many questions that we receive, the markings are not on private property, but rather in the right-of-way that is designated for these utilities. In addition, there are often easements that run through private property to carry utilities as well.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883. Most importantly, if you are doing ANY digging or excavation on your property, you are required to make a Pennsylvania One Call by dialing 8-1-1. It can prevent major problems with a simple phone call. **It's also the law!**

Northampton Township Police Department

REMINDER

Are you following the Police Department on Facebook? If not sign up and follow what your department is doing. Also if you are not registered for the Network News you can sign up on the Township Web site.

CHIEF CLARK'S SAFETY TIP

Remember selling a service or product in our Township requires a permit. The "quick driveway seal scam", the "repair the rain gutters" or "damaged siding" is a common way for criminals to access your property. These individuals normally work in pairs and when one is speaking with you the other is attempting to enter your home. Please be aware of these scams and call the police department to report these individuals or if you have any concerns on solicitors.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP POLICE WELCOMES A NEW OFFICER

Officer Thomas Brown grew up in Langhorne and was a graduate of Neshaminy High School. He is a graduate of Kutztown University with a degree in Criminal Justice and he recently graduated from the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company. Officer Brown is currently in the Field Training Program and upon completion of the training will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.

Pictured Officer Thomas Brown



Public Works

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

The Northampton Township Public Works Department is responsible for clearing snow and ice on approximately 185 miles of roads, including 167 cul-de-sacs. The Department also clears parking areas at the Administration Building, Police Department, Library, Recreation Center and Senior Center.

Our Department goal is to make all Township-owned roads and facilities safe and accessible to the public during the winter season, and to clear our streets in a timely manner. Because of the potential hazard to the motoring public from severe winter storms, careful planning begins in early October by preparing our equipment, hiring subcontractors, and scheduling manpower. Such things as the rate of snowfall accumulation, moisture content, day and nighttime temperatures, wind direction and velocity, and storm duration are all factors that create unique challenges for each storm with the result that no two storms are ever identical. This means that we must be prepared for anything that Mother Nature may throw at us. Your cooperation is key to an effective winter

storm operation. Below please find important information provided to assist Township residents this winter season that will help our efforts

Please keep trash and recycling containers, portable basketball and hockey nets, etc. out of the roadways. It is a violation to park any motor vehicles on any public street within the Township during the period of time commencing after snow begins to fall and ending seventy-two (72) hours after the cessation of a snowstorm.

The Public Works Department Personnel recognize the frustration snow removal causes, particularly when you've already cleared your driveway or sidewalks. PLEASE NOTE: If your road is now yet plowed, crews WILL be around which will cause snow to accumulate at the end of your driveways. To avoid this frustration, there are options: 1). Wait until the roads are clear to clear your driveways, or 2.) Clear an area to the right of your driveway. (See image at right) Very rarely do Township plows physically contact mailboxes. Damage to mailboxes are a result of snow and ice being pushed into mailboxes. To minimize the chances of damages occurring, clear away from your mailboxes in advance of plows in your area whenever possible.

Lastly, please note that it is a violation of the township code for a property/business owner (or your snow removal contractor) to throw, shovel or plow snow into or upon any roads and streets within the Township. If you can stay off the roads during storms, please do. If a roadway is closed, please do not move the barricades or drive around them! The road is closed for safety reasons. **Thank you for your support and cooperation and have a safe and happy winter season from the Northampton Township Public Works Department.**



Avoid the "Second Shovel"

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in when your local snowplow comes through? Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below), giving the snow on the plow a place to go other than your driveway, should keep you from having to do the same job twice.



Credit: County Road Association of Michigan, 2014. milocalroads.com



FREE LIBRARY *of Northampton Township*

25 UPPER HOLLAND ROAD | RICHBORO, PA 18954 | 215-357-3050

FREE LIBRARY OF NORTHAMPTON ACHIEVES GOLD STAR RECOGNITION

The Pennsylvania Library Association launched their benchmark, PA Forward Star Library program, which has some 170 libraries registered. The Star Library recognition offers support to libraries that participate and clearly demonstrate their incorporation of the literacies in their programming activities. Those libraries are recognized for meeting action items within the bronze, silver, and gold star levels of the program. It is under this program that the Northampton Township Free Library has achieved and is being recognized as a Gold Star Level.

STORY TIMES

ON MY OWN PRESCHOOL STORY TIME with Ms. Christy:

Mondays at 11:00 or 2:00 March 5 – March 26

This story time is designed to allow preschoolers to attend on their own while parents are close by. Ages 3 ½ - 5. Registration required and begins Feb. 12.

TODDLER STORY TIME with Ms. Christy

Wednesdays at 10:30 March 14 – April 4

Stories, songs & crafts for toddlers ages 2 – 3 ½ and caregiver. No registration.

BABY STORY TIME with Ms. Christy

Wednesdays at 10:30 February 14 – March 7

30 minutes of simple stories, rhymes and songs for babies 6 – 23 months. No registration.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

BLOCK PARTY

*2nd Monday of the Month at 12:00
February 12, March 12, April 9*

Hour long free play session with blocks and accompanying materials where preschoolers have the freedom to build social skills, problem solving abilities and their imagination. For children ages 3-6. No registration.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

*3rd Tuesday of the Month at 10:30
February 20, March 20 and April 17*

Parents & caregivers of children ages 2-6 are invited to come play at the library! We have new toys to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to meet families in the community or plan a group date with friends. No registration.



MEGS MELODIES

*Tuesdays at 11:00 February 5
and February 13*

Join Meg as she plays the guitar and sings lively songs that get everyone up, dancing, and having fun! Appropriate for ages 2-6. No registration.

MUSIC FUN WITH DAYLE MUSIC

Thursdays at 1:00 March 1 – March 22

Intro to jazz, classical, pop, and marching band using singing, dancing, games, and many musical instruments! For children ages 2-5. Registration is required and begins on February 8.

STEAM PROGRAMS

TINKER TUESDAY

4th Tuesday of the month at 4:30 February 27, March 27 and April 24

Robots, circuits and engineering! Supplies provided through a CREF Grant. For grades 3-8. Siblings welcome. No registration.

LEAP INTO SCIENCE with Ms. Susan

Wednesday, February 7, Balancing Acts and Wednesday, March 7, Air is Everywhere at 7:00pm

Drop-in for this workshop where families work together and have fun with science! LEAP into Science is a program designed by The Franklin Institute to engage children and families in science and literacy by integrating hands-on science activities with children's literature. Family program for all ages. No registration



FAMILY FUN

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursday, February 8 at 7:00pm

We'll provide board games and snacks. Come and play awhile!

FAMILY FORT NIGHT

Thursday, February 15 at 7:00pm

Let's build forts in the children's area! We'll make forts with blankets and then its lights out! Duck inside to read stories by flashlight and have a "camp" treat. Please bring blankets and a flashlight!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00pm

The Library Theater presents: Captain Underpants. We'll provide popcorn and candy! We will have seating, but you may bring a pillow & blanket to sit on the floor.



FREE LIBRARY *of Northampton Township* continued

BOOK CLUBS

BOOK BUNCH with Ms. Christy

2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30

February 13- *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

March 13- *Moo* by Sharon Creech

April 10- *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

We will discuss the book, have snacks, and a fun activity. For grades 3-5. Stop in to register (no online registration) to receive your free book. Registration begins January 16.



TEEN READS with Ms. Susan

3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30

February 15- *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman,

March 15- *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

April 19- *Slacker* by Gordon Korman

We will discuss the book, have snacks, and a fun activity. For Grades 6-8, Stop in to register (no online registration) to receive your free book. Registration begins January 18.

SPECIAL EVENTS



THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES PRESENTS DISCOVERING DINOSAURS

Saturday, February 17 at 12:00

How do we know what dinosaurs were like? Were other animals alive at the same time as the dinosaurs? Learn the answers to the puzzles of paleontology by examining fossils & participating in engaging interactives. All ages. No registration.

LEPRECHAUNS IN THE LIBRARY

Saturday, March 17 All Day

There are leprechauns loose in the library! Find these tricky fellas and see if there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. All ages. No registration.



What Else is Happening at the Library!

Attention all high school students! Take a **FREE PRACTICE SAT OR ACT EXAM** at the library and be prepared for the real thing. SAT dates are Saturday, February 3rd and Saturday, March 31st. The ACT test date is Saturday, March 17th. All practice exams run from 11:00am-3:00pm. Results are emailed to the student. Please register at www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org.

On Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00pm, the Regional Suicide Prevention Task Force of Southeastern Pennsylvania will conduct a program concerning **SUICIDE PREVENTION**. Suicide is a tragedy for everyone, but with proper intervention, it need not be so. Learn about the wonderful work this task force does and can do. No registration.

Would you like to research your family tree, but clueless where to begin? Join Constance Ace for her free workshop "**INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY**" on Saturday, March 10th at 2:00pm. No registration.

Neill Hartley returns with another stellar one-man show. This time Mr. Hartley portrays **P.T. BARNAM: THE MASTER SHOWMAN** on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00pm. Everything Barnum did was larger than life—learn about this colorful and controversial man as he brings both high and low culture to America. No registration.

Channel your inner Rembrandt and help the library at the same time with "**PAINTING WITH A PURPOSE**" at Richboro's Painting with a Twist. On Saturday, March 24th 2:00pm-4:00pm, the library is conducting a fundraiser at this local business—cost is \$35.00 per person and the library receives half of the proceeds! Ages 7 and up are welcome and Painting with a Twist's talented artists guide you step-by-step through a themed painting. Go to www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org to register.

Voting is a fundamental right of our country's democracy, yet such rights are often times restricted unlawfully. Learn about **VOTING RIGHTS** on Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00pm in an informative program from the American Civil Liberties Union. No registration. This program fulfills Civic Social Literacy at our Gold Star Library.

On Saturday, April 14th at 2:00pm, **singer, Dave DeLuca sings down memory lane** with the hits of the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's in his program entitled, "Remember Then". Songs from the genres of Doo Wop, Motown, rock 'n' roll, British Invasion, and Soul evoke memories and create a memorable afternoon. No registration.

NORTHAMPTON REFERENCE LIBRARIAN HONORED WITH STATE AWARD

The Pennsylvania Library Association recognizes members from our Commonwealth who have contributed significantly to the cause of libraries. Nominations are submitted from around the state and the Association Awards Committee chooses recipients for the awards. These awards then are presented during the Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference. This statewide award is awarded to only one recipient. Ms. Sarah Fetzer, Reference Librarian at the Free Library of Northampton was the recipient of this year's award. This award honors a librarian who has been in the profession for less than six years. This award recognizes the originality and inventive ability of a new librarian who devises new and improved methods in library service on a statewide or local level.



Pictured (L-R) Supervisor Frank O'Donnell, Award Winner Sarah Fetzer, and Board of Supervisors Chairman, Barry Moore.

Parks and Recreation

TINY HANDS GIVE WITH BIG HEARTS

For the past several years, participants in the Township's Recreation Program, Preschool Potpourri, are given the opportunity to give back to those less fortunate during the holiday season.

Again this year, an Angel Tree was on display at the Recreation Center. "Angel ornaments" were supplied by Council Rock School District to be placed on the "Angel Tree". Each "angel" represented a child, parent or family who is in need of a gift to open during the holiday season. Written on the back of the "angel" was the age and gender of the child, parent or family and the gift they were wishing for or needing. Some gifts were as simple as a child's umbrella, a backpack for school or a gift card to a local supermarket.

Parents of the Preschool Potpourri children were encouraged to include their child in the shopping and wrapping experience. The reason for this project is not only to help less fortunate children smile during the holiday season, but also to teach the preschoolers that there is real joy in the gift of giving. This year Northampton Township Preschool Potpourri families donated over 70 gifts.



"REINDEER IN TRAINING" Makes Special Appearance at P&R Book and Bedtime Event!



Pictured above Mrs. Claus, "Elf" Mariam Kharazi, Ziggy, "Elf" Claire Fishman and Santa Claus

The annual Parks & Recreation Book and Bedtime event took place on December 5 and 6 at the Northampton Free Library. As in previous years, this event is always an early sell-out. With the help of the children's librarian and "elves" from Council Rock LINCS program, there were lots of songs, crafts, snacks, and interaction for all. Mrs. Claus read books to the children who came dressed in their PJ's, and brought their lists for Santa. After all the activities, Santa arrived to delight the children and stayed to hear the children's holiday wishes and take photos. A surprise this year was "Ziggy- a reindeer in training" that arrived to bring Santa and Mrs. Claus back to the North Pole. The children had an opportunity to pet Ziggy and take a photo too, adding to the memories of this special evening. Ziggy, when not working as a "reindeer" is a miniature therapy/service horse trained by Richboro residents Rosalind and John Sachaczanski. Special thanks to Ziggy's trainers and everyone else who made this annual event a great success: Laura Canfield, Fred Walters, Christy Lazzarino, and the CR L.I.N.C.S. volunteers.



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BUTTERFLY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Northampton Municipal Park, 281 Hatboro Road, Churchville

The Butterfly Garden of Remembrance will serve to offer comfort and peace for you, the Community. You can honor a loved one with a customized brick paver, tree or garden donaton. The Garden is located near the Amphitheater, and supported in partnership with the Northampton Township Business & Profession Association. Call 215-357-6800 x256 for details.

2018-2019 PRESCHOOL POTPOURRI (Ages 3 – 5)

Your little one is discovering more and more each day. With improved coordination and thinking the world begins to open up for preschoolers.

Northampton Township Preschool Potpourri introduces preschoolers to music, art, computers, math, science, and social skills in a natural sequence to nourish learning one step and a time. Preschool experience is critical, as it helps 3 and 4 year old children develop the academic and life skills that will carry them into adulthood.

Your child will learn, grow and play in a warm and caring environment. Preschool Potpourri has been the preschool experience of choice for many Northampton Township families. Our certified teaching staff is second to none.

If your child turns three by October 15, 2018 and you would like more information about the program, visit our website at www.northamptonrec.com. Your child's stay with us can be extended with an hour before school, lunch buddies and afternoon enrichment classes. If you would like to see us in action, schedule a visit with Barbara Primavera, Program Supervisor at 215-357-5396 x313.



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

2017-2018 Winter Discounted Ticket Program

Purchase tickets only at the Recreation Office located in the Administration Building

55 Township Road, Richboro

For further information call 215-357-6800 x 249

DISCOUNTED SKI TICKETS available now thru March 15 depending on weather

	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
BEAR CREEK			
Midweek (open to close)	\$ 51.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 6.00
Weekend/Holiday	\$ 69.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 5.00
Night (4-10 PM)	\$ 37.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 5.00
BIG BOULDER/JACK FROST			
Adult Midweek (open to close-18 yrs +)	\$ 50.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 9.00
Adult Weekend/Holiday (open to close – 18 yrs +)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 9.00
Youth (7-17) Midweek (open to close)	\$ 35.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 6.00
Youth (7-17) Weekend/Holiday (open to close)	\$ 45.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 6.00
Night Weekday(3 pm – close) BB only	\$ 30.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 4.00
Night Anytime/Weekend (3 pm-close) BB only	\$ 35.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 4.00
BLUE MOUNTAIN			
Midweek (8 hour)	\$ 52.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 9.00
Weekend/Holiday (8 hour)	\$ 62.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 9.00
Night (any night)	\$ 40.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 7.00
ELK MOUNTAIN			
Midweek	\$ 54.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 1.00
Weekend/Holiday (day or twilight)	\$ 67.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 4.00
SHAWNEE MOUNTAIN			
Adult Lift – Any Day	\$ 55-65.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 2-12.00
Youth (18 - Under) Weekend/Holiday	\$ 50.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 7.00
Ski/ Snowboard Pkg (Tix,Rental,Lesson)	\$ 105.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 20.00
OTHER DISCOUNTED TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE			
Philadelphia Flower Show - March 5 through March 11	\$ 35-40	\$ 30.00	\$ 5-10.00
Regal Movie Tickets Upcharge at theatre for 3E, 4D, IMAX or recliners	\$ 9.00	\$.10 – 3.60	



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION IS SELLING DISCOUNT FLOWER SHOW TICKETS

The 2018 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, “Wonders of Water,” will celebrate the beauty and life-sustaining interplay of plants and water. America’s leading floral and garden designer will create tropical jungles, temperate forests, native woodlands and arid landscapes, showcasing the astounding plants that thrive in each environment, from exquisite orchids and flowering vines to luminescent desert blooms. The annual Flower Show is a top destination and “must experience” horticultural event, attracting over 250,000 visitors annually to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, a showcase of excellence that dates back to 1829.

ADULT TICKETS: \$30 EACH

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation

55 Township Road, Richboro

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:15 pm

Tickets available 1/31 thru 3/10.

Valid for all show dates: March 3-11

*** Save on extra fees with Park & Rec Pricing:
Adult ticket prices at the door range: \$35-\$40**

Proceeds from the Flower Show benefit the year round programs of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society that have become national models of urban greening, including City Harvest, which creates green jobs and supports a network of community gardens that raise fresh produce for families in need.

BUNNY HUNT "Egg" VENTURE



Are you up for an adventure? Peter Cottontail has been hoppin' 'round the Bunny Trail in Northampton Township and he can't be found! You can help us find him. Enjoy an entertaining show and balloon art with walk-around magic. Then get ready for an "egg venture" following clues to find the Bunny, along with lots of help from local business friends. There may be some surprises along the way, so don't forget your Easter baskets or a shopping bag. With your help, the Bunny can find his way back for photos and maybe even a bunny hop or two!

(Fee includes show, egg "hunt" adventure, golden ticket raffles, donuts & juice and "Photo Op" with the Bunny – bring your own camera for photos.) All children MUST be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older

*If weather permits, the Hunt portion of the event will be held outdoors. Visit Parks & Recreation website for updates.

NO WALK-INS!! Register soon, as space is limited:
TICKETS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR!

To view details and purchase tickets online visit www.northamptonrec.com
Questions? Contact the Recreation office at 215-357-6800 ext. 256

Details

DATE: SATURDAY, March 24, 2018 *
TIME: 9:30 AM– 11:15 AM
LOCATION: Maureen M. Welch Elementary Gym
750 New Road, Churchville
AGES: 2 thru 12 yrs.
FEE: \$10.00 per child (Northampton Resident)
\$12.00 per child (Non-Resident)

*A multiple children discount is offered for
3 or more children in same immediate family.
Call the P&R office for pricing.*



NORTHAMPTON HOMEOWNERS MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Northampton Homeowners Men's Softball League is looking for a few players for the upcoming 2018 Spring/Summer softball season. If you are looking to have a great time on Friday night playing softball on local fields, read on:

Some details about the league:

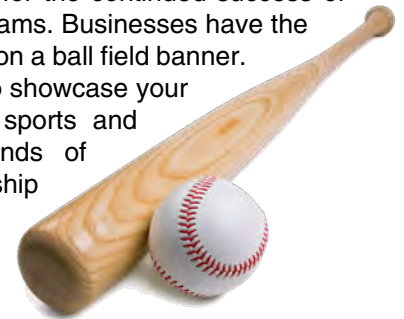
- Must own a home (and pay taxes) in Northampton Township
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Games start at 6:30 PM on Friday nights with the first game on Friday April 6th
- The season runs through July
- Must be willing to compete but most importantly, HAVE FUN!

*If interested, please
email Gerry Bram at
gbram161@yahoo.com*

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SUMMER CAMP 2018

Keeping Tradition Alive with Small Changes to Make Parent's Life Easier

Are you a stay-at-home parent who finds it hard to justify a summer camp program? Or dragging your child out of bed on a lazy summer morning, just seems "not worth it." Great news! Northampton Township Parks and Recreation announced the 2018 summer camp programs with some changes to make camp even more worthwhile. The Explore and Little Discoverer's halfday camp programs for both elementary and preschool aged children will now take place from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM! No need to rush in the morning. Still asking yourself "Why camp?" Get the best of both worlds! Your child will have the morning to be active, away from electronics, have fun with friends, and make lasting memories. The afternoon will be free for family time and to enjoy being home! It's a no-brainer! All camps are offered at 2017 Prices - no increases in 2018. See below for details for ALL of our award winning signature camp offerings! We can't wait to see you this summer!



LITTLE DISCOVERER'S CAMP

(ages 3 – 5 potty trained)

It's camp in a preschool setting! Children enjoy free play, circle time, outdoor play, songs and games, a daily craft and snack, and so much more! Camp Options include 3 days (Tues, Wed, Thurs) or 5 days (Monday - Friday)

Date: June 25 thru August 3

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CAMP EXPLORE

(completed 1st grade – entering 6th grade)

Keep your kids busy this active and still have the summer afternoon to enjoy! Camp Explore is a half day program that is loaded with fun activities to keep your child happy!

Date: June 25 thru August 10

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CAMP EXPEDITION

(completed 1st grade – entering 6th grade)

Camp Explore with more! Perfect for parents who work part-time or just want their kids to have a little more camp time! Enjoy sports, arts and crafts, 2 days of swimming and special Friday theme days!

Date: June 25 thru August 10

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

CAMP ADVENTURE

(completed 1st grade – entering 6th grade)

Are you a working parent, or do you have an active child who needs non-stop fun? This extremely popular eight week program will provide your child with constant fun, laughter, and a lifetime of memories. Sports, crafts, daily swimming, Friday dress up days, awesome trips, and so much more!

Date: June 25 thru August 17

Time: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM Location: Recreation Center

QUEST AND EXTENDED QUEST *(completed 6th and 7th grades)*

This camp program keeps your young teen entertained and happy! Your child's input and interests are placed right into the camp curriculum – no more boredom! Extensive trips, special guests, sports, color competition, and anything else they can think of!

Date: June 25 thru August 3

Time: 9 AM – 2 PM or 7:30 AM – 6 PM Location: Recreation Center

TEEN SUMMIT

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(entering 9th grade)

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CIT AND TRIPS

(entering 9th grade)

Apply to be a CIT and see what being a camp counselor is all about and still enjoy all the great Teen Summit trips!

Dates:

June 25 thru August 3 (CIT) & June 26 thru August 2nd (Trips)

Time: varies due to trip schedule

FOR FULL CAMP DESCRIPTIONS, LOCATIONS AND FEES VISIT WWW.NORTHAMPTONREC.COM

Please Note: NO CAMP JULY 4



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JOIN NORTHAMPTON SWIM CLUB TODAY!

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Join by March 31st to take advantage of preferred rates for fun in the sun, Monday through Friday, all summer long!
Members enjoy bonus events throughout the season PLUS special rates for swim team and swim lessons too!

- Membership is Monday through Friday only. NO weekend swimming is available.
- Family is a husband and/or wife and dependent children under age 21, residing at the same address on a permanent basis.
- One caregiver age 18 or over may be added to a family membership.
- Children under 14 may join only with another family member who is 21 or older.
- Children 14 and older are required to provide proof of age to join as a single member. Parental signature is required granting permission for 14 to 18 year olds to attend the swim club alone.
- No charge for children under 2, however, the child's information is needed to process the membership.
- Senior rate is available for individuals age 62 and over, or couples both age 62 or over.
- Age determined as of the first day of the season, May 28, 2018.



LEARN TO SWIM!

Group swim lessons for all ages (infant through adult) and skill levels will be offered throughout the summer beginning June 18th. Classes traditionally meet Monday through Thursday mornings, in 2 week sessions, for a total of 8 classes per session. Private swim lessons are also offered for those seeking individual attention or afternoon or evening hours. Check our website for full class descriptions and schedules!

Single \$230 • Family of 2 \$440 • Family of 3 \$565 • Family of 4 \$645
Each Additional Family Member \$50 • Senior Single \$145 • Senior Couple \$245
Non-Northampton residents are welcome to join for just \$30 more!

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DISCOUNTED RATES, FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 31, 2018. TO REGISTER, VISIT www.northamptonrec.com OR STOP BY THE PARKS & REC OFFICE, 55 TOWNSHIP ROAD, RICHBORO, OR CALL 215-357-6800 EXT 249.



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation is NOW accepting applications for Assistant Swim Coach, Lifeguards, Camp Counselors and Seasonal Parks Maintenance Staff. Visit www.northamptonrec.com for Frequently Asked Questions and a link to Application for Employment. Apply today!



Northampton Swim Team is a member of the Lower Bucks Swim League, Red Division. This competitive summer swim program provides an excellent recreational athletic activity for children and teens ages 5 to 18 years old. NEW THIS SEASON –on-line registration is now available. For more information, contact the Parks & Rec office.



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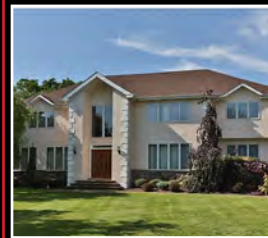
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