

NORTHAMPTON

Township



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Northampton Township Ushers in 2017

Hello Everyone,

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday and have many great things planned for the New Year! The Board has been diligently working on several important projects for 2017 including plans to construct a new Police Station on Township Road. Another priority will be improving the sidewalk system in Richboro to enhance its walkability. We are seeking state grants to help fund both of these projects. Residents can also look forward to a new outdoor restroom facility at the Civic Center, redevelopment of the former Mill Race Inn, and an aggressive road resurfacing program. Finally, our economic development initiatives will produce a Master Development Plan for Richboro, and Architectural Design Guidelines to help maintain the historic integrity of our community. The Board is looking forward to completing these projects and others to continue making Northampton Township a great place to live, work, and play. More information on our many activities will be provided in future issues and we encourage you to contact us with any questions.

All the best,

Barry Moore, Chairman

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Vice-Chairman



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Treasurer



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Administration Building Holiday Closing

The administration building will be closed on:

Monday, February 13th in observance of Presidents' Day



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Administration:	215-357-6800 x201	Human Resources:	215-357-6800 x204
Manager's Office:	215-357-6800 x201	Library:	215-357-3050
Finance Department:	215-357-6800 x240	Parks & Recreation:	215-357-6800 x249
Planning Department:	215-357-6800 x206	Recreation Center:	215-357-5396
Codes/Zoning/Permits:	215-357-6800 x207	Senior Center:	215-357-8199
Public Works Department:	215-357-6800 x216		

EMERGENCY * 911

Police Department Non-Emergency 215-357-8700

Fire Marshal: 215-357-6800 x210

Northampton Township Board of Supervisor 2017 Liaison Responsibilities

Barry Moore, Chairman

Financial Affairs

- Administration
- Finance
- Personnel
- Pension Committee
- Insurance

Public Safety

- Police Protection Services
- Fire Protection Services
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management

Eileen Silver, Vice Chairman

Parks and Recreation

- Park Facilities
- Recreation Programs and Services

PSATS Voting Delegate

Veterans Advisory Committee

Blighted Property Review Committee

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary

Public Works and Facilities

- Public Works Services
- Public Facilities

Free Library of Northampton

Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority

Dr. Kimberly Rose, Treasurer

James E. Kinney Senior Center

SWBSWAC Representative

Historical Commission

Larry Weinstein, Member

Community Development and Planning

- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Code Enforcement
- Planning Commission
- Planning and Zoning Administration
- Zoning Hearing Board

Council Rock School District

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2017 Meeting Schedule*

Board of Supervisors

Public Meetings – 7:30 p.m. • Agenda Review Meetings – 6:30 p.m.

Jan.	25-Wed-Public Meeting	Jul.	26-Wed-Public Meeting	Nov.	8-Wed-Budget Workshop (6 p.m.)
Feb.	22-Wed-Public Meeting	Aug.	23-Wed-Public Meeting		15-Wed-Public Meeting
Mar.	22-Wed-Public Meeting	Sept.	27-Wed-Public Meeting	Dec.	20-Wed-Public Meeting
Apr.	26-Wed-Public Meeting	Oct.	9-Mon-Budget Presentation (6 p.m.)		
May	24-Wed-Public Meeting		25-Wed-Public Meeting		
Jun.	28-Wed-Public Meeting				

Planning Commission

1st & 2nd Tuesday as needed @ 7:30 p.m.
 Agenda Review - 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation

1st & 3rd Thursday as needed @ 7:00 p.m.
 Agenda Review @ 6:45 p.m.

Library Board 25 Upper Holland Road
 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.; No Meetings: July, Aug. & Dec.

Zoning Hearing Board

2nd & 4th Monday as needed @ 7:00 p.m.

Veterans Advisory Commission

3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission 25 Upper Holland Road

3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.; No Meetings: July & Aug

* Check northamptontownship.com for updates & revisions

Administration

The Township Board of Supervisors along with the residents wish to recognize the many employees who celebrate milestone service anniversaries with Northampton Township. The service and dedication in enhancing the quality of life is much appreciated.

35 years

Martin Comyn
Police

30 years

Eugene Farr
Public Works

25 years

Eric Handel Public Works
Jennifer Wyant Police

20 years

Felix Devaney, Jr Police
Amy Wardle Library
Steven Heath Police
John Trubiano Police
Michael Decher Police
Peter Stark Police
Denise Lear Library



15 years

Dorothy Wiley Finance
Marcus Wigler Police
Jonathan Oseredzuk Police

10 years

Ryan Share Police
Barbara Callahan Police/Finance
Ralph Stenerson Police
Robert Mullen P&R
Tammi Leone Code
Joseph Rosowski Police
Tina Schaible Code
Suzanne Weckenman P&R

5 years

William Martin P&R
Diana Remington Library
Linda Gold Police
Gary Killian Police
Gary Crossland Public Works

THE GROUND OBSERVATION CORPS IN NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

By Marion Kane

As discussed in an earlier article, Northampton Township residents did their part supporting the troops in World War II by collecting scrap metal, newspapers, tin foil, used tires and even milkweed pods. Collecting these articles was something everyone could do, but there was another activity that only a few did. They were the Ground Observer Corps or GOC.

The Ground Observer Corps was modeled after the Aircraft Warning System, which was credited with saving Great Britain from destruction during WWII. Londoners stood on rooftops scanning the sky for incoming German Luftwaffe. In the U.S., observers sat in garages or barns, binoculars in hand, monitoring the sky for enemy aircraft. When an observer saw or heard an airplane, he relayed by telephone as much information as he could to an Army Filter Center. The ideal relay would include the number of planes, the model if known, number of engines, altitude – high, medium or low, whether seen or heard, speed – slow, fast or very fast, the observer's location and the direction the plane was heading. The army provided training and the 'spotter' was given a manual with photographs and drawings of all American, British, German, Italian and Japanese planes as they were known at the time.



Army Outpost #24, Circa 1943. These four paid spotters were stationed on a highpoint off Rocksville Road in the present-day Hillcrestshire section of Holland.

Ground Observer Corps Aircraft Recognition Observer certificate issued to Northampton resident, Jean B. Luff, in May 1944.



Ground Observer Corps silver wings recognition pin and service merit badge.



The Filter Center compared the incoming report information with their known Army, Navy and civilian flights in the area, thereby 'filtering out' the enemy from the friendly. If the plane was determined to be unfriendly, fighter planes were scrambled to investigate or anti-aircraft fired. Fortunately, this procedure never had to be implemented in Northampton. But it can be assumed, however, that the west coast observers would have had a more demanding job, given the west coast's exposure to potential attacks from Japan, especially from off shore aircraft carriers. Even though all was quiet on the eastern front, Northampton did have an observer, Jean B. Luff, who became certified as a Recognition Observer in May 1944.

The value of these civilian observers should not be underestimated. At its peak, the GOC had 16,000 locations and 400,000 volunteers, freeing an equal number of military personnel for other duties. Obviously, this manpower was a significant contribution to the war effort. These volunteers were a cross section of the population ranging in age from seven to 86 years and comprising housewives, plumbers, college students, and lawyers, etc. Sky watching was an equal opportunity job.



By the late 1950's technology began to overtake man. Radio detection and ranging or "radar" was being developed and soon surpassed human visual capabilities. A network of radar stations operated by the North American Defense Command gradually took over the watch for bombers and missiles. Ground observers were phased out and finally disbanded in January of 1959.

Along with the certificate of recognition, the army of volunteers were presented with blue armbands with the Aircraft Warning Service insignia, as well as, small silver wings and AWS merit badges. If you find something like that when rummaging around in the attic, it is safe to say that you have a relative who did their part watching the Northampton skies!



Know Your Planes Kids Manual manufactured by Coca-Cola and Wonder Bread Aircraft Spotter Dial having silhouettes of Allied Forces aircraft on one side and Axis Forces' aircraft on the reverse side.

A MUCH NEEDED FACELIFT

Before



The tennis courts located behind the Recreation Center on Newtown Richboro Road received a much needed face lift this past fall. The front two courts were reconstructed using a stone dust overlay and the rear courts received much needed repairs. New fencing was erected and all four courts were painted as regulation courts with blended lines. These blended lines are specifically designed to minimally impact the adult game of tennis and will make the courts easier for children and beginner players to cover, leading to more success when they play. The Township received a grant from the United States Tennis Association to help with this renovation project. The Parks and Recreation Department offers tennis instruction year round. For class information visit www.northamptonrec.com.

After



TOWNSHIP TIDBIT:

In the early 1800's, many roads were built or maintained by private companies, and travelers had to pay for the privilege of using these roads or turnpikes. A wagon and two horses were charged a toll of 24 cents from Richboro to Philadelphia.

Tax Collector



Bob Borkowski

Real Estate Tax Bills

Real estate tax bills for both Northampton Township and Bucks County will be mailed to residents on March 1. By law, these bills must be mailed to residents. If you do not receive your bill within two weeks after the mailed date, call the tax office for another mailing. If you have a mortgage, please forward your tax bill to your bank for payment.

Email Database

To assist the Northampton Township taxpayers in avoiding any late penalties in paying their County/Township or Council Rock real estate taxes, I have started a database of email addresses with the intention of sending out memos out to those on the list that taxes bills are going out or due dates. It is always the taxpayers' responsibility to be aware of when your tax bills are due but a little reminder from me can save you money and aggravation. To join, email me at bobborkowski167@gmail.com.

Contact Information: Bob Borkowski

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Phone: (215) 357-1343

Email: bobborkowski167@gmail.com

Website: <http://northamptontaxcollector.wordpress.com/>

We e-mail periodic reminders to residents about important tax information and dates. If you are interested in these reminders, e-mail me with your e-mail address.

Building & Codes



After a building permit is issued, the next step is the inspection process. The type of project will determine the type and number of inspections. With all projects, however, a final inspection is required.

Frequently, we encounter projects that do not receive final inspections. Contractors and homeowners often complete the project and fail to contact the Building Department to complete this final step. In many cases, contractors are paid in full and long gone. As a result, homeowners, who later have the inspection completed, discover that there are outstanding items to approve the project from a code compliance standpoint.

When your construction project is complete, please immediately contact us for your final inspection. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building Department at 215-355-3883.

Fire Marshal's Office



The Northampton Township office of the Fire Marshal urges all residents who utilize wood burning appliances, or fireplaces to dispose of all ashes properly. Ashes from stoves, and fire places can remain hot and capable of igniting a fire for two weeks after removal from the stove or fireplace. Ashes should be placed in a metal container equipped with a lid, wetted, and stored outside away from your home or combustibles. Ashes should never be stored inside your home, or garage.

The Northampton Township Volunteer Fire Company Needs your help. During the winter months we ask you to clear snow from your local fire hydrant. Adopt the plug closest to your home, and keep it clear of snow all winter long.

Can we find you? Township ordinances require that all assigned street numbers be displayed prominently on your home, or mailbox. Please make sure that your address is posted, and clearly visible from the street. We thank you for your cooperation.



For more information contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at 215-357-6800 ext 210.

ADOPT A HYDRANT

Have you participated in our Adopt-a-Hydrant application on our website? This easy tool allows residents to select a fire hydrant within the Township and volunteer to shovel it out after heavy snowfall.

There's no obligation, but it's a great opportunity to help our Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Company be prepared for snow emergencies. Feel free to adopt more than one hydrant or to adopt one as a group!

For more details, check out
adopt-a-hydrant.northamptontownship.com.



A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO SNOW REMOVAL



Every winter storm, our crews work around the clock to clear the snow and ice. The township first plows major streets for emergency vehicle passage as the highest priority. Once all the streets are passable, crews then work on cleaning snow from intersections and parking spaces.

The township will plow “curb to curb” if there are no cars parked on the street. We know that residents hate the “windrows” (those long piles of snow on each side of the road) that plows leave behind, and that often bury freshly shoveled sidewalks and driveway aprons. We receive a lot of calls from angry folks that a plow has “pushed the snow back in their driveway”. Unfortunately, the reality is that these “windrows” are an unavoidable part of plowing. You can reduce the amount of snow that ends up in your driveway by following the tips listed below.

Please be patient and courteous to crews. They are working long hours doing a difficult job with the goal of getting you out and about as soon as practical.

Tips for Shoveling Your Driveway

- Do not push snow from your walk, drive or parking area out into the street as it will only be pushed back in when the plow passes (and it is unlawful to do so and you could be fined)
- When you clear snow, also clear the snow from the road about 15' feet “upstream” of plow traffic direction (the direction that the plows come from). On a standard two-way street this would be the left side of your driveway as you face the street. This way, when the plow passes by, less snow will be pushed back into your drive way. The smartest thing to do is not to shovel out the end of your driveway until the road is plowed. Otherwise your driveway will be plowed in again.

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.



Ordinance Corner

Our full Code of Ordinances can be found at <http://www.keystatepub.com/>.

Chapter 15: Motor Vehicles and Traffic Part 9: Snow Events §15-902. Parking Prohibited During Snow Event.

“It will be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, whether principal or agent, 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 72 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm.”

This 2012 ordinance was established to improve the clearing of roads following snow events to provide residents with safe passable roadways.

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Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need a smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

Free Library of Northampton Township

Children's Programs: Register by Calling 215-357-3050 or online at northamptontownshiplibrary.org

WINTER/SPRING 2017 PROGRAMS

Even fifty-five years after her tragic death, Marilyn Monroe continues to intrigue and fascinate.

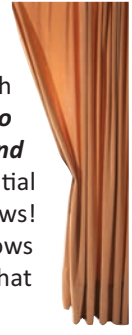
Join Norm Rubin as he presents "**Marilyn Monroe: The Facts Behind the Figure**" on Saturday March 11 at 2:00pm. Mr. Rubin reveals much about her short life that will astound those who thought they knew everything about this great Hollywood legend.

No registration.



Hip Chick Beth Allen returns to the library

Thursday March 16 at 7:00pm with "**Window Treatments 101 - A DIY Guide to Dressing Your Windows Beautifully and Affordably**". Beth Allen tackles an essential layer in decorating any room, your windows! Learn the right steps to dress your windows with family and budget friendly options that you can DIY. *No registration.*



Spring is right around the corner...

so if you are perplexed about plants or know nothing about soils—seek help. Starting on March 15th and every Wednesday thereafter through Spring, free help is available at the library from the "**Gardening Help Desk**" from 6:00-8:00pm. A master gardener from the Penn State Extension Service will be here to answer all gardening questions.

No registration.



Fred Miller will be at the library

on Saturday April 8 at 2:00pm with his lecture-in-song "**Words & Music: Sammy Cahn and Jimmy McHugh**." Although Cahn (songwriter) and McHugh (lyricist) never worked together, their memorable songs put both men into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Be regaled with Cahn's "**High Hopes**" and McHugh's "**I'm in the Mood for Love**" and many more! *No registration.*

WINTER/SPRING 2017 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Dog Days at the Library



Saturdays, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 & May 6 at 11:00am

For Grades k-5 Nor'wester Readers bring their fantastic furry friends to sit and listen to you read! *No registration necessary, just drop in!*

Toddler Playgroup

Tuesdays, February 21, March 21, April 18 & May 16 at 10:00am
For ages 2 – 3 ½

Come and play at the library! Meet new friends and enjoy some social time. *No registration necessary, just drop in!*

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, January 18 – February 8 at 10:30am & Wednesdays, March 15 – April 5 at 10:30am
For Ages 2-3 ½

Stories, songs, flannels and crafts.

*No registration necessary, just drop in!**

Nature Explorers

Tuesdays: January 31, February 14, February 28 at 4:30pm - For Grades 1-3
Tuesdays: February 7, February 21, March 7 at 4:30pm - For Grades 4-6

Explore nature through stories, activities and crafts with Bonnie Tobin from Tyler State Park.

No registration necessary, just drop in!
Class limited to 25.

Tinker Tuesdays

Tuesdays, January 24, March 28, & May 23 at 4:30pm
For Grades 5-8

Test out some robots, investigate with forensic and try your hand at circuits!

No registration necessary, just drop in!

Lego Club

Saturday's, January 28, February 25, March 25 & April 22 from 12:00-2:00pm

All Ages! We'll provide the Lego's and you provide the imagination! *No registration necessary, just drop in!*



Crazy 8's Math

Wednesdays, January 18 – February 8 at 4:30pm For Grades k-2
Wednesdays, March 1 – March 22 at 4:30pm for Grades 3-5

Crazy 8s is a recreational after-school math club that helps kids enjoy math!

No registration necessary, just drop in!

Book Bunch

Thursdays, February 9, March 9, & April 13 at 4:30pm

For Grades 3-5

Read the book and join us for a discussion & snacks. Pick up your free book when you register. *Registration is required and begins on January 12.*

Baby Story Time

Wednesdays, February 15 – March 8 10:30am & Wednesdays, April 12 – May 3 10:30am For ages 6 months – 24 months

Simple stories and rhymes for 20 minutes followed by free time for parents to socialize.

*No registration necessary, just drop in!**

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WINTER/SPRING 2017 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

On My Own Preschool Story Time **Mondays, March 13 – April 10 at 11:00am** **or 2:00pm**

This story time is designed to allow preschoolers ages 3 ½ - 5 be on their own while parents are close by. Join us for stories, songs, flannels and a craft. *Registration is required and begins February 13 for the March session.*



present buildings and bridges, an introduction to civil engineering. Learn how skyscrapers are made and how bridges stay up! Activities for children to build and construct on their own! *Registration required and begins January 26.*

Music and Movement with Meg's Melodies

Thursdays, March 2 – March 30 at 4:45pm
For Ages 2-6

Join Meg Russell on a musical adventure! Songs and stories with the guitar to get your preschooler up and dancing and having a great time.

No registration necessary, just drop in!

Piano Jr. Fun for Kids and Parents **Back by popular demand!**

Tuesdays April 4 – May 9 at 1:30pm
For Ages 2 to 6

Class limited to 30

A fun introduction to music and piano! Children learn basic music theory, the musical alphabet & piano keyboard and concepts through rhythm games, simple instruments, sing-a-longs & other musical activities.

No registration, just drop in.

Dragon Dash Hour of Code

Thursday, April 20 at 4:30pm
For Grades 2-5

Design your own custom dragon, then use programming to guide it through fun puzzles on its quest for treasure and coins! You'll have to navigate through complex castles, find power-ups, and conquer knights to get all the treasure. *Registration is required and begins March 30.*



Gumball Hour of Code

Thursday, February 16 at 4:30pm
For Grades 5-8

In the Amazing World of Gumball episode "The Signal", a glitch affects how the characters relate to each other. Continue the story by making your own glitch and imagining how Gumball and his friends would react to it. *Registration required and begins January 26.*

Full STEAM Ahead with Buildings and Bridges

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 – 8:00pm
For Grades 2-6

Brenda Hall from Engineering for Kids will

Full STEAM Ahead with Planet Pirates

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30pm

For Grades k-5

The Garden State Discovery Museum will present Planet Pirates! An interactive program on protecting and preserving planet earth



by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Registration required and begins April 6.

***Many of our programs no longer require registration, however, some of these "drop in" events will have limited entrance and will be on a first come first serve basis.**

BOOK & BEDTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS



Mrs. Claus stopped by the Northampton Township Library recently to read to the children for the Annual Holiday "Book & Bedtime Program". This event, organized by the Parks and Recreation Department, has been a popular favorite over the years. Children and families gathered as Mrs. Claus read holiday stories; they also participated in interactive songs, made a craft and enjoyed snacks. Santa arrived to bring Mrs. Claus back to the North Pole, but the kiddies convinced him to stay for a while so they could hand deliver their wish lists. Once the sled and reindeer were parked on the library rooftop, Santa and Mrs. Claus posed for photos and distributed reindeer food and candy canes. For all, it was a "Good Night".



DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Purchase tickets only at the Recreation Office
located in the Administration Building
55 Township Rd., Richboro
For further info. Call: 215-357-6800 x 249



BEAR CREEK	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
Weekday (open to close)	\$ 50.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 16.00
Weekend (not valid on Holidays)	\$ 67.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 5.00
Night (4-10PM)	\$ 37.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 11.00

BIG BOULDER/JACK FROST	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
Adult Weekday (open to close - 18+ Yrs)	\$ 48.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 10.00
Adult Weekend (open to close - 18+ Yrs)	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 9.00
Adult Holiday (open to close - 18+ Yrs)	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 9.00
Youth (7-17) Weekday (open to close)	\$ 35.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 2.00
Youth (7-17) Weekend (open to close)	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00
Youth (7-17) Holiday (open to close)	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00
Night (3PM - close) BB only	\$ 30-34.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 3-7.00

BLUE MOUNTAIN	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
Weekday (8 hour)	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00
Weekend/Holiday (8 hour)	\$ 70.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 7.00
Night (any night)	\$ 40.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 7.00

ELK MOUNTAIN	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
Weekday (day or twilight)	\$ 54.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 2.00
Weekend/Holiday (day or twilight)	\$ 66.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 4.00

MONTAGE MOUNTAIN	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
Adult (Thurs-Sun) (open to close - 19+ Yrs)	\$ 62.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 10.00
Youth (6-18) Thurs-Sun (open to close)	\$ 49.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 6.00
3 HR Snowtubing (Fri-Sun or Holiday)	\$ 25.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 3.00
Airboarding	\$ 25.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 3.00

SHAWNEE MOUNTAIN	GATE PRICE	DISCOUNTED PRICE	SAVINGS
Adult Lift - Any Day	\$ 50.00-62.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 2.00-14.00
Youth (18 & Under) Any Day	\$ 40.00-45.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 2.00-7.00
Ski/Snowboard Pkg (Tix, Rental, Lesson)	\$ 90.00-97.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00-22.00



PRESCHOOL POTPOURRI PROGRAM



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PRESCHOOL?

Look no further! Come check out Northampton Township Parks and Recreation's Preschool Potpourri. 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 residents.

- ✎ An enjoyable combination of free time exploration and organized activities. Hands-on experiences introduce and reinforce recognition of numbers, letters, shapes, colors and self awareness at an age appropriate level
- ✎ Emphasis is placed on the emotional, social, physical and overall development of each child.
- ✎ Convenient playground facilities, as well as, a gymnasium permit diversified physical activities.
- ✎ Class enrollment is limited to:
 - 12 children for the 3 year old program, with a ratio of one instructor per 6 participants
 - 16 children for the 4 year old, Preschool Plus and Preschool Plus K programs with a ratio of one instructor per 8 participants.
- ✎ Preschool Plus K is a more advanced program incorporating Kindergarten readiness skills and enrichment activities. The perfect program for the more experienced preschooler who misses the kindergarten cut-off date, or morning enrichment for children attending afternoon Kindergarten at Richboro Elementary.
- ✎ Parents may arrange bus transportation to Richboro Elementary for afternoon kindergarten.
- ✎ Participants must be the appropriate age by October 15, 2017. Children **MUST** be completely toilet trained and self-sufficient before the start of school.

FEES	
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
3 Year Old – Tuesday and Thursday	\$141
4 Year Old – Monday, Wednesday and Friday	\$180
Preschool Plus (4 year old - 5 Day) Monday thru Friday	\$299
9:30 a.m. – 12:45 pm	
Preschool Plus K (5 Day) Monday thru Friday	\$350
<i>New for 2017-2018 school year! Inquire about our AM Extended Hours before Preschool (8:30 – 9:30 am)</i>	

For more information contact the Recreation Center at 215-357-5396.

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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!

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 *
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. (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.

Don’t miss out... register early for programs!



Adult Tickets: \$27* On Sale Starting Late January!
 Tickets may be purchased at:
 Northampton Parks & Recreation, 55 Township Rd
 Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:15pm

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.

HOLLAND: Flowering the World, showcases the extraordinary plants, creativity and talent of this region’s top horticulturists and designers along with award winning landscape and floral designers from the Netherlands. From towering windmills, wooden shoes and delectable cheeses, to the whimsical bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip fields of the iconic Dutch landscape, the 2017 Flower Show will share the diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and substantiality efforts of the Netherlands.

*Save with Park & Rec Pricing. * Adult ticket prices at the door are \$35.00 * Online tickets are \$28.00 plus handling fees.

MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation recognizes the value of commemorating life experiences.

In response to residents’ requests, the Township is proud to announce a memorial bench program in addition to our memorial brick program at the Municipal Park. You may buy a memorial gift of a bench to honor the memory of a lost relative, or pet or to celebrate a joyous occasion, accomplishment, family milestone or new addition. Often they are placed in a park where relatives & friends can visit.

If you enjoy a particular park and wish to place a lasting memorial, consider donating a bench to the community.



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, bench, tree or garden donation. The Garden is located near the Amphitheater, and supported in partnership with the Northampton Township Business & Profession Association.

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You may be sitting by the warm fire, sipping cocoa and watching the snowflakes fall as you read this, but summer is just around the corner and the department is already busy planning our next summer adventure.

Summer camp with Northampton Township Parks and Recreation is a summer journey through childhood, so our camp names reflect the gradual climb towards the Summit, which coincidentally is our very last camp for ninth graders.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS for 3 to 5 year olds, at **LITTLE DISCOVERER'S CAMP**. Little Discoverer's is camp in a preschool setting with weekly themes centered on the interests of the age. Camp is offered for 5 or 6 weeks and 3 or 5 day options at either Churchville or Hillcrest Elementary Schools from 9 a.m. to noon, June 26 thru August 4 (no camp 7/4).



WHERE THE JOURNEY LEADS NEXT IS UP TO YOU! Children who have completed kindergarten have a variety of options depending on how much camp your child desires or parents' busy schedules. Want to Explore? At Camp Explore, participants enjoy arts and crafts, sports, 3 trips, Camp Carnival Day and so much more! Explore runs from 9 a.m. to noon at either Hillcrest or Churchville Elementary Schools. A perfect option for stay at home parents looking for something organized for the kids to do, but still want freedom in the afternoons! June 26 thru August 11 (no camp 7/4).



LOOKING FOR A LITTLE MORE? Send your child to camp at Richboro Elementary for an expedition! Camp Expedition offers participants camp activities from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Campers enjoy a longer day, 3 days of swimming each week, 4 trips, Camp Carnival Day and more! **Maybe your child wants or needs a full day adventure?** Camp Adventure, held at the Recreation Center, offers working parents peace of mind for 8 weeks from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children will swim every day at the Northampton Swim Club, play sports, have arts and crafts, join camp clubs two times a week and so much more! Five trips are included and more trips are offered at an additional fee. Lunch is also included three times per week. Camp dates: Expedition - June 26 thru August 11 (no camp 7/4)
Adventure - June 26 thru August 18 (no camp 7/4).

After your child has finished exploring or going on an expedition or adventure, **IT IS ON TO THE QUEST!** Quest is for children entering 7th and 8th grade and is offered in 5 or 6 week options, full day or partial day. (*Hours vary on trip days.*) Quest includes a variety of sports and team building activities and lots of **TRIPS – ALL** included in the fee. June 26 thru August 4 (no camp 7/4).



When our campers have completed the Quest, **THEY HAVE REACHED THE SUMMIT** of their journey. Summit has Counselor-in-Training or a Just Trips option – the hours vary according to the trip and training schedule. CIT's must apply to be accepted into the program and will join the "Just Trip" campers on all 15 trips. It is the ultimate camp experience! June 26 thru August 4 (no camp 7/4).



Register for Camp today and begin your journey!
The Summer Staff will take care of your child every step of the way – don't miss it!

*For full camp descriptions and 2017 pricing visit www.northamptonrec.com. Questions? Contact Jennifer Fean, Program Manager jcfean@nhtwp.org or call 215-357-5396 X312.












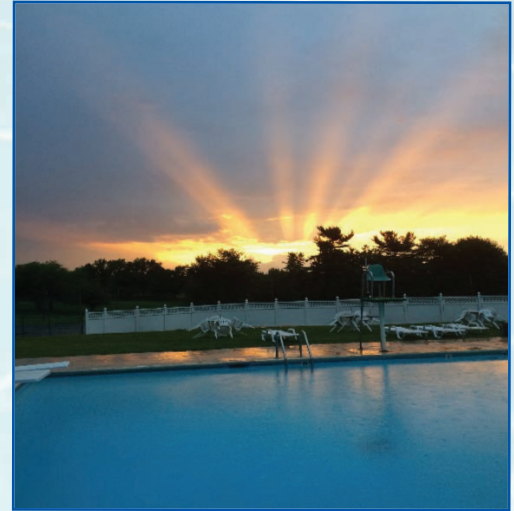
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-  Membership is Monday through Friday only. *NO* weekend swimming is available.
-  Family is a husband and/or wife and dependent children under age 21, residing at the same address on a permanent basis.
-  One caregiver age 18 or over may be added 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 29, 2017.



Single \$210 • Family of 2 \$415 • Family of 3 \$540 • Family of 4 \$630 • Each Additional Family Member \$50
Senior Single \$130 • Senior Couple \$215 • Non-Northampton residents are welcome to join for just \$30 more!

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DISCOUNTED RATES, FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 1, 2017. TO REGISTER, STOP BY THE PARKS & REC OFFICE, 55 TOWNSHIP ROAD, RICHBORO, OR CALL 215-357-6800 EXT 249. SORRY ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.



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- Line Dance
- Luncheons
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Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- » CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- » Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- » Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- » Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- » Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- » If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- » If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- » During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- » A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- » Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 61,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven calls per hour.



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www.nfpa.org/education

Trash and Recycling



TRASH COLLECTION

- Trash, recyclables, and one bulk item are collected on the same day. Place trash at curb no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection, but no earlier than 7 p.m. on the prior evening. Each household is limited to 12 bags or cans of trash per week.
- Use plastic or metal trash cans or plastic trash bags. All trash should be bagged. Please do not put out trash in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or containers smaller than 20 gallons.

TRASH WILL NOT BE COLLECTED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

New Year's Day	Sun. 1-1-17
Memorial Day	Mon. 5-29-17
Independence Day	Tues. 7-4-17
Labor Day	Mon. 9-4-17
Thanksgiving	Thur. 11-23-17
Christmas	Mon. 12-25-17

RECYCLING

- The Township does single stream recycling, which means all recyclables go into the same bin. This includes plastics stamped #1 - #7, aluminum cans, foil, tin cans, paper, cardboard, and glass. No plastic bags.



YARD WASTE



Yard waste will be collected only in biodegradable bags. Make sure the bags do not weigh more than 50 pounds when full. Biodegradable yard waste bags can be purchased at the administration building for \$.40 a bag or \$20 for a bundle of 50.

- **December 16 - March 31:** An additional five bags or cans of yard waste are permitted.
- **April 1 - December 15:** Unlimited yard waste collected the day after your trash day.
- Tree branches and shrubbery must be no more than 36 inches long and less than 3 inches in diameter. They may be bundled then tied/taped, or placed into cans or biodegradable bags, as long as they do not extend over the top of the can/bag.



Northampton Township Guide for Mandatory Commercial and Institutional Recycling



PA State Law and Local Ordinance require the recycling of the following materials:

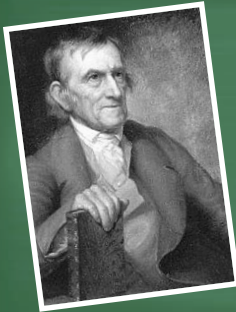
- Aluminum Cans
- Office Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Yard Waste

All commercial businesses and institutional facilities are required to have a recycling program. If you need assistance setting up a recycling program, please contact your waste hauler or property manager.

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