

# NORTHAMPTON

Township



BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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## Northampton Township Mourns Loss of George Komelasky

Hello Everyone,

It's with great sadness that we continue our days without one of our long-serving supervisors (and friend) in George Komelasky. Although there isn't enough space on the front of this issue or within it to explain the impact he had on our community, inside this issue we try to capture the essence of who he was to each of us and the community as a whole. We hope you enjoy this tribute to him.

Also included in this issue is an interesting perspective piece from our former intern, who is a first-generation immigrant, reviewing his experience growing up in the community; a throwback to World War II in the Township; announcements on two new replacement police officers; and tons of other useful information to keep you updated.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter, and if you have any follow up questions please contact the Township at 215-357-6800.

All the best,

*Larry Weinstein, Chairman*

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## Meet Your New Supervisor



Frank O'Donnell, a resident of Holland for the past 16 years, was recently appointed to the Board of Supervisors on August 2, 2016 to fill a vacancy left by the passing of George Komelasky. His appointment will run until December 31, 2017.

Mr. O'Donnell has over 30 years of senior management experience in healthcare management, human resources administration and budget administration. Before his appointment, he served on the Veterans Advisory Commission and as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board.

His previous experience included serving as President of The O'Donnell Group, where he chaired a multi-agency team of senior managers from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Philadelphia School District and Philadelphia Department of Public Health where he was responsible for the reduction of lead hazards in the Philadelphia school system; as Deputy Health Commissioner for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, where he managed all administrative activities necessary to support a large public health agency; and as Deputy Personnel Director for the City of Philadelphia and the Deputy Revenue Commissioner for both the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia School District. He also served as Lieutenant Colonel for the United States Army Reserve, where he was responsible for oversight of four army schools providing military occupational specialty training for more than 4,000 soldiers.

Mr. O'Donnell received his Master of Public Administration from Temple University, his Bachelor of Science from LaSalle University and is a graduate of the National Defense University and the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

## Tax Collector



Bob Borkowski

For the past 3 years if you called or came to the tax office to pay your taxes, I am sure that you probably have met **Shannon Brooks, Deputy Tax Collector** and **Debbie Detweiler, Assistant**. Shannon has 13 years of experience working in a tax office and Debbie has managerial experience with a Fortune 500 company.

The tax office has set up a very successful tax reminder database that reminds those homeowners who have signed up, periodic emails that remind tax dates and information. If you are interested email Bob at [bobborkowski167@gmail.com](mailto:bobborkowski167@gmail.com).



Shannon and Debbie

### 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](mailto:bobborkowski167@gmail.com)

Website: <http://northhamptontaxcollector.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.*

## TOWNSHIP TIDBIT:

Churchville was previously known as Smoketown.

Early Dutch settlers came to the America with their habit of smoking long-stemmed tobacco pipes to this newly occupied area.





# Police Department

## REPLACEMENT OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Officer Cullen Rota

**Officer Cullen Rota** resides in Norristown, PA. He graduated from Bloomsburg University with a BA in Criminal Justice. He attended the Montgomery County Police Academy and completed his training in June. He is currently in the Field Training Program and upon the completion of his training. He will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.

**Officer Collin Leaper** is a resident of Levittown PA. He is a graduate of Bucks County Community College with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He is also a recent graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy. Officer Leaper is a Certified EMT and a Lieutenant with the Levittown Vol Fire Co #2. He is currently in the Field Training Program and upon completion will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.



Officer Collin Leaper

## CHIEF CLARK'S SAFETY TIPS

### HALLOWEEN TIPS



With Halloween around the corner here are just a few safety reminders for parents to go over with the children before the big evening:

1. Always Trick-or-Treat in a group with an adult.
2. Only visit people you know.
3. Make sure the costume lets the child see and hear perfectly.
4. Always wear brightly colored clothing.
5. Carry a flashlight.
6. Don't let the children run across the street.
7. Don't let the children eat any candy before it's inspected.

### FALL AND WINTER DRIVING

Wintertime is around the corner so please make sure you have your vehicle ready for the cold weather. Check your tires and make sure they have sufficient tread and are suitable for winter driving. Make sure that the vehicles battery and coolant are ready for the lower winter temperatures. And don't forget to have a good ice scraper in your vehicle.



## Ordinance Corner



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

### 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 ordinance, in conjunction with the ability to tow a vehicle (§15-905) and assess a fine (§15-906), is preventative in nature to ensure the safety of all residents during a snow event. By removing your vehicle from the road during a snowstorm, we're able to address road concerns more effectively and reduce the risk of accidents. Also, when clearing your sidewalks, please refrain from throwing snow back into the roadway.



# Fire Marshal's Office

## FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE FALL

As the summer wanes our thoughts turn from swimming pools and hot summer nights to cooler fall weather and the changing of the season. Football games, soccer matches, pumpkin picking, and other fall rituals fill our weekends. Skiers and boarders await the coming snows and tune their equipment for the upcoming season. It is also the time to start thinking about your heating equipment. Having your heating system serviced by a qualified technician prior to the heating season will lessen the likelihood of a future malfunction, and identify any safety issues with the heater and chimney system. Do you use a fireplace, insert, or wood stove? We recommend an annual inspection and cleaning of your chimney prior to the first use of the season. Chimney fires can be costly and dangerous and they are quite preventable. If you are using older single station smoke detectors you should consider upgrading to newer wireless units that will provide an alarm at each detector when one unit alerts.



### WIRELESS SMOKE DETECTORS

*Technology that will greatly improve the fire safety of your home.*

A common misconception occurs when a person awakes and realizes that the smoke detector is making noise. They assume that the detector just began to make noise and the detector operated as soon as the smoke began. If the home has battery powered smoke detectors (without interconnect) however, the fire may have been burning for a considerable time and they have just awakened to that fact. The smoke has traveled to finally reach the detector nearest their bed. There may be little or no time to escape.

If the detector in the basement activates, it is unlikely that the noise will be sufficient to wake a person asleep on the second floor. The smoke may have to travel and activate the second floor detector before getting the sleeping person's attention. Now awake, there is little time to alert the family and get everyone out safely.

In order to reduce this risk, a wireless "interconnected" detector in the basement will transmit a signal to all wireless smoke detectors to make noise. At the moment the basement detector senses smoke the smoke detector in the bedroom makes noise. This offers the occupants the greatest amount of time to escape.

Wireless smoke detectors are battery powered and install like regular battery powered smoke detectors. They transmit signals to other detectors and don't require wires. With smoke detectors on each level and in each bedroom they form an effective fire alarm system that meets National Fire Protection Association requirements. Additional detectors are recommended in each separate room and in the basement.

*Can you hear the smoke detectors making noise from anywhere in your home? Do you have enough detectors to provide sufficient coverage and early warning? Can you hear all the detectors when you are asleep?*

1. Additional wireless smoke detectors can be added at any time.
2. Wireless detectors can transmit up to 200'. They offer the ability to include out buildings and detached garages into a home fire alarm system.
3. Wireless detectors are an ideal upgrade for older homes that do not have hardwired detectors.
4. Available at most home centers.

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

## HELP KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Only rain in the drain! That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our streams, lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our streams, lakes and rivers.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

*Simple. These tips will help prevent pollutants from entering our streams, lakes and rivers:*

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain.
- Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform your neighbors that storm drains flow directly to our streams, lakes and rivers.



### Keep our water clean!

To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a storm drain or to a stream, lake or river, please call the Township office at 215-357-6800.



# Free Library of Northampton Township

Children's Programs: Register by Calling 215-357-3050 or online at [northamptontownshiplibrary.org](http://northamptontownshiplibrary.org)

## FALL 2016 PROGRAMS



**Tuesday November 1 at 7:00pm** meet business author Bill Rancic as he discusses his debut work of fiction *First Light*—a tale of love and desperate survival after a plane crash. Bill Rancic is author of the books *You're Hired: How to Succeed in Business and Life* from the Winner of The Apprentice; and *Beyond the Lemonade Stand*. Register with the Newtown Book Shop.

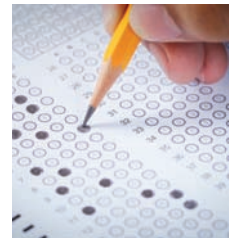


**Mike Jesberger is a Civil War re-enactor** who focuses on the lives of common soldiers. Join Mike as he presents "**Lincoln at Gettysburg**" on Thursday November 17 at 7:00pm. In this presentation, Mike discusses the Gettysburg Address and President Lincoln's historic visit to the hallowed ground of Gettysburg Battlefield. No registration.

**Celebrate local authors at the library's 2nd Annual Author Expo on Saturday November 12 at 2:00pm.** Local authors display their books and talk about their experiences as writers. Books are available for purchase and authors will personalize books that they sign.

**Calling all high school students!**

Take a practice SAT test on Saturday November 19 from 10am-2pm for a \$5.00 donation to the library. The practice test is provided by Princeton Review with results and an access code for full details emailed to you. Save your place today.



**Coloring for Grownups every Monday evening 6:30-8:30pm.** Relax and de-stress at the library by coloring. It is all the rage. The library supplies the materials—all you need to do is bring yourself. No registration.



## FALL 2016 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Full STEAM Ahead!

**Thursdays, October 27 and December 22 at 7:00pm**

*For Grades k-5*

Fun with science, technology, engineering, art and math! No registration necessary, just drop in!\* Limited entrance at the door.

### Kids Election Event

**Tuesday, November 8th**  
*All Day! All Ages!*

Stop in the library to place your vote...for your favorite book character! Sign in at the polling station, enter the booth and place your vote. No registration necessary, just drop in!



### Mythbusters Exposed!

**Tuesday November 22 at 7:00pm**  
*For Grades 5-8*

Ever hear some crazy myths and wondered if they are true? Does combining Mentos with soda make it explode? Can you make it impossible to pull two books apart? Each week we'll put these myths, and more, to the test! No registration necessary, just drop in!\* Limited entrance at the door.

### Trick or Treat!

**Monday, October 31st**  
*All Day! All Ages!*

Come in costume for a scavenger hunt around the library! No registration necessary, just drop in!



### Cocoa and Cookie Decorating

**Monday, December 19 at 7:00pm**

*Family Program!* Join us at this fun festive event! We'll provide gingerbread cookies, icing and candy toppings. Hot cocoa will also be served. Registration is required and begins November 28.



## Story Time at the Library

### On My Own Preschool Story Time

**Mondays, November 7 – December 5**  
**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, sign up now.

### Toddler Story Time

**Wednesdays, November 9 – November 30**  
**at 10:30 am**

*For Ages 2-3 ½*

Stories, songs, flannels and crafts. No registration necessary, just drop in!\* Limited entrance at the door.

### Baby Story Time

**Wednesdays, December 7 – December 21**  
**at 10:30 am**

*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!

# Building & Codes

In 2008, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act. The law requires that all contractors who perform at least \$5,000 worth of home improvements per year to register with the Attorney General's Office.

Before choosing a contractor, it is recommended that you verify registration with the Attorney General's office. You can visit their website at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov) where you can verify registration on the Registered Contractors section.

According to the Attorney General, "While the law requires contractors to register with the Attorney General's office, this registration is not an endorsement of their honesty or quality of work. For this reason, in addition to seeing whether a contractor is registered with the Attorney General's Office, you should also:

1. **Thoroughly check your contractor's references.**
2. **Obtain more than one bid for the job.**
3. **Check for complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau."**



Consumers or businesses can call the Home Improvement Registration Hotline at 1-888-520-6680 to report unregistered contractors operating in their communities. Complaints about unregistered contractors can also be emailed to their office at: [HIC@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:HIC@attorneygeneral.gov).

If you have any questions or require assistance, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883.

## Veterans Advisory Commission



### Purple Heart Parking Spot

In the near future when you conduct business at the Township, you may notice an unusual new parking spot near the entrance. It is reserved for recipients of the Purple Heart—in other words, combat wounded veterans. The Purple Heart is the oldest military award in the United States.

Originally termed the "**Badge of Military Merit**" by then General George Washington, it was formally authorized in its current form in 1932. It is awarded to service members who receive wounds (sometimes fatal) in combat. Washington's bust and silhouette appear on the obverse of the medal, with the phrase "**For Military Merit**" on the reverse.

*Purple is an interesting choice of color for the medal.* Purple was associated with royalty dating to biblical times due to the expense of producing the dye. The United States severed ties with royalty centuries ago—royalty which inherited its title by birth. We would argue we have a different royalty among us—not in the sense of entitlement or privilege, but deserving of honor and respect: our Purple Heart recipients. They not only served our country, but shed blood in its defense.

If you see someone parked in this reserved spot, it is our hope you will pause and reflect on the sacrifice of this distinct group of veterans. It is a small way we can acknowledge their actions in service to the United States.



Jacksonville, located on the west end of the township, was known as Tinker Town. Legend has it that there was a long-standing blacksmith shop that tinkered non-stop in his workplace, hammering out shiny, new metal to support the hooves on weary horses.



## Holiday Marketplace

Hosted by the Northampton Township

James E. Kinney Senior Center

165 Township Road, Richboro

Friday, December 2, 2016 ~ 5:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.



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# Growing Up in Northampton Township as a First-Generation Immigrant

By Daniel Bord, Holland



It is well known that America is a nation of immigrants. For most Americans immigration is something that happened a long time ago, to their grandparents or great-grandparents, sometimes as far back as two centuries ago or more. However for some Americans, immigration is something that happened very recently; either they immigrated themselves or their parents did. Often times the experiences of these immigrants and their families can be very different from those of Americans whose families have lived in the United States for generations. I can back up this claim through firsthand experience as the child of immigrants.

It was the early 90's and the situation in the former Soviet Union was not looking well. Following a decade of economic hardship and political tension the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had collapsed into several non-united states. There were revolutions and conflicts hopping up everywhere, rampant corruption and a stagnant economy. In this situation my parents, with my recently born brother, decided to immigrate to the United States, and thus they travelled across an ocean to start a new life in the land of opportunity. About a year and a half after this I was born.

Many people who travelled the world tell you that it can be a fascinating experience witnessing a foreign culture. This experience, while still fascinating, can quickly turn into a very confusing one as well when you are not sure which culture is the foreign one and which one is your own. Even among modern western (or at least European) countries there can be massive differences. These differences can be between things such as holidays. In Russia New Years is the biggest holiday of the year, akin to Christmas in the United States, furthermore, in Russia there is no Halloween nor Thanksgiving, but VE-Day (victory in Europe day) is a major holiday. However these differences can also extend to basic things many people don't think about, for instance in America if someone asks you how your day has been the default response is "good", if one were to answer "normal" or "okay", the default response in Russia, the person would assume that something in your day went wrong. This is reflective of the generally more stoic and reserved culture of Russia compared to the United States. These cultural differences often caused me some tension in my life, as often I was unsure exactly how I was to behave in situations, and when was an important date versus an extra sentence on my calendar.

A common trait of the children of immigrants is being bilingual, speaking English at school and their parent's native language at home. This had many advantages, not only the obvious one of knowing a foreign language without taking several courses in it, but also less obvious advantages. For instance when my brother and I were having a conversation and we didn't want our parents listening in we would speak in English. Since we were the best English speakers in the household it was often our job to fill the role of translator, particularly for our grandparents, for things such as going to the doctor or understanding the news. This is not to say that speaking a foreign language at home didn't have some disadvantages. Growing up both my brother and I were often bullied for "sounding weird" due to our accents, and further cultural differences, such as the holidays we celebrated or the stories we were read when we were little, further contributed to our "weirdness" that attracted bullies. However bullying was something that gradually lessened as we grew older, losing our accents, becoming more knowledgeable of American culture, as well as children becoming more tolerant of differences as they grew older and wiser.

A defining characteristic of being the child of immigrants that is tension due to a split cultural identity. Often times I would not quite fit in anywhere as I would be too American at home and too Russian at school. As a result I and many children of immigrants felt confusion and uncertainty over which culture to identify with, the culture of our friends and peers, or the culture of our parents. Ultimately this is a tension that is resolved only when we are able to form a unique identity of our own.

Being the child of immigrants is a unique experience that few people get to have, and by learning more about the experiences of other children of immigrants a lot of new and valuable perspectives can be gained.

*\*Daniel is a junior at Penn State majoring in Accounting and recently finished an internship in the Township's Administration and Finance Departments. We asked him if he would share his perspective on growing up in the Township as a first-generation immigrant.*

# WWII AND NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

By Marion Kane

The afternoon of Sunday December 7th 1941 I was quite bored sitting on the steps at my aunt and uncle's house, while they were playing cards with my mother and father. A baseball game was on the radio in the background; but I had not yet become a fan.

Suddenly, the game was interrupted with a newsflash. A somber voice announced that Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor, sinking four U.S. battleships and damaging four more. This eight year old had no idea what it all meant; but it sure did catch the card players' attention! I also had no idea how it would affect life in Northampton Township.

On December 8th, President Roosevelt called upon Congress to declare war on Japan. American citizens were united in responding to the attack and many young men rushed to enlist in the armed forces. Some married men, including my father, wanted to enlist; but were rejected because of having too many dependents. They wound up being the mainstay of the local volunteer fire departments.

Household television was still a few years away; so war news came over the radio or at the movies. Newsreels were part of cinema fare along with a Hollywood style plea to **"Buy War Bonds to Support the Troops."** Patriotic posters emerged everywhere. **"Uncle Sam Wants You!"** **"A Slip of the Lip Can Sink a Ship."**

Suddenly, a heap of scrap metal appeared in front of the stone elementary school in Richboro, the result of 'scrap metal drives'. The metal was to be recycled into tanks, ships and planes. Even tin foil from chewing gum wrappers and cigarette packages was salvaged and rolled into wads the size of softballs. Through an Internet search I found the tin foil was used to 'confuse enemy radar'. Aluminum and tin cans, as well as rubber, were also collected to be recycled into armaments. We hauled bags of newspapers to school to support the 'paper drives'. Lots of newspapers were needed for packing material in shipping weapons and other materials overseas.

Milkweed pods were also collectibles. Their wispy hairs known as floss provided buoyancy in life preservers, vital to the safety of our sailors and airmen.

One day a week was 'stamp day' at school. We could purchase war savings stamps for ten or twenty-five cents. They were pasted in a book and when it was full, it was converted into a War Bond. The total value of a twenty-five cent stamp book was \$18.75, which would be redeemed in ten years for \$25.00.



Women's fashions were even affected. Because of the shortage of fabric, hemlines were raised; sleeves were shortened and there were fewer collars and cuffs. Nylon and silk were used to make parachutes and powder bags; so these materials were no longer available for hosiery. Some women just chose to go bare legged; while others used leg make-up to give the illusion of stockings.

Rationing became a way of life throughout the country. Food, fuel and clothing were needed for the armed forces; leaving less available for domestic use. Rationing stamps were issued for meat, sugar, coffee and more. Sunday afternoons, I pasted the stamps into books for my grandfather who owned the Churchville General Store. You know it as the Churchville Deli. Filled stamp books were sent to a collection point in order to allow my grandfather to replenish his stock of rationed items.

Although Brazil had plenty of coffee, shipping it to the U.S. was problematic. Many ships were being diverted to military use and German U-Boats were patrolling our shipping lanes. Coffee was so scarce that some people saved the grounds to use a second time. Coffee prices rose dramatically and a grain based drink called Postum was marketed as an alternate hot drink. Chicory was also a popular additive for stretching coffee.

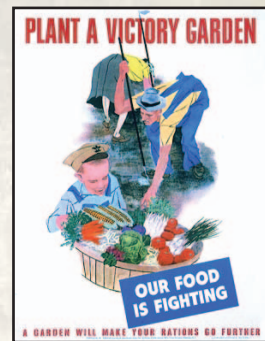


Northampton residents, Major Edward C. Haynes and his wife, Lillian Lennon (Marion Kane's Aunt and Uncle). June 18, 1941.





Teenagers took the place of the young men who went off to the war. Esther Jamison Fromuth recalls “picking” .....well, really digging potatoes, turnips and carrots on the Paul Locke farm in Holland along with her junior and senior high school friends. It was a cold, dirty and back breaking job and there was no monetary reward; but friendly competition added some fun. Most of all they were happy being part of the war effort.

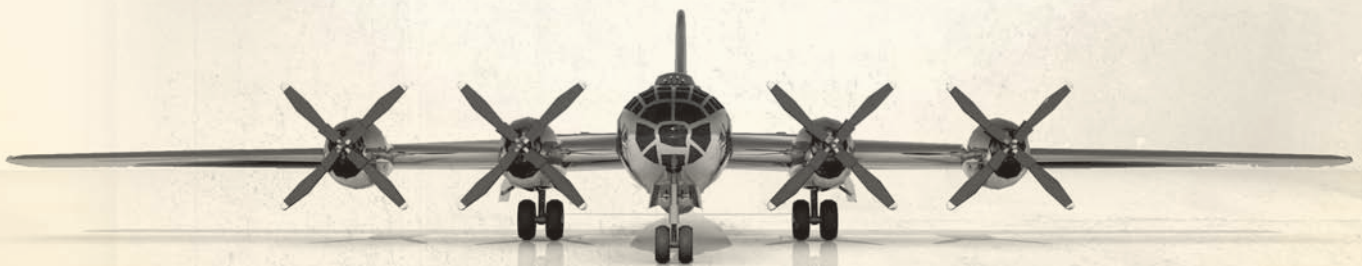


Both of my grandfathers had large vegetable gardens. Everyone was encouraged to plant ‘Victory Gardens’ in order to ease the demand for food in the market. Summer’s bounty of garden produce was canned in Mason glass jars for use in the winter. However, our family did not have a garden as my father was working double shifts at Lavelle Aircraft in Newtown. Lavelle made parts for military planes.

Gasoline and tires were also rationed and driving was restricted. Drivers were issued stickers to be displayed on their windshields indicating the amount of gas they were allowed to purchase. Those with “A” stickers were allotted a maximum of four gallons per week. No ‘pleasure driving’ allowed. Drivers who worked in the defense industry were issued “B” stickers and could buy up to eight gallons a week. Essential workers such as doctors had fewer restrictions and sported “C” stickers on their windshields.

Northampton residents did their bit from the home front. More to come on that next time!

*If you are you interested in researching or learning more about the history of Northampton, we encourage you to stop by the Township Archives located in the library at 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro. The Archives houses many different maps and photographs portraying the landscape changes that the township has gone through since it was established. There is also information about historic homes and farms located within the township. The Township Archivist can be reached at 215-357-3050 Ext. 207 or by email at [nht.archivist@gmail.com](mailto:nht.archivist@gmail.com) and the Historical Commission can be reached at [nhthistoricalcommission1@gmail.com](mailto:nhthistoricalcommission1@gmail.com).*





# *In Memory of George Komelasky*



*by Pete Palestina*

On July 3, 2016 Northampton Township lost George F. Komelasky, a long standing supervisor who exemplified what a family man, public official and leader ought to be. George was a resident of Northampton Township and Bucks County for more than 40 years and perhaps no supervisor has accomplished more for the Township than this man did. I was a friend for 35 years and a fellow Supervisor for 22 of those years. Let me tell you about the man I knew and worked with.

First and foremost he was a devoted family man. Husband to Pat, father of Kimberly, Chris and Kevin and nine grandchildren. He made sure his kids were well educated, adjusted to life's challenges and become great parents themselves. He was always there for them from their childhood days until the day he died. He and his family were devoted members of St. Bede's parish and attended church services not only every Sunday but often during the week as well.

My first political contact with George was back in the 1980's during my first term as a supervisor. We were looking at changing zoning to legally allow land use for mobile home parks. George came to speak at the public meetings voicing his opinions and suggestions as to what can and should be done. I knew then that we had someone who would later become involved and make a difference in our community. He soon ran for the office of Supervisor and was elected to his first six year term in 1985 along with his running mate Steve Benner. In subsequent elections he won along with running mates Tom Zeuner in 1991, John Long in 1997 and 2003 and then with Eileen Silver in 2009 and 2015. Through these many years of successful re-elections George left his imprint on many of the landmarks we see and enjoy today.

In addition to improving the township's amenities you would also find George volunteer everywhere to help out, celebrate and recognize residents for achievements: Fire Safety awards, Northampton Days and Halloween Happening.

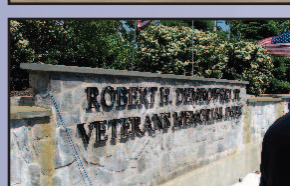
***The following are just a few of the facilities and items that George helped implement:***



*Saving & relocation of the Spread Eagle Inn*



*New Recreation building at the Civic Center & renovations to the Recreation Center.*



*Honoring our Veterans*



*Fire Safety Awards*



*Playgrounds & Parks*

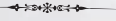


*Saving & Relocation of the Old Richboro Elementary School*



## Board of Supervisors Reflection

"I think about my dear friend and fellow supervisor every day. His political acumen, kind heart and devotion combined to develop our community throughout the years into a great place for families. I hope we can continue his vision of making the community great for generations to come." – Eileen Silver



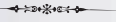
"George was a principled fiscal conservative. George appropriately recognized that tax dollars are to be spent wisely and sparingly. George had institutional knowledge of this township that we sorely miss. George was the dominant political figure in Northampton for many years. He earned that through his ability to lead. When George thought a township endeavor was proper for our residents he never wavered." – Larry Weinstein



"George was a thoughtful mentor to me when I decided to run for Supervisor. He was extremely well known and respected. I was always impressed at his many accomplishments and contributions to our community. As Supervisor, George and I enjoyed challenging each other on the various issues within Northampton but we always agreed in the end. The Township was an important part of his life but I always knew that his wife Pat and his family were his true love and enjoyment." – Barry Moore



"George and I had our differences, but we were both passionate and loved our community. We wanted the same things but, like a map, took different ways to get there."  
– Dr. Kimberly Rose



"George was the first supervisor that I met after moving from Philadelphia to Northampton. As my interest in local government grew, I had the opportunity to discuss issues with George. I understood his view of "needs versus wants," but I think he went a lot further than that. Looking at how George made decisions, I believe that before he did anything he insured that he "first did no harm" to any part of our community." – Frank O'Donnell

George also loved competition and was an avid participant in bocce challenges where he played for the Supervisors against other municipality teams and the Senior Center each Northampton Day.

On taxes and budgeting, George was a watchdog of funds, always looking out for the taxpayers and differentiated wants vs needs on spending.

He served on authorities, foundations, associations, conservancies, societies and boards and mentored those willing to help their communities. As such, he was recognized last year by the Bucks County Association of Township Officials for his many years of membership and achievement.

George and I didn't always agree on township or political matters but he was willing to listen and learn and then do what he thought was right. George had established himself as not only a living encyclopedia of information about all things related to Bucks County, but also as a passionate and sincere advocate for many of the topics and issues that impact our community and lives each day.

In conclusion, George Komelasky was an integral part of Northampton Township for more than 30 years as a member on the Board of Supervisors, donating his talents and energy on a day-to-day basis to improve the quality of life of the community. We owe a great deal of gratitude to George Komelasky for his over 30 years of compassionate and dedicated service to his township and tireless efforts on behalf of the county and all municipalities. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him and will be a hard act to follow.



Patriots Flag Program



A new Senior Center



Cell towers properly zoned & located



Open Space Preservation



Pulinski Pond helping the neighborhood



An expanded new Library



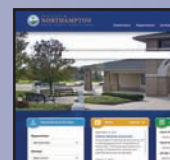
New Firehouse on New Road



A Rescue Squad building



Township Newsletter at no cost to taxpayers



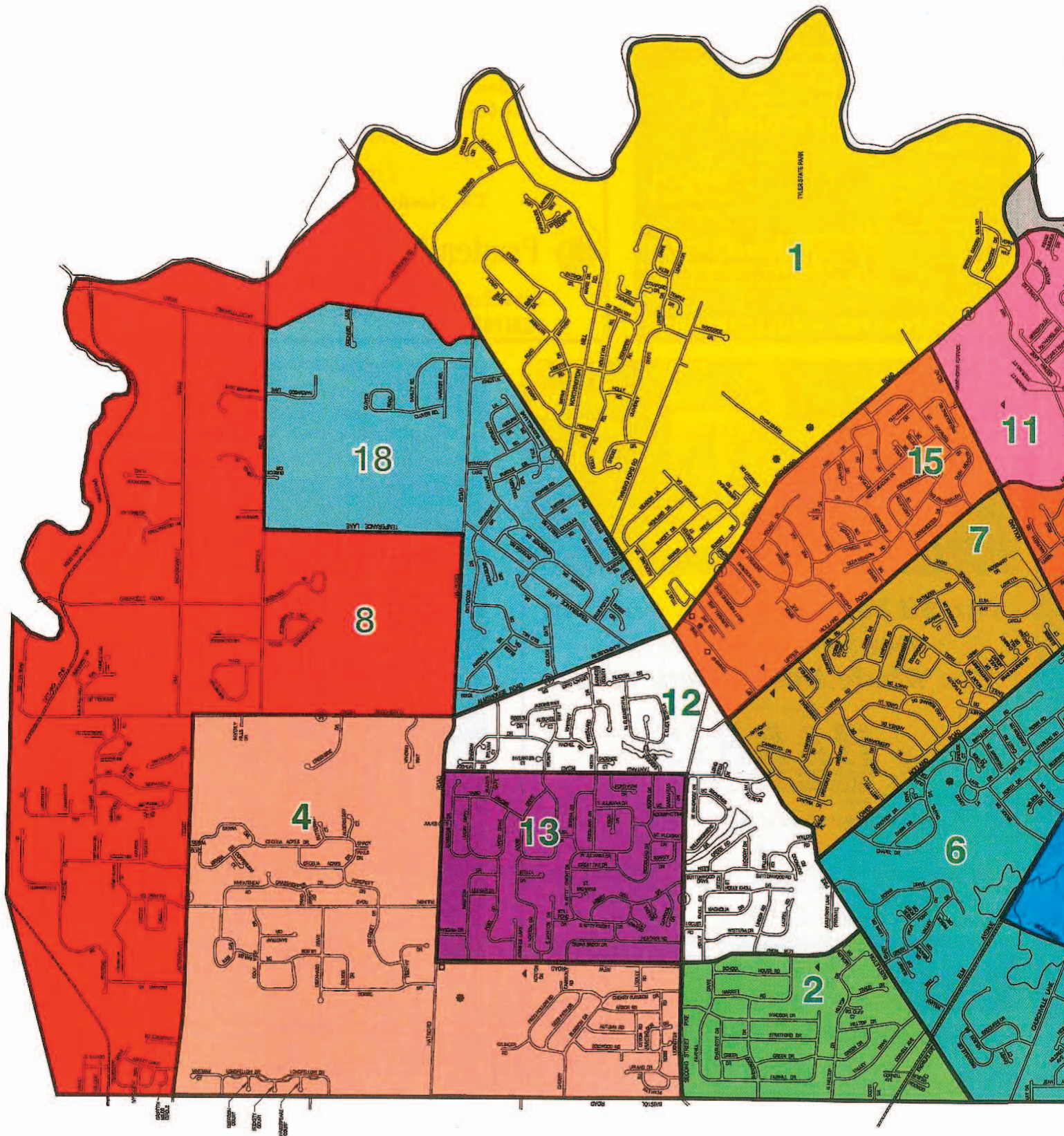
Award winning website providing information for our residents



Flag Day Celebrations



# VOTING INFORMATION





# ATION

## LIST OF POLLING PLACES IN THE TOWNSHIP

### District 1

**Advent Lutheran Church**  
Second Street Pike &  
Worthington Mill Road

### District 2

**Churchville Elementary School**  
100 New Road

### District 3

**Hillcrest Elementary School**  
420 East Holland Road

### District 4

**St. John's Methodist Church**  
820 Almshouse Road

### District 5

**Holland Elementary School**  
Beverly Road and Crescent Drive

### District 6

**Richboro Junior High**  
Upper Holland Road

### District 7

**Senior Citizens Center**  
165 Township Road

### District 8

**St. John's Methodist Church**  
820 Almshouse Road

### District 9

**Holland Junior High School**  
400 East Holland Road

### District 10

**Rolling Hills Elementary School**  
340 Middle Holland Road

### District 11

**Tapestry Club House**  
Independence Drive

### District 12

**Ohev Shalom Synagogue**  
944 Second Street Pike

### District 13

**Northampton Fire House**  
New Road

### District 14

**Village Shires Community Center**  
3001 Village Drive

### District 15

**Northampton Township Building**  
55 Township Road

### District 16

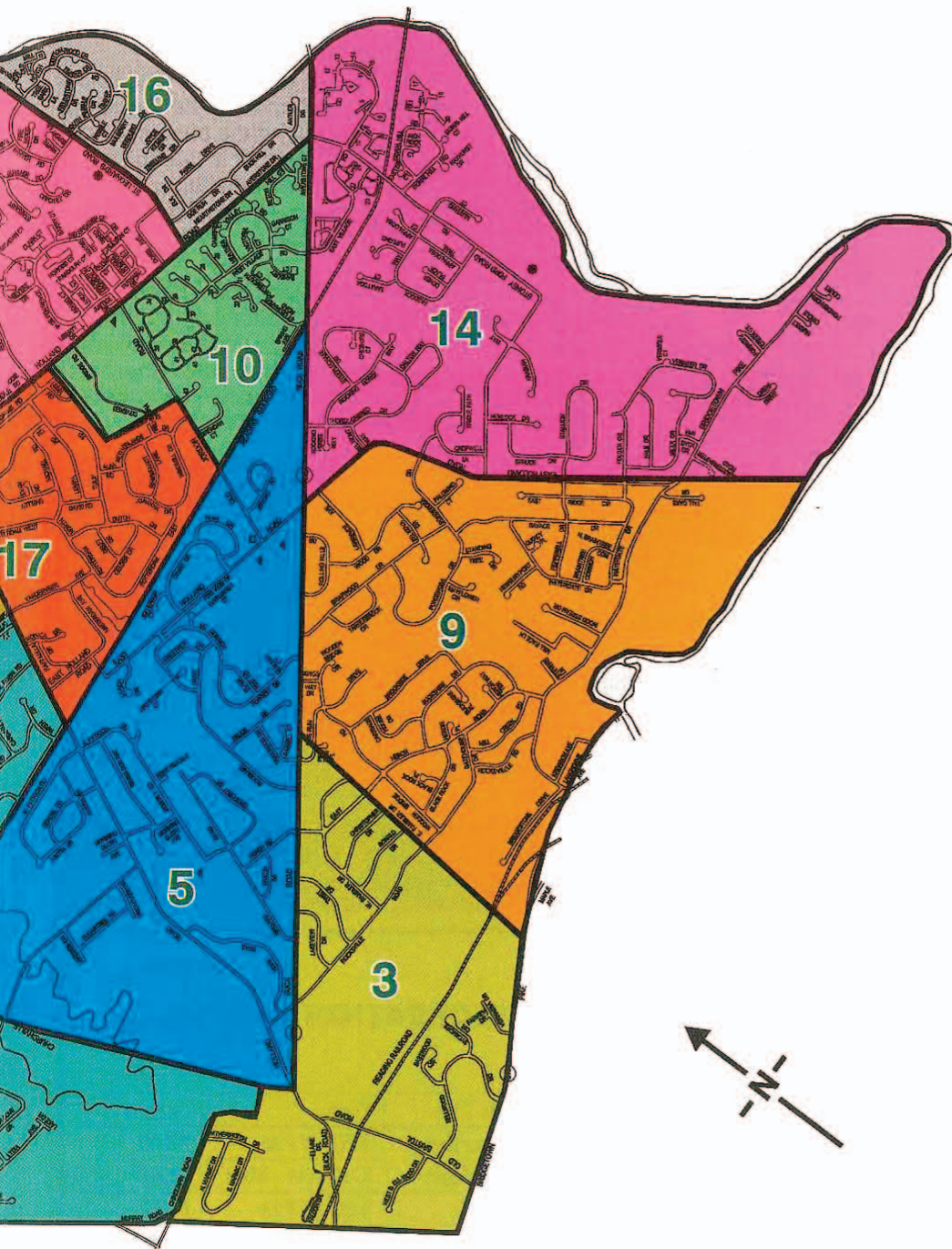
**Village Shires Community Center**  
3001 Village Drive

### District 17

**Rolling Hills Elementary School**  
Middle Holland Road

### District 18

**Northampton Twp. Admin. Building**  
55 Township Road





## 40TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAPPENING



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

Northampton Recreation Center, 345 Newtown-Richboro Road, Richboro

11:00 A.M. COSTUME REGISTRATION  
 11:15 A.M. ENTERTAINMENT  
 12:00 P.M. COSTUME PARADE - begins by age category  
 12:30 P.M. Friendly Fortune Teller, Balloons, Spooky Science, Face Painting, Pumpkin Patch, Games, & more!

FREE  
Fun for  
the whole  
family!

Awards presented to the top 3 winners in each category.

Parade costumes are judged in the following categories:

2 years and younger    Ages 3-5    Ages 6-8    Ages 9-12    Family Group

FREE TREAT BAGS for the first 300 children 12 yrs. & under

Food will be available for purchase - Proceeds benefit the NORTHAMPTON LION'S CLUB

For further details, visit the website at: northamptonrec.com



## FLOWERS BY MARIE

Don't be disappointed - a minimum of 8 participants is needed by Nov. 15 for these classes to take place.

### Let's Give Thanks

Enjoy a well-deserved night out in creating this unusual Thanksgiving centerpiece Marie will create with you. A fresh glass cylinder or cube vase of wrapped vegetables with fresh fall flowers, herbs and more..... in this one of a kind harvest creation!!!!

Bring a friend and floral shears (or scissors)...

All other supplies included.

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Fee: ERS \$55 R \$57 NR \$65 • Class #2874

### Dellarobbia Spray

Bring the fresh fruit & Williamsburg design to your home (outside) this holiday with this gorgeous piece. Approx. 22" long, all fresh winter greenery & fresh fruit to hang above any outside door, mailbox or railing.

Bring a heavy duty stapler (electric is best) 9/16" staples AND Hammer. We supply board, nails, greenery, fruit & accessories

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fee: ERS \$65 R \$71 NR \$81 • Class #2875

## NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP OFFERS DISCOUNT ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS YEAR ROUND



Parks and Recreation has the opportunity to make the following tickets available to the community year round. Think about what a great gift they are for birthdays, anniversaries and holiday celebrations!! Purchase your discounted tickets early as supplies may be limited and prices are subject to change. Tickets are available at the Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro. Payment by check will **only** be accepted from Northampton Township residents with acceptable identification such as a drivers license. Residents and Non-Residents alike can always take advantage of these great deals via cash or credit card, Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted.

ATTRACTION	GATE PRICE	SALE PRICE	SAVINGS
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### ADVENTURE AQUARIUM (CAMDEN)

Child (2-12 yrs.)	\$ 20.28	\$ 16	\$ 5.28
Adult (13 & older)	\$ 27.77	\$ 20	\$ 8.77

### BALTIMORE AQUARIUM

Child (3-11 yrs.)	\$ 21.99	\$ 21	\$ .90
Adult (12 & older)	\$ 34.95	\$ 33	\$ 3.95

### HERSHEY PARK - IN THE DARK - 2 DAY

IN THE DARK - 10/14 - 10/30 Check for dates and times			
Adult (9-54 yrs.)	\$ 48.75	\$ 31	\$ 4.85
Child (3-8 yrs.) Seniors (ages 55-69)	\$ 34.75	\$ 20	\$ 4.85

### CHRISTMAS CANDYLANE

NOV. 11-JAN 1  
Call the office for details

ATTRACTION	GATE PRICE	SALE PRICE	SAVINGS
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### SEA WORLD / BUSCH GARDENS PARKS (NEW)

Busch Gardens Tampa • (All ages 3+)	\$ 101.65	\$ 77	\$ 24.65
Busch Gardens Williamsburg • Adult	\$ 75	\$ 55	\$ 20
• Child (3-9)	\$ 65	\$ 46	\$ 19
Sea World Orlando • All ages 3+	\$ 101.18	\$ 77	\$ 24.18
Sea World Orlando/Busch Gardens Tampa/ Aquatica Combo • Age 3+	\$ 126	\$ 87	\$ 39
Water Country USA • Adult	\$ 51	\$ 34	\$ 17
• Child (3-6)	\$ 44	\$ 28	\$ 16

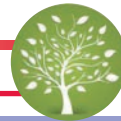
### ELWOOD ZOO (NEW)

General Admission (3 & older)	\$14.95	\$10	\$4.95
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### PHILADELPHIA ZOO

General Admission (2 & older)	\$ 20	\$ 18	\$ 3
REGAL CINEMAS MOVIE TICKET	varies	\$9	varies





All CLASSES HELD AT THE RECREATION CENTER, 345 NEWTOWN-RICHBORO ROAD, RICHBORO

## NEW! ART CLASSES WITH MS. SIBYL

### SmART Fun!

**Ages 2.5 – 3.5 years with an adult**

With an adult caregiver, children will embrace beginning building blocks of art while experiencing a bonding and creative activity! Something's always new. Children will learn shapes and colors, experiment with constructing and sculpting materials and strengthen fine motor skills. Giggle, paint, glue, tear, paste, fold, sponge and smile.....everyone has a blast exploring art and learning about their own talent. Dress for a mess or wear a smock....please!

**Mondays 11/28 thru 1/23/17 (except 12/26, 1/2, 1/16) 9:45 – 10:30 am Class #2944 ERS \$70 R \$77 NR \$87**

### ART IS FUN, LOOK WHAT I DID!

**Ages 3.5-and up**

“Look what I did today!” Children make and take home artistic treasures and memories from this exciting, stimulating and fun class. Socialize, explore, grow imaginatively and enrich artistic vocabulary through experience with many different art materials. The next step to “SmART Fun!”, however, not a prerequisite, we continue to strengthen concentration on refining tactile skills, introducing new art techniques. Laughter, conversation, painting, drawing, practice with kid scissors, building confidence in their artistic abilities and themselves as they progress.

**Dress for a mess or wear a smock please.**

**Thursdays 1:30 – 2:15 PM**

**Nov. 17 thru Jan. 5 (except 11/24, 12/29)**

**Class #2946**

**Jan. 19 thru Feb. 23 Class #2947**

**ERS: \$70 R: \$77 NR: \$87**

### ENERGY ART DYNAMOS!

**Ages 6-10**

Art, music and movement: This art class combines mixed units of time to create art and time to move to music. Each week focuses on a new theme, to which an imaginative story through music and movement is developed based on classic children's literature titles. Then a drawing/painting is created that captures the energy and theme of the day. Fast paced, a little silly and always fun. **Please eat a snack before class and bring a water bottle with your name. Dress for a mess or wear a smock please.**

**Thursdays 4:45 – 5:45 PM**

**Nov. 17 thru Jan. 5 (except 11/24, 12/29)**

**Class #2949**

**Jan. 19 thru Feb. 23 Class #2950**

**ERS: \$70 R: \$77 NR: \$87**

### ART STUDIO

**Ages 9-12**

Those with a mutual interest in art can share ideas and socialize. Lessons in both classical and experimental techniques in drawing, painting, mixed media, paper collage and more are taught. Designed to encourage children's natural creativity and also enrich their knowledge and skills, this class emphasizes more sophisticated aspects of art including some history: stilllife, gray scale, under painting, composition, uses of tone and hue to name a few topics that will be covered. Creating art empowers a child when they realize they are capable individuals with a meaningful, unique voice. **Dress for a mess or wear a smock please.**

**Thursdays 5:45-7:15 PM**

**Nov. 17 thru Jan. 5 (except 11/24, 12/29)**

**Class #2952**

**Jan. 19 thru Feb. 23**

**Class #2953**

**ERS: \$90 R: \$99 NR: \$108**

## COMPUTER CLASSES

All computer classes are taught at Northampton Township Library

*The following 2 classes are taught by John Pannone IT Professional with 28 years of experience.*

Bring a thumb drive to save your work



### INTRO TO WINDOWS

Developed to introduce Windows techniques that can be applied to just about any version of Windows. Classes include:

- Navigating and use of Windows functions, utilities & programs
- Creating short cut icons, folders & documents

**Wednesday 11/2-11/16 6:45-8:45 PM Class #2871**

**ERS \$92 R \$97 NR \$112**

### INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Designed to instruct computer users of all levels. Classes include:

- Document, creating, retrieving and printing
- Editing techniques, reformatting etc.
- Use of the built-in Dictionary and Thesaurus
- Inserting photos and other graphics

**Tuesday 12/6-12/20 6:45-8:45 PM Class #2872**

**ERS \$92 R \$97 NR \$112**

*The following 3 classes are taught by Jeanise Dimitri Microsoft Certified Professional*

### RESUME WRITING AND ONLINE JOB SEARCHING

It's more important than ever to know how a résumé should look and what it should say, but creating the one you need to land that interview doesn't have to be intimidating. Learn the computer skills needed to fill out online applications, upload resume, & stand out from the rest.

**Monday 11/7 thru 11/14 6:00-8:30 PM Class #2841 ERS \$50 R \$44 NR \$52**

### INTERNET SECURITY

If you want to stay safe online, you'll need to understand the risks and learn how to avoid them. Learn to understand malware, spam, and phishing and how to adjust your browsing experience to make it safer. **Please bring your own iPad.**

**Monday 11/28 6:00 – 8:30 PM Class #2843 ERS \$20 R \$22 NR \$26**

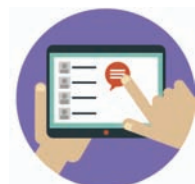
### THE CLOUD (18 and Up)

**Covered topics: What is the Cloud? Why use the Cloud?**

Three types of Clouds; Three types of service and what are Web Apps.

**Monday 12/12 6:00-8:30 PM Class #2841**

**ERS \$20 R \$22 NR \$26**



Parks and Recreation offers a variety of programs and activities year round, to see a full list visit [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com)



## BOOK & BEDTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation and the Free Library of Northampton have invited a special guest to share the Spirit of the Season! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite bedtime pal for a visit with Mrs. Claus at the Northampton Free Library. Mrs. Claus will read you a special bedtime story and give you some inside information on how all those toys are made inside Santa's Workshop. Be sure to bring your list as the elves will deliver it to Santa by Reindeer Express! **And a "special guest" is scheduled to arrive, if we're lucky!**



**REGISTER NOW - REGISTRATION CLOSSES EARLY**

### 2 Dates to Choose From!

- DATE:** WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 or THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15  
**TIME:** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Free Library of Northampton Township, Upper Holland Road- Richboro  
**AGE:** 2-12 yrs. (young children must be accompanied by an adult)  
**FEE:** \$ 10.00 per child - Resident thru 11/18  
 \$ 12.00 per child - Resident after 11/18  
 \$ 15.00 per child – all Non-resident children (accompanying adults- no charge)

*Price includes a take-home craft & small gift, snack & refreshments and photo.  
 For details, visit [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com)*

## Theater for the Holidays ~ A Gift of Memories!

A motorcoach bus will leave from the Northampton Township Admin. Bldg. parking lot at 8:30 A.M. Upon arrival in New York City, there will be two drop off points: one near Broadway & 50th where you can take in the sites at Rockefeller Center and the excitement of the theater district. A second drop off will be near Broadway & 34rd, a few blocks from Madison Square Garden, the holiday windows of Macy's and Lord & Taylor and the Empire State Building. Restaurants, shopping & sites are within walking distance at both drop-off locations. Meet back at Madison Square Garden for the 3:00 pm show: **"RUDOLPH –THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: THE MUSICAL"** The beloved TV classic soars off the screen and onto the stage this holiday season. Come see all of your favorite characters from the special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph, as they come to life. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. Don't miss this wonderful holiday tradition that speaks to the misfit in all of us.



- DATE:** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016  
**Tickets on sale while supplies last. Reserve now!**  
**DEPART:** 8:30 a.m., Northampton Twp. Admin. Bldg.  
**RETURN:** 6:30 p.m. (approx.) to Richboro  
**COST:** \$ 89.00 per person\*

*\*Price includes mezz. seating & bus transportation & gratuity. All children under 18 years must be accompanied by parent or other adult  
 For details, visit [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com)*

The bus will pick up point near Madison Square Garden after the show for the return trip.  
 ALL meals & additional attractions will be on your own.

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Register & pay online at: [www.NORTHAMPTONREC.COM](http://www.NORTHAMPTONREC.COM) or call: 215-357-6800 ext. 256

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**Reserve your discounted tickets to Disney on Ice early as there is a limited amount available.**

12/27	7 pm	20 tickets	Class #2996	\$30
12/28	11 AM	20 tickets	Class #2997	\$35
12/30	11 AM	20 tickets	Class #2998	\$40
12/30	7 PM	20 tickets	Class #2999	\$35

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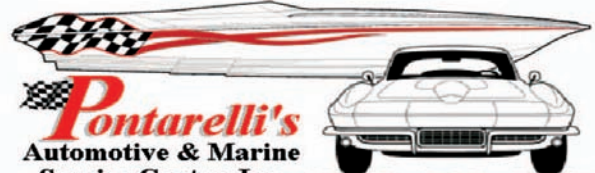
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