

# NORTHAMPTON *Township*



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## Township Building Holiday Closings:

The Township Administration Building will be closed as follows:

November 25th - 26th • December 24th – January 3rd, 2022. The Building will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

## Chairman's Message

Dear Residents,

Hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Enclosed please find important updated information about fall activities including Fire Prevention Open House, Halloween Happening as well as many others. With winter coming, please check out the Public Works section and information related to important snow removal and reminders.

The safety of our residents and employees remains a top priority during Covid. To help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our residents and staff, masks are required in all Township facilities. In addition, protocols for all Township meetings have been modified. To safely have in-person meetings, the number of attendees has been reduced to promote social distancing and keep everyone safe. Overflow seating is available in the smaller conference room and remote participation if allowed by PA state regulations.

Trash collection continues to be stressed throughout the region. Northampton is no exception. The Board of Supervisors and Township staff continue to look for solutions. Please notify the township if your trash, recycling, or yard waste is missed. You can email [trash@nhtwp.org](mailto:trash@nhtwp.org) with your address. Our trash hauler has been instructed to prioritize trash and recycling before yard waste.

Lastly, our region has seen some serious weather events recently that included major flooding and even tornadoes. Our emergency services rescued over 10 people from cars that attempted to drive through flooded roads, many times driving around barricades. Please remember to stay home and shelter in bad weather. Never drive around barricades or through water. It doesn't require much water to lift a car off the ground and carry it away. Driving through water places all the occupants of the vehicle in danger and puts the rescue personnel in very dangerous situations.

**REMEMBER: TURN AROUND-DON'T DROWN!**

On behalf of all the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Thank you,

Adam M. Selisker

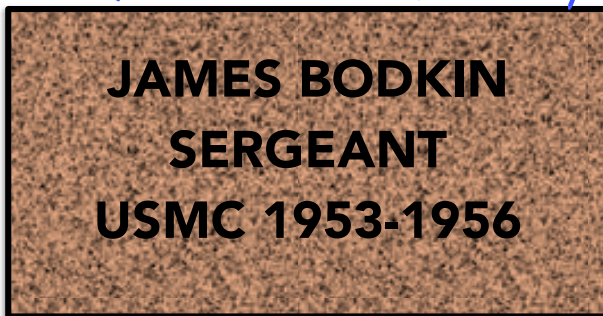
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# Northampton Township Veteran's Memorial Walkway of Honor



*Open to all Residents and Township Employees*



Purchase a Memorial Paver

4"x8" \$100

Name, Rank, Unit & Era

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(additional characters may be added to accommodate longer names)

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA. 18954  
 Email: LRUSSO@NHTWP.ORG

## Recognize a Veteran by Purchasing a Brick In Their Honor

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### Open to all residents and employees of Northampton Township

Family and friends have an opportunity to honor a special veteran with the purchase of a memorial brick in their honor. The cost is \$100 per brick. The Memorial Walkway is located in front of the Township Administration Building in the Veterans Memorial.

The brick will be revealed at the annual Veterans Ceremony. See the Township Website for details as the event draws near.

To purchase a brick you can print the order form and return it to the attention of Lisa Russo, Administration Office along with your check. <https://www.northamptontownship.com/media/1798/memorial-brick.pdf> (or see *previous page*)

#### **Tips On Ordering Your Brick**

- Typical brick engraving includes the name of the veteran, rank, the branch of service, years of service or war, special honors. An example is shown on the order form.
- No personal messages are allowed.
- Contact us if you need assistance with standard abbreviations or completing your form or to verify if a veteran has already been honored with a brick at the Memorial at [lrusso@nhtwp.org](mailto:lrusso@nhtwp.org) or via phone at 215-357-6800 x201.

## Safeguard Your DD-214 Military Paperwork

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I have a message from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). It is urging transitioning service members and veterans to make safeguarding their DD-214 a top priority.

The DD-214 is a document of the United States Department of Defense, issued upon a military service member's retirement, separation or discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. It contains information needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment and membership in veterans' organizations. Without this key document, there could be a big delay when veterans seek benefits earned through their service to our nation.

The DMVA encourages veterans and departing service members to visit the Recorder of Deeds office in their county of residence to file this paperwork to ensure it is readily available to them or their family members when needed.

For veterans who have lost their DD-214, or family members who cannot locate it on a veteran's behalf, the DMVA is available to help in retrieving an official copy. The DMVA can also assist with locating the DD-215, which is used to correct errors or make additions to a DD-214, helping to assure that veterans have accurate discharge documentation. For assistance, call toll-free 1-800-547-2838 or e-mail [RA-REQ@pa.gov](mailto:RA-REQ@pa.gov). More information about locating military documents can be found by visiting the Records Request Program.



# FAQ'S

**Q. What is required to sell your property?**

A. A resale Use and Occupancy is not required from Northampton Township. Taxing authorities and the Municipal Authority should be contacted for any additional requirements.

**Q. What is required to purchase a home or business in the Township?**

A. A resale Use and Occupancy is not required from Northampton Township to purchase a residential home. Taxing authorities and the Municipal Authority should be contacted for any additional requirements. Regarding the purchase or occupancy of a business, a Use and Occupancy is required. The Application and requirements are available on the Township website at [www.northamptontownship.com](http://www.northamptontownship.com) under Departments – Building & Codes – Documents & Forms – Permit Applications & Supporting Documents – Use and Occupancy Application Nonresidential.

**Q. Where can I find permit forms and applications?**

A. Applications are available on the Township website at [www.northamptontownship.com](http://www.northamptontownship.com) under Departments – Building & Codes – Documents & Forms – Permit Applications & Supporting Documents.

**Q. Do I need a permit to put a shed on my property?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Do I need a permit to replace the shingles on my roof?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Do I need a permit to replace my hot water heater?**

A. Yes.

**Q. What if I have an emergency repair that requires a permit?**

A. We understand that emergencies arise. Please call the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883 to discuss your particular situation.

**Q. How do I stay informed on upcoming events, emergencies, road closures, and storm notices?**

A. Sign up for news alerts at [www.northamptontownship.com](http://www.northamptontownship.com).

**Q. Who do I contact if my Trash, Recycling, or Yard Waste was missed?**

A. Call the Township at 215-357-6800 and follow the prompts or send an email to [trash@nhtwp.org](mailto:trash@nhtwp.org).

**Q: Are you New to Northampton Township or just looking for something to do and engage with your community?**

A: Northampton Parks and Recreation is pleased to provide a variety of programs, facilities, and services to meet your recreational needs. From Preschool to Pickleball, we have it all! The Parks and Recreation Department provides the community with opportunities for individuals and groups to participate in physical activity, for families and the community to gather and socialize, or for some just a simple respite. Parks and Recreation hosts special events throughout the year, including a Halloween Parade, Book and Bedtime with Mrs. Claus, Community Yard Sale, Concerts in the Park and much, much more. Check out what Parks and Recreation has to offer, you will not be disappointed. For a list of programs visit [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com).

## Tax Collector's Corner

**County & Township Bills are mailed March 1st.**

- Please TAKE ADVANTAGE of the 2% Discount - pay by April 30th
- FACE amount due date **JUNE 30th**.
- 10% PENALTY applied from July 1st until December 31st.

**CRSD TAX Bills & Occupation Tax Bills are mailed July 1st.**

- Please TAKE ADVANTAGE of the 2% Discount - pay by August 31st
- FACE amount due date **OCTOBER 31st**.
- 10% PENALTY applied from November 1st until December 31st.



Thank you,

*Vincent*

Vincent Deon,  
Northampton Tax  
Collector



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## Solid Waste & Recycling Services Holiday Schedule for Customers

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

If there is a holiday that lands on a Saturday or Sunday, all collections will remain as a normal collection schedule. No changes in service. Expect curbside collection on your scheduled collection day.

### If you receive once per week service collection

If your service day falls on a holiday, the collection will occur on the very next day of that week, with few exceptions.

## Most Common Contaminants

List of top items that cause the MRF to shut down. Keep these items **OUT** of you recycling containers.



### NO Automotive parts, Brakes, engine components

They damage the equipment at the facility



### NO Food & Liquids

Compost Instead! Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



### NO Household Electronics & Appliances

Donate if in good condition or schedule a bulky item pickup.



### NO Textiles, Rugs, Carpet, & Bedding. Jeans, clothes



### NO Garden Hoses, Ropes, Chains, Extension Chords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down entire facility!



### NO Tools, nails, building materials

They damage the equipment at the facility



### NO Tarps

They wrap around equipment and can shut down entire facility!



### NO Propane Canisters

They damage the equipment at the facility



### NO Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores.



### NO Wood, Trees or C&D Debris

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky pickup or throw it in the trash



### NO Yard Waste & Wood

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



### NO Hard Plastic Toys

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food and beverage bottles, jugs and tubs.

### Follow these simple guidelines when preparing your material for collection.

- Trash and recycling should be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection. Drivers do not return to residences if materials are unprepared at the scheduled collection time.
- Please contact J.P. Mascaro & Sons at least 24 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up and/or excessive amounts of trash. Any mattress or upholstered furniture should be completely sealed in disposable plastic for removal.
- Freon-containing appliances require special handling procedures before pick-up.
- According to Federal law, J.P. Mascaro & Sons is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials, or any items identified as hazardous.
- Bulky materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt, or rocks are not acceptable.
- Drums, barrels, yard, and household containers are not acceptable trash containers and will be assumed trash if placed at the curb.

## What Is Happening With Trash Service?

It is well noted that many Township residents are unhappy with the service they are receiving from J.P. Mascaro and Sons, and the Township Board of Supervisors and Administration agree that residents have every right to be unhappy with the service and deserve an explanation.

At the July Board of Supervisors meeting, Mr. Al DeGennaro, Deputy General Counsel and Mr. Sam Augustine, Director of Sales were in attendance from J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc. were in attendance to answer the burning question, "What is happening with Northampton Township's trash collection service?"

Mr. DeGennaro stated that waste collection had been problematic throughout the pandemic, and the company continues to experience a significant labor shortage of both CDL drivers and back-end workers, adding that the labor crisis is an industry-wide problem. He also believes that additional unemployment compensation benefits, which stopped as of September 4, have had a negative impact on the company's ability to hire workers. Their hope is that those collecting these additional unemployment benefits will now begin to return to the workforce.

In addition to staffing issues, Mr. DeGennaro noted a significant increase in trash, recycling, and yard waste volumes since many residents began working from home that just exacerbated the problem. More material to collect, and less workers to collect it.

Mr. DeGennaro assured the Supervisors that any service issues are not from a lack of effort, financial commitment to pay employees, or shortage of equipment. He highlighted several news articles documenting the tight labor market, and acknowledged that staying on schedule isn't a possibility right now with employees that do show up sometimes working 12 to 14-hour days, seven (7) days a week.

### How does the Township bid for its waste collection and disposal contracts?

Northampton Township is part of a waste collection consortium called the Southwestern Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWBSWAC) that includes Lower Southampton Township, Upper Southampton Township, and Northampton Township. The consortium has been publicly bidding trash service since the mid-1980's. The Committee consists of two representatives from each community, who oversee the development of bid specifications and the public bidding process for these services, and make recommendations to the respective governing bodies of each community on awarding contracts.

Each Township is a party to four separate contracts: Waste Collection (J.P. Mascaro & Sons), trash disposal (Wheelerator, Inc.), recycling disposal (Waste Management), and yard waste disposal (Waste Management). Each of these contracts has different term and they do not all expire at the same time.

The Township believes this model for contracting waste collection and disposal has saved millions of dollars over the past three decades, and kept residential waste collection fees well below that of surrounding communities.

All of these contracts are publicly advertised and companies meeting minimum specific qualifications as outlined in the bid specifications are eligible to submit bids for consideration. The Township cannot choose which company to hire, and is required by State law to accept the proposal from the lowest responsible bidder. J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder in the most recent bidding process conducted in 2017, and has successfully out-bid other major haulers over the last 4 contract cycles, which are generally 5-year terms.

### When does the contract with Mascaro expire?

The current contract with J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc. expires on December 31, 2022, and SWBSWAC will be seeking bids for a new collection contract in the early part of next year.

### What is the amount charged for trash services?

Township residents current pay \$299 per year for trash, recycling and yard waste collection and disposal. It is a misconception that your real estate and school taxes pay for trash disposal. Real estate taxes are not used to support waste removal services. The fee is included on the first real estate tax bill you receive each year as a convenient and inexpensive way of billing for this service.

### Can the Township and its SWBSWAC partners declare J.P. Mascaro, Inc. in default of its contractual obligations and hire another hauler?

The short answer is Yes. The Township has this option; however, other waste haulers are also experiencing labor shortages and do not have the surge capacity to take over collections in Northampton Township, or in any of its SWBSWAC partners. We know this from discussions and communication with many of the other major waste haulers in the region. They cannot help us at this time. In short, this is the dilemma faced by the Board of Supervisors. The Township either continues to work with J.P. Mascaro and Sons, Inc. in making sure they are aware of missed collections and follows up with the route supervisors every day, or has no waste collection at all. Our options are seriously limited.

Again, this problem is not limited to Northampton Township and its SWBSWAC partners. All waste haulers are having difficulty hiring workers and most other communities across the region are experiencing delays in collection.

### Can the Township start its own waste collection service?

Yes. The Township could purchase trash trucks and hire its own employees to collect trash, recycling, and yard waste, and this option is being explored, but the lead time to purchase vehicles, hire employees, and secure a facility for this operation will not solve the short-term problem.

### Can I put my yard waste or recycling in with the trash?

Some residents have suggested that recycling and yard waste materials be picked up and co-mingled with regular trash to expedite collection. Currently, regular household trash, recycling, and yard waste are picked up by three separate trucks, and J.P. Mascaro is contracted to dispose of these materials at three separate locations designated by the SWBSWAC communities. This because the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources requires these materials to be collected and disposed of separately, and the Township and J.P. Mascaro can be fined for co-mingling these materials. Additionally, the contracted disposal facilities can reject loads at their site if it is obvious that materials are mixed together.

### What is the Township doing to help mitigate the collection problems?

The Township Administration is in daily communication with J.P. Mascaro about conditions on our streets and logs all incoming calls to provide up-to-date information on where the company is missing collections. This information is then forwarded to route supervisors and the Mascaro Dispatch Center for follow-up. It is important that residents continue to report missed collections so the Township can develop data on Mascaro's performance for contract compliance purposes.

Yard waste collection is generally 2 to 4 weeks behind schedule because the Township has prioritized trash and recycling collection. The Township agreed to temporarily change yard waste collection to Saturdays to prioritize trash collection and had Mascaro place a truck at the former police station building on Township Road for any resident who might want to drop off yard waste. The truck is available 7 days a week for convenience.

The Township is also considering the placement of additional trash vehicles

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# 2021 BUCKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

**\*\*REGISTRATION FOR EACH EVENT IS  
REQUIRED.\*\***

**\*\*PLEASE REGISTER AT  
BUCKSHHW.EVENTBRITE.COM\*\***



**October 30**

**Upper Bucks**

Strayer Middle School  
1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township

### What You Can't Bring



### What You Can Bring

Up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label, for example: *Danger, Warning, or Caution*. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: *poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling*.

#### Pesticides

- Chlordane
- DDT
- Malathion
- Sevin
- Rodent Poison

#### Flammables

- Aerosols
- Gas/Oil Mixture
- Gasoline
- Heating / Motor Oil
- Kerosene

#### - Oil-based Paint

- Paint Thinner
- Spot Remover

#### Caustics

- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Degreasers
- Drain Cleaner
- Household Lye
- Metal Cleaner
- Oven Cleaner

#### Fire Extinguishers

#### Toxics

- Antifreeze
- CFLs (fluorescent bulbs)
- Mercury
- Photographic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Rust/Paint Remover
- Weed Killer

#### Batteries

- Button Batteries
- Lithium Batteries
- Re-Chargeable Batteries

#### Lead-Acid Batteries

- Car
- Marine
- Motorcycle
- Truck

#### Propane Tanks

- Mini Propane Tanks Only (2 lbs. or less)

- ELECTRONICS**-TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any Corded Devices
- LATEX PAINT**-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based\*
- Appliances**-with or without Freon
- Asbestos**
- Explosives / Ammunition**
- Gas Cylinders**
- Household Batteries**-Regular Alkaline
- Medical Waste / Prescription Drugs**
- Non-Hazardous Waste**
- PCBs**
- Pressurized CFCs / Freon**
- Propane Tanks**-Greater than 16 oz.
- Smoke Detectors**
- Radioactive Waste**
- Tires**
- Unidentified Waste**

\*Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

For additional information on disposal options, contact:

**Bucks County Planning Commission**

[www.buckscounty.org/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.org/recycling)

215-345-3400

or

The PADEP Recycling Hotline at

1-800-346-4242

### Why bring your household hazardous wastes to a scheduled event?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.



**Christmas Trees** should be placed curbside the third full week in January (which would be January 17th, 2022) the day after your regular pick up, to be collected as yard waste and recycled. After that Christmas Trees will be collected as a bulk item.

# What should I do with leftover Paint?

To properly dispose of leftover paint the following are the recommended disposal options.

## REDUCE

First - Buy only what you need and return any unopened cans. If you are at the end of a job and realize you need only a small amount to finish, exchange the unopened can for a smaller quantity.

## REUSE

If you do have leftover paint, use it as an undercoat, second coat, touch-ups, projects (fences, birdhouses, basements), offer it to a friend or neighbor, OR donate leftover paint to community groups, schools, local theater group, recreation department, sign painter, etc.

## Latex Paint



### Latex paint is not hazardous waste.

Latex paints are **water-based** and are a safer alternative than oil-based paints. But if the paint is unusable and you must get rid of it, there are things you can do.

The goal is to simply get the latex paint into a non-liquid form. This can be done in one of two ways.

**Let it air dry** -- Lift off the lid, place the can away from children and pets, and allow the water content of the paint to evaporate. Once it does, the semi-dry to dry paint left in the bottom of the can may be placed in a plastic trash bag and disposed in your regular waste pick-up.

**Mix it with "kitty litter" or other absorbent** -- If it takes too long to evaporate the water content, you can mix the paint with an absorbent (clay based kitty litter, vermiculite, shredded newspaper, or shop "oil-dry" absorbent). This can be done in the paint can itself if you have only a quart or so in the can, or in a plastic tray. Mix 2 to 4 cups of absorbent into each quart of paint. After the absorbent has soaked up the paint and it is no longer a liquid, dump it onto a couple layers of newspaper, wrap it up and place it in a plastic trash bag and dispose of it in your regular waste pick-up. If you mixed the absorbent into the paint right in the can, simply place the open can and its non-liquid contents into a trash bag for disposal.

## RECYCLE

Usable leftover latex paints can be blended together to produce a gray or beige paint. Oil-based paints may also be mixed together. **DO NOT MIX OIL-BASED PAINT AND LATEX PAINT.**

## DISPOSE OF OIL-BASED PAINTS SAFELY AND PROPERLY

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties are working together to help rid the environment of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). If the dates in Bucks County are not convenient, you may participate in any of the above counties' collection events. For additional dates and information call the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



Recycling Hotline at 800-346-4242, the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400, or visit our website: [www.buckscounty.gov/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling).

## Oil-Based Paint

Save oil-based paint to take to a  
**Bucks County  
Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection Event.**

Go to our website for more information on  
dates, times, and locations:

[www.buckscounty.gov/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling)



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Email: [bcpc@buckscounty.org](mailto:bcpc@buckscounty.org) Website: [www.buckscounty.gov/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.gov/recycling)

## Trash Service *continued from page 8*

and/or dumpsters at other locations throughout the Township for drop off service. We realize this is not an ideal solution, and places additional burden on Township residents, but does provide an option for those who may wish to take advantage of it.

### Where do I call to report a missed pick-up?

Call the township at 215-357-6800 and leave a message at the prompt, or email [trash@nhtwp.org](mailto:trash@nhtwp.org). Be assured all of these calls are retrieved and logged. The Township is currently receiving hundreds of calls each day and

it is not necessary to call multiple times for the same missed collection. It is important thought to call at least once for each missed collection.

The Township has no timeline for when this situation may improve, and is exploring all options to improve trash collection services and clean up our streets. We realize this is a frustrating situation for residents, and it is equally frustrating for the Board of Supervisors and Township staff. Again, our options are limited and we can only hope that the hiring situation improves, which will have a positive impact of trash collection services in the community.

# Northampton Township Public Works Department

## SNOW AND MAILBOX DAMAGE



Northampton Township Public Works Crews pay close attention to avoid mailboxes in the right-of-way. Mailboxes are rarely hit by plows, however, a mailbox with a weakened support may be toppled by the snow rolling off the end of the snowplow which is not an approvable claim.

Under Northampton Township's Mailbox Replacement Policy, repairs and/or reimbursements are limited by the Township only when a snowplow directly hits a mailbox or post. The policy specifically states that the Township is not responsible for damage caused by "plowed snow" coming off of the truck's plow.

The Public Works Department is asking homeowners to inspect and evaluate the condition of their mailbox and its support before the onset of winter weather. The mailboxes and the posts that support them may require maintenance or replacement.

Residents should make sure mailboxes are firmly attached to the post and the post is constructed sturdily enough to withstand the weight of the snow as it comes off the end of the snowplow. Homeowners should also check the placement of their mailbox to ensure that it is not leaning into the street.

Residents are also reminded that they are responsible for clearing their mailbox area of snow to ensure mail delivery.

### What To Do If Your Mailbox Is Damaged

In the event that your mailbox is damaged during snow removal operations you should do the following:

- Take photos of the damaged mailbox
- Complete the **Mailbox Damage Form**. This form can be found under the Documents & Forms section of the Township website: [www.northamptontownship.com](http://www.northamptontownship.com). The form can be submitted via email at [lkane@nhtwp.org](mailto:lkane@nhtwp.org), fax to 215-357-1251, or drop it off at the Administration Building located at 55 Township Road, Richboro, Pa 18954.
- The Public Works will either repair the existing mailbox or pay for a replacement.
- Under the mailbox replacement policy, the maximum reimbursement for repairs is \$60.00. The policy also states the Township will not be responsible to replace ornamental mailboxes or repairing any lawn areas outside the road right-of-way.

If you see a problem report it to the proper authorities such as potholes, dead animals, and fallen trees or branches. Northampton Township takes care of over 27 square miles and we depend on residents to do their part and notify us of concerns.

**Did You Know:** Not all roads located in the Township are Township Roads, some are owned by the State. If you have a concern about a roadway in your county, please submit it via the PennDot Customer Care Center at [www.customer.care.penn.dot.gov](http://www.customer.care.penn.dot.gov) or by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If your concern is related to an urgent issue, please call the appropriate PennDOT county office directly with your concern at 215-345-6060.

The following is a list of State Roads in Northampton Township:

#### **(Owned and Plowed by PennDot)**

Bridgetown Pike  
Bristol Road  
Buck Road-PA 532  
Chinquapin Road

Churchville Lane  
Old Bristol Road  
Worthington Mill Road

#### **(Owned by PennDot, Plowed by Northampton Township)**

2nd Street Pike – PA 232  
Almshouse Road- PA 332  
Bustleton Pike  
Holland Road

Jacksonville Road-PA 332  
Newtown-Richboro Road-  
PA 332

**To report an issue on a Township Road contact the Public Works Department during normal working hours of 7:00 am until 3:30 pm at 215-355-3433:**

**After hours and weekends contact the police non-emergency number at 215-357-8700**

## NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

**OBJECTIVE:** It is the goal and intent of Northampton Township to provide timely, efficient, and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal, and ice control on the roadways of the municipality. This objective is assigned to the Public Works Department.

**PROCEDURE:** Due to many variables that are inherent in Pennsylvania weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different efforts and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal, or ice control strategy.

**LEVEL OF SERVICE:** It is not possible to maintain snow and ice-free roads during a storm. It is the intention of Northampton Township to provide practical, safe access along city streets during winter storms. The Public Works Department shall plow all **priority** roads first, to provide the basic transportation system for public safety, schools, high volume streets, steep grades, etc. following a snowstorm of 2" or greater. Lower priority streets (inner subdivision streets), will be plowed next, areas that are prone to wind and drifting snow will receive priority. The remaining township streets, dead ends, and cul-de-sacs are plowed last, traffic lanes only. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed 1 pass in and 1 pass out providing no cars are parked in the roadway. All operational decisions regarding pre-salting, scheduling, or equipment operators and private contractors shall be based upon these goals.

It is the policy of Northampton Township, to have the operating crews of the Public Works Department begin snow removal operations upon accumulation of two inches of snowfall. The Supervisor may, after consultation with the Public Works Director, at his/her discretion based upon weather information reports, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser accumulations occur. During nights and weekends, the Police Department shall notify the Supervisor or his/her on-call designee that road conditions warrant mobilization of snow removal or ice control activity.

**HOW SNOW PLOWING WORKS:** Northampton has roughly 42\_ snow plow trucks. Plowing will begin on the main, priority roads (following an accumulation of 2" or greater snowfall), followed by inner subdivision streets. Cul-de-sacs and dead-ends streets are the last priority; however, we will strive to get to them as soon as possible. We will aim to have the main roads cleared within 24 hours of the end of any storm, and the inner subdivision streets, dead-end streets, and cul-de-sacs within 72 hours.

The snowplows are designed to push the snow from the centerline of the road to the edge of the road. This sometimes creates a problem with blocking driveways and mailboxes. ***Please be aware that it is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow from in front of their driveway and mailbox to ensure mail delivery.***

***Also, no snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited in the public ways, and include the following:***

- 1. Pushing or carrying and depositing snow or ice on a public right-of-way or sidewalk.***
- 2. The blowing of snow or ice into a pedestrian or vehicle travel lane.***

### PLEASE NOTE:

It is not the position of Northampton Township to maintain a bare pavement policy or to provide snow and ice removal on every city street during or after every snowstorm. Therefore, after periods in which the movement of traffic has occurred, snowplows are not as effective for totally clearing packed snow or icy roadways, except to remove loose material on top.

The Public Works Office is open Monday – Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm and can be reached at 215-357-6800.

## TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

On Wednesday September 1, and Thursday September 2, 2021, the region experienced flooding events associated with the remnants of Hurricane IDA. As a result, Northampton Emergency Services responded to a record number of calls for service during this period. Many of these were rescues of persons from vehicles which had driven around barricades into floodwaters. Northampton Fire, and police responded to 10 of these incidents in our community, and multiple other incidents in surrounding jurisdictions. Driving into floodwaters not only places vehicle occupants in danger but also the water rescue teams who must enter the floodwaters to remove the trapped individuals. These rescues are among the most hazardous operations our responders are asked to perform, and they are entirely preventable. Motorists are reminded not to drive into floodwaters at any time. The saying "Turn Around Don't Drown" means exactly that!

# WINTER REMINDERS

## Snow Emergency

**DO NOT DRIVE UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.**

If a State of Emergency is called, please stay off the roads so the plows can do their job without any increased danger.

Township plowing operations begin after MORE than two inches (2") of snow accumulation and freezing temperatures, which indicate no natural melting will occur.



Residents are responsible for clearing snow around mailboxes & fire hydrants.

\*see adopt a fire hydrant on page 15

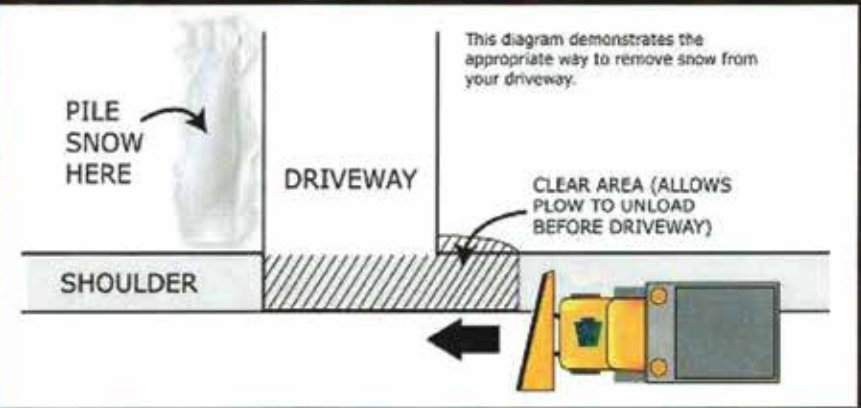
**BASKETBALL hoops are NOT permitted to be located within the right-of-way & must be moved from the roadway.**

Remove snow, ice, and slush from sidewalks, including handicap ramps, within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

To prevent your driveway from being plowed in, please follow the diagram below provided by PennDOT



Pile snow from sidewalks and driveways on lawns, not in the street or on neighboring properties.



# Northampton Township Police Department

## Did you know that Northampton Township Police has a Traffic Safety Unit?

This team has a variety of responsibilities including:

Investigating and reconstructing serious and fatal crashes

When a crash involves death or serious bodily injury, a trained and certified crash reconstructionist will investigate the incident. Northampton has six accident reconstructionist available to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Drone Pilots

We have two certified Drone Pilots that deploy our Drone at serious and fatal accidents. This allows us to capture pictures of the crash site that we may normally not be able to capture from the ground.

Reviewing and approving all reportable crash investigations conducted by patrol

A reportable crash occurs when the crash results in death, any injury, or damage to any vehicle to the extent that it cannot be driven under its own power in its customary manner, or is otherwise unsafe to drive.

A non-reportable crash occurs when there is no injury and no towing required due to damage to the vehicle at the time of the crash. Furthermore, if the crash occurs on private property or is a result of deliberate intent or cataclysm, the crash is non-reportable.

Fact: In the year 2020, Northampton Township Police investigated a total of 515 traffic accidents. There were 356 that were non-reportable, 86 reportable crashes with no injuries, and 55 reportable crashes involving injuries. Also, there were 18

crashes that were DUI related.

### Coordinate traffic enforcement details

Northampton Township Police does not pick areas to conduct traffic enforcement details for the sole purpose of writing citations to motorists. The locations chosen for traffic enforcement details often are a result of a citizen traffic concern or area where traffic enforcement will likely help prevent accidents.

Fact: In 2020, there were over 4,400 traffic enforcement actions taken by Northampton Township Police.

### Deploying digital speed trailers and boards throughout the township

We currently have one digital speed trailer and one digital speed board that are both used continuously throughout the Township all year. These devices are proven to slow down motorists.

### Responding to citizen's traffic concerns

Did you know a large portion of our calls for service are traffic related?

Northampton Township Police has a traffic safety concern form that is available online or in our lobby.

Some of the most common citizen traffic concerns involve complaints about recurring speeding and stop sign violations. Every single traffic concern is reviewed by the Traffic Safety Unit. Often, the concern will involve a request to have the speed limit lowered or have a stop sign posted at a particular location.

Often a citizen traffic concern will result

in a traffic study of that portion of the roadway. These traffic studies can be extremely involved and time consuming. These studies are data driven and may involve several factors such as:

Traffic volume

Speed of vehicles

Number of violations, including what date/time these violations are occurring

Number of crashes in the area of concern, and the primary cause of these crashes

Pedestrian traffic

Special locations such as school zones or construction areas

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## NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP POLICE WELCOMES A NEW OFFICER



Officer Corrine Ozanne grew up in Center Valley, Pa. and graduated from Southern Lehigh High School. She is a graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in Early Childhood Development. Being involved in sports is one of Officer Ozanne's passions; she played and coached softball in college. She graduated from Temple Police Academy where she was a class sergeant. At the conclusion of Officer Ozanne's Field Training she will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.

## THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS THESE SERVICES TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.

- Door-to-door solicitation permit (\$50- \$125.00)
- Autism, Special Needs, Alzheimer's and Dementia ID Cards and Registries (Free)
- Voluntary Surveillance Camera Registration Database (Free)
- Fingerprinting (\$50.00)
- Video Camera Monitored Internet Purchase Exchange Location at Police Station (Free)
- Medication disposal drop off at our headquarters – 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week (Free)
- Security Survey for home or business (Free)
- School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Information on Social Services
- Safety related talks
- Contracted Police Services for Special Events (Cost)
- Processing and management of Block Party requests (Free)

Some services require an appointment. Please contact the Police Department at (215) 322-6111 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Non-Emergency Police calls: (215) 357-8700.



# NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



- When a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sounds, **respond immediately by exiting the home as quickly as possible and call 9-1-1.**
- If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean that the batteries are running low and need to be replaced. If the alarm continues to chirp after the batteries are replaced, or the alarm is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace the alarm. **IF YOU ARE UNSURE, CALL 9-1-1.**
- **Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly.** Press the test button to make sure the alarm is working.
- If there is someone in your household who is deaf or hard of hearing, install bed shaker and strobe light alarms that will alert that person to fire.
- Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm – **three beeps for smoke alarms: four beeps for carbon monoxide alarms. If alarm is activated, call 9-1-1.**

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2021, and this year’s theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety,” contact Northampton Township Fire Department (215) 357-8277 or [info@ntfd.org](mailto:info@ntfd.org)

Article source: NFPA

## Adopt-A-Hydrant

Please watch this important one-minute video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/MEFDTGVTJLQ>

and make your neighborhood safer during snowstorms. You can also win a gift card! Send a picture of your cleared fire hydrant with the shovel team to [chief@ntvfc.org](mailto:chief@ntvfc.org). **ADOPT-HYDRANT-TODAY!**

According to the latest NFPA “Smoke Alarms in the U.S.” report, working smoke alarms in the home reduce the risk of dying in a reported fire by more than half. **However, almost three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms (41 percent) or smoke alarms that failed to operate (16 percent); missing or non-functional power sources, including missing or disconnected batteries, dead batteries, and disconnected hardwired alarms or other AC power issues, are the most common factors when smoke alarms fail to operate.**

“People tend to remove smoke alarm batteries or dismantle alarms altogether when the alarm begins to chirp as a result of low batteries or the alarm is no longer working properly, or when experiencing nuisance alarms,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “These behaviors present serious risks to safety that can have tragic consequences in the event of a fire.”

This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety,” is designed to help you know what to do.

“Giving people the tools to properly respond to alarms sounding – whether it’s an actual fire or simply time to change a battery – can make a life-saving difference,” said Carli.

**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” include:**

## Did you know that Northampton Township Police has a Traffic Safety Unit?

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Not every traffic study will result in lowering a speed limit or posting a particular sign. In Pennsylvania, there are very specific legal requirements that need to be met for every traffic control device, and the Police Department cannot arbitrarily lower speed limit, raise a speed limit, or erect a traffic sign or signal.

Northampton Township Police use a 3-prong system when determining what is the most appropriate course of action.

**Education:** Will educating motorists sufficiently help fix the issue? Education may include deploying a digital speed board, handing out pamphlets to motorists, and the use of social media outlets. Community outreach, educational talks and lectures for new drivers works. Teaching our new drivers on the rules of the road is important to getting our young drivers started on the right foot.

**Engineering:** At times, a change in the

actual roadway may be necessary to fix the issue. This may involve changing a speed limit, limiting the type of vehicles allowed on a particular road, or making a change to the actual roadway configuration.

**Enforcement:** When educating the motoring public has not, or will not likely work, and there is not an engineering option, traffic enforcement can be a very effective way of gaining compliance.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP JAMES E. KINNEY SENIOR CENTER



The Northampton Township James E. Kinney Senior Center has a NEW WEBSITE!

[www.northamptonsc.com](http://www.northamptonsc.com)

- Monthly Calendars
- Activities & Classes
- Special Events
- Trips
- Membership Details/Benefits
- Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Be Part of This Active, Vital, Fun and Awesome Community Resource!

[www.northamptonsc.com](http://www.northamptonsc.com)



**BOSCOV'S**  
It's time for *Boscov's*  
Friends Helping Friends  
Shopping Event.

**ONE DAY ONLY**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
Shop 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM

\$5.00 for a 25% All-Day Shopping Pass

The senior center benefits from EACH ticket sold!

Start your holiday shopping early, join the "shop for a cause" fun with friends & family!

For tickets or information, contact Kathy at 215-357-8199 or [nhsc@nhtwp.org](mailto:nhsc@nhtwp.org)



**BAGS n' BLING BINGO**

Get ready for a fun night out with your friends while playing for FABULOUS designer purses and *Premier Designs Jewelry*!

When: Friday, November 5, 2021  
Time: Doors Open at 6:00 PM  
Game Begins at 7:00 PM  
Where: James E. Kinney Senior Center  
Cost: \$30 per ticket (in advance)  
\$35 at the door

Call or visit the center for tickets!  
215-357-8199



20 REGULAR GAMES Included in Ticket Price	RAFFLE BASKETS
1 SPECIAL COVER-ALL *Additional Purchase	50/50

**Holiday Marketplace**

Hosted by the Northampton Township James E. Kinney Senior Center

**Friday, December 3, 2021**  
**5:00 PM—9:00 PM**



**Northampton Township**  
**James E. Kinney Senior Center**  
**165 Township Road, Richboro**  
**215-357-8199**

Unique Holiday Gifts    Jewelry/Clothing  
Handcrafted Items    Gourmet Foods  
Greeting Cards    Home Décor

Many More Vendors

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**RAFFLE BASKETS**







# LIBRARY *of Northampton Township*

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

**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-9:00pm | Friday: 1:00pm-5:00pm | Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm | Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

## 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE NORTHAMPTON LIBRARY

**Did you know...** The Free Library of Northampton Township was founded 51 years ago by the Women's Club after township citizens desired more than a weekly bookmobile.

**Did you know...** The library was initially housed in an old Nike missile base on the Newtown Richboro Road, currently the Park & Rec center. The library moved to Upper Holland Road in 1985, sharing a building with the Senior Center. The present building was renovated in 2006 and covers 30,000 square feet.

**Did you know...** The library holds over 112,000 items all of which can be checked out free of charge! These items include books, dvds, games, hotspots, iPads, science kits, books in Russian and new best sellers.

**Did you know...** The library is staffed with knowledgeable, enthusiastic librarians who are ready to make your library experience the best ever!

**Did you know...** The library is a great place to use a computer if your computer died. Did your printer give up working right before that project is due--you can print from home through the library's mobile printing software and pick up the print job at the library! Ask for information at the Reference Desk. We have free WiFi and you can be online all day.

**Did you know...** The library's website is the gateway to a vast treasure trove of electronic resources.

Go to [www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org](http://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org) click on Online Resources.

First, explore "Downloads & Streaming". There you will find help sheets to the two e-book apps (**Hoopla and Cloud Library**) for downloading e-books, e-audio, and e-music. Then, log on to **Kanopy** for streaming movies and documentaries. Flip over to "Flipster" and subscribe for free to your favorite magazines and read them electronically.

Next, from the Online Resources tab, click on "Research and Learning". Access **Consumer Reports** online from home for free! Use **LinkedIn Learning** (formerly Lynda.com) and learn a new skill or software program. Traveling to spots exotic—learn the language with **Mango Languages** and speak like a native. Read the **New York Times** electronically or explore investment opportunities with **MorningStar**.

All of these wonderful resources are free and only require your library card and PIN.

**Did you know...** The library is for students of all ages. If you are a study group, ask at the reference desk for a study room that holds 6 and is open freely to nonprofit study groups (no paid tutoring). If you are studying solo and need a quiet place to focus, the Quiet Study Room is the place for you.

**Did you know...** The librarians can proctor exams. Today, a lot of study is done online, and students need a proctor for online exams. The Reference Librarians are available for this service—please call for details and the fee schedule.

**Did you know...** The library is a place to attend quality programming for Children and Adults. Story Times for baby and preschoolers along with STEM programs for school age kids are just a few of the many programs the library offers for kids. For adults, there are "Second Saturday" programs the second Saturday of each month March-November. Programs range from music programs, to historical re-enactors, to information on how to fix a clogged sink. All are free!

**Did you know...** The library has a Friends of the Library Book Store. Many books are donated to the library, more than we can use. This overflow moves to the Friends Book Store. Pick up that beach read or airplane book for a dollar, knowing that every penny goes to help the library.





## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAGIC? YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SOCIETY OF YOUNG MAGICIANS

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Recreation Center starting in September 23rd! No worries, budding magicians are welcome to drop in throughout the year

The S.Y.M. helps gain confidence, improve reading skills and helps make new friends who share similar interests. For information contact Arlen Solomon at 215-696-2442 or [SYM@magicsam.com](mailto:SYM@magicsam.com) or visit [www.magicsym.com](http://www.magicsym.com)



Bus trips will not be presented in the Fall as Parks & Recreation plans to wait a bit longer to ensure safe travel procedures for all.

But there are lots of adventures for you to enjoy at your leisure, at home, anytime. Visit the Recreation website and click the travel link to start your journey. There are so many places to discover on your computer or device: near or far, recreational or educational, fun or frivolous, and many options in between.

Check back to the website often for possible future trips for the holidays and 2022.

## NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SLOGAN WINNER ANNOUNCED

In May 2021, the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee announced the Slogan Contest and over 70 submissions were received. All of the well-thought out and creative entries made the choice very difficult. Special thanks to everyone who put their time and effort into making this contest exciting!

The results are in!  
The winner of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Slogan "Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Present, Welcoming the Future!" is...

**NANCY SAUERS**

The committee is currently planning special events, sports, recreation and a community festival to honor Northampton Township's heritage and build a stronger community through celebration!

### Lynn Gorlick, Parks and Recreation Customer Service Representative Retires After 21 Years of Service!



After 21 years of dedicated service to the Northampton Township, Lynn Gorlick is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement, spending more time with her husband Len and enjoying the many recreation activities in her retirement community.

Lynn began her employment with the Parks and Recreation Department in April of 2000 as a part time customer service representative working 16 hours a week. She was the first port of call for the many residents who use Parks and Recreation Services. Her duties included answering the phone, proofreading the Parks and Recreation brochure, taking program registrations and selling discounted tickets. Over the years Lynn's responsibilities grew, as did the number of hours worked, to assist customers with their online registrations, monitor class enrollment, prepare instructor payments and schedule picnic pavilion rentals. She was an integral member of the team.

Before moving to Langhorne in 2019, Lynn was a resident of Northampton for over 32 years. She took pride in her community and it showed in her dedication at work. She was always in search of ways to streamline the process of registration for her fellow residents.

Lynn will always be remembered as a punctual, dedicated and friendly person. Her co-workers will miss her humor and compassion and are grateful for having worked with her. Thank you, Lynn for your years of service and best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement!

## 2021 DISCOUNT TICKET PROGRAM



We are pleased to announce that some attractions will be offering discounted tickets this summer. Tickets are available at the Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro. Monday thru Friday 8:45 am to 4:15 PM. Pay by cash, credit card or check (checks accepted only from Northampton Township residents). For more information and ticket availability call the Parks and Recreation Office at 215-357-6800 ext 249. Purchase your tickets early as supplies may be limited. Prices are subject to change. All sales final.

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE	GATE PRICE	PARKS & REC PRICE	YOUR SAVINGS
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### ADVENTURE AQUARIUM, CAMDEN, NJ

ADULT (AGE 13 & OVER)	\$39.31	\$28.00	\$11.31
CHILD (AGES 2-12)	\$25.45	\$20.00	\$5.45

TO MAKE A RESERVATION visit: <https://www.adventureaquarium.com/reservations#currentGA>. Enter your information and the ticket barcode when prompted. Choose the day and time of your visit. Bring the reservation email and your ticket to Check-In. Arrive promptly on the day of your visit; call to reschedule if you will be more than an a half hour late. There is no time limit on how long you can stay, so take your time and be sure to SEA everything!

### BALTIMORE AQUARIUM

ADULT (12 AND OVER)	\$39.95	\$34.00	\$5.95
CHILD (3-11)	\$29.95	\$26.00	\$3.95
SENIOR (65 AND OVER)	\$34.95	\$30.00	\$4.95

PRINT TICKET AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE	GATE PRICE	PARKS & REC PRICE	YOUR SAVINGS
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### BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG

SINGLE DAY (AGES 3 AND OVER)	\$89.99	\$64.00	\$25.99
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### WATER COUNTRY USA

SINGLE DAY (AGES 3 AND OVER)	\$63.99	\$37.00	\$26.99
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### BUSCH GARDENS/WATER COUNTRY USA

2-DAY/2-PARK TICKET	\$116.99	\$73.00	\$43.99
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2-PARK FUN CARD (UNLIMITED VISITS THRU 9/12)	\$114.99	\$107.00	\$7.99
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(Due to various limited-time promotions, all EZTicket prices are subject to change throughout the season. Please check attraction's website for current pricing.)

### MUSEUM OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ADULT GENERAL ADMISSION	\$21.00	\$16.00	\$5.00
CHILDREN GENERAL ADMISSION	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$3.00

PRINT-AT-HOME WITH PROMO CODES	GATE PRICE	PARKS & REC PRICE	YOUR SAVINGS
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### CRAYOLA EXPERIENCE - EASTON, PA

ADMISSION (AGE 3 AND OVER)	\$24.99	\$20.00	\$4.99
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### SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE, JACKSON, NJ

REGULAR (3 & OVER) THEME PARK	\$79.99	\$35.99	\$44.00
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HURRICANE HARBOR WATER PARK	\$49.47	\$29.99	\$19.48
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## MOVIE TICKETS

What is better than seeing a movie on the big screen?

We have the tickets for you! Discount Tickets are available and can be purchased at the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road., Richboro. Movie tickets never expire.

MOVIE THEATER	GATE PRICE	SALE PRICE
PREMIER MOVIE TICKETS - REGAL CINEMA	VARIABLES	\$9.50
AMC THEATERS (NOT VALID IN NJ, NY, CA)	VARIABLES	\$9.00



### Welcome Sinead Kiely

Please help us welcome Sinead Kiely who has recently joined the Parks and Recreation Department as a Program Assistant.

Sinead is a graduate of Holy Family University achieving a GPA of 4.0. Her employment experience includes working as Therapeutic Support Staff, a Childcare Worker and with the City of Philadelphia Recreation Department as an after-school and summer camp coordinator.

Serving as an Information Specialist, Sinead will assist in promoting the programs that Parks and Recreation offers and ensure customers get the answers they need. This team player will assist the Program Staff in all aspects of program planning and implementation. Sinead has quickly caught on to the daily operations of the Parks and Recreation office and customer service procedures and is anxious to become more involved coordinating special events and programs.

If you believe that all good things come in threes, that has proven true for Sinead who recently purchased a new home, became engaged and then accepted the position with Parks and Recreation. But if you believe it is all just luck then.....Northampton Township hit the jackpot and is lucky to have Sinead who is bright, energetic and enthusiastic!

We are happy to have Sinead join our team and look forward to many years of happiness and success with Northampton Township!



# Halloween is BAAAA-CK

*Mixing up old traditions with new ones!*

## 45th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAPPENING \*

Northampton Municipal Park • 281 Hatboro Road, Churchville

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 • 11:00 AM – 1:00 pm**

This event is Free, however Pre-Registration on the P&R website is highly encouraged to help us for planning purposes. Walk ins are welcomed.

Please bring a Chair or Blanket for your seating comfort!

11:00 AM PARADE CHECK-IN

11:15 AM ENTERTAINMENT & DJ

12:00 PM COSTUME PARADE- by age category

Ongoing: Friendly Fortune Teller, Balloon art, face painting and more. Walk the decorated paths of Broomstick Alley, Pumpkin Way, and cast your votes for favorites at Scarecrow Row or Trunk or Treat displays.

Halloween Parade: Let your creativity flow and dazzle the judges.

Costumes will be judged in the following categories:

2 yrs. and younger.... Ages 3-5....Ages 6-8.... Ages 9-12....

Family Group.... New! Best Costumed Pet and Best Pet with owner(s)

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each category

Free Treat Bags for the first 300 children 12 yrs. and under, while supplies last.

Refreshments will be available for sale along with 50/50 chances from the NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB.

For details, visit [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com)

*\*This event follows CDC and PA Guidelines that will be in effect for the event date. By Participating, you agree to adhere to all protocols. Events are subject to change/cancellation for covid-related or other concerns.*



Northampton Township Parks and Recreation presents:



# Light the Night Holiday Light Contest



*Proud of your holiday decorating skills and want to show it off ?  
Love seeing the neighborhood houses decorated and want to see more?  
Then this is for you! Participate, Vote or do both!*

## PARTICIPANTS

The Top 3 “People’s Choice” winners will be selected by total votes from those viewing the displays. Top votes will win: 1st place= Light the Night trophy and \$ 100 , 2nd= \$ 75, 3rd=\$ 50. Winners will be announced the week of January 3, 2022.

- Register your home or business holiday display on [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com).  
Free to participate
- Your address (no names), will be pinned on a google map that will be posted on the P&R website.
- Lights/display must be on each night beginning Friday, December 10 between 5—10 pm.

## VOTERS ( Viewing and voting from 12/10 - 12/31 )

- Check the NTP&R website, [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com), Facebook or Instagram for the link to the google map. All registered houses will be waiting for your visit. Please stay in your car!
- Once you have completed your self-guided tour, vote for your favorite display by indicating the house number and address and email this to: [bmartin@nhtwp.org](mailto:bmartin@nhtwp.org). Or you may use the voting ballot provided on the P&R website. (1 entry per email address)

**A big Thank You to the Prize Sponsor:  
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## Register Today!

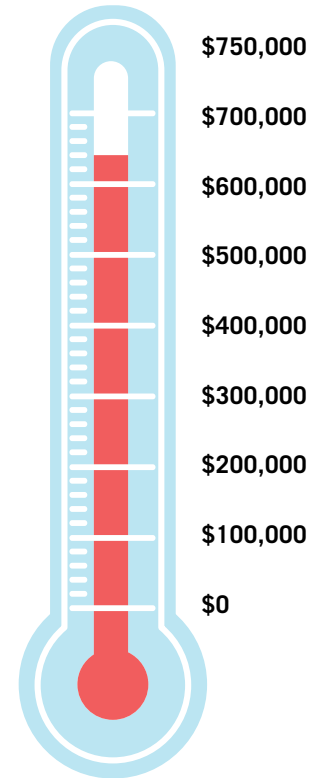
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# PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS TO START BY NOVEMBER 1ST.



## WE ARE ALMOST THERE!



The Township is excited to announce that site work for the improvements to the Miracle League Playground at the Municipal Park is scheduled to take place by November 1st. Depending on the weather and the contractors availability the playground may be closed in late October. The project is expected to take approximately 8 months as replacement of the poured in place rubber surface is weather sensitive. The installation of equipment will take place in late April - early May. In an effort to reduce costs a Community Build is planned to assist with the installation. A limited number of volunteers will be needed. A Grand Opening will be scheduled in June. If interested in volunteering, sponsoring the Community Build or the Grand Opening, or making a donation towards the playground improvement project please contact Nancy Opalka, Director of Parks and Recreation at 215-357-6800 or by email at nopalka@nhtwp.org

## HOW TO DONATE

### Donate Online

Visit [www.mlnorthampton.com](http://www.mlnorthampton.com) and select "Help us build a playground"

### Donate by Mail

Complete this form and mail to:  
Miracle League of Northampton Township, PA  
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### Gift Amount

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

TRUNK DISPLAYS from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Decorate your vehicle ( Halloween or themed) to be displayed as part of the Halloween parade.

Prize money will be awarded for:

- Most Original
- Funniest
- Most Over – the Top
- Best Halloween Theme
- Best -in -Show.

Dress in costume to complement your display. Your car will be located at the parking lot behind the Maureen M. Welch School, adjacent to the Municipal Park. Contestants from the Halloween parade and general public will pass by your vehicle, as part of the parade route, to view and judge your creativity for prizes. LIMITED SPOTS, so register soon.

Please note that the Recreation Dept. will be following the PA State and CDC guidelines at the time of this event. Programs may be cancelled at any time due to the Covid pandemic or any weather-related circumstances.

**SCARECROW ROW CONTEST**



Northampton Township Municipal Park

Display your Scarecrow creations on "Scarecrow Row" at the Northampton Municipal Park starting Monday, Oct. 18 thru Sunday October 31."

**CATEGORIES: MOST ORIGINAL ...FUNNIEST ... MOST CREATIVE ...BEST LOOK ALIKE...BEST BUSINESS/SHOP**

Entries will be judged by the "People's Vote".

Prizes will be awarded for each category:

1st place = \$ 40, 2nd place = \$ 30,

3rd place = \$ 20 plus honorable mention.

Winners will be announced Nov. 1 on the P&R website.

Scarecrow Row will be a part of the Halloween Parade route on Sat. Oct. 30. for all to enjoy!

\*Display dates are weather dependent.

Contestants MUST pre-register online at: [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com). Free. Space is limited. The contest is open to individuals, schools, businesses, organizations and clubs. No political-themed entries will be accepted. Details and contest rules are on the P&R website or call 215-357-6800 ext. 256

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**Celebrate Your Holiday Season.**

A live tree will be designated at the Northampton Municipal Park for all to decorate for the season. Place one ornament \* on the tree to share with the Community. Share a part of your tradition for all to enjoy. Let's fill the tree with the spirit of the season.

\*NO GLASS ornaments or garland please! Plastic, laminated paper or weather resistant, only. Be sure to secure tightly with string or wire fasteners. One decoration per person. Ornaments should be disposable. Any lost, stolen or damaged items are not the responsibility of P&R. Parks & Recreation will dispose of all decorations after 12/31.

\*\*Any decoration deemed inappropriate or offensive, at the discretion of P&R, will be discarded.



Take a walk for the holidays and enjoy the wonders of the holiday season. Stroll the paths of the Northampton Municipal Park and take in the sights and sounds during daylight hours. Sing and carol along with a recording from the Bucks County Women's

Chorus at stations along the walkway starting at the Amphitheater. With a push of a button you can enjoy the melodies of holiday favorites.

Continue your walk to delight in the festive decorations on the trees leading up to the Wetzel Pavilion. The Rock United Girl Scout Service Unit will adorn the mall area with their outdoor visions of the holiday season for all to enjoy.

Displays will be available for viewing starting Dec. 6 thru the end of December, weather dependent.

With Special Thanks to:



[www.buckscountywomenschorus.com](http://www.buckscountywomenschorus.com)

# CELEBRATING THE SEASON



Dear Children,

Mrs. Claus and I are very excited to make the trip back to Northampton Township this upcoming holiday season.

Mrs. Claus wanted to let you know that she is planning to read bedtime stories to you as she has in the past. She will first check her busy schedule and determine what way is best for YOU to see her and also check with the Reindeer as well.

As we plan new ways to keep in touch with you, we ask that Mom, Dad and family members keep their eyes out for e-blasts and website information. Our friends at Northampton Parks & Recreation will have more details in the coming months. And I hear they have many outdoor holiday ideas planned at the Municipal Park so be sure to check them out.

So YES, we plan to celebrate the season with the children of Northampton Township and beyond.

Until then, stay well!

Santa, Mrs. Claus  
and all of the Elves and Reindeer



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Carol and Rob Weissberg with their Realtor, Hazel Smith

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