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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

Mon., February 20 (President's Day), Fri., April 7 (Good Friday), Mon., May 29 (Memorial Day),
Tues., July 4 (Independence Day), Mon., September 4 (Labor Day),
Mon., October 9 (Columbus Day), Thurs., November 23 (Thanksgiving Day),
Fri., November 24 (Day after Thanksgiving Day), Mon., December 25 (Christmas Eve),
Tues., December 26 (Christmas Day), Mon., January 1 (New Year's Eve)



2022 Board of Supervisors

Chairman's Message

Dear Residents,

Hope your 2023 is off to a good start!

Northampton Township has a new residential trash collector, Whitetail Disposal, Inc. As expected, the first few weeks of the new year saw a few glitches. All things considered; the transition has gone well. Our new partners at Whitetail and their customer service team have responded well to meet the needs of Township residents and I'm happy to report that most issues have been resolved. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

If you experience trash related issues, call our dedicated Whitetail service number at 610-936-9967 or email: nhtwp@whitetaildisposal.com. Also, to get up to date information regarding trash service, such as weather delays etc. , please visit the "Trash Portal" to sign up for important email notifications: <https://www.whitetaildisposal.com/municipality/northampton-township/>.

As part of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors' commitment to providing superior fire services, the 2023 Budget included funding for ten new fulltime firefighters to ensure a timely response to emergency calls. Creation of a combination career/volunteer fire department is in response to the unfortunate national crisis of a reduction in volunteers.

Starting on March 6, 2023, and operating out of the Richboro fire station, Northampton Township will have the first 24-hour career fire service coverage. The additional staff provides one truck around-the-clock, seven days a week. This is a start, however, to ensure enough firefighters, the need for volunteers continues. Anyone interested in joining the fire department should call 215-357-8277 6AM to 6PM.

And finally, check out the article on page 9 regarding improvements the Township is making to the stormwater system on Jennifer Lane and West Norton Drive. These improvements are designed to improve surface water quality by filtering out pollutants and sediments, preventing them from entering streams and creeks that feed the Neshaminy Creek Watershed. Funding is provided by a Watershed Restoration and Protection Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Northampton Township is doing its part to help the environment! Similar improvements will be made around the township in the future.

Northampton Township strives to provide the best possible public services to our residents. Please enjoy this Winter 2023 Edition of the Northampton Township Newsletter.

Adam M. Selisker
Chairman

Township Board of Supervisors Meetings

**Do you want to know what is happening in your Township
but don't want to leave your warm house?**

**Did you know that you can watch Board of Supervisors meetings
live on TV or our YouTube channel?**

To provide residents with the ability to watch the meetings from home, the Township meetings can be viewed live on your government access channel - Comcast channel 22 or Verizon channel 24 or on our Northampton Township BOS YouTube channel. Past and Present meetings are also archived on our Website at <https://www.northamptontownship.com/government/board-of-supervisors/>

The Board of Supervisors meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, with exceptions in November and December due to holidays.

A calendar of meetings, agendas, minutes, links, and other important information can be found on our website at: www.northamptontownship.com.

Let's Talk Trash...

Important Service Update for Our Valued Residents

The Township recently signed a new contract for waste collection with Whitetail Disposal that includes several important changes in the way our trash and recycling are collected.

As part of the new contract, certain households will receive new wheeled trash containers that will be collected using an automated collection method. This involves the use of trucks with automatic lifting arms operated by the driver that pick-up waste containers and deposit the contents directly into the truck, or into a container mounted to the front of the truck. Automated collection is more efficient, cost effective, and safer for sanitation workers than traditional collection practices.



Residents slated for this new collection method should have already received the new wheeled trash containers as part of the program. These are the only containers for residential trash that may be placed at the curb for collection. No other containers will be collected.

All recycling materials must be placed at the curb using existing green recycling containers. Whitetail will collect recyclables using a mechanical arm system from designated Township properties.

Residents may continue to use their own containers for yard waste.

All wheeled containers for residential trash and recycling must be placed at the curb with the front of the container facing the street the night before your designated collection day.

Whitetail Disposal will be the point of contact for all trash, yard waste, recycling, and bulk pick-up concerns with personnel dedicated to address all issues related to waste collection in the Township.

There are two ways to report an issue, ask a question or schedule a bulk pick-up.

- Direct Dial: 610-936-9967
- Email: nhtwp@whitetaildisposal.com
- Website: www.whitetaildisposal.com/municipality/northampton-township

Please call the company 24 hours in advance of your regular collection day to schedule bulk item collection.

2022 Food Drive (300th Anniversary Celebration)

As many of you know from the previous newsletter, in honor of our 300th Anniversary, Northampton Township set some big goals for this year's Food Drive. With the generosity of our Community, Local Businesses, the Richboro GIANT, the Northampton Township Police Benevolent Association and the Northampton Township Business Association we were able to achieve those goals.



We successfully filled 300 boxes with a Thanksgiving meal for 300 families which were distributed at Jesus Ministry Focus at Bethanna. In addition to providing the 300 boxes, we were able to collect 4,000 lbs. of food in front of the Richboro GIANT. After collecting and distributing the food, we were able to present Jesus Ministry of Bethanna with a GIANT gift card worth over \$3,900 in large part to the contributions from the Northampton Township Business Association.

We cannot express in words, how honored we are to serve such a caring and thoughtful community. We would like to thank everyone who was able to donate, spread the word, or volunteer their time to make this event such a success.



Passing of Senior Officer Marty Comyn

It is with deep sadness that our department announce the passing of Senior Officer Marty Comyn.

Marty has been a resident of Northampton Township for many years. He started his lifelong dedication to our township in 1975. In 1980, Marty was in the first graduating class at Temple University Police Academy. In 1982, he was a Police Officer in Rockledge Borough. Marty was a dispatcher with our department before he became a sworn officer with our department in 1986, and remained so until his untimely passing after a courageous battle with cancer.

In addition to his police career, he was a volunteer with Northampton Township. Marty was a member of the Northampton Volunteer Fire Company from 1975 – 1995. During his tenure with NTVFC he was: Battalion Chief in Holland for 12 years, Deputy Chief for 1 year, and Chief for 1 year. Marty was also a member of Trevoise Heights Rescue Squad, now known as Tri-Hampton Rescue, from 1977 – 1979.

Marty took pride in his work and made many contributions to our police department operations. He served as our lead accident reconstructionist for many years, and shared his knowledge with many officers which helped them be better investigators. As our department's Technology Officer, he managed the Booking Center, and was responsible for technologies that run department operations. Marty was instrumental in designing and developing our new Booking Center, and contributed to the development of our new headquarters.

Northampton Township was fortunate to have him serve our community for so many years.



Board Adopts 2023 Budget with No Tax Increase

At its December 14, 2022 Board meeting the Supervisors unanimously adopted a budget for 2023. The \$54 Million budget maintains all current Township services, includes \$5.4 Million for infrastructure improvements and equipment replacements, and expands our paid fire service by hiring ten new firefighters to insure timely response to emergency situations. These additional hires will allow the Township to provide 24/7 coverage from the Richboro Station.

The most significant cost increases in 2023 were for waste collection and disposal, police services, and fire protection. Employee health insurance increased by a modest 4.8% and wage increases average 3% to 3.5% across all departments. Information technology costs also increased as the Township implements additional cyber security measures. Cyber attacks have become an increasing concern for local governments, with several communities in Bucks County experiencing attacks that have crippled their IT infrastructure.

The budget also appropriates funds to pave and micro-surface 9.6 miles of its 180-mile road system and install a new traffic signal at the intersection of St. Leonard's Road and Newtown-Richboro Road. A new walking trail will eventually connect this intersection to Tyler State Park. The Township received an \$800,000 grant for this trail project. Sidewalks will also be extended on both sides of Second Street Pike from Crossroads Plaza Drive to Tanyard Road under a separate state grant.

The approved budget does not increase property taxes in 2023, but an increase in the refuse collection fee was necessary to pay for the cost of a new waste collection contract that goes into effect on January 1.

Northampton Township Public Works Department

Public Works Road Terms - What Do They Mean?

Have you ever called your Public Works Department and complained about potholes, uneven pavement, or deteriorating road conditions, to have terminology such as that road is going to be milled, seal coated, cold-patched or paved?

Although these repairs set out to accomplish the same outcome, to make the roads in the Township drivable they are distinctively different in their approach to making this happen. When determining what repair is going to be done on a road many factors are considered, such as what is needed to be done to increase the longevity of the road before a full paving process needs to take place.

The maintenance of roads is nothing but the art of keeping the existing road in good working condition for the proper functioning of traffic. Road Maintenance plays important role in the life span of roads and highways. Northampton Township encompasses approximately 26 square miles with over 170 miles of roadway that need to be maintained.

Below are the most common types of road maintenance.

Milling

Milling is the process of removing the top layer of asphalt to a specified and even depth without disturbing the underlying subbase. This allows new asphalt to be laid down without increasing the height of the road and saves you time if the subbase doesn't need to be fixed. Milling asphalt is an environmentally friendly and very cost-effective way to repair asphalt.

Milling can also remove distresses from the surface, providing a better driving experience and/or longer roadway life. Some of the issues that milling can remove include:

- Raveling: aggregate (stone) becoming separated from the binder (oils and "tar" that make up asphalt) and loose on the road
- Bleeding: the binder coming up to the surface of the road
- Rutting: formation of low spots in the pavement along the direction of travel usually in the wheel path
- Shoving: a washboard-like effect transverse to the direction of travel
- Ride quality: uneven road surface such as swells, bumps, sags, or depressions
- Damage: resulting from accidents and/or fires

It can also be used to control or change the height of part or all of the road. This can be done to control heights and clearances of other road structures such as curb reveals, manhole and catch basin heights, shoulder and guardrail heights, and overhead clearances. It can also be done to change the slope or camber of the road or for grade adjustments which can help with drainage.

Northampton Township Public Works Department

Seal Coating

Seal Coating provides an extra layer or membrane on top of the asphalt roadway protecting and prolonging the life expectancy of asphalt pavement by filling surface damage and providing a protective layer to keep out damaging UV rays, vehicle fluids, and water and is very cost-effective. In Northampton Township, we have been utilizing a micro-sealing process which is like driveway sealant but is much thicker and can extend the life expectancy of the road by about ten years.



Cold Patching

Cold patching asphalt is essentially what it sounds like, filling a pothole with gravel/asphalt material without heating it. It can be performed quickly in any season, but it's only a temporary repair until one of the options for permanent repair can take place. This is one of the only repairs which can be made in the winter season since hot asphalt can not be used unless it is 40 degrees and rising.

Paving

An asphalt pavement consists of different asphalt layers. In general, the asphalt layers are paved on a bound or unbound road base layer. Starting at the road surface, the first layer is called the surface or wearing course. The second layer is mostly called the binder course. The lower layers are the base courses. Paving is what takes place when the layers in the road need to be replaced and other options have been exhausted. Paving is the costliest out of all the solutions for repairing a roadway.

In the 2023 budget, we have budgeted approximately \$217,000 for each mile of planned paving and about \$92,000 for each mile of planned micro-sealing.

If you see a pothole or notice a road issue you can contact the following:

- For Township owned roads contact the Public Works Department at 215-355-3433
- For state-owned roads contact PennDOT at 1-800-Fix-Road.

The following roads are state roads, owned and maintained by PennDOT:

Almshouse Road/Rte. 332 Newtown-Richboro Road, Bridgetown Pike, Bristol Road, Buck Road, Bustleton Pike, Chinquapin Road, Churchville Lane, Holland Road, Jacksonville Road, Old Bristol Road, Second Street Pike, Worthington Mill Road

From the Building and Codes Department. . .

Are you having moisture issues in your basement? Here are some helpful tips to consider. . .

1. Ensure proper drainage by diverting water away from the house. The grade should fall away from the house 6 inches within the first 10 feet.
2. Gutters and downspouts should be sized for adequate runoff and cleaned regularly. In addition, downspouts should have 3-foot extensions beyond the base of the house to prevent water from reverting back to the foundation.
3. A major contributor to basement moisture problems is built up mulch beds and soil. By lowering mulch and soil below the sill plate, this will help with moisture, rot, and bug infestation.
4. If necessary, consider hiring a reputable waterproofing company.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883. We'll be happy to answer any questions.

Tax Collector's Corner

County & Township Bills will be mailed March 1st.

- 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.

Mortgage companies pay your Escrowed taxes within the discount period. Please forward your tax bill to them. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for paying your taxes.

CRSD Real-Estate Bills and Resident Occupation Tax Bills are mailed July 1st.

- 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
215-357-1343

"Please call us to assist your neighbors and family members who may need help processing their payments to ensure the avoidance of penalties."



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Veterans Advisory Commission News

Veteran Discount Cards

The people of Bucks County are grateful for the many sacrifices each Veteran has willingly made in the service of our country and for the cause of freedom throughout the world.

As a symbol of their appreciation, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners extended the services and benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs to those veterans and their dependents. Effective Oct. 30, 2018, Military Reservists and National Guard members also are eligible for a Bucks County Veteran Discount Card. Any member who applied in the past is encouraged to apply.

To obtain a Veteran Discount Card, please visit the Veterans Affairs of Bucks County Courthouse, 55 E Court St. in Doylestown. To make an appointment, please call Betty Carleo, Veterans Assistant or Timothy Wynn, Director of Bucks County Veterans Affairs at 215 345 3885.

Veterans General Contact Links:

- www.va.gov
- <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov> Medical Benefits
- <http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/cost/financialhardship.asp>.
- <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> DD 214
- www.lasp.org Legal Aid of Southeastern Pa
- Form SF 180 to obtain Military Medal. VA website or VA office.
- Pennsylvania Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs: www.dmva.pa.gov
Philadelphia office – VA Center 215 381 3040
and toll free 866-754-8637
- Bucks County Veterans Affairs, Doylestown, Pa :
Timothy Wynn, Director 215-345-3307 or
Betty Carleo, Veterans Assistant: 215-345-3885
(Bucks County Veterans Bus to VA Medical centers)
call Betty 2 weeks before your appointment
- Dental Care: HealthLink Dental Clinic, Southampton, Pa
215-364-4247 Call for Income thresholds.
- Career Links of Bucks: 1260 Veterans Hwy, Bristol, Pa 215-781-1073
- Employment opportunities, ask for Veterans Coordinator

Eagle Valley Basin And Norton Pond Restoration

In September of 2019, Northampton Township was awarded a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority to retrofit the existing detention basin on Jennifer Lane and dredge the pond on West Norton Drive. The Township applied for the grant as part of its Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) obligations to help reduce sediment and pollutant discharge to the Neshaminy Creek Watershed.

WHY

A tributary to Ironworks Creek runs from across New Road, under Jennifer Lane, and continues on through West and East Norton Drives towards Second Street Pike. The Jennifer Lane basin was constructed in 1985 to detain the runoff from the newly-constructed Eagle Valley Subdivision, including 22 residential lots and two (2) residential road. Over the years, stormwater management regulations have changed, and basins are now required to have water quality functions to filter out pollutants and sediment from entering streams, creeks, and rivers. The basin floor has eroded over time and has caused sediment to build up in the pond down stream on West Norton Drive. Excess sediment contributes to cloudy, murky water, which degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life, and lowers the aesthetic quality of our waters for recreation. Reducing the amount of sediment in both the basin and pond will help to protect the Ironworks Creek and Neshaminy Creek Watersheds from becoming overloaded with sediment. Northampton Township is required under its MS4 permit, issued by the State, to achieve a sediment load reduction of 10% of the existing sediment load of 3,393,851 lb/yr. To learn more about the Township's MS4 obligations, please visit the Northampton Township website at <https://www.northamptontownship.com/departments/building-codes/stormwater-management/>

WHEN

Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in early spring of 2023 and will be completed by Toth Brothers Clearing and Dredging, Inc. of Sellersville, PA. The project is anticipated to take approximately 4 months to complete. A sign will be posted near the pond to notify residents as the start date draws closer.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Jennifer Lane Basin Retrofit: The basin retrofit will include the construction of a sediment forebay to help capture sediment from the runoff of the roadway; construction of a natural grass channel to help remove pollutants from the runoff; construction of a micropool to help promote infiltration of the runoff back into the ground; and the installation of a new basin outlet structure to decrease the rate of water discharged to the pond downstream.

Norton Pond Dredging: Due to the current configuration of the basin on Jennifer Lane, the pond has become overloaded with sediment which has decreased the water volume in the pond. The project will include removal of the excess sediment and restoring the pond to its original water depth. To accomplish this, the contractor will temporarily remove any fish, and will lower the water level to remove the sediment. At the completion of the project the pond is expected to be 4-6 feet deep.

Through the completion of this project, the Township will hope to reduce sediment discharge into the pond and ultimately the Neshaminy Creek Watershed. Any questions should be directed to the Township by calling (215) 357-6800.



JENNIFER LANE BASIN OUTLET STRUCTURE

(Photo taken July 19, 2022)



NORTON POND

(Photo taken July 19, 2022)

Keep Your Waterways Clean – No Dumping To Stormwater Inlets

Your community is designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as an MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System which must maintain an NPDES Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) for the discharge of stormwater to local waterways. The primary goal of this program is to improve stormwater runoff quality, which impacts streams and rivers in the community.

One thing that the public can do to help prevent Stormwater Pollution is to never dump pollutants into a storm sewer inlet, drainage ditch or basin. This includes paint, chemicals, detergents or petroleum products, as well as grass clippings and leaves. These facilities drain directly to the local streams and dumping anything other than stormwater causes pollution that is harmful to the aquatic life and pollutes the waters which are used for recreation and water supplies.

Waste materials which are no longer needed can be safely disposed of in several ways. Paints containers can be opened to allow the paint to dry out or can be solidified using cat litter. Many communities have hazardous waste collection programs where materials can be dropped off for recycling or proper disposal. Major automotive service centers will recycle used motor oil. Mulching of grass clippings, or composting clippings and leaves, allows the materials to be utilized as a natural fertilizer.

This information is provided as part of the municipal MS4 program. Additional information concerning improving stormwater runoff can be found on the PA Department of Environmental Protection or the Northampton Township web site.



IF YOU WASH
YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL WASH IT
IN THE LAKE.



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains which flows directly into our streams, lakes, rivers and the ocean.
So what can you do?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH WASHING YOUR CAR?

Washing your car on a paved surface can allow the soapy wash water and other pollutants, like oil and grease, to run off into a storm drain. Most soap contains phosphates and other chemicals that, in large amounts can contaminate your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife and plants. The soap, together with the dirt and oil washed from your car, flows into nearby storm drains, which flows directly into lakes, rivers and the ocean. The phosphates from the soap can cause excess algae to grow, which can be harmful to the water quality.

YOU CAN HELP!

- Take your car to a car washing facility, rather than washing it yourself. Commercial car washes treat and recycle the water.
- If you can't get to a car washing facility, wash your car on an unpaved surface and use biodegradable soap.
- Organize a Car Wash Fundraiser for a local organization.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT CLEAN WATER?

Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to Pennsylvania's clean water supply. Clean water provides access to safe drinking water, places for recreation, commercial opportunities, healthy wildlife habitats, and adds beauty to our landscape. Rain washes pollution from streets, parking lots, and lawns into storm drains, then directly to our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans.

Did you know more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like motor oil, fertilizers, pet waste, and detergents? By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater.



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



Cold Weather Fire Safety

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

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



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Smoke Alarms Save Lives!



Test your smoke alarms once a month.

A smoke alarm can save your life in a fire. Use the test button to make sure your smoke alarms are working.



Replace your alarms after 10 years.

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms.







Northampton Township Police Department

111 Township Rd. Richboro, PA 18954 • Non-Emergency Number: 215-357-8700 • Steven LeCompte, Chief of Police

Increase in Fraud and Check Washing

Starting in August of 2022 our Township and region has experienced a large number of check fraud and check washing incidents. These incidents are predominantly related to mail that has been stolen from outdoor mailboxes. Unfortunately, criminals have found ways to obtain mail from the secure outside mailboxes and if they obtain a check they will change the recipient and the amount on the check. Victim's usually are not aware of the theft until many weeks later after they either receive a late notice or review their bank statements. The Northampton Township Police are working with area investigators and the United States Postal Inspectors to catch these culprits, but in the meantime the police are strongly asking all residents to take your mail **inside** the Post Office and refrain from using outdoor public mailboxes.

If you use checks as a primary means of paying your bills you may want to look into security checks which add an additional layer of protection for your bank account. Security checks utilize anti-copy technology which makes it difficult for criminals to alter checks with conventional copiers. Security checks have a foil hologram which cannot be removed or copied. Using a security pen when writing your checks can prevent check washing, because the ink embeds into the paper. Even using our best practices, we still recommend using the drop box inside the Post Office.

Tips that you can do to protect yourself:

- -Walk your mail into the post office and drop it off
- -Drop your mail off just before pick up times to ensure it does not sit idle in the mailbox
- -Follow up with whomever you are sending checks to via mail to make sure they receive the check(s)
- -If you are a victim of fraud please contact your bank/financial institution and the police and provide as much information as possible on the transaction. If the transactions are caught in a timely manner the stolen assets may be recovered.

*Please inform your family and friends about the above recommended safe practices.

Police K9 Program

In April of 2023, Officer Eric Freas and his new four-legged partner, Maui, will hit the streets of Northampton Township. K9 Maui is a 22-month-old German Shepard/Belgian Malinois mix who came from the Netherlands after the department received an extremely generous donation from an amazing family within our community. Currently, Officer Freas and Maui are in an intensive training program at the Philadelphia Police K9 Academy for both Basic Patrol and Narcotics Detection. Our newest K9 team is eager to get back to Northampton Township and serve the community. The duo will be patrolling in a specially equipped Ford Explorer (54-05) with Maui's name on the side rear windows.





The Free LIBRARY of Northampton Township

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

HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm | Friday and Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm | Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

"BEYOND THE STACKS" - LIBRARY RESOURCES YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT

When the weather outside is frightful, keep yourself delightful with these online resources beyond the stacks. Everything is free with a library card and PIN.

Kanopy is the library's premier video streaming database. Check out 10 movies, documentaries or instructional videos per month and enjoy each for either 48 or 72 hours of viewing. Use the link from the library's website or download the free app.

With an extensive catalog, Kanopy offers two search methods in order to find your next video. Browse is the first search method—search categories of New Additions, Academy Award Winners or dive into the genres of comedy, drama, or instructional. For example, continue lifelong learning with a complete repertoire of The Great Courses when you click on the Instructional genre. Searching by title or keyword allows exploration of thousands of videos from the Criterion Collection, the BBC or world cinema.



Children are not forgotten in Kanopy. Click the Kids button on the top right of the home page and enjoy unlimited plays of Highlights, Sesame Street and more. Your little one can even learn a language with BBC Muzzy for Kids.



Give a hoot and a holler for Hoopla, an online resource for digital library materials. While you may know Hoopla for downloadable ebooks, digital audio, and music, you may not be aware that Hoopla contains streaming movies and television. Like Kanopy, hundreds can be checked out and streamed for 3 days. However, Hoopla is unique as it offers streaming television shows such as Acorn TV and BBC. Much of Hoopla's content is geared for children too.

Searching Hoopla is easy—a keyword search of "Everything" will search the entire database but category selection from a drop-down menu (ebook, television or movies) narrows the search. Hoopla "Binge Passes" are another way to stream and enjoy. Grouped according to subject, Binge Passes stream for 3 days but unlimited viewing of the video within the groups is allowed. Groups include "Curiosity Stream", "The Great Courses", "Kidz Vidz", and more.

LIFELONG LEARNING - "THE GREAT COURSES"

One of the library's missions is to encourage and facilitate lifelong learning. Having *The Great Courses* in the library's collection is one way the library fulfills this mission.

The Great Courses company was founded in 1990 with the idea of making college-level courses, taught by college professors, available outside of a university setting. The unbiased lectures were first published in audio format and later in DVD and streaming access. Today, there are several hundred courses of various subjects important to twenty-first century learners.

The library provides access to *The Great Courses* in different ways depending upon how patrons prefer to enjoy them. In the stacks, the library has *The Great Courses* in audio (CD) and in video (DVD) - each format accompanied by a course book.

Digitally, *The Great Courses* can be accessed on both Hoopla and Kanopy as streaming video. In Hoopla, search *The Great Courses* under "Television" in the drop-down menu. Click the Browse menu and select Binge Passes and find *The Great Courses* Binge Pass and enjoy unlimited content for 3 days. Kanopy uses the Browse feature as well. Choose "Instructional" and you will find *The Great Courses* grouped by general subject area such as History, Arts, Cooking, Science, and more.

Lifelong learning is easy at the library!



Northampton Township James E. Kinney Senior Center

165 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954

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Website: www.northamptonsc.com

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- ◆ The bi-monthly center newsletter is mailed to each member's home.

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a non-profit that supports "local causes and needs that align with four pillars central to Dan's life: community, family, sports, and animals." Dan Parzych, an incredible young man who grew up in Richboro, was tragically killed in May of 2020, at the age of thirty-three. Dan's family and friends committed to continue sharing "Dan's passion for all things good and kind with our local communities."

In March, 2022, Dan's sister, Christen, reached out to Parks and Recreation offering to sponsor a re-vamp of the Civic Center outdoor basketball courts where Dan and his friends spent countless hours while growing up! We are honored to be the beneficiaries of DJP Foundations first major project, fulfilling three of its four pillars: community, family and sports. The project included complete refurbishment of Courts A & B: removal and replacements of four poles, backboards and new professional grade rims, custom pole pads and repair and repainting of both court surfaces. On behalf of our community - thank you!

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2023 SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AND FILLING FAST!

Register today at www.northamptonrec.com

CAMP EXPLORE

For campers entering 1ST-6TH grades

Camp Explore is a half day program that is loaded with fun activities to keep your child happy and active! This seven week program offers sports, indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts and Special Friday theme days! Give your child a taste of camp in the morning and enjoy your afternoons together this summer!

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6/26-8/11 (No camp 7/3 & 7/4)

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*

FEE: \$595 CLASS #8209

\$100/child deposit due at time of registration;

full balance due on June 2, grades entering Sept. 2023

CAMP QUEST

For campers entering 7-9TH grades

A camp program that keeps the young teen entertained and happy! Your child's input and interests are placed right into the camp curriculum - no more boredom! Participants enjoy extensive trips, special guests, arts and crafts, intramural sports, a summer color competition and anything else they can think of! Back for its 24th award winning year! Quest is the answer parents of 7th - 9th graders have been searching for! *times vary due to trip schedule

MONDAY-THURSDAY 6/26-8/11 (No camp 7/3 & 7/4)

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

WELCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEE: \$1885 CLASS #8210

\$300/child deposit due at time of registration;

full balance due on June 2; Grades entering Sept. 2023

ULTIMATE CAMP QUEST

For campers entering 7-9TH grades

Working parents of Quest campers can now have peace of mind too! Participants get all the benefits of the regular Quest program with earlier drop off, later pickup and FRIDAYS! Daily trips to the pool, special Friday events and trips are all included too!

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6/26-8/11 (No camp 7/3 & 7/4)

7:30 AM-6:00 PM

WELCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEE: \$2389 CLASS #8210

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full balance due on June 2; Grades entering Sept. 2023

CIT & QUEST

For campers entering 9-10TH grades

Has your child always wanted to work with kids? Interested 9th and 10th graders (in September 2023) apply today and if selected, your child will learn everything there is to know about being an effective and enthusiastic camp counselor! CIT's will be assigned to a camp and on Mondays will engage in team building and training. On Fridays, CIT's will be assigned weekly tasks to complete with the campers while being mentored by senior counselors and camp leaders. (Tuesdays - Thursdays will be spent playing games and going on trips with the Quest). Based on their performance, at the end of the summer the CIT with the highest points is HIRED and guaranteed a position in our camp program the following summer!

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6/26-8/11 (No camp 7/3 & 7/4)

7:30 AM-6:00 PM

WELCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEE: \$1885 CLASS #8211

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Looking for our one week specialty camps? Check your mailbox in early March! This summer will feature:

- Golf Camp • Tennis Camp • Hockey Camp • Cheer Camp • Basketball Camp • Engineering
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NEW SPECIALTY CLASSES



NEW HIP HOP DANCE CLASS! (AGES 6-13)

Students will be taught movements and sequences that show off personal style and expression focusing on development of rhythm and syncopations.

Attire: Bodysuit or leggings and a tight tank top/tee-shirt, and black sneakers or ballet/jazz shoes.

AGES	DAY	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	CLASS #
6-9	Wednesday	3/1-4/5	5:30-6:30 PM	Recreation Center	Amanda Aquaro, Dance Instructor	8058
10-13		3/1-4/5	6:45-7:45 PM			8060

ERS \$66 | R \$70 | NR \$80 | 6 Weeks

NEW AHA HEARTSAVER CPR/AED/FIRST AID CLASS (AGES 15 & UP)



Learn the skills needed to recognize cardiac arrest, get emergency care on the way quickly, and help a person until EMS arrives. This course teaches students information needed to respond to and manage illnesses and injuries in an adult in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Heartsaver First Aid teaches you the basics for the most common first aid emergencies, including how to recognize them, how to call for help, and how to perform lifesaving skills.

DAY	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	CLASS #
Saturday	2/25	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Recreation Center	Jay Colella, NRP	8122
	3/25				8123

ERS \$85 | R \$95 | NR \$105 | 1 Day

PALS - SPECIAL CONNECTIONS

PALS Special Connections is an afternoon social group for adults with special needs. Each week a topic will be explored through arts and crafts and discussion. Participants will also enjoy light exercise, dance, games, a snack and other fun activities! Come and spend time with us every Thursday! We can't wait to see you! Space is Limited. Register Early.

DAY	DATES	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	CLASS #
Thursday	4/13 - 6/1*	3:30 - 5:30 PM	Lois Bach, Special Ed Teacher and volunteers	Recreation Center	8056

ERS \$173 | R \$190 | NR \$224 | 12 weeks || *ERS \$104 | R \$114 | NR \$135 | 8 weeks





NEW MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH MS. LOLLY (18 MONTHS-3 YEARS)

This weekly movement & music class led by beloved Bucks County kid’s musician, Lolly Hopwood, will have your little ones learning music basics like rhythm, dynamics, and mood. Combined with lots of imagination and plenty of fun-filled movement activities, this class will also help your children to develop physically, emotionally, and socially.

DAY	DATES	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	CLASS #
Wednesday	3/1 - 4/5	9:30 - 10:15 AM	Lolly Hopwood	Recreation Center	8034

ERS \$78 | R \$86 | NR \$98 | 6 weeks ERS \$125 | R \$138 | NR \$156



NEW TINY TUMBLERS (AGES 2 - 12)

On your mark, get set, roll! Tiny Tumblers is a mobile gym offering gymnastics programming for kids of all ability levels from ages 2-12 years. Balance on the beam, swing from the bars, bounce on the trampoline, and so much more! Students will learn fundamental gymnastics skills, participate in age-appropriate challenges and games, and explore exciting apparatus in a safe and engaging setting. Our program enables children to boost physical fitness while fostering goal setting, teamwork, and self-confidence.

AGES	DAY	DATES	EXCEPT	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	CLASS #
2-3	Monday	3/13 -4/24	4/10	4:00 - 4:45 PM	Trinity from Tiny Tumblers	Recreation Center	8040
4-6				5:00 - 5:45 PM			8041
7-12				6:00 - 6:45 PM			8042

ERS \$125 | R \$138 | NR \$156

BUS TRIPS THIS SPRING!

There are lots of adventures for you to enjoy at your leisure with family and friends. Bus trips provide a hassle-free way to visit sites, shows and lots interesting places. Parks & Recreation does the planning so you can relax. Coach buses provide comfort and safe travel to your destinations with all of the details, tickets and planning already done for you! Come join us for your next adventure!








Visit the Parks & Recreation website: NORTHAMPTONREC.COM or check the Spring update brochure for more details. All aboard!



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-  On-site snack bar PLUS access to Tavern on Ten for patio dining, dine-in or take out.
-  Opportunities for parties and events Monday-Friday evenings in June, July & August.

For more information, hours, membership types, lessons, programs, rates and employment opportunities, visit the Parks & Recreation website: www.northamptonrec.com



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- Advanced leak alert algorithm detects and alerts customers about potential leaks in your home and helps you identify the source of the leak
- My Use Notifications will notify you when your water use is higher than normal, helping you avoid billing surprises
- Bill Forecast Notifications inform you, prior to the end of the billing cycle, that you are likely to have high water use on your upcoming bill
- The ability to receive alerts and notifications on an opt-in basis
- Customers can choose to receive alerts and notifications by email, text, and voice



WaterSmart Portal

With the WaterSmart Portal residents can:

- Track daily water use
- See how your household water use compares to similar Town water customers
- Receive notifications when your daily consumption exceeds the prior day's consumption by the volume threshold you set
- Get bill forecast notifications
- Receive leak alert notifications

WHAT YOU'LL GET?

The WaterSmart Portal will help you track your home's water use at macro and micro levels.



How you compare. See how your water use compares to similar homes.



Ways to save. Get personalized, step-by-step actions.



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Sign Up
Signing up is easy!

Contact Customer Service to request an emailed link to register for WaterSmart.



Fire Safety during Winter Storms


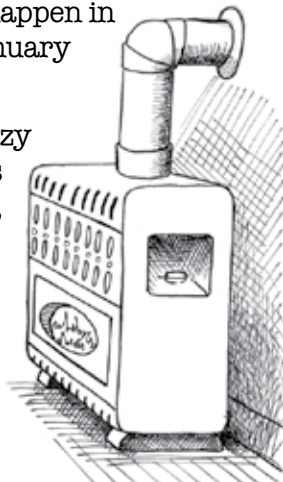
Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact
Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.



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Safe Winter Driving

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This sheet provides safety information to your residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

THE THREE P'S OF SAFE WINTER DRIVING:

PREPARE for the trip;
PROTECT yourself;
and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.

PREPARE

- **Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
- **Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.
- **Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- **Plan Your Route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

Practice Cold Weather Driving!

- During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered snow and ice.
- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

PREVENT CRASHES

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.



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