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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, March 29th (Good Friday), Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day)

Thursday, July 4th & Friday July 5th (Independence Day)

Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)



2024 Board of Supervisors

Tax Collector's FAQ

What are your hours of operation?

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: Closed

We are closed all legal county holidays and Memorial Day week

Which taxes do I pay to your office?

At the Northampton tax office, we are responsible for collecting taxes for three taxing authorities:

1. Council Rock School District – Real Estate & Northampton Township Occupational (OCC)
2. Northampton Township - Real Estate & Refuse Fee
3. Bucks County – Real Estate Taxes

Who Collects the Earned Income Tax?

Keystone Collection Group (866-539-1100) is contracted to collect the 1% Earned Income Tax (EIT). Most people have their EIT withheld from their paycheck. You should make sure that your employer has the correct political sub division (PSD) code and that the PSD code on your W-2 matches that of Council Rock; the PSD code for Council Rock is **090603**.

How do I change the name on my deed?

The Bucks County Recorder of Deeds (215-348-6209) can assist you. They will need your request in writing and for you to provide proper legal documentation sent to: Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, 55 E. Court Street Doylestown, PA 18901. Please get professional advice first.

What is the office's mailing address and can we pay in person?

815 Bustleton Pike Richboro, PA 18954

You may pay in person with a check or money order via a drop box on the side of the building or inside during business hours.

How do I pay delinquent taxes?

- **Bucks County tax claim (215-348-6274) collects the county and township.**
- **SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL TAXES -G.H. Harris Associates Inc. (570-639-5005).**
- **For Council Rock School District Real Estate Taxes call: Portnoff Law Associates, ltd 1-866-211-9466.**

How do I change the mailing address for my real estate tax bill?

The Bucks County Board of Assessments (215-348-6219) will be happy to assist you. Simply write them a letter addressed to: Bucks County Board of Assessments, 55 E. Court Street Doylestown, PA 18901.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Deon, CPTC



Chairman's Message

Dear Neighbors,

DESTINATION NORTHAMPTON!

What makes Northampton a great place to live: Our fantastic facilities and programs that we have right here in town. Let's look at what's coming up this spring and summer!

The **Northampton Township Library** hosts over 150,000 visitors every year. The Library will be partnering with Newtown Book Shop to host author, Lisa Gardner, on Sunday, March 17 @ 2:00 PM for their first-ever Sunday afternoon program. The library hosts weekly English as a Second Language classes taught by staff from the local non-profit organization, Welcoming the Stranger. On the horizon is the library's eight-week Summer Reading Program scheduled to begin on the second or third Saturday in June. For all additional programming information, please visit their website: www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org.

With warmer weather on the way, the **Senior Center** offers a variety of "cool" activities and programs to choose from. Spring marks the start of the outdoor bocce league with over 100 participants. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to get a little exercise and have a lot of fun. If it's an indoor activity you're looking for, there's a new billiards league starting in addition to a wide range of exercise classes, art programs, book clubs, and so much more. If you're age 55 or better, looking for a place where you can be active, have fun, learn a new hobby and socialize, it's all waiting for you at the Senior Center! Stop by and check it out!

Northampton Township Residents have much to look forward to as the **Parks and Recreation Department** gears up for Spring and Summer! Celebrate Spring with the return of "Breakfast with the Bunny", a catered breakfast and pictures with the Bunny as well as entertainment for the kids. Back by popular demand, the 2nd Puzzle Palooza puzzle competition is scheduled for April 22! Two to four team members compete to be the first to complete a 500-piece puzzle in a maximum of two hours to win the grand prize and everyone keeps their puzzle! This summer welcomes our annual concert series with the addition of a few new bands including '80's Revolution (an '80's cover band) and MidLife Crisis! Select concerts will also feature food trucks. Last but certainly not least, the department's full summer, full-day camps are already booked, but Camp Explore, our ½ day camp still has limited openings! Residents can also select from 20 different weeklong specialty camps - from tennis, golf, and basketball to theater, art and robotics, Parks and Recreation has you covered! Visit www.northamptonrec.com to learn more and register.

If you're a golfer, or just looking for a new place for lunch or dinner, check out the **Northampton Valley Country Club**. New in 2024 is the golf discount program for Northampton Residents, First Responders, Active Military and Veterans (see page 17 for details). NVCC is always open to the public, it's a perfect location close to home for your next outing, or simply enjoy great food and drinks at the Tavern on Ten restaurant. NVCC also offers banquet services. A great facility right in your own community

Finally, look forward to the **Richboro and Holland fire stations** re-opening this spring. Community courses will be offered by the fire department such as CPR and AED training, fire extinguisher training, babysitter training and car seat installation. Information on how to sign up will be published at a later date.

It's easy to see that **NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP** is your destination this spring and summer!

Enjoy the season!

Adam



**2024 Elections information can be found on the
Bucks County website: www.buckscounty.gov or
call the Board of Elections, 215-348-6154**

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Carol and Rob Weissberg
with their Realtor, Hazel Smith



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New Police Officers 2024



Officer Daniel Franks, badge #102, grew up in Harleysville, Pa. and is a graduate of Lansdale Catholic High School. After high school, Dan attended East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania earning a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science. In 2017 he was hired by the Philadelphia Police Department. He graduated from the Phila. Police Academy and worked as an officer in the 25th District. Officer Franks was awarded one Merit Commendation and two Commendatory

Citations for his work as a Patrol Officer.

Officer Franks was sworn in by Judge Marriott on January 16, 2024. He will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division once he completes our Officer Field Training Program.



Officer Jesse Higgins, badge #103, grew up in Philadelphia and is a graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School. From 2014–2017 Jesse worked in the Philadelphia Fire Department until he was hired by the Philadelphia Police Department. He graduated from the Phila. Police Academy and worked as an officer in the 26th District. Officer Higgins also has 10 years of experience as an Emergency Medical Technician. Jesse is currently attending Rosemont College in Bryn Mawr.

Officer Higgins was sworn in by Judge Marriott on January 16, 2024. He will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division once he completes our Officer Field Training Program.



2023 Northampton Township Thanksgiving Food Drive

The 2023 Northampton Township Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success! This annual event benefits the Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry at Bethanna which provides meals to children, adults and seniors living in Bucks County. Throughout the month of November, the Police Department had collection sites available in many of our Township buildings. In addition, our main collection event took place on November 18th at the Richboro GIANT.

With the generosity of our community, local businesses, the Richboro GIANT, and the Northampton Township Business Association, we were able to collect over 4,000 lbs. of non-perishable food items, over \$2,000 in GIANT gift cards and 6 turkeys! The donations were dropped off at the Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry at Bethanna in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are so grateful that we can serve such a thoughtful and generous community. We would like to thank everyone who spread the word, donated to this great cause, and volunteered their time to make this event a success. We are looking forward to what 2024 will bring.



Northampton Township Police Traffic Safety Unit

The Northampton Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for investigating serious and fatal crashes, traffic studies, targeted enforcement of traffic regulations, deploying digital speed displays and message boards throughout the township, and responding to citizen's traffic concerns. The Traffic Safety Unit includes certified Crash Reconstructionists and other Officers who are dedicated to making our roads as safe as possible, educating motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Whenever there is a crash that involves a possible fatality or serious bodily injury, the Traffic Safety Unit will respond to investigate. The members of this unit have specialized training in collection of evidence on the roadway and utilize digital diagraming equipment in order to find out what happened in a crash sequence.

The Traffic Safety Unit responds to all written citizen traffic concerns. Often, a roadway survey is conducted to determine if the road is safe or if changes to the roadway, signage, or new regulations are needed. Some of the most common citizen traffic concerns involve complaints about speeding vehicles and stop sign violations. Northampton Township Police do not pick areas to conduct traffic enforcement details for the sole purpose of writing citations to motorists. The locations that traffic enforcement details are conducted are often a result of a citizen traffic concern or an area where traffic enforcement will likely help prevent accidents.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS from our unit:

- Distracted driving is illegal and the cause of many serious crashes. If your attention is needed elsewhere, safely pull over until you can give your full attention to the road.
- Be responsible when using crosswalks:
 - Pedestrians must cross in designated crosswalks. Motor vehicles must give the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
 - You must walk your bicycle in a crosswalk. You do not have the same right-of-way as a pedestrian if riding a bicycle.
 - Keep in mind, if you enter the road when not in a crosswalk, the motor vehicle has the right-of-way.
- Always keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- It is the driver's responsibility to drive at a safe and appropriate speed for any given conditions. This includes reducing your speed during bad weather (rain, sleet, snow), for backed-up or slow traffic, and to safely negotiate a curve in the roadway.

Safety on the roadway starts with the individual motorist, bicyclist, and pedestrian. It is up to everyone to act responsibly and follow the rules of the road.

From the Building and Codes Department. . .

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

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

According to the Attorney General, "registration under HICPA is not an endorsement, recommendation or approval by the Office of Attorney General of the contractor's competency or skill."

For this reason, in addition to seeing whether a contractor is registered with the Attorney General's Office, you should also:

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

Consumers or businesses can call the Home Improvement Registration Helpline at 1-888-520-6680 to report unregistered contractors operating in their communities. Complaints about unregistered contractors can also be emailed to their office at: hic@attorneygeneral.gov.

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

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- State tax forms
- Property tax and rent rebate forms, and much more.

If we can be of assistance to you on a state-related matter, please contact any of our offices.

Working Together

Senator Farry, and State Reps. Hogan and Marcell sponsored joint state services events featuring PA State Treasurer Garrity. As part of each event, constituents were able to search onsite for unclaimed property, recovering over \$200,000 owed to those in attendance.

Unclaimed property can include things like dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, forgotten stocks, insurance policies, and more. State law requires businesses to report unclaimed property to Treasury after three years of dormancy. The average value of a claim is \$1,600.

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It's a Burning Issue. From the Fire Marshal's Office

It's that time of year when we think about getting back outside and enjoying our yards and patios. Perhaps you have a fire pit or outdoor fireplace? If so, please be aware that the smoke from your fire may not be welcomed by your neighbor. Fire pits should be operated under their manufacturer's recommendations and common sense. A suitable means of extinguishment must be on hand, and the fire must be constantly attended until extinguished. Residents are reminded that open burning (other than recreational fires) is prohibited in Northampton Township. If you have any questions please contact the office of the Fire Marshal at 215-357-6800

A Reminder from the Fire Department When Using Your Outdoor Grill



SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use.
- Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
 - If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
 - Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
 - There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
 - When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Source-National Fire Protection Association

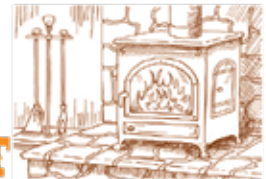
Carbon Monoxide Safety



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

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

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



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

FACTS

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



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**WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN
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All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb. Then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster

HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

Four SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

- 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.** Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.
- 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.** They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.** Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.** They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.



Information for this article from the Federal Trade Commission website: [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM

- 1. Block unwanted calls and text messages.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- 2. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.** Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, such as your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- 3. Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- 4. Know how scammers tell you to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- 5. Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

SOURCE: <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>



If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

The proposed project list for 2024 is listed below:

PAVING PROJECT

Old Jordan Road
Jericho Road
Brendan Court
Independence Drive (Revere Drive to Liberty Drive)
Revere Drive
Crestview Drive
Firethorn Court
Evergreen Court
Bruce Drive
Glasgow Road
Galloway Road
Douglas Road
Paisley Road
Tartan Road
Bonnie Road
Gaelic Court
Casey Road
Swallow Road
Robin/E. Robin Road
Cardinal Drive
Blue Bird Road
North Drive
Aqua Drive
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Monica Drive
Raffaella Drive
Larch Circle
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MICRO-SURFACING

Orthodox Drive
Cherokee Road
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Mohawk Road
Jacqueline Circle
Silo Hill Drive
American Drive
Nikol Drive
Bless Circle
Golden Gate Drive



The state roads in Northampton Township are maintained by PennDOT. They are listed below, and you may notify the state of road conditions and submit other concerns via the state website @ penndot.gov

Almshouse Road
Jacksonville Road
Chinquapin Road
Bristol Road
Old Bristol Road
Holland Road

Bustleton Pike
Bridgetown Pike
Newtown-Richboro Road
Churchville Lane
Buck Road
Worthington Mill Road

Congratulations Fred Smith on Your Retirement!



Fred Smith, one of our long-term employees, is retiring on February 9, 2024 after a long and storied career here at Northampton Township.

Fred came to Northampton Township over 48 years ago as a member of the Public Works Department as a summer employee mowing grass in 1975. He was hired as a full-time employee before the end of the year. As a reliable and hardworking employee, it did not take long for Fred to move into a leadership position. His dedication to our Township and the success of our Public Works Department is beyond compare. He worked his way up through the years to be the Assistant Public Works Director, where he has been a leader, mentor and a friend to many of us.

If you know Fred or ever had the pleasure of dealing with him, he is an experienced professional and a person of great integrity and morals. Fred agreed to stay on the last couple of years to assist with transitioning the Department to a new Director, providing invaluable insights and institutional knowledge to ensure continued success of the Department.

Fred may have started at the bottom when he was a new hire but he worked his way to the top. He has been involved in all the paving projects, stormwater management repairs, storm responses and all the other aspects of the day to day operations that are needed behind the scenes. We are going to miss his enthusiasm and willingness to help out in all areas of the Township.

TRASH COLLECTION

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Battery Disposal & Pool Chemicals

- DO NOT dispose of batteries or pool chemicals in your trash or recycling.
- Lithium batteries and many pool chemicals are highly flammable or potentially explosive.
- Improper disposal is a major safety concern for the community and the disposal crew.
- Bucks County provides safe disposal events throughout the year. Check <https://www.buckscounty.gov/444/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Recycling> for 2024 disposal dates and locations.

2024 Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Schedule can be found on the Bucks County website: www.buckscounty.gov

Bulk Waste

How to Schedule Bulk

Contact the Whitetail Municipality Department by 12pm the day prior to your service day to schedule:

- Direct Dial 610-936-9967
- nhtwp@whitetaildisposal.com

For safety reasons, not all bulk items can be collected with a normal truck. Some items may require a special truck that operates on a different schedule. Not all bulk items are included in your service and will be determined on a case-by-case basis by Whitetail Disposal by calling 610-936-9967.



More Info: <https://www.whitetaildisposal.com/municipality/northampton-township/>

Mattresses and Toilets

For our employees' safety:

- Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic.
- Toilets must be bagged.

Yard Waste

Regular Yard Waste: April 1st-Dec 15th

Will be collected and taken to a composting facility **the day following collection of trash/recycling.**

- Use biodegradable, 30-gallon paper bags or appropriate containers that do not weigh more than 50 pounds when full.
- Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Tree branches and shrubbery must be no more than 36 inches long and less than 3 inches in diameter. They must be bundled and tied, taped or put in biodegradable bags.
- Branches or shrubbery cannot extend over the top of the can or bag.

Off Season Yard Waste: Dec 16th- March 31st

Yard waste should be put in your Northampton Township trash toter(s).

Northampton Valley Country Club



Host your Corporate Event at Northampton Valley Country Club!

- ✚ *Northampton Valley Country Club offers ideal accommodations for a corporate event! Our menu is flexible and can easily be made to accommodate guests counts of up to 250!*
- ✚ *The options NVCC offers are versatile. Start the day off with our Corporate Continental Breakfast or enjoy a delicious lunch with our Cold Luncheon Buffet, or indulge in our Hot Luncheon Buffet*
- ✚ *NVCC is well aware of how much work it takes to prepare a presentation, speech or seminar for a large quantity of guests. Included in NVCC's room rental is a screen, podium, hand held microphone, 3 easels, and a table for a projector.*

*To inquire about our menus, accommodations and availability please contact:
215-355-2234 or events@nvgc.com*



Northampton Valley Country Club Announces Discounts

It is with great pleasure that Northampton Valley Country Club announces the long-awaited implementation of a 10% discount on memberships, greens fees, and cart rentals for the following classifications effective January 1, 2024:



1. Residents of Northampton Township

**2. First Responders
(Police, Fire, Emergency Services)**

3. Active Military and Military Veterans

Proper documentation is required at the time of transaction. Please feel free to contact the Pro Shop at 215.353.2234 should you have any questions or require further information. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Congratulations to Michael Sullivan as the recipient of the 2023 William H. Markus Award



Mike has been involved as a member of the Association for well over 30 years. He has served as executive director of multiple authorities in southeastern Pennsylvania, currently serving as Executive Director of the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University, he is a certified Water and Wastewater Operator in Pennsylvania. He has been president of a private operations management and consulting firm serving many municipal and private systems throughout Pennsylvania. He also serves on the board of directors for the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Authority.

Mike has served multiple terms as an Assistant Regional Director of PMAA Region One helping direct regional activities and member engagement, currently serves as the Director of Region One, and is an active member of PMAA's Legislative Committee.



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M/W/F 9:00am - 3:30pm

Tue/Thurs 9:00am - 8:00pm



Looking for an *awesome* space
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Contact the center for information about renting our
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SPRING FLING

Shopping Event

Friday, April 19, 2023

5:00pm - 8:30pm

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Playground Safety . . . A quick checklist for parents

Before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

- ✓ **Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.**
Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.
- ✓ **All children play on age-appropriate equipment.**
Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.
- ✓ **Falls to surface are cushioned.**
Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.
- ✓ **Equipment is safe.**
Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



SELECTING AGE-APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT

AGES: 6 MOS. - 23 MOS.

Play areas for children 6 months through 23 months should offer places where children can have space to move and explore. Appropriate play areas for this group should provide places to crawl, stand, and walk.

AGES: 2-5 YEARS

Appropriate play areas for children ages 2-5 could include: areas to crawl; low platforms with multiple access such as ramps and ladders; ramps with pieces attached for grasping; low tables for sand, water and manipulation of materials; tricycle paths with various textures; flexible spring rockers; sand areas with covers; and shorter slides (usually no taller than 4 feet).

AGES: 5-12 YEARS

Developmentally appropriate play areas for school-age children could include: rope or chain climbers on angles; climbing pieces; horizontal bars; cooperative pieces such as tire swings, slides and sliding poles; and open spaces to run and play ball.

**Information is from the National
Program for Playground Safety (NPPS).**

**For more about playground safety
please visit their website at
www.playground.org.**



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION PRESCHOOL - TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

At the heart of every preschool, there undoubtedly a dedicated team of educators working tirelessly to create an enriching environment where learning flourishes. Northampton Township Preschool is no different! Our teachers are not only the backbone of the Parks and Recreation preschool program, but they are also passionate individuals who find profound joy and fulfillment in shaping young minds. Every day, they enter the Recreation Center with enthusiasm; ready to inspire, nurture, and guide our little learners on their journey of discovery.

Our preschool is blessed with a team of exceptional teachers who bring warmth, dedication, and expertise to the classroom every day. The spotlight is on two of those incredible teachers!

Ms. Nacole and Ms. Karen are the teachers in our Monday thru Friday (five-day) program:



Introducing Ms. Nacole Harlacker

"I have been a teacher for 20 years. I have been married for 13 of those years and we have three little girls and one crazy puppy! I graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary/Special Education and from Holy Family University with a master's degree in general education. I've taught 5th-8th grade in Philadelphia, ESOL to children in China and preschool at the Recreation Center and I can easily say that teaching preschool has been my favorite! For as long as I can remember I always wanted to be a teacher. I did not have the best home life growing up and school was the only place that I felt safe and happy. My teachers always showed me so much love and compassion and I wanted to be just like them!"

Have you ever had a "proud teacher moment" that made your heart do a happy dance?

"One proud teacher moment I had was my first year of teaching preschool. I had a student really struggling with spelling and writing her first name. She had the fine motor skills to physically hold the pencil and write but she just could not remember the formation and order of the letters. We worked so hard on this every day she was in school. We used magnet letters, my iPad and apple pencil, shaving cream and her finger and paints. You name it, we tried it. One day, it just clicked! I gave her a writing strip and a marker and she wrote her first name. I could've cried!! She was so proud to show her Grandmom at pick-up that day and all the teachers celebrated her!"

How do you create a classroom vibe that's like a "warm hug" to your students?

"I think I do this by being authentic. I teach because I absolutely love it and I think kids can pick up quickly who cares about them. We also talk A LOT! We share our feelings, ideas, and experiences daily, and I do my best to foster conversations where everyone feels comfortable being themselves. At the preschool level this means a lot of modeling of kind words and responses and we end every single day with a literal warm hug!"

Introducing Ms. Karen Fean

"I have been a co-teacher for 16 years. I am married and have three children. I started as a substitute teacher when my youngest daughter went to Northampton Township Preschool. I have since earned my CDA (Child Development Associate.) I enjoy working with the children and love doing crafts with them. Creating masterpieces with the kids brings me great joy, as well as watching them grow, play, and learn."

If your teaching style had a flavor, what do you think it would be and why?

"I think my flavor would be mocha chip. I need the caffeine from the coffee to keep up with the energy level of all the kids and chocolate because it makes me happy, like being crafty and creative with the kids."

Have you ever had a "proud teacher moment" that made your heart do a happy dance?

"We do an experiment called sink or float. The kids pick objects in the classroom and guess if they will sink or float. Wow, it turns into a rowdy game full of guessing, excitement, and laughter. The kids are learning and having fun. Just thinking about it makes me smile."

ARE YOU A TEACHER LOOKING TO WORK PART-TIME? JOIN OUR TEAM! NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PRESCHOOL IS ANTICIPATING OPENINGS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Celebrating Betty Satterley Congratulations on Your Retirement!

When Betty Satterley arrived for her first day at Northampton Township Parks and Recreation back in 1997, it is doubtful that anyone saw that this woman, small in stature and kind beyond words, would eventually become a Special Events powerhouse! From Dr. Seuss to Mrs. Claus, and everything in between, Betty Satterley has created rich traditions for Northampton Township residents that will undoubtedly be staples long after Betty's retirement.

Betty has been an integral part of Northampton Township as an employee, a valued resident and dear friend. Her legacy will carry on through the many special events she created. Betty will always be remembered as a hardworking, friendly, and creative person. Give Betty a pair of scissors and some glue dots and she would stretch a minimal budget into a community event that would be talked about for years!

The Northampton Township Supervisors, the Township Administration, and the Parks and Recreation Board wish Betty the best as she looks forward to travelling more, her daughter Kasey's wedding, extra time with her son Dennis, and of course, playing endless games of golf with her husband Tommy. She will be deeply missed.



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- Aquatic Exercise Classes, Basketball, GaGa and Sand Volleyball courts available all season.
- On-site snack bar PLUS access to Tavern on Ten for patio dining, dine in or take-out.
- Limited hours offered for parties and events held Monday – Friday evenings during June, July and August.

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



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"BEYOND THE STACKS" - E-MAGAZINES

Accessing e-books and digital audio with your phone, tablet, or computer is easy and fun. However, did you know library users access their favorite magazines on electronic devices too?! Between the two different apps listed below, library patrons have a variety of titles and subjects. All you need is a library card and PIN. Also, remember these are Bucks County-wide resources so choose Bucks County Free Library as your "library."

Flipster is an amazing magazine database. Click on the link from the library's E-Resource webpage or download the free Flipster app. You can view over seventy current and backlist magazines. Search for a specific magazine title or browse by subject category. Magazine subject categories include Consumer, Entertainment, Sci-Tech, Travel, and News and Politics. On the Flipster app, tap the magazine cover to borrow and download; then tap Read. Printing an article is possible when one accesses Flipster in a browser. Unfortunately, printing capability is not available in the app.

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PA FORWARD PROGRAMMING

Free Library of Northampton Township continues in the new year with its PA Forward Gold Star adult programming. Consider joining us at our following Monday events.

April 1 | 6:00 PM - Andalusia: Biddle Legacy, Historic house, Gardens & Arboretum

April 15 | 6:00 PM - Know Your Medicare Options

May 6 | 6:00 PM - What You Need to Know: Wills & Estate Planning

May 20 | 6:00 PM - PHEAA College Funding and Planning

June 17 | 6:00 PM - Health and Safety

All programs are held in the Community Room of Free Library of Northampton Township.

Advance registration is recommended and opens four (4) weeks prior to each event.

For additional details, contact the Library at 215.357.3050 or visit our online calendar: <https://calendar.buckslib.org/calendar?cid=3891&t=m&d=0000-00-00&cal=3891&cm=2285&inc=0>

Date	Time	Topic
Monday, Feb 26	6:00 PM	History of Cars
Monday, March 18	6:30 PM	Social Media Privacy & Scams
Monday, April 1	6:00 PM	Andalusia: Biddle Family Legacy, Historic House, Gardens & Arboretum
Monday, April 15	6:00 PM	Know Your Medicare Options
Monday, May 6	6:00 PM	Wills & Estate Planning
Saturday, May 18	1:00 PM	Memoir & Legacy Letters
Monday, May 20	6:00 PM	PHEAA College Funding & Planning
Monday, June 17	6:00 PM	Health & Safety
Monday, June 24	6:00 PM	Native Plant Gardening

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ARCHIVES

The Northampton Township Archives underwent some updates this past December. Public Works repaired the ceiling and walls and painted the Archive and Reading rooms. Staff moved the collection temporarily from the space into the Library's Conference Room and returned it to the refurbished space.

Drop in to the library and see the Archives space and new exhibits in the display cases. The Township Archives are open:

Mondays | 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesdays | 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Alternating Saturdays | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, beginning January 13, or by appointment

You can contact the Archives at archivist@nhtwp.org or 215-357-3050 x 114.

You can access our online catalog here: <https://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/archives/>

Follow us on Facebook at Northampton Township Archives or Instagram @northamptontownshiparchives

Important Dates in Northampton Township History:

January 28, 1954: The Worthington Mill Covered Bridge, built in the 1870s, was burned.

February 24, 1912: The White Bear Hotel at the SW corner of Second Street Pike & Almshouse Road was on fire.

May 5, 1775: Men met at Richard Leedom's Black Bear Tavern. Leedom would join the Fourth Association Company as a private under Captain Henry Lott.

April 1, 1686: English Quaker and Commissioner of State, Arthur Cook, was granted a 2,000-acre parcel of land. Part of that land would become known as the Cornell Farm.

March 4, 1681: William Penn received his charter for the colony of Pennsylvania.

RESIDENTS SOUGHT FOR VOLUNTEER BOARD

Would you like to share insight on historic preservation?

Serving is a great way for residents to stay updated about historical events.

Volunteers can take pride in helping to shape their community.

For information on what duties the Historic Commission performs go to www.northamptontownship.com. Select the Board and Commissions tab under the Government heading. An application can also be found there. You may also stop by the Township Administration Building at 55 Township Road, Richboro, Pa. Monday – Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm to pick up or drop off an application. All applications should be submitted to the attention of Lisa Russo at the above address or via email at lrusso@nhtwp.org. All applications are due by May 1, 2024, with an appointment made at the May 22, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.

[Here is an overview of the opening.](#)

Historic Commission

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill an unexpired term until 2026.
- Meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held in the Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Northampton Township Veterans Advisory Commission

MARK YOU CALENDARS: UPCOMING VETERANS EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION:

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

Memorial Day Event held at Robert H. Dembowski Memorial Park at Routes 232 and 332, Richboro, PA at 9:00 am.

Special Note: There will also be a short 5-minute flag-raising ceremony by the Marine Corps League Patriot Detachment and a special plaque unveiling at the flag poles in front of the Northampton Township Administration building located at 55 Township Rd, Richboro at 8:00 am.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

Flag Day Ceremony, please check the Township Website at www.northamptontownship.com for further information



Recognize a Veteran by Purchasing a Brick In Their Honor

All orders need to be submitted by 10/1 of the current year.

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>

Tips On Ordering Your Brick

- Typical brick engraving includes the name of the veteran, rank, branch of service, years of service or war, and 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 verify if a veteran has already been honored with a brick at the Memorial at lrusso@nhtwp.org or via phone at 215-357-6800 x201.

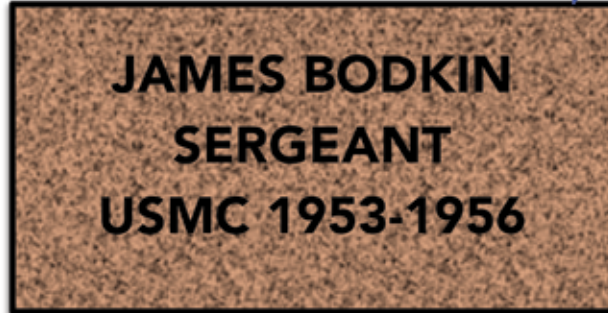




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