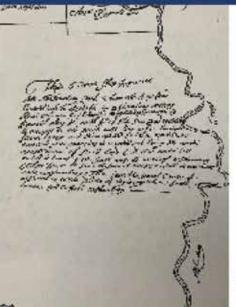
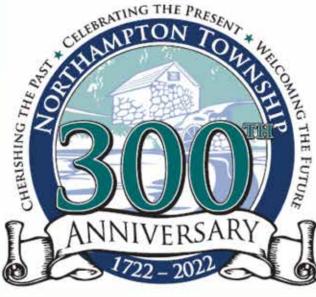
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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates: Friday, April 15th (Good Friday), Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day), Monday, July 4th (Independence Day), Monday, September 5th (Labor Day)



2022 Board of Supervisors

Chairman's Message

Dear Residents,

Let's start with a warm welcome to our newest Board members, Paula Gasper and Bob Salzer. Paula and Bob have joined us at a great time, as there are many great things happening in our township. Your team of five Supervisors is ready to accept this years' theme, **FULL SPEED AHEAD!**

The last two years of dealing with the pandemic have been trying for all of us and your health and safety is our top priority. As we publish this newsletter, there are indications that Covid-19 is stabilizing, and our lives are returning to normal. Our public meetings have returned to "in person" without restrictions. We know it's not over yet, so we must stay vigilant. A special thank you to the Township Administration, all departments, and Emergency Services for keeping your local government running uninterrupted and providing emergency services as needed.

Northampton Township is celebrating our Tricentennial this year. On December 14, 2022, we will be 300 years old. The Board of Supervisors has appointed a special committee to help plan and celebrate this huge milestone, all year long. This newsletter has important information regarding activities and ways to sign-up for up-to-date information. **LET'S CELEBRATE!**

As you drive through the township keep an eye on the fire stations in Holland and Richboro. Both stations will be demolished in early spring and new stations will be constructed over the next 18 months. This is an important step in continuing to provide fast and effective service to all the residents, business owners and visitors of the township.

This year we are expecting to pave and resurface 10 miles of roads. Northampton Township has over 180 miles of roads. We are committed to sticking with our schedule. And yes, Elm Avenue will be paved this year!

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022. There are many more things happening not addressed in this newsletter, so to stay in touch and informed by signing up for email alerts on the township website (www.northamptontownship.com) and join us for **FULL SPEED AHEAD.**

Thanks, Adam M. Selisker, Chairman



Linda Jones, Executive Secretary to the Director of Parks and Recreation, Retires After 40 Years of Service!

After 40 years of dedicated service to Northampton Township, Linda Jones is calling it quits! Linda began her employment with the Township in January of 1982 serving as a part-time clerk in the Planning / Parks and Recreation Department. When the Township hired a full-time Director of Parks and Recreation in 1988, Linda became the Department's full-time Executive Secretary. She semi-retired in 2007 but continued to work part-time in the Parks and Recreation office until her full retirement in January.

Executive Secretary does not reflect all that Linda was involved in over the past 40 years. Not only did she answer calls, take messages, attend department meetings and handle correspondence as secretaries do, she was involved in the development of the parks and planning of the many programs and events that are offered today. Her easy-going demeanor and her willingness to help whomever, whenever and wherever did not go unnoticed by the residents and her co-workers and was appreciated beyond words by the Director. Linda's professionalism, extensive knowledge, experience, initiative, attitude, trustworthiness and quick wit to diffuse the most stressful situations will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with her.

Linda's retirement plans include relaxing at the shore for as long as she wants without the worry of coming back to work and spending time with family and friends! Although everyone hates to see her go her entire work family wishes Linda the best in the next chapter of her life!

A Retirement Farewell



Robert Armelin has been the Finance Director, for Northampton Township for the last 13 years and recently retired to Maine. We assume Pennsylvania wasn't cold enough for him!

Bob was one of the most competent, dedicated employees in the Township and he will be greatly missed. The Board of Supervisors thanks him for the strong financial position he has helped put us in.

Bob was a great asset to the Township and one of the most important voices in all major decisions, especially during very challenging times. His strong personality and guick wit will be missed by all who knew him and worked with him.

Although he has retired, Bob developed an incredible staff to carry on after he leaves. Julie Narisi will take on the role of Finance Director and although Bob has left big shoes to fill, we are confident she will step into the role with little effort, and with her tutelage under Bob for the last 5 years, her success is guaranteed.

The Board of Supervisors and Township employees wish Bob "Fair Winds and Following Seas" in all future endeavors.

Tax Collector's Corner

County & Township Bills are mailed March 1st.

- <u>DISCOUNT : PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 2% Discount Pay by APRIL 30th.</u>
- FACE amount due date JUNE 30th.
- 10% <u>PENALTY</u> applied from July 1st until December 31st.



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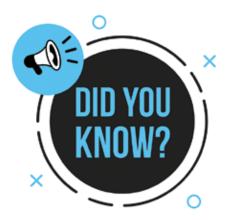
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Are you eligible for a EIT Tax Refund?

If you typically work in Philadelphia but transitioned to a work-from-home situation you may be eligible for a wage tax refund.

Many of us have turned our home into our office. Although our commute may be shorter and we are saving money on gas and tolls, you may be eligible for a **Tax Refund**.

Anyone who works in Philadelphia and lives in Northampton Township is subject to pay the non-resident Philadelphia Wage Tax, which stands at a hefty 3.4481%, as of July 1, 2021, of your gross wages. Northampton Township levies an Earned Income Tax (EIT) of 1.0%. Residents living in the suburbs are subject to this lower rate EIT where they live unless they work in Philadelphia. However, with many required to work from their homes since the start of the pandemic, they may no longer be subject to the Philadelphia Wage Tax for the time they worked at home.



Is it worth the effort to pursue a refund? The simple answer is yes! Someone working from home in Northampton Township during the pandemic making \$60,000 per year would be subject to the Township EIT, of 1.0%. In the span of one year, this would equal a savings of nearly \$1,500! Plus, the 1.0% you are contributing to your local EIT stays in your home community, getting reinvested in your township toward things like public safety and infrastructure improvements.

How do you take advantage of this? For any time you worked from home instead of commuting to and working in the City of Philadelphia, you may request a Wage Tax refund from the City. When submitting a tax return to Keystone Collections, the tax collector for all Earned Income Taxes in Bucks County, use the Out-Of-State Tax Credit Worksheet on Line 12 of the tax return form, if you need to receive a tax credit for the time you did work in Philadelphia.

Anyone who continues working outside of the City of Philadelphia, should submit a Residency Certification Form to their employer and request that their local EIT of 1% is deducted from their wages instead of the City Wage Tax of 3.4481%. Northampton Township's political subdivision (PSD) code will be needed for the form, which is 090603. This will save you money and help your local community!

Electric Vehicle Charging Safety Tips

Are you thinking of buying an electric vehicle (EV)? Here are steps you can take to lower your risk of fire and electric shock injury related to charging EVs.

Before buying an EV, have a qualified electrician install:

- A new, dedicated circuit for your EV charging device. Older home wiring may not be suitable for use with EV supply equipment.
- Level II charging devices (if that is your preferred charging method).



Charging EVs:

- Follow manufacturer's guidelines when charging your vehicle. Check with your local dealer if you need additional information.
- Purchase a charging device that is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Plug Level I EV chargers directly into an outlet designed to handle the amperage of the charging device. Never use a multiplug adapter or extension cord.
- Install a residual current device with the charging unit. It will turn off the power if a fault is detected and help prevent a fire.
- Place all charging device components out of reach of children when not
- Maintain the components of your charging station according to the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines. Signs of excessive wear may indicate a potential shock hazard. Never use an EV charger with obvious signs of damage.
- Cover the EV charging station outlet to stop water from entering, Check the manufacturer's guidelines to make sure it is safe to charge your EV in wet conditions.

Charging an EV is safe when done with certified equipment. By following these tips, you can lower your risk of having an associated fire or an electric shock injury.

For more information and free resources, visit: usfa.fema.gov.









NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



Northampton Township to Start Construction of Two New Firehouses

On January 26, 2022, The Northampton Township Board of Supervisors unanimously awarded bids that will pave the way for construction for new fire stations in Richboro and Holland. The cost for both stations will be \$27,983,000.00. Funds to cover the costs are from a bond issue the Board of Supervisors authorized in 2021.

Plans for new fire stations began many years ago. Board Chairman and Fire Chief Adam Selisker stated... "The current fire stations were constructed in the 1960s and have outlived their useful purpose and are not up to date with current safety standards. The stations have no overnight bunk facilities, inadequate locker rooms, no facilities for female firefighters, and outdated ventilation systems for the engine bays. These buildings cannot come soon enough as Northampton continues to lead the way in the development of a model combination volunteer and career Fire Department to better serve the residents and businesses in the township. These buildings will ensure that when an emergency call is received, the Fire Department will be there to respond and respond quickly."

In 2020, the Township hired D'Huy Engineering, Inc as project/construction manager and Alloy5 as the architectural firm to design the new stations. The design team, consisting of representatives from the fire department and members of the Township Administration, spent 14 months developing final station designs. These new fire stations will position the fire department to continue to provide the Northampton Township community with a rapid responsive fire service for decades to come.

The projects are scheduled to begin in early spring of 2022, first with the demolition of the existing stations followed by the construction of both buildings simultaneously. Both stations are anticipated to be completed by June 2023. During construction, the Fire Department will operate from the former police headquarters on Township Road until construction is complete.

Station 3 - Fire Headquarters



Station 73





Fire Stations 3 & 73 Virtual Flyover

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Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

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Northampton Township Police Department

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Retirement

Executive Secretary Karen Cesarone has retired after 31 years of dedicated service to the Northampton Township Police Department. Karen started her career as a Criminal Investigation Division secretary before being appointed to Executive Secretary to the Chief of Police. She provided excellent administrative assistance to three different Chiefs, while providing various clerical duties to support the entire police department. Karen oversaw all of the Crossing Guards to ensure all posts were covered, staffing was sufficient, and payroll processed. Her position required her to perform too many tasks to mention. She will be missed.

New Police Officers



Officer Corinne Ozanne grew up in Center Valley, Lehigh County, Pa. and is a graduate of Southern Lehigh High School. After high school, Corinne attended Syracuse University where she played Division One Softball on a full athletic scholarship and received a B.S. in Early Childhood Development. Last April, she graduated from Temple University Police Academy. Corinne has found the Northampton community to be, "inviting and supportive," and enjoys

working in the township. Officer Ozanne, badge 99, successfully completed our Field Training Program and is currently assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.

Officer Orenda Geller is our most recent addition to the police department. Orenda is a graduate of Lower Moreland High School and received a BA in Criminal Justice from Temple University. Officer Geller graduated from Montgomery County Police Academy in June of 2021. Orenda interned at Abington and Lower Moreland Police Departments, before working as a clerk at Lower Moreland PD. She is a first generation American in her family and is fluent in



Russian. One of Officer Geller's favorite things about Northampton is, "how welcoming and friendly our community is" to everyone. Officer Geller, badge 100! will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division after she completes field training.

Northampton Township Police Departments New K9 Unit

Thanks to a generous donation from Paul and Ani Krajnenko our department was offered the opportunity to acquire a police K9 free of charge. The sponsorship made through "The Hometown Foundation," provided a ballistic K9 vest, training, GPS tracker collar, transportation and more.

Our new K9 is named "Pako," and he is a Belgian Malinois. His handler is Officer John Hearn. They recently graduated from Philadelphia Police K9 School and will also attend scent and explosive school training. Pako loves to work and play; he is so friendly that you will often see him leaning against someone's leg. You may see them around town in their specially equipped Ford Explorer; Pako even put his name on the side window.

The new unit will provide our community services that only a K9 Unit can provide. They will provide specialized support to patrol and criminal investigations. A K9 can search for contraband, explosives, evidence and persons; all while providing his handler additional protection. Community interaction and outreach will increase with a K9 on patrol and through organized demonstrations.

Shortly after the inception of our K9 program a second Northampton family made a generous donation. Frank and Connie Colantuono's gift enabled us to specially equip our K9 vehicle for Pako. The donation will also cover additional specialized training for Pako and Officer Hearn next year.



2021 Food Drive

Once again, our Police Department worked with all of our partners in the Township to host a food drive to support the Bethanna Food Bank in Southampton. The food pantry always needs additional food during the Holiday season, so we wanted to do our best to help them meet their needs.

This could not be as successful as it is without the continued support of our residents. It is heartwarming when you are at the collection site to hear some of the stories that people share with you when they drop off food that they are donating to help those in need.

In some cases, some of the people have received food from the pantry in the last few years and now they are able to give back to the same pantry that helped them through tough times.

We also LOVE when we see parents getting their younger kids involved and making it a learning event to show them how important it is to help others.

In addition to food donations, once again this year we also received cash donations from several residents and \$500. donated by the Police Benevolent Association. This cash is used to purchase additional food items that the pantry needs, but may not have received.

We can't say THANK YOU enough to all of our partners, volunteers, residents and businesses that so generously donated to this event. The support that we received from the Northampton Community is a reflection of our great community.











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From the Building and Codes Department...

On August 25, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted a zoning and subdivision and land development ordinance amendment that seeks to eliminate many of the routine variance requests received by the Township. As a result, the ordinance is more user-friendly, cost effective to our residents and businesses, eliminates unnecessary requirements and hurdles from a timing perspective, and is more practical. Specifically, many of the highlights are as follows:

- Restrictions were amended with respect to detached garages and barns. Previously, there were restrictive limitations which required
 nearly all detached garages and barns to seek variances. The ordinance now strikes a balance between protecting neighboring
 properties and allowing these structures to be constructed.
- Previously, sheds of 180 square feet or less could be 7 feet from the property line. This square footage has been increased to 240 square feet.
- Another major item is with respect to fences on corner lots. Previously, a fence on a corner lot was required to maintain the setbacks of the applicable district. For example, in the R-2 district, a fence was required to be 50 feet from the property line which is generally 60 feet from the curb. Under the new ordinance amendment, the fence can be located 25 feet from the property line, which is 35 feet from the curb. The change will enable fences to be installed halfway into the required setback on the secondary front yard, which will eliminate many variance requests. In addition, it will enable property owners to have greater use of their property.
- With respect to impervious surface, many variance requests have been made in the past. Many are granted with the condition that a stormwater mitigation system be installed to handle the additional impervious surface. As a result, the new ordinance amendment allows an additional 5% of impervious surface subject to the installation of a stormwater management system, which is a similar condition that the zoning hearing board imposes. This will allow homeowners to proceed with their projects without the time and cost of appealing to the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Finally, the ordinance addresses general cleanup matters that are rather outdated with respect to recreational playing surfaces,
 the parking of residential recreational vehicles, storage of junk vehicles, removal of topsoil, keeping of livestock, and visibility at
 intersections. In addition, the ordinance updates many of the administrative aspects of the ordinance to be consistent with the building
 code as well. Lighting provisions have also been placed in the subdivision and land development ordinance with more specific, current
 criteria.

All in all, the intent is to eliminate unnecessary hurdles for our residents. However, the ordinance also continues to protect neighboring properties with common-sense zoning regulations and makes the ordinance more current with updated criteria.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Mike Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning, at 215-357-6800 x214 or at msolomon@nhtwp.org.

Northampton Township Public Works Department

PUBLIC WORKS FAQ'S:

How do I report pot holes for patching?

Within Northampton Township there are 176 miles of Township Roads and 30 miles of State Highway. For Township Roads, please call (215) 355-3433 to report pot hole location. For any problem on the State Highways, please call PennDOT at 215-345-6060, or Submit a Concern on their website: www.penndot.gov

Who do I contact to remove dead deer?

We are no longer allowed to pick up dead deer. Please call the Police Non-Emergency # (215) 357-8700 and they will refer the request to the PA Game Commission or PennDOT.

Will you remove a tree that fell and is blocking the road?

If the tree belongs to the homeowner, we will clear the roadway and place the tree limbs, debris, etc. on the homeowner's property. The homeowner is responsible for contacting a landscaper to remove the tree debris from their property.

What is the mowing schedule for the Township basins?

We try to mow the 85 basins, 16 traffic islands, and the clear sight triangles on a 2 to 3-week turnaround schedule, however sometimes it is delayed due to the weather.

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How do I report a Street Light that is not working, or a Street Sign that is damaged?

Call (215) 355-3433 with the exact location of the Street Light and the Pole # if applicable (this can be found on the Pole tag).

For damaged Traffic signs call (215) 355-3433 with the exact location of the sign.

More information can be found on the Northampton Township's Website @ www.northamptontownship.com/departments/public-works

Trash Collection Rules

BULK ITEMS CONTAINING FREON

Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers contain Freon, which is a hazardous material. You must call J. P. Mascaro & Sons (800-432-1616) to schedule a pick-up date. There is no additional fee for this service.

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BULK ITEMS:

One bulk item will be picked up the same day as household reuse and recycling.

Bulk items can include the following:

- Furniture
- One mattress and one box spring (the set = one bulk item, must be wrapped in clear plastic bag & sealed)
- Appliances (without Freon)
- One tire (no rim)
- Carpet/padding cut to three-foot widths, rolled, and tied or taped (10 rolls = 1 bulk item)
- Windows, mirrors, glass panels (Tape in a "X" pattern to prevent breakage)

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAYS (J.P. MASCARO & SONS)

NEW YEARS'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Please note the following changes in your collection schedule when there is a holiday:

- If your trash collection is Monday, then it'll be picked up Tuesday
- If your trash collection is Tuesday, then it'll be picked up Wednesday
- If your trash collection is Thursday, then it'll be picked up Friday.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

April 1st through December 15th unlimited yard waste will be collected and taken to a composting facility the day following collection of trash/recycling. Always use biodegradable, 30-gallon paper bags or trash 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 can or bag.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP JAMES E. KINNEY SENIOR CENTER



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Join the Northampton James E. Kinney Senior Center for a luncheon and show at Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ. An all-star musical tribute to the "mamas" who make our feet dance and our heart sing! Enjoy songs by Whitney Houston, Tina Turner, Barbara Streisand, Bette Midler and more!

Thursday, April 14, 2022 \$99 for Members / \$104 for Non-Members

Trip includes transportation, driver tip, waitress gratuity and a delicious luncheon including a one-hour open bar.

Bus Departs from the Center at 9:30 AM and Returns at 5:30 PM



Spring fling ARTISAN SHOPPING event



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 29, 2022 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us for our Spring Fling Artisan Shopping Event! The senior center will host vendors that offer a variety of unique and handcrafted items such as jewelry and accessories, bath and beauty, home décor, chocolatiers and much more!

This event is just in time for spring holidays and end of year gifts for a caring teacher, coach or volunteer. Don't forget the special moms, dads and scholarly grads!



If you would like to be a vendor for the Spring Marketplace, please contact the senior center at 215-357-8199 or email nhsc@nhtwp.org.







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NEW YEAR, NEW LIBRARY CATALOG!

Wonderful news!! Along with all the libraries in Bucks County, the Free Library of Northampton Township Library has migrated to a new online catalog system. The card catalog cards of old are long gone, but improvements in online library catalogs has advanced over the past 20 years when our present system was installed. Called OCLC Wise, the catalog search system is an intuitive way to search for the library items you need. Plus, cardholders can sign up for access to a robust "My Account" for library users. Read below for some of the new catalog's great features.

Have you ever searched the online catalog for a title or subject and pulled up unrelated items?

OCLC Wise's search interface allows for filtering of results. It is user-friendly and should be familiar to anyone who has done online shopping. Find the book or information you need quickly and efficiently.

This new library system also provides users with additional "library power". You are not the only one if you cannot remember the titles you just read or the author of the book you adored. The new system allows users to save and browse past library checkouts. Current cardholders will need to "Opt In" to this feature due to privacy concerns, but the system will remember everything you borrowed starting from the opt in date. New cardholders will automatically be enrolled in this feature, but any user may "Opt Out" at any time.



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If you have any questions about any of these new "library powers" or how to create a "My Account", please ask the knowledgeable library staff. Everyone is excited about this dynamic change in our library. Check it out today!



2022 Pennsylvania Elections Important Dates to Remember

 Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.. May 10 Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M) .. May 17

GENERAL PRIMARY......May 17

Any questions please call the Board of Elections 215-348-6154

Northampton Township Residents Who Were Killed In Action Serving Our Country As Members Of Our Military Forces

In conjunction with the 300th anniversary of Northampton Township, PA which includes the villages of Richboro, Churchville, Holland and parts of Ivyland, the Northampton Township Veterans Advisory Commission is in the process of developing a list of Township residents who lost their lives while serving our country from the Revolutionary War up to and including current conflicts. If you are aware of your ancestors who were killed or missing in action during any of our country's wars, please submit this information to Lisa Russo, Northampton Township: Irusso@nhtwp.org

Please provide as much of this information as follows in the below example:

NAME	RANK	SERVICE	WAR	DATE IF KNOWN
John Q. Citizen	PFC	ARMY	WWII	March 10, 1943

Did You Know?

All Bucks County veterans and active duty personnel are invited to receive their Bucks County Veterans Discount Card ID. The cards are available at the Military Affairs Annex Office and the Military Affairs Office. Cards will be issued on Tuesdays and Thursday between the hours of 10 am to 3 pm by appointment only. To make an appointment, or if you have any questions, please call 215-345-3885.

Parks and Recreation

PRESCHOOL POTPOURRI RECEIVES STATE CERTIFICATION!!

Northampton Township Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce that the Preschool Potpourri program, which takes place from September thru June in the Recreation Center, is now state certified!

The process began with a mandatory online course and orientation back in April of 2020. The preschool staff worked tirelessly to update procedures and facility requirements while attending hours of staff training in order to meet the state guidelines and successfully obtain the permanent certificate, which became active in December, 2021. The preschool had been operating on a provisional license pending final inspection, which was conducted in late September. Although the process was long, the entire staff was committed to seeing it through, all with one common goal in mind: to provide safe, quality early childhood education in a warm and caring environment to our resident preschoolers. Preschool Potpourri is dedicated to excellence and has also enrolled in the Keystone STARS program, a responsive system to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania.

With over 50 years of combined experience, our professional teaching staff is second to none. Any child walking in the classroom doors is greeted with a warm smile, compassion, patience and a concentration on the individual child. Our curriculum follows the PA standards for early childhood education.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open and filling fast! If you are interested in a ½ day preschool, please contact Barbra Primavera at 215-357-5396 X313 with questions and to schedule your tour!

2022-2023 Tuition Schedule

Age (by Oct. 15, 2022)	Class Day	Time	22-23 Rate /Month
Three	Tuesday/Thursday		\$169
	Mon., Wed., Friday		\$219
Four	Mon., Wed., Friday	9:30 AM – Noon	\$219
Four +	Monday thru Friday		\$359
4+ Kindergarten	Monday thru Friday		\$399

If you are seeking a high-quality preschool program for your child, look no further! There is no better beginning for your child's education than in the hands of our loving, caring early childhood teachers. Schedule your visit and register today!

2022 SUMMER CAMP TRIPS... ARE... BACK!

Trips included for Quest! Elementary Age Camp Trips are now offered a-la-carte to allow for preference of each individual family.

All camps fill quickly! Do not wait!

Camp Expedition

For campers entering 1ST-6TH grades

It is Camp Explore and with MORE! Camp Expedition is perfect for the part-time working parent or for parents who just want their child to have a little bit more camp time! Camp Expedition offers sports, arts and crafts, Friday theme days, indoor and outdoor games and swimming every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Friday lunch is also included! Trips are offered at an additional fee, choose to go on the trip or stay at camp! Give your child one fun summer with a lifetime of memories, register today!

Monday-Friday, 6/27-8/12 (No camp 7/4) 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Location pending Council Rock School District Approval \$1345 CLASS #7460 \$300/child deposit due at time of registration; full balance due on June 3, grades entering Sept. 2022

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, 6/27-8/12 (No camp 7/4) 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Location pending Council Rock School District Approval \$595 CLASS #7461 \$100/child deposit due at time of registration; full balance due on June 3, grades entering Sept. 2022

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Don't Have the whole Summer to Spend with us? Be on the Look out for our one-week specialty camps

Northampton Township Parks and Recreation is gearing up for another summer filled with fun and laughter! Whether your child is the next Picasso, Steven Spielberg, David Beckham, YouTube Star, brilliant scientist or they just want to have FUN - Northampton is the place to be this summer! A wide variety of week-long camps are offered to allow your child to do what they already love doing, or to find something new to try! The Parks and Recreation Department has been planning Summer Camps for over 30 years - it's our specialty! Different camps are offered each week all summer - between June 20th and August 26th.

Watch Your Mailbox for the Parks and Recration Spring/Summer Brochure and check out our website at www.northamptonrec.com for a complete list of our offerings.

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, 6/27-8/11 (No camp 7/4) 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
WELCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*
\$1685
CLASS #7462
\$300/child deposit due at time of registration; full balance due on June 3; Grades entering Sept. 2022

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, 6/27-8/12 (No camp 7/4) 7:30 AM-6:00 PM WELCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* \$2189 CLASS #7487 \$300/child deposit due at time of registration; full balance due on June 3; Grades entering Sept. 2022



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Email jcfean@nhtwp.org. 215-357-5396

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Debbie Cataggio. Parksb & Rec Operations Manager & Swim Club Manager

55 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954 Email dcataggio@nhtwp.org 215-357-6800 ext. 211

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ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS AND SUPPORT YOUTH SPORT

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LIGHT THE NIGHT



Northampton Township's 2nd Annual "Light the Night" event was nothing short of a huge success. With over 25 homes vying for the title of best township display, over 780 votes for this year's top contenders were tallied! Thanks to all of the participants for lighting the night each night and giving Northampton Township a fun new holiday tradition to celebrate each year. Thank you to the voters for getting the word out and letting Parks and Recreation know which display was their favorite. Lastly, a special thanks to the Northampton Lion's Club, for sponsoring this year's event. Congratulations to this year's winner; the Goldsberry family whose incredible light display received over 27% of the votes. Can't wait for next year's competition!



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- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call 9-1-1.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.

FACT

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission has reports of 14 deaths related
to electrocutions in swimming pools from
2003 to 2014. Hot tubs and spas may present
the same hazard as swimming pools.



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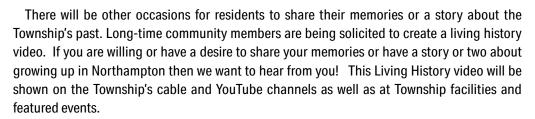


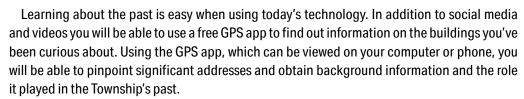
December 14, 2022 will mark the 300th Anniversary of the incorporation of Northampton Township which was originally settled by English colonists who came with William Penn on his voyage to Pennsylvania. They named it Northampton after the county town of Northamptonshire, England and on December 14, 1722 it officially became a Township. Knowing that the community would want to commemorate the Anniversary the Board of Supervisors organized a committee to plan the celebration.



The goal of the committee is to have programs and events that will focus on the Township's history and provide opportunity for residents of all ages to learn about the past, embrace the community spirit and participate in some good ole' fashioned fun! The programs and events will focus on Township history and provide opportunity for residents of all ages to learn about the past or share with others the history that they remember.

Interesting facts about the Township are being shared weekly on Facebook and on the 300th Anniversary page found on the Township website. You won't want to miss Tuesday Trivia, Fun Fact Friday and Sunday Stories. These tidbits of information will be used in the Trivia Night scheduled for November, as well as confirm that Northampton's past is rich in history. These Facebook posts have provided opportunity for residents and descendants of residents to share information about landmarks and personal stories about Northampton.















Once Old Man Winter leaves town, the Public Works Department will be delivering plows that are used to clear snow to the schools. Each school will have an opportunity to showcase their students' artistic talents and "Paint the Plow" with 300th themed artwork. After the plows are painted they will be displayed throughout the summer months. Residents will have a chance to vote for their favorite up until the Northampton 300th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Winners will be announced at the Northampton Day Festival on Sunday, September 25th.

Lots of activities that spotlight history are planned. The Friends of the Free Library have scheduled two presentations in March. On March 12th meet Ulysses S. Grant as he speaks about "Lee's Surrender 1865" and on March 26th find out how women in America won the right to vote when Carol Spacht presents "Winning the Vote". Both programs are on Saturdays at 2 pm, are free but pre-registration is required. Also, mark your calendar for two events scheduled in May. "Women soldiers & Spies of the Civil War" will be presented at the James E. Kinney Senior Center on Tuesday May 12 from 2 - 3 pm. Performed in period costume, this presentation addresses those women who chose to become soldiers and spies during the Civil War. On Sunday May 22 from 1 - 4 pm at the Civic Center Basin join the Northampton Police and the Parks & Recreation Departments for a day of bike safety, and a skill station with information form Bucks Transportation MA and Safe Kids. As a special presentation, The WHEELMEN, a group dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of our bicycling heritage, will be dressed in antique costumes and exhibit old time cycles manufactured in and before 1932 including high wheelers & velocipedes with stories of cycling through the centuries. All are invited to watch the WHEELMAN perform, no need to rsvp. However, pre-registration is required for the Bike Safety & Rodeo program.

Keep watching for additional activities scheduled for the spring and summer that will embrace the 300th Anniversary slogan: Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Present, Welcoming the Future

To be part of the Living History video, or to register for the activities mentioned email the committee at northampton300@nhtwp.org. For more detailed information about any of the activities planned or to learn more about Northampton's history and upcoming events follow Northampton Township's 300th Anniversary on Facebook or visit the Township website at Northamptontownship.com.



COMING SOON

In conjunction with the 300th Anniversary Celebration, The Northampton Township Historical Commission will be launching its Historic Home plaque program.

To qualify for a plaque for your home, your property must be listed on the Heritage Conservancy Historic Resource Survey from 1989. Sample plaques will be displayed at the Northampton Township Library for viewing.

If interested in purchasing a historic plaque, visit www.northamptontownship.com or call 215-357-6800.



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- Live the reduce-reuse-recycle lifestyle. It's a thing. Ask for less packaging. Shun single-use plastics. Make items last for as long as possible, buy used whenever possible—and claim the bragging rights. Recycle right! Check the website of your city, township, or borough to find out what items you can and can't recycle.
- Cover your trash and recycling bins when you take them to the curb. If you sweep the sidewalk in front of your home, don't sweep the litter into the street. It won't be picked up. Bag it and throw it in a trash can.
- **Any time you haul junk in the back of a truck, cover it.** Uncovered trucks are one of the top three sources of litter on Pennsylvania roads, along with drivers and pedestrians.
- Leave no trace in Pennsylvania's parks and forests. Carry out what you carried in. It's a small price to pay for our beautiful—and free--parks. Learn the Leave No Trace code.
- If you are a smoker, keep a container in your car and pocket for cigarette butts. Cigarette butts aren't natural fiber, like many people think. They contain plastic, and leach nicotine and heavy metals. And take about 5 years to break down.
- Report illegal dump sites. It's easy and confidential. Use this online form from Keep Pennsylvania BeautifulOpens In A New Window, who will share it with the authorities so that action can be taken.

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- Check out Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan for many things that government offices, legislators, businesses, and residents can do to prevent littering. Then call your state legislator; your city, township, or borough office; or your favorite local business to tell them about it. Ask what they're doing to prevent litter and how you can join in.
- Join a local volunteer litter cleanup event through Pick Up Pennsylvania. Free supplies are provided for PUP events March 1–May 31 and September 1–November 30. From scout troops to sportsmen associations to soccer moms, thousands of Pennsylvanians participate in this campaign, sponsored each year by DEP, PennDOT, and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. To join an event, or start one, go to Pick Up PennsylvaniaOpens In A New Window.
- Adopt a highway. It's easy to apply, and PennDOT provides supplies. Many businesses and organizations demonstrate commitment to their local community this way. Why not yours? Sign up at Adopt A Highway.
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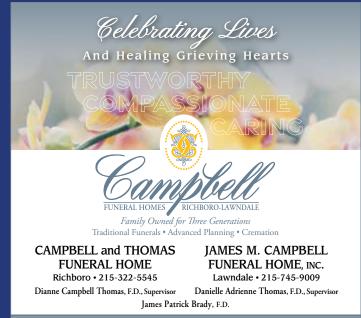


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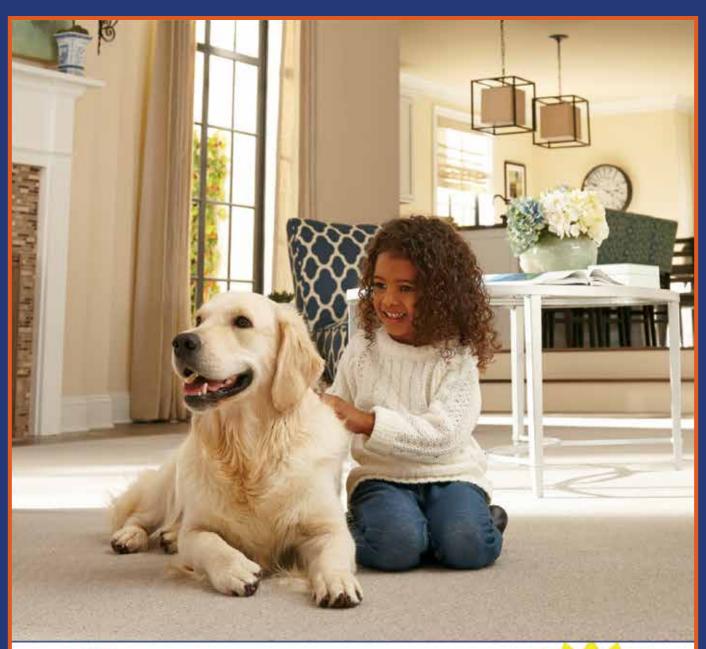




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