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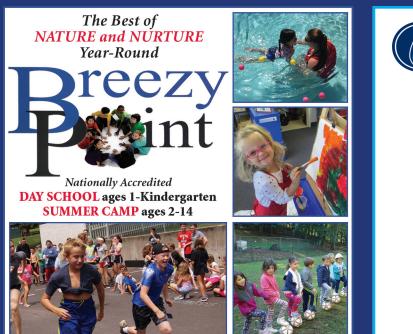
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Administration

Dear Northampton,

On behalf of all the Board of Supervisors, I'd like wish the residents of Northampton Township a Happy and Healthy New Year. I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. As the Township embarks on another year, I want to take this opportunity to introduce new Board member Adam Selisker as well as provide the residents of Northampton Township with a "State of Township".

Mr. Selisker was appointed by the Board of Supervisors at their October 10, 2018 meeting to fill a vacancy on the Board. Many will recognize Adam from his service as a member of the Northampton Township Volunteer Fire Company, where he has been a volunteer for thirty-eight (38) years and currently serves as Fire Chief. Mr. Selisker also served appointments by the Board of Supervisors to the Township's Emergency Service Board and the Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals. In addition to volunteering, Adam is the Global Vice President for CRC Industries Inc. where he has worked for 25 years. Adam and his wife Terry live in the Northampton Chase section of Northampton with their three children. Please help me welcome Adam Selisker to the Board of Supervisors.

As we begin 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to provide the residents of Northampton Township with an annual update of the 2018 – 2019 State of Northampton Township.

2018 was the year of the Grants. The Township received \$15m in State Grants. Some of the infrastructure improvement projects are highlighted here.

Township Road Extension/Roundabout: Engineering design continued in 2018 for an extension of Township Road to the intersection of Bustleton Pike and Second Street Pike, including construction of a roundabout at that location. The project will relieve congestion at the intersection of routes 232 & 332. Preliminary plans have been submitted to PennDOT for comment and the Township has submitted grant applications for construction dollars from the State's Multi-Modal Funding sources. Announcements are expected in mid-2019.

Mill Race Bridge Replacement: Completed Engineering Design for Buck Road Streetscape Improvements; including a new bridge over Mill Creek, and improvements. PennDOT will complete the \$8 million construction phase with Transportation Improvement Plan funds. Construction is expected to begin in 2019 or 2020.

Richboro Sidewalk Connections: Planning got underway in 2018 and will be completed in 2019. Planning for this project will be completed in 2019 and is intended to fill in some gaps and replace sections of sidewalk to make the Village of Richboro pedestrian friendly.

Jacksonville/Almshouse Intersection: In 2018, engineering design work started for widening and traffic signal improvements at Almshouse and Jacksonville Roads. The project will include left turn lanes on both roads to improve traffic flow and motorist safety. This project has been added to the PA TIP program which means the State will fund the entire project in the next few years.

New Road Trail Head: The Township received a \$237,567 grant from the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to construct a small parking lot and trail connection to Municipal Park. Design and construction are planned for 2019.

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Administration continued

All-Inclusive Playground: In partnership with the Miracle League, the Township received two grants totaling \$320,000 for improvements to the All-Inclusive Playground in Municipal Park. Total project cost estimated at \$600,000 with the balance of \$280,000 coming from the fund raising efforts of the Miracle League.

Civic Center Improvements: Through the assistance of grants from the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Department of Community & Economic Development, the Township receiving \$642,000 for improvements to Civic Center Park. This includes interior park trails, parking lot improvements & expansion, storm water improvements and field regrading. Design is nearly complete and construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.

Rook Farm Preservation: Utilizing the Township's remaining allocation of the Bucks County Open Spacing funds, as well as additional township dollars, the 75-acre Rook Farm located on Temperance Lane will be permanently preserved via a conservation easement.

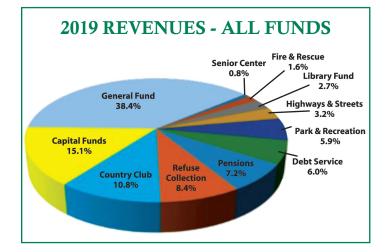
2019 BUDGET SUMMARY

At their December 19, 2018 meeting, the Board unanimously adopted the 2019 Budget. **THERE WILL NO TAX INCREASE IN 2019.** The Budget maintains current municipal services.

Operating appropriations allow the Township to continue the high level of services expected by our residents. The appropriations support accustomed levels of police, fire and rescue services, the maintenance of public roads, recreation services and programs, park maintenance, refuse and recycling collections and the operation of outstanding bonds and funding for infrastructure improvements and capital equipment purchases.



Total Budget	\$44.2 Million
Operations	\$34.5 Million
Capital	\$7.9 Million
Pension Funds	\$1.8 Million



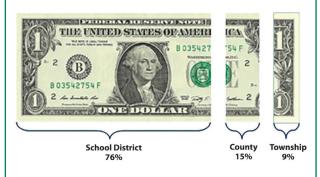
2019 APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS Fire & Rescue Highway 8 1.6% Senior Center Library Streets 3.7% Debt Service 4.0% 5.8% Park & Recreation 6.0% General Fun 40.0% ounty Club 8.6% Capital Funds **Refuse & Recycling**

The 2019 Budget does not include a real estate tax increase, nor does it contain a Refuse Fee Increase. It does continue investment in Township infrastructure and enhances Police, Fire & Ems Services. The 2019 Budget also includes the operation of Northampton Valley Country Club, which was purchased in September of 2018.

In closing, Northampton Township finances are stable, reserve balance is adequate, and we will continue an aggressive infrastructure improvement program. We will continue to utilize many alternative funding sources when possible. The 2019 Budget continues to incorporate long term financial planning and a 10 year capital plan. As always, the Board of Supervisors and the Administration will continue to do our best at making our township a desirable place to live, play and work. To view all the budget documents, visit www.northamptontownship.com/departments/finance.

2019 TAX LEVY SUMMARY

8.9%



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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HOLIDAY CLOSING

The administration building will be closed on: Monday, February 18th in observations of Presidents' Day and Friday, April 19th, for Good Friday

Community Alerts

Visit **Northamptontownship.com** to find out what is going on in your community. By going to the township website & signing up for alerts (under resources) you can receive text messages from ReadyNotifyPa and emails from Northampton Township about important events going on in the township.

Yard Waste Bags Available

Biodegradable bags are available for purchase at the Township Administration Building during business hours. Bags can be purchased for 40 cents each or bundles of 50 for \$20.00.

Permanent and Moveable Street Basketball Hoops



Trash & Recycling

Moveable street basketball hoops **are not allowed** in the street and curb areas. Garbage trucks and snow plows inadvertently hit these objects when operating. Please remove all objects to the curb right of way or turn the basketball hoop so that the rim does not hang over the street where a truck bed can hit it. The operator's focus is on the task at hand and the curb; because of the size, weight, and noise of the truck; operators are often unaware that they have hit anything. Not only does this damage the rim of the basketball hoop; it also does severe damage to the truck. **The Township is not responsible when these items are hit**.



WHAT YOU CAN & CAN'T RECYCLE



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COLLECTION DAYS ARE ONCE A WEEK

Important information about your Trash, Bulk, Recycling and Yard Waste collection . . .

- One (1) time per week collection
- Holiday Schedule: skips one day (See Below)
 - Yard waste collection: is the day following collection of Trash/Recycling
- **Household Trash Collection**



Trash will be collected once a week depending on where you live. Each household is limited to twelve (12) bags or cans of trash per collection. Collection starts at 6 am, so put trash to the curb the night before, or plan accordingly. Use plastic or metal trash cans or plastic trash bags. All Trash should be bagged, please do not

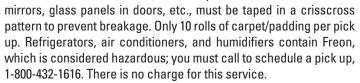
put out trash in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or containers smaller than 20 gallons or larger than 32 gallons. These cause litter!

Holiday Schedule

If scheduled collection day is a holiday then collection will occur the next day. This will affect collection in all areas of the Township for the rest of the week. Example: Monday, Memorial Day, Monday collection will occur Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday and Thursday collection on Friday (for that week only). Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Bulk Item Collection

All residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside for collection per week. These items can include furniture, carpets, appliances and tree limbs or trunks larger than 3" in diameter (cannot be longer than 36") certain restrictions apply. Carpets and padding must be cut into 3-foot widths, rolled, tied or taped. Windows,



Disposal of Household Paints

Latex paint: Let paint dry in can. Adding kitty litter or a commercial drying agent will speed up the drying process. When paint is dry, double bag the can before putting it in the trash. Leaking paint will damage our trucks and stain your street.

Trash and Recycling and Bulk item on the same service day

Green Carts: Single-stream recycling collection only!



Oil based paint: is hazardous waste and will not

be collected. Call Bucks County Planning Commission (215-345-3400) for drop off locations and dates.

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection December 16 to March 31

Yard waste is collected the same day as trash and limited to five (5) containers. Cans may be used and plastic bags may be used only during this time.

APRIL 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15

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 top of the can or bag. Christmas Tree Collection: Christmas Trees should be placed curbside the third .week in January the day after your regular pick up, to be collected as yard waste and recycled. After that Christmas Trees will be collected as a bulk item.

Fire Marshal



COLD WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

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

Space heaters need space, and proper electric supply. If you use an electric space heater plug it into a properly sized electrical receptacle. Avoid the use of extension cords unless properly sized to handle the heater. Never use multitap or power strips for these units. Maintain adequate clearance from your heater to combustibles as specified in the manufactures instructions.

Frozen pipes are a pain, and inconvenient at the least. Never thaw your pipes with a torch, as this can lead to a fire. Hairdryers can be utilized with caution; however, it is best to slowly thaw a frozen pipe with warm air.

Additional information is available by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at 215-357-6800



Vincent Deon

Meet Your New Northampton Township Tax Collector

On December 19, 2018 the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors selected Vincent Deon as the new Tax Collector to fill the remainder of the term of the prior Tax Collector, Bob Borkowski, who retired early from his term due to illness. Although appointed, Vincent will be required to run in the upcoming municipal election to fulfill the remainder of Bob Borkowski's 4 year term. Following news of the vote, Vincent commented, "I am honored to have the confidence of the Board of Supervisors and I look forward to the opportunity to serve in this role."

Vincent joined the Tax Collector's Office in December 2017 as the Office Manager. In April of 2018, Bob Borkowski promoted him to Deputy Tax Collector. Since this time, Vincent, along with the office's competent staff, has headed the day-to-day affairs of the office which includes: ensuring diligent financial oversight by timely and accurately transmitting taxpayer monies to the County of Bucks, Northampton Township and the Council Rock School District; resolving taxpayer transactional issues; supervising a staff of 4 employees; and, developing and implementing programs and initiatives that benefit Northampton

Township citizens. Vincent partnered with the Bucks County Treasurer's Office to offer BUCKS COUNTY DOG LICENSES for sale so residents do not have to drive to Doylestown every year.

In this capacity, Vincent will serve as Tax Collector for Council Rock School District's real estate and occupational taxes, Bucks County and Northampton Township's real estate taxes and Northampton Township's trash fees. He has successfully completed the Act 48 Tax Collector Qualification Examination and has fulfilled all requisite Act 48-2015 Qualified Tax Collector Continuing Education and Pennsylvania State Tax Collector's Association Certified Tax Collector course updates.

In September, Mr. Deon supervised the move of the Tax Collector's Office to its new location at 815 Bustleton Pike with little disruption or inconvenience to our residents. "I am proud of the way Vincent has been running my office", Mr. Borkowski remarked. "The new location at the old Fox Chase Bank building is conveniently located and in the new space, office personnel are easily accessible for greater community service", he added. At Mr. Borkowski's request, Vincent designed the layout of the newly relocated tax office and oversaw the office renovation and establishment of the Records Management Program.

Vincent has been on the Board of Directors of the Aldie Counseling Center, a non-profit drug and alcohol treatment center with a \$6M budget, for 24 years and served multiple terms as President of the Board. Under his leadership, Aldie expanded its offices to include a presence in Lower Bucks County.

Mr. Deon holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from Saint Joseph's University and is a graduate of the United States Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. He is an honorably discharged Air Force veteran who remains active in Veterans Affairs within the County and is a proud member of American Legion Edgar H Denson Post 79 in New Hope. as well as the Doylestown F&AM Lodge 245.

Currently in his 3rd year as a board member of the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority, Vincent was a Northampton Township Supervisor from 2006 until 2011. Prior to joining the Tax Office, Mr. Deon was a recruiter for executives in the banking industry. Vincent is a life-long Bucks County resident (with the exception of his 4 year military service) and he has lived in Northampton Township for the past 27 years. Vincent resides with his wife, Grace, and their daughter, Aubrey, who is studying Biology at Bucknell University.

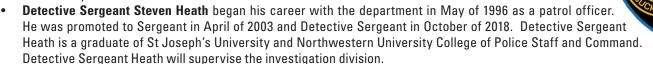


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Northampton Township Police Chief Corner!

The Northampton Township Police Department is pleased to announce the following promotions:

Lieutenant Charles Pinkerton began his career with the department in June 1990 as a patrol officer. He
was promoted to Detective in 2004 and the Detective Sergeant in 2014. He assumed the rank of Lieutenant
on October 1, 2018. Chuck is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and Northwestern University College of
Police Staff and Command. Lieutenant Pinkerton will serve as the Operations Lieutenant supervising the
uniformed patrol division.



- Sergeant Ryan Share began his career with the department in March of 2006 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to Corporal in 2014 and Sergeant in October of 2018. He is a graduate of Temple University. Sergeant Share will supervisor one of the uniform patrol platoons.
- **Corporal Sean McLaughlin** began his career with the department in July of 2010 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to Corporal in November of 2018. He is a graduate of Millersville University. Corporal McLaughlin will serve as an assistant platoon supervisor in the uniform patrol division.

False Alarms

Please help us reduce the number of unnecessary alarms received by the police department. False alarms take officers away for performing necessary functions that ensure public safety. Here are a few simple steps to reduce false alarms.

- 1. Select a quality alarm system that fits your needs.
- 2. Select a professional to install your alarm system who can explain the use of the system to you and those who will be using the system on a daily basis.
- 3. Ensure that everyone who will have access to the alarm system has a full understanding of what they must do should the alarm activate.
- 4. Arrange to have a competent professional conduct an annual preventative maintenance checkup of your alarm system.
- 5. Periodically review alarm system procedures with those persons who will be using the alarm system.

Soliciting

It is illegal to solicit goods or services in Northampton Township without a valid permit. Permits can be obtained by stopping at Police Headquarters and picking up and filling out an application. Anyone who passes the background check will be issued the permit that includes the time of day permitted to solicit as well as any other restrictions that are placed on the applicant. If someone comes to your door attempting to sell a service or product ask for the permit. If they have a permit fine, if not please call the Police at 215-357-8700 so they can be investigated.

It's usually early spring when we start to experience the driveway scams so please be aware of quick seal that washes away with rain.

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Planning and Zoning Corner

The following is multi-part series on the planning and zoning process. In each issue, we will focus on a particular area in order to better help you understand the documents, process, and terms that guide planning and zoning in Northampton Township. This month we will focus on the Northampton Township Zoning Ordinance.

What is the Zoning Ordinance?

As discussed in our last edition, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), allows municipalities, such as Northampton Township, to adopt a Zoning Ordinance and outlines the procedures to do so. In summary, the Zoning Ordinance contains the following:

- A map identifying the zoning designation of each property in Northampton Township.
- The zoning requirements for each district, such as the setbacks from a property line to build an addition, minimum lot areas, and lot coverage requirements.
- The permitted uses in each district, such as uses permitted in the various commercial districts and industrial zones.
- Parking requirements for uses, such as retail stores and office buildings.
- Requirements related to sheds, fences, and detached garages.
- Regulations with respect to signage.
- Administrative procedures related to the Zoning Hearing Board, which is the Board that hears variance and special
 exception requests. For example, if your addition proposes a fifteen (15) foot side yard setback and you are required
 to have twenty (20) feet, you can file to the Zoning Hearing Board. In the next issue, we will focus on this process in
 greater detail.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning, at 215-357-6800 x214. He will be happy to answer any questions.

Next Issue: Zoning Hearing Board

Development Status Update...

The following are the development projects that have been approved in Northampton Township since our last newsletter.



Rolling Hills Elementary School

Located at 340 Middle Holland Road, Council Rock School District proposes to construct two additions to the existing school. One addition is approximately 1,800 square feet and the other is approximately 14,000 square feet. The district is also proposing the installation of solar panels on the southern portion of the building.



Spring Mill Country Club

Spring Mill Country Club is currently zoned REC - Recreation, which permits development in accordance with the standards of the R-1 zoning district. As a result, single-family detached homes were originally proposed, which would have seen the development of the golf course. Due to a collaborative effort with the developer, neighbors, and the Township, however, the zoning was changed to permit 175 townhouses on the front of the golf course property on Hatboro Road. As part of this approval, the golf course will not be developed and will have a conservation easement attached to it that will preserve it in perpetuity. In total,

155 acres constitutes the golf course area that will be preserved while 30 acres will be devoted to the area of the townhouse development.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning, at 215-357-6800 x214.

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FREE LIBRARY

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Back by popular demand----beginning Friday, February 1st, the library will be open once again on Fridays. New hours on Friday will be 1:00pm-5:00pm. In response to a significant outpouring of requests by the community, the library added Sunday hours back in 2016, but in order to do so, the library was closed on Fridays. The library is thrilled to announce open hours on both days—Friday and Sunday afternoons.

THE LIBRARY'S NEW HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Monday through Thursday 10:00am-9:00pm
Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm

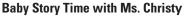
Saturday	/	10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday		1:00pm-5:00pm

Story Times

Toddler Time with Ms. Sarah

Thursdays January 24th – April 11th at 10:30am.

Stories, songs & crafts for toddlers (ages $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ with a caregiver. No registration.



Wednesdays February 6th – April 24th at 10:30am.

30 minutes of simple stories, rhymes and songs for babies 3 months – 18 months. No registration.

EAM Programs

Maker Lab at the Library with Ms. Susan

Tuesdays February 12th – March 5th at 4:45pm. For grades 4-8.

Develop ideas, work collaboratively and create hands-on projects in our MakerLab. We will use technology, craft supplies and some imagination to create innovative solutions to weekly challenges. Registration is required and begins on January 15th.

Code Club with Ms. Susan

Mondays Feb. 25th – March 18th for grades 6-8.

Students will work their way through a range of fun coding projects. Registration is required and begins on December 17th. No online registration, please call or stop in.

Music Fun! with Miss Dayle

Mondays March 4th - March 25th at 11:00am. For ages 2-6.

This high energy music program includes singing, dancing, games and lots of musical instruments. Each class will introduce a different style of music for children to learn about and explore! Registration is required and begins on February 4th.

Little Builders with Ms. Christy

Tuesdays March 12th – April 2nd at 4:45pm. For kindergarten – 2nd grade.

Each week we will explore an engineering challenge and then have free play with our new and innovative building/construction toys. No registration.

Book Groups

Teen Reads with Ms. Susan

1st Thursday of the month at 4:30pm. For grades 6-8.

February 7th - Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk, March 7th - The Librarian: Little Boy Lost by Eric Hobbs, April 4th - Fuzzy by Tom Angleberger. We will discuss the books and have snacks and fun

activities. Stop in to register (no online registration) and receive your free book. Registration begins January 10th.

Book Bunch with Ms. Christy

4th Thursday of the month at 4:30pm. For grades 3-5. February 28th - Wishtree by Katherine Applegate,



March 28th - The Genius Files by Dan Gutman, April 25th – Ruby Lee and Me by Shannon Hitchcock. We will discuss the book and have snacks and fun activities.

Stop in to register (no online registration) and receive your free book. Registration begins January 31st.

Milk & Cookies Club with Ms. Christy

Tuesdays April 9th – April 23rd at 4:30pm. For Kindergarten – 2nd grade.

A beginner book group for grades k - 2. Each week we will read aloud a new book together and talk about it while we share a snack of Cookie Crisp and milk. We won't finish the entire book, so you get to take your free copy to finish at home. Registration is required and begins on March 12th. No online registration, please call or stop in to register.

Special Events



Roll the Dice Family Game Nights!

Thursdays January 24th – February 14th at 7:00pm. For grades 2 & up.

4 weeks to explore new and exciting board games! Each week we will introduce a new game and then allow families to choose and play a variety of games. Refreshments provided! No registration.

Pie Day

Thursday March 14th at 6:30pm. For grades 2-6

Come celebrate this unique mathematical number as well as Einstein's Birthday! Join us for fun math activities and crafts. And of course pie will be served! No registration.

FREE LIBRARY of Northampton Township continued

Once a Month Drop-In Events

Lego Club

4th Saturday of the month. January – May 12:00pm-2:00pm All Ages.

Come build with us! We will provide the Lego's and you provide the imagination. No registration.

Adult Programs



Lights, Camera, Action. . . Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults is here. *Every Tuesday morning at 10:30am* the lights will dim for an intimate showing of current movies. A variety of film genres are selected in order to appeal to many tastes. Winter showing season begins on Tuesday, February 5th. Bring a friend and spend a delightful morning. No registration.

Approaching 65 years of age and confused about Medicare? Are you worried you will make wrong health coverage choices? Then attend "Know Your Medicare Options"



on *Monday, February 11th at 6:30pm.* Learn how Medicare works and what it covers, what Part "D" is, and the difference between Medicare and Medicare Advantage. *Register at http://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/adult-programs/*

To kick off the Friends of the Library's **"Second Saturday"** programs for 2019, join **Bill Wine**, the KYW News Radio film critic on **Saturday, March 9th at 2:00pm**, as he discusses life as a movie critic when today on the internet everyone is a critic. While explaining the form and function of a contemporary movie critic, Mr. Wine expounds on the rigors and rewards of seeing every movie and reporting one's impressions. *No registration.*

On *Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm*, join the League of Women Voters of Bucks County in an informational program entitled **"Redistricting Reform: the Journey Continues"**. This is the library's PA Forward Program in "Civic Literacy.

A unique relationship existed between Ulysses S. Grant and President Abraham Lincoln. On *Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00pm*, historian Ken Serfass becomes General Grant in "Ulysses S. Grant: Friendship with President Lincoln". The relationship between the President and the General is profound in this living history.



Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00pm. Financial Literacy: The Pennsylvania Insurance Department will present **Annuities: Do's and Don'ts!**

Dog Days at the Library

1st Saturday of the month. January – May at 11:00am. Storytime for the dogs! Children in kindergarten – 6th grade are encouraged to come and read to the Nor'Wester Reader Therapy dogs. No registration.

Darla DeMorrow returns to the library on *Thursday, March 21st at 7:00pm* with a new take on decluttering entitled "All That Clutter Used to be Money". The stuff that you want to organize and perhaps even trash was paid for with good money—how then can you part with it. Such a situation becomes a vicious cycle with clutter getting in the way of budgets and vice versa. But with Darla's "SORT and Succeed" system save money



and clear your space—part decluttering, part financial education. *Call to register.*

Paying for a college education is a daunting task. On *Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm,* join **Dr. Kevin Bukatman** with a free workshop entitled "Financial Aid: the Challenges of Paying for a College Education". Dr. Bukatman will explain the major changes in financing a college education such as the difference between the FAFSA and CSS financial aid forms. Scholarship opportunities will also be discussed. *Registration required, contact the library.*



In another brilliant one-manshow, actor **Neill Hartley** portrays Franklin Delano Roosevelt in **"FDR: An Arsenal of Democracy"** on *Saturday, April 13th at 2:00pm.* The pivotal day in history was December 29, 1940 –the day FDR gave his Arsenal of Democracy speech to the American people.

Learn FDR's thoughts on the European War, his vision for America in this world at war, and his plea for popular support of this vision. This day altered the course of United States history--experience it firsthand. *No registration.*

Learn a new language or just review? Try the library's newest database **"Mango Languages"**— a self-paced language learning database of over 70 languages, including English. With your library card, access Mango on your pc or download the Mango app and "speak like a local". Go to the Mango link on our website www. northamptontownshiplibrary.org/research-learning/.



Parks and Recreation



BUNNY HUNT "Egg" VENTURE

A re you up for an adventure? Peter Cottontail has been hoppin' 'round the Bunny Trail in Northampton Township and he can't be found! You can help us find him. Enjoy an entertaining show and balloon art with walk-around magic. Then get ready for an "egg venture" following clues to find the Bunny, along with lots of help from local business friends. There may be some surprises along the way, so don't forget your Easter baskets or a shopping bag. With your help, the Bunny can find his way back for photos and maybe even a bunny hop or two!

(Fee includes show, egg "hunt" adventure, golden ticket raffles, donuts & juice and "Photo Op " with the Bunny – bring your own camera for photos.) All children MUST be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older

*If weather permits, the Hunt portion of the event will be held outdoors. Visit Parks & Recreation website for updates.

NO WALK-INS!! Register soon, as space is limited: TICKETS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR!

To view details and purchase tickets online visit www.northamptonrec.com Questions? Contact the Recreation office at 215-357-6800 ext. 256

	Petails
DATE:	April 13, 2019
TIME:	9:30 am - 11:30 am
LOCATION:	Maureen M. Welch Elementary Gym
	750 New Road, Churchville
AGES:	2 thru 12 yrs.
FEE:	\$10.00 per child (Northampton Resident)
	\$12.00 per child (Non-Resident)
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A multiple children discount is offered for 3 or more children in same immediate family. Call the P&R office for pricing.

NORTHAMPTON HOMEOWNERS MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Northampton Homeowners Men's Softball League is looking for a few players for the upcoming 2019 Spring/Summer softball season. If you are looking to have a great time on Friday night playing softball on local fields, read on:





Some details about the league:

- Must own a home (and pay taxes) in Northampton Township
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Games start at 6:30 PM on Friday nights with the first game on Friday, April 5th
 - The season runs through July
 - Must be willing to compete but most importantly, HAVE FUN!

If interested, please email Gerry Bram at gbram161@yahoo.com

SUPPORT YOUTH SPORTS AND MAKE IT A "BANNER YEAR" FOR YOUR BUSINESS

The Northampton Township Parks and Recreation Board works year round with the Youth Sports Organizations to provide to the Northampton Community with the finest programs in Bucks County. Your business support enables the sports organizations to provide facilities, equipment and resources necessary for the continued success of these most valuable programs. Businesses have the unique ability to advertise on a ball field banner. Here is your opportunity to showcase your business, support youth sports and advertise to the thousands of people who visit the Township Parks to participate and watch sporting events.



For details, call 215-357-6800 ext. 256. Now taking banner applications for the 2019 season. Don't delay!

Parks and Recreation continued



TAKE THE PLUNGE! GET YOUR NORTHAMPTON SWIM CLUB MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Have you heard? Northampton Township Board of Supervisors finalized the purchase of Northampton Valley Country Club. Discussions are ongoing to prioritize and plan repairs and improvements to the entire facility, while we are not sure exactly what lies ahead, **the operation of the Swim Club will remain the same**, primarily for NTPR summer camp program, with Individual, Senior and Family Memberships available Monday through Friday only!

LOCATED AT NORTHAMPTON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, HARMONY DRIVE & NEWTOWN-RICHBORO ROADS Join by 3/31/2019 to take advantage of discounted rates for fun in the sun, Monday through Friday, all summer long! Members enjoy bonus events throughout the season PLUS special rates for swim team and swim lessons too!

- A Membership is Monday through Friday only. NO weekend swimming is available.
- Family is a husband and/or wife and dependent children under age 21, residing at the same address on a permanent basis. (One caregiver age 18 or over may be added to a family membership).
- Ehildren under 14 may join only with another family member who is 21 or older.
 - Children 14 and older are required to provide proof of age to join as a single member. Parental signature is required granting permission for 14 to 18 year olds to attend the swim club alone.
- No charge for children under 2, however, the child's information is needed to process the membership.
 - Senior rate is available for individuals age 62 and over, or couples both age 62 or over.
 - Age determined as of the first day of the season, May 27, 2019.

Single \$230 • Family of 2: \$440 • Family of 3: \$565 • Family of 4: \$645 • Each Additional Family Member: \$50 Senior Single: \$145 • Senior Couple: \$245 Non-Northampton residents are welcome to join for just \$30 more!



TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DISCOUNTED RATES, FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY March 31, 2019. TO REGISTER, VISIT www.northamptonrec.com OR STOP BY THE PARKS & REC OFFICE, 55 TOWNSHIP ROAD, RICHBORO, OR CALL 215-357-6800 EXT 249.



Northampton Swim Team is a member of the Lower Bucks Swim League, Red Division. This competitive summer program provides an excellent recreational athletic activity for swimmers aged 5 to 18 years old. *For more information, contact the Parks & Rec office.*

Group swim lessons are available for all skill levels, infants through adults, and are offered throughout the summer beginning June 24th. Classes traditionally meet Monday through Thursday mornings, in 2 week sessions, for a total of 8 classes per session. Private swim lessons are also offered for those seeking individual attention or afternoon or evening hours.



Visit www.northamptonrec.com for full class descriptions and schedules!



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB? Northampton Township Parks & Recreation is NOW accepting applications for Lifeguards, Camp Counselors and Seasonal Parks Maintenance Staff. Visit www.northamptonrec.com for Frequently Asked Questions and a link to our Application for Employment. APPLY TODAY!

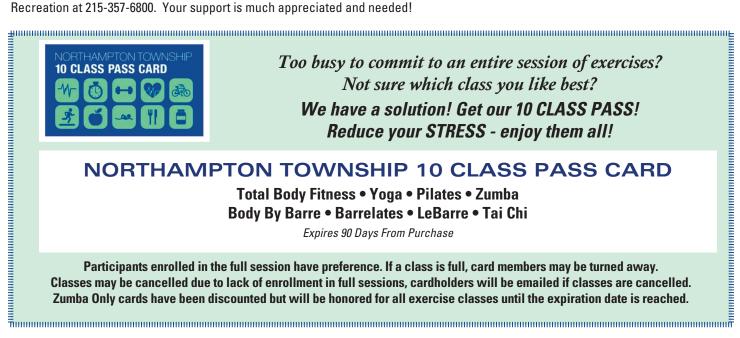
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT **PROJECT APPROVED FOR GRANT FUNDING**



The Miracle League of Northampton Township PA and Northampton Township have embarked on a journey to improve the already popular playground at the Municipal Park on Hatboro Road. Planned Improvements to make the playground allinclusive will include the installation of new safety surface and new equipment that will welcome children and families of all abilities to learn, play and grow together.

The cost of the improvements will be funded by a PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant, a grant from the Department of Economic Development, the Miracle League and private donations.

Fundraising is on-going. If you are interested in making a donation to support the purchase and installation of new equipment so children of all abilities can play together without experiencing physical or social barriers, contact Nancy Opalka, Director of Parks and Recreation at 215-357-6800. Your support is much appreciated and needed!



ANGEL TREE ON DISPLAY AT RECREATION CENTER

Another year of big giving from little hands as Northampton Township's Recreation Program, Preschool Potpourri, is giving back to those less fortunate during the holiday season.

As in the past several years, an Angel Tree was on display at the Recreation Center. The "angel ornaments" were supplied by Council Rock School District to be placed on the "Angel Tree." Each "angel" represents a child or family who is in need of a gift to open during the holiday season. On the back of the "angel" is the age, gender and gift wished for or needed for either the child or family. Some gifts were as simple as razors, umbrella, and a backpack for school or a gift card.

Parents of the Preschool Potpourri children were encouraged to include their child in the shopping experience. The reason for this project is not only to help less fortunate children smile during the holiday season, but also to teach the preschoolers that there is real joy in the gift of giving. This year Northampton Township Preschool Potpourri families donated over 60 gifts and or gift cards.



Parks and Recreation continued

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION 2019 WINTER DISCOUNTED TICKET PROGRAM

Purchase tickets only at the Recreation Office located in the Administration Building 55 Township Rd. Richboro. For further info. Call: 215-357-6800 x 249

DISCOUNTED SKI TICKETS available now through March 15 depending on weather				
Bear Creek	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings	
Midweek (open to close)	\$50.00	\$34.00	\$16.00	
Weekend/Holiday	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	
Night (4-10 PM)	\$37.00	\$26.00	\$11.00	
Big Boulder/Jack Frost	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings	
Adult Midweek (open to close-18 – 64)	\$50.00	\$41.00	\$9.00	
Adult Weekend/Holiday (open to close – 18 – 64)	\$65.00	\$53.00	\$12.00	
Youth (7-17) Midweek (open to close)	\$35.00	\$29.00	\$6.00	
Youth (7-17) Weekend/Holiday (open to close)	\$49.00	\$41.00	\$8.00	
Blue Mountain	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings	
Midweek (8 hour)	\$55.00	\$48.00	\$7.00	
Weekend/Holiday (8 hour)	\$65.00	\$58.00	\$7.00	
Night (any night)	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$7.00	
Elk Mountain	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings	
Midweek	\$55.00	\$54.00	\$1.00	
Weekend/Holiday (day or twilight)	\$69.00	\$64.00	\$5.00	
Shawnee Mountain	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings	
Adult/Youth Lift – Midweek	\$55-42.00	\$39.00	\$16/\$3	
Adult/Youth Lift Wkend/Holiday	\$65/50.00	\$49.00	\$16/\$1	
All Ages Night (3pm-close)	\$35.00	\$29.00	\$6.00	
Ski/ Snowboard Pkg (Tix,Rental,Lesson)	\$105.00	\$79.00	\$26.00	
OTHER DISCOUNTED TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings	
Philadelphia Flower Show - March 2 through March 10	\$ 35-40	\$30.00	\$ 5-10.00	
Regal Movie Tickets - Upcharge at theatre for 3E, 4D, IMAX or recliners	VARIES	\$9.50	VARIES	
AMC	VARIES	\$9.00	VARIES	



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The 190th PHS Philadelphia Flower Show will pay tribute to the enormous impact of flowers on our lives. From the first blooms of spring in your home garden to the expansive fields that fuel whole economies, flowers influence how we feel, think and act in small and global ways. Exhibits will take a holistic approach to the theme with sweeping landscapes and artful interpretations that inspire, convey emotions, examine fragrance and color and convey a universal language.

The annual Flower Show is a top destination and "must experience" horticultural event, attracting over 250,000 visitors annually to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, a showcase of excellence that dates back to 1829.

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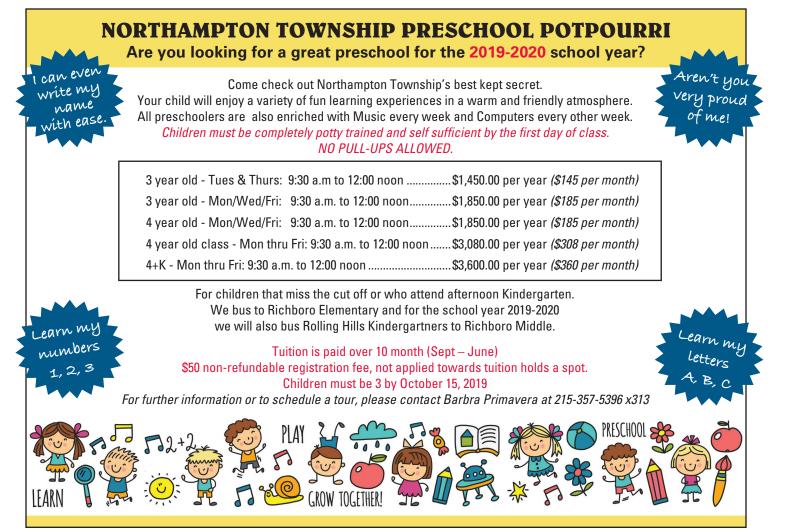
ADULT TICKETS: \$30 EACH

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation 55 Township Road, Richboro Monday-Friday: 8:30 am - 4:15 pm Tickets available for purchase at the Twp. Admin. Bldg weekdays

> **Valid for all show dates: March 2-10** *Save on extra fees with Park & Rec Pricing: Adult ticket prices at the door range: \$35-\$42

Proceeds from the Flower Show benefit the year round programs of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society that have become national models or urban greening, including City Harvest, which creates green jobs and supports a network of community gardens that raise fresh produce for families in need.

*no additional fees or tax



"Reindeer in Training" Make Special Appearance at P&R Book and Bedtime Event!

The annual Parks & Recreation Book and Bedtime event took place on December 5 and 6 at the Northampton Free Library. As in previous years, this event is always an early sell-out. With the help of the children's librarian and "elves" from Council Rock LINCS program, there were lots of songs, crafts, snacks, and interaction for all. Mrs. Claus read books to the children who came dressed in their PJ's, and brought their lists for Santa. After all the activities, Santa arrived to delight the children and stayed to hear

the children's holiday wishes and take photos. Two special "reindeer in training", Jingle and Bell arrived to bring Santa and Mrs. Claus back to the North Pole. The children had an opportunity to pet the reindeer and take a photo too, adding to the memories of this special evening. Jingle and Bell , when not working as "reindeer", are miniature therapy/service horses who work with Vets at local VA hospitals, provide therapy for children with cancer and severe health issues at CHOP among other charity work. They are trained by Richboro residents Rosalind and John Sachaczenski, along with their older children. You can learn more about their important work at: Jacob's Mane of Hope: www.jacobsmaneofhope.org.

Special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus, Jacob's Mane of Hope, and Laura Canfield, Fred Walters, , CR L.I.N.C.S. volunteers and Christy Lazzarino of the Northampton Library.







SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW

All camp locations (with the exception of the Recreation Center) are **pending Council Rock School District approval**. At times, there are projects scheduled in the school over the summer that make it hazardous to hold camp. You will be notified immediately if the Parks and Recreation Department learns that a school cannot be used in the Summer of 2019. Every attempt will be made to relocate the camp program.

CAMP ADVENTURE 5 TRIPS, CAMP CARNIVAL DAY & LUNCH 3 DAYS/WEEK INCLUDED! FOR CAMPERS ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADES. *Register Early - Limited Space Available!*

Are you a working parent or does your child just need hours and hours of non-stop fun? Look no further! This extremely popular eight week program will provide your child with constant fun, laughter and a lifetime of memories. Camp opens at 7:30 AM, drop your child off at anytime from 7:30-9 AM, right on your way to work! Pick them up on your way home! Children enjoy sports, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, daily swimming at Northampton Valley Country Club and Friday dress up days. Camp Adventure also offers Clubs in which special instructors are invited in to focus on the special interests of your child -from karate to cooking, we offer it all! The Camp Adventure Staff is warm, caring and enthusiastic and has undergone extensive background checks and staff training. The best news of all? 5 trips are included! Extra trips will be offered at an additional fee. There is no refund if your child does not participate in the included trips. Camp is in session on all trip days. Registrations for 8 full weeks only. Fees will not be prorated! Fee: See 2019 Tuition Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/16 (no camp 7/4)	7:30 AM-6:00 PM	Recreation Center	4503

CAMP EXPEDITION 4 TRIPS, CAMP CARNIVAL DAY & SWIMMING 3 DAYS/WEEK INCLUDED! FOR CAMPERS ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADES. *Register Early - Limited Space Available!*

It is Camp Explore with MORE! Camp Expedition is pertect 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, loads of fun indoor and outdoor games and swimming every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Give your child a lifetime of memories and register today! Extra trips will be offered at an additional fee. There is no refund if your child does not participate in the included trips. Camp is in session on trip days. Registrations is for 7 weeks only, no partial summer enrollment is accepted. Fees will not be prorated. Fee: See 2019 Tuition Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/9 (no camp 7/4)	8:30 AM-3 :30 PM	Richboro Elementary School	4503

CAMP EXPLORE 3 TRIPS & CAMP CARNIVAL DAY INCLUDED! FOR CAMPERS ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADES

Are you looking to keep your kids busy this summer, but also enjoy having them home? Camp Explore offers the best of both worlds! 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! If you are looking for a little bit more, Camp Explore offers swimming from 12:30-3:30 one day a week at an additional fee. Give your child a taste of camp and enjoy your afternoons together all summer! Camp is NOT in session on the three included trip days. Additional trips will NOT be offered. There is no refund if your child does not participate in the trips. No partial summer enrollment is accepted. Fees will not be prorated. Fee: See 2019 Tuition Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/9 (no camp 7/4)	9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Richboro Elementary School	4503
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/9 (no camp 7/4)	9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Churchville Elementary School	4506

2019 TUITION SCHEDULE					
CAMP	DEPOSIT	PAY IN FULL BY 3/31	САМР	DEPOSIT	PAY IN FULL BY 3/31
CAMP ADVENTURE	\$300	\$2110	ULTIMATE QUEST CAMP: 6 weeks	\$300	\$1630
CAMP EXPEDITION	\$300	\$995	ULTIMATE QUEST CAMP: 7 weeks	\$300	\$1665
CAMP EXPLORE	\$200	\$495	LITTLE DISCOVERER'S CAMP: 3 days	\$200	\$370
QUEST CAMP - 6 weeks	\$300	\$1010	LITTLE DISCOVERER'S CAMP: 5 days	\$200	\$525
QUEST CAMP - 7 weeks	\$300	\$1045	TEEN SUMMIT: 5 weeks	\$300	\$980
			TEEN SUMMIT: 6 WEEKS	\$300	\$1025

To avoid cancellation of these quality camp programs, minimum enrollment **MUST be met by March 15.** Registering is easy and convenient! Register online at **www.northamptonrec.com** or in person at the Township Administration Building or Recreation Center. Non-resident registration will begin on March 1, 2019. Fee schedule is for your convenience **ONLY. ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 15** to avoid additional fees. Fees listed are for Residents only.



QUEST CAMP: NEW THIS YEAR-2 LOCATIONS! FOR CAMPERS ENTERING 7TH-8TH GRADES

Register Early - Limited Space Available! All trips included - no extra fees!

Quest, a camp program that keeps the young teen entertained and happy! What makes this camp different? 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! In it's 21st award winning year, Summer Quest is the answer parents of 7th & 8th graders have been searching for! FEE: SEE 2019 TUITION SCHEDULE - NOW OFFERED IN 6 OR 7 WEEK OPTIONS. THIS OPTION DOES NOT INCLUDE FRIDAYS.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Thursday	6/24-8/8 (no camp 7/4)	9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Holland Middle School	4507
Monday-Thursday	6/24-8/8 (no camp 7/4)	9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Welch Elementary School	4508

ULTIMATE QUEST CAMP FOR CAMPERS ENTERING 7TH-8TH GRADES

Working parents of Quest aged children can have peace of mind too! Participants get all the benefits of the regular Quest program, with an earlier drop off, later pick up, and FRIDAYS! Daily trips to the pool, special Friday events and trips are included! FEE: SEE 2019 TUITION SCHEDULE - NOW OFFERED IN 6 OR 7 WEEK OPTIONS.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/9(no camp 7/4)	7:30 AM-6:00 PM	Welch Elementary School	4509

LITTLE DISCOVERER'S CAMP FOR CAMPERS AGES 3-5 / POTTY-TRAINED. CHOOSE FROM 3 DAYS A WEEK (TUESDAY-THURSDAY) OR 5 DAYS A WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS

Little Discoverer's is "camp in a preschool setting." Children enjoy free play, circle time, outdoor play, songs and games, a daily craft and snack, and so much more! Weekly themes are incorporated into the activities for added fun! One week your child could be on a Jungle Safari and the next on an Adventure in Space! Every week is new, different and tons of fun! Camper: Counselor Ratio is 5:1. FEE: SEE 2019 TUITION SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/2 (no camp 7/4)	9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Hillcrest Elementary School	4510
Monday-Friday	6/24-8/2 (no camp 7/4)	9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Churchville Elementary School	4511

TEEN SUMMIT NOW 5 OR 6 WEEK OPTIONS! FOR CAMPERS ENTERING 9TH GRADE

We asked, you answered, and we heard you! Based on recent survey results to prospective Teen Summit participants, the Parks and Recreation department redesigned Teen Summit to mirror our Quest Program! Teen Summit will deliver your 9th grader all the camp games they love -Dodgeball, West Chester Volleyball, Basketball, and so much more! Special guests and special on-site camp days that make it new and different from the Quest Program. What about the trips? They are still there! Twice a week, your 9th grader will enjoy some of our classic camp trips as well as trips reserved only for our Teen Summit participants such as Hershey Park, the beach, trip to NYC, and whatever we can think of! Kids have a lifetime to work, let them enjoy one last summer as a camper! *Use of cell phones on longer bus trips now permitted. **FEE: SEE 2019 TUITION SCHEDULE - a minimum of 24 participants must be met by March 15, 2019**.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS #
Monday-Thursday	6/24-8/1 (no camp 7/4)	9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Holland Junior High School	4512

INTERESTED IN BEING A CIT THIS SUMMER?

Don't worry! CITs will report on Fridays and other select days/times specified in a detailed schedule prior to the start of camp. CIT applications available online at www.Northamptonrec.com!

*An additional fee applies for CITs. CIT candidates must be registered for 6 weeks if accepted.





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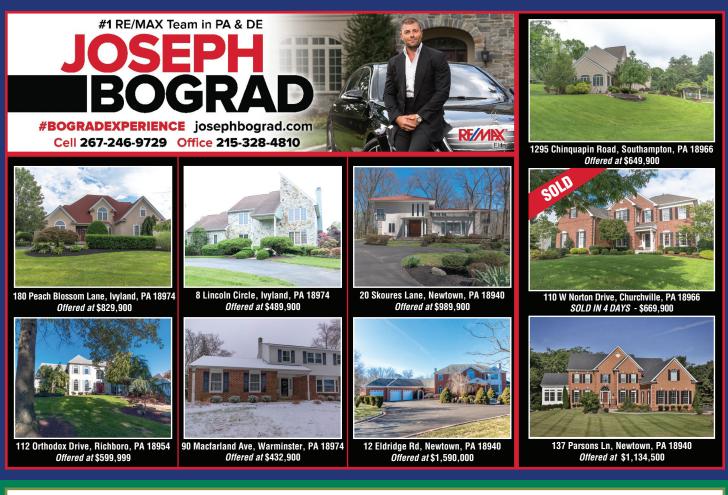


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