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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

April 18 (Good Friday), May 26 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day)



2025 Board of Supervisors

Chairman's Message

Dear Neighbors,

As we welcome the spring season in Northampton Township, I am reminded of what makes our community so special - our strong spirit of engagement, service, and growth. This newsletter highlights the many ways we are working together to ensure that Northampton remains a vibrant, safe, and welcoming place for all residents. From public safety updates and infrastructure improvements to exciting events and recreation opportunities, there is so much happening in our township.

Public safety remains at the forefront of our efforts. Our police department, fire department and emergency medical services are dedicated to protecting our community, and we are grateful for their service. This issue includes valuable information on fraud prevention, traffic safety, and emergency preparedness—resources that can help keep you and your loved ones safe.

Stay connected! Sign up for the township email distribution list to receive timely and important information about our community. If you are looking for ways to contribute, consider volunteering for one of our advisory boards or commissions. Your input and involvement help shape the decisions that impact our community.

Finally, spring is a time to reconnect and enjoy all that our township has to offer. The Parks and Recreation Department is launching another exciting Summer Nights Concert Series and the brand-new Sun and Fun Festival. These events are wonderful opportunities to bring friends and family together while supporting local businesses and artists.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I thank you for your continued commitment to making Northampton Township a great place to live, work, and play. We look forward to seeing you out in the community this spring!

Adam

Volunteer Board Vacancies

Northampton Township is still seeking volunteers for several of its advisory boards! Serving is a great way for residents to stay updated about the topics of greatest interest. Volunteers can take pride in helping to shape their community. Descriptions of each board, commission, and committee, as well as an application to apply, can be found online at <https://www.northamptontownship.com/government/boards-commissions-committees/>. Applications can be emailed to Lisa Russo at lrusso@nhtwp.org or delivered in person at the Township Administration Building at 55 Township Road during regular business hours. Questions can be directed to Ms. Russo at (215) 357-6800.

Current Openings

Library Board	Veterans Advisory Commission	Wall of Honor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprised of 7 members• Vacancy to fill an un-expired term until 2026.• Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM as needed. All meetings are held at the Free Library of Northampton Township, May-Sweeney Board Room, 25 Upper Holland Road in Richboro.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprised of 7 members• Vacancy to fill an un-expired term until 2025.• Vacancy to fill an un-expired term until 2027• Meets on the third Monday of each Month at 7:00 PM as needed. All meetings are held at the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road in Richboro.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprised of 7 members• Resident Vacancy for a 2-year term• Meets as needed

Township Board of Supervisors Meetings

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

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

To provide residents with the ability to watch the meetings from home, the Township meetings can be viewed live on your government access channel - Comcast channel 22 or Verizon channel 24 or on our Northampton Township BOS YouTube channel. Past and Present meetings are also archived on our Website at <https://www.northamptontownship.com/government/meeting-videos-board-of-supervisors/> The Board of Supervisors meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, with exceptions in November and December due to holidays. A calendar of meetings, agendas, minutes, links, and other important information can be found on our website at: www.northamptontownship.com.

Real ID – Deadline is Approaching!

Don't wait! The deadline to obtain your Real ID is fast approaching. Beginning May 7, 2025, a REAL ID or other federally accepted identification, such as a valid U.S. passport, will be required to:

- Board domestic flights.
 - Enter military bases.
 - Access certain federal facilities.
- To acquire a REAL ID, residents must visit a PennDOT Driver's License Center and provide:
- Proof of identity (e.g., birth certificate or passport).
 - Proof of Social Security number.
 - Two proofs of current Pennsylvania address.
 - Proof of all legal name changes (if applicable).

Cost:

- A one-time fee of \$30 plus the standard renewal fee of \$30.50.
- The REAL ID will be valid for four years plus any remaining time on your current license.

Note: Obtaining a REAL ID is optional. You can continue to use your standard Pennsylvania driver's license for driving, voting, accessing federal benefits, and visiting hospitals, post offices, or federal courts.

For more details and a list of required documents, visit the state's website: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv/driver-services/real-id.html>
Stay ahead of the deadline—act now!

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Northampton Township Police Department

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AWARDS CEREMONY

The Northampton Township Police Department recognized several of our department members for outstanding work in 2024. Supervisors recommend officers for commendation; a committee then reviews each incident and submits its recommendations to the police administration. Department Awards and the Officer of the Year Award are presented annually.

Life Saving Award (DUI/ Traffic Crash) Officer Leaper

Life Saving Award (Medical Emergency) Det. Sergeant Stark

Commendatory Citation (Theft from Vehicle) Officer Ozanne, Officer Golembieski, and Det. Jumper

Commendatory Citation (Assist Other Police Department/Aggravated Assault) Officer Laub

Merit Commendation (False reports to Police, Unauthorized Dissemination of Photos, Harassment) Officer Golembieski

Distinguished Unit Citation (Homicide) Sergeant Mahony, Officer Stroup, Officer Hearn, Det. Martin & Det. Jumper

Special Recognition Citation (Homicide) Bucks County District Attorney's Office

Distinguished Unit Citation (Attempted Suicide) Det. Sgt. Stark, Sgt. Mahony, Officer Clifton

Distinguished Unit Citation (Trespassing/Prowling/Warrant Arrest) Sgt. Long, Cpl. McLaughlin, Officer Brown, Officer Franks, Officer Geller, Officer Bobbs, Officer Devaney, Sgt. Wyant, Officer Wigler, Officer Jainnini

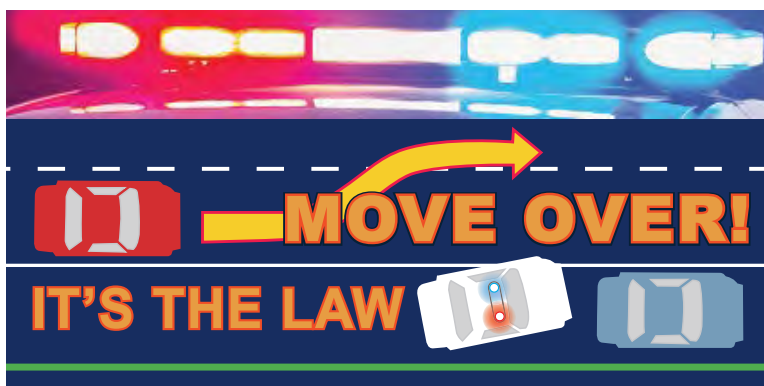
Officer of the Year – Officer Colin Leaper. Officer of the year is selected through a voting process within the police department. Honoree receiving the award exemplifies our core values of honor, integrity, courage, loyalty, duty, respect and service.

Traffic Safety Signs available at Northampton Township Police Department

Our goal is to make our roadways safe through educating drivers, enforcing traffic laws, conducting traffic studies, and promoting infrastructure improvements to reduce hazards. We also participate in some self and state funded initiatives that focus on Occupant Safety, Aggressive Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Operation Safe Stop, and DUI enforcement.

Any resident that would like to partner with our department to promote traffic safety in their neighborhood can request one of our two traffic safety yard signs, pictured to the side, at our headquarters. Supplies of each sign may be limited.





The Northampton Township Police Department wants to remind motorists of the Pennsylvania **Move Over Law**.

Drivers must move over or slow down for all first responders, including police, fire, and ambulance crews, as well as stopped tow trucks and maintenance vehicles. The law's purpose is to keep emergency responders and service vehicle operators safe.

Failure to move over or slow down will result in a citation that carries a fine of \$500 for first time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 and a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. Penalties are increased for incidents that seriously injure or kill another person.

The Pennsylvania Move Over Law mandates specific actions from drivers when approaching an emergency response area. It requires drivers to move over to a lane further away from the emergency response area if safe to do so. If moving over is not possible or safe, the law demands drivers to slow down considerably. An emergency response area is where an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs, or try to warn travelers. Help us keep our first responders safe.



Northampton Township Police Fight Fraud

We are doing everything we can to prevent you from being a victim of fraud, but scammers can be clever and persistent in their pursuit to commit fraud. Recently, our residents were targeted with a scam where the scammer spoofed their phone number to make it appear that our police department was calling and the caller identified himself as one of our police officers. The caller alleged that the victim failed to appear for jury duty and would now need to pay a fee to avoid being arrested. Victim was told to transfer funds via Bitcoin.

If you think you are being targeted by a scammer call someone you trust or the Northampton Township Police Department non-emergency number at (215) 357-8700 before you do anything, especially before you make any transactions.

Seniors are commonly targeted with scams such as: romance scams, tech support scams, grandparent scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, home repair scams, and more. Older adults lose more than 36 billion in financial fraud every year. These scams have all occurred in Northampton Township.

*Stop by our station for a free fraud prevention magnet for your refrigerator.





NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Emergency
CALL 911**

The Fire Department's Richboro and Holland stations are staffed 24/7, however, our crews may be out of the building handling a call.

If you have an emergency requiring a response (Police, Fire AND EMS),
PLEASE CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!
Do not waste precious time driving to the station to report an emergency.

Police
Fire
Medical

**10
years**

**Replace your alarms
after 10 years.**

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

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Veterans Events Sponsored By The Northampton Township Veterans Advisory Commission



Monday, May 26, 2025

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

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

The Flag Day Ceremony, will be held in June please check the Township Website at www.northamptontownship.com for further information.

Recognize a Veteran by Purchasing a Brick In Their Honor

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

Open to all residents and employees of Northampton Township

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

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

To purchase a brick you can print the order form and return it to the attention of Lisa Russo, Administration Office along with your check.

<https://www.northamptontownship.com/media/1798/memorial-brick.pdf>

Tips On Ordering Your Brick

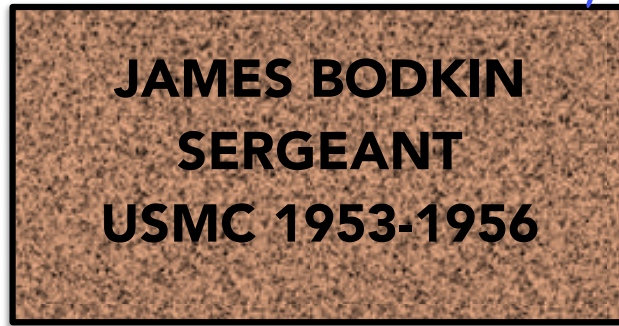
- Typical brick engraving includes the name of the veteran, rank, branch of service, years of service or war, and special honors. An example is shown on the order form.
- No personal messages are allowed.
- Contact us if you need assistance with standard abbreviations or completing your form or verify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



Northampton Township Veteran's Memorial Walkway of Honor



Open to all Residents and Township Employees



Purchase a Memorial Paver

4"x8" \$100

Name, Rank, Unit & Era

15 Characters per line

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All Order's Need to be submitted by 10/1 of the current year.

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18954 Email: LRUSSO@NHTWP.ORG

FROM THE BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT

Pennsylvania One Call

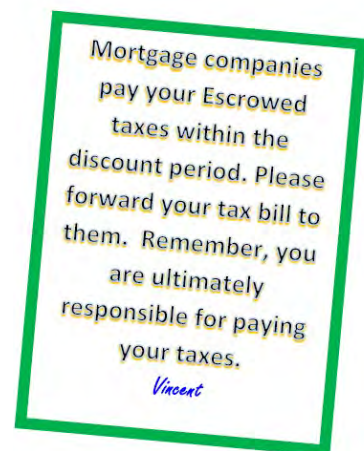
Frequently, our department receives phone calls from residents about paint markings on the roadway or lawn area in front of their house. What exactly are these marks and what do the colors mean? It is all related to a Pennsylvania One Call.

Whenever there is excavation or digging, it is the law that a Pennsylvania One Call must be made by dialing 8-1-1. When this call is made, all utility companies come out and identify their particular utility by color. For example, water is blue, electric is red, cable is orange, etc. Due to the frequency of requests for service, many of these calls are related to the cable companies.

The marks that you see are the locations of these particular utilities. In many cases, they are in the roadway itself. Many other times, however, the utilities are located in the right-of-way adjacent to the curb. Township and State right-of-ways extend beyond the roadway and curb. In most residential developments, the right-of-way extends 10 feet beyond the curb. In response to many questions that we receive, the markings are not on private property, but rather in the right-of-way that is designated for these utilities. In addition, there are often easements that run through private property to carry utilities as well.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883. Most importantly, if you are doing ANY digging or excavation on your property, you are required to make a Pennsylvania One Call by dialing 8-1-1. It can prevent major problems with a simple phone call. It's also the law!

Tax Collector Corner



County & Township Real Estate Tax Bills are mailed March 1st

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



"Please call me to assist your neighbors and family members who may need help processing their real estate tax payments to avoid penalties."

Thank you,

A blue ink handwritten signature, likely of Vincent Deon.

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

2025 Paving Schedule

Northampton Township's Public Works Department is pleased to announce the 2025 paving schedule, which includes a range of road improvement projects to enhance safety and driving conditions. Road maintenance typically occurs in August, although the exact timing varies depending on weather conditions and other Township maintenance projects.

This year's program features roads slated for milling and overlay, paving with nova-chip, and micro surfacing to extend pavement life and improve durability. These upgrades reflect our continued commitment to maintaining the township's infrastructure and ensuring smooth travel for residents and visitors alike.

When performing the milling and overlay, the top layer of asphalt is removed with a milling machine and then the full width of the road is repaved. The micro-surfacing is a heavy-duty sealer, similar to the material used on driveways but includes stone chips and is much more durable. Finally, the nova chip treatment is an ultra-thin virgin hot asphalt overlay which is used to preserve roads. The nova chip process allows for a road to be driven on immediately after compaction and does not require milling of the surface.

PAVING – Milling & Overlay	PAVING – Nova Chip	MICRO-SURFACING
East Holland Rd	Middle Holland Rd	Burdsal Ave
Lower Holland Rd (Lark to Holland)		Pickering Bend Ct
Vanderveer Ave		Chestnut Dr
Amsterdam Ave		Walnut Dr
Rotterdam Rd W		Cedar Dr
N/E Rotterdam Rd		Pine Ave
Dutch Dr		Birch Ave
Gelder Dr		
Delft Dr		
Windmill		
Rising Sun Ave		
Morning Glory Ave (W of Holland Rd)		
Morning Glory Ave (E of Holland Rd)		
Beverly Rd		
Honeysuckle Rd		
Crescent Dr		
Mallard Rd		

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

Almshouse Road
 Bridgetown Pike
 Bristol Road
 Buck Road
 Bustleton Pike
 Chinquapin Road

Churchville Lane
 Holland Road
 Jacksonville Road
 Newtown-Richboro Road
 Old Bristol Road
 Worthington Mill Road

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Welcomes Marisa Ristow!

The Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to welcome Marisa Ristow to our team! Marisa earned her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and began her career teaching at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology in their Early Childcare Program. Nearly twelve years ago, Marisa joined the Northampton Township family as an administrative assistant for Frank Fenton, our Fire Marshal.

During her time in that role, she showcased her creativity and knack for social media by managing the Facebook content for the Township's 300th anniversary celebration in 2022. Recognizing Marisa's talent, creativity, and positive energy, the Parks and Recreation Department knew she would be the perfect fit for the newly created position of Community Relations Representative. Since officially joining our team this past July, Northampton Township residents and followers of the Parks and Recreation Facebook and Instagram accounts, have been captivated by her creative reels, engaging posts, and memorable stories.

Marisa continues to excel in her role, eager to engage with the public and highlight all the wonderful programs and opportunities the Parks and Recreation Department offers. Marisa has been happily married to her husband Tim for ten years and is the proud mom of two beautiful daughters, Harper (9) and Avery (7). When she's not working, Marisa loves spending time with her family, taking walks with their dog Brody, enjoying family movie nights, playing games, and dancing in the rain! A team player who embraces challenges, Marisa brings creativity, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude to her work. She is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and uplifting environment for growth and success in the department. We are so fortunate to have her as part of our Parks and Recreation family!



Parks and Recreation Announces 2025 Sun and Fun Fest and Summer Nights Concert Series



In 2024, the Parks and Recreation Team completely revamped the summer concert series, making Thursday nights THE place to be to gather with friends, grab some food and beverages, and dance to great music with local and popular bands while enjoying summer nights in the Municipal Park.

Well, community of Northampton Township: **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** because 2025 is going to be even better!

As our friends and neighbors know, Parks and Recreation planned to bring back the Fall Festival this past September, but sadly, it was rained out. The department decided the only way to make it better was to replace the Fall Festival with a Sun and Fun Festival to kick off our **2025 Summer Nights Concert Series!**

On June 7th (Rain Date June 8th), join us at the Civic Center Basin for delicious food and beverage trucks, live concerts, and tons of vendors for a kick-off-to-summer festival not to be forgotten! You won't want to miss celebrating the beginning of summer

with the Parks and Recreation Team, incredible music, great friends, and tons of family entertainment!

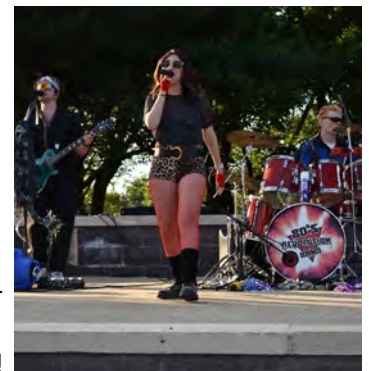
After the Sun and Fun Fest is over, our Summer Nights Concert Series is just beginning at our Municipal Park amphitheater! More food trucks, more fun, and an extended lineup of concerts to enjoy this summer!

Already booked for 2025 are:

- Ms. Kathy's Interactive Children's Concert (6/12)
- Class of '86 (6/19)
- The Funzaluv Band (6/26)
- Devlin (7/10)
- Local bands Cherry Lane (7/17) and Mid-Life Crisis (7/24)
- The '80's Revolution Band (8/14)

More concerts are still to be announced, so keep an eye out for our Spring/Summer brochure, our website (www.northamptonrec.com), and our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates!

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited about our Summer Nights and can't wait to see you there!



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER


165 TOWNSHIP ROAD, RICHBORO, PA 18954

Phone: (215) 357-8199

Website: northamptonsc.com

Email: nhsc@nhtwp.org

The senior center offers a variety of activities for older adults aged 55 and better to stay active, engaged, and socially connected. Did you know the center welcomes over 120 guests each day? Members enjoy an array of daily activities such as exercise classes, wellness programs, dance, art classes, and our spring/summer sporting leagues, billiards and bocce.

Spring is buzzing with excitement  as new programs, workshops and events are always being added to the regular calendar. We welcome you to visit the center for a tour or view the website for our upcoming activities. The community is invited to shop at the annual "*Spring Fling Vendor Marketplace*" that will be held on Friday, April 25 from 5:00 - 8:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you!

SPRING FLING Shopping Event

Join us for this awesome shopping event just in time for Mother's Day, teacher gifts, your favorite grad or special Dad!

Come shop local vendors and crafters offering a wide variety of handcrafted jewelry, accessories, candles, gourmet foods, home décor and SO much more!



Website
Activity Calendars
Bus Trips
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Seasonal Leagues
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2025 LOTTERY

Tickets \$10.00

Monthly Drawings



April - November
FOUR \$25.00 winners

December Drawing
ONE \$250 winner **AND**
FOUR \$100 winners



Friday, April 25

5:00 - 8:30 PM

Free Admission
Raffle Baskets

NEW JOB OPENINGS!

PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED!

We are currently seeking TWO passionate Preschool Teachers to join our team for the upcoming school year. This is a part-time position (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday - *additional hours may be required for early morning and or lunch buddies) where you'll help shape young minds and create a nurturing, fun, and educational environment for our little learners! Additional hours may be needed for early morning duties and/or lunch buddy support.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PRESCHOOL



2025-2026

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WHAT WE OFFER?

- A rewarding role in Early Childhood Education.
- A supportive and welcoming team.
- The chance to make a lasting impact on children's lives.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR?

- Patience, creativity, and a passionate individual who love working with young children.
- Enthusiastic, creative, and ready to bring joy to the classroom.
- A Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or a degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or a related field is recommended.
- Alternatively, candidates with significant previous experience in a preschool or early childhood setting will be considered.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to engage and interact with children, parents and colleagues.

Note: This is a part-time position with no benefits.

HOW TO APPLY?



Please submit your application available on the homepage of our website at www.northamptonrec.com, along with your resume to Barbara Primavera, Recreation Manager at bprimavera@nhtwp.org.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION



WE'RE HIRING CAMP COUNSELORS



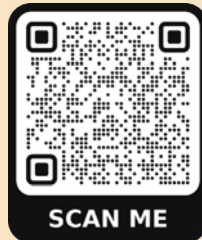
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Plan your spring! The library has a lot on its 2025 schedule. Registration opens a month before each event. Additional event details can be found on our online calendar: <https://calendar.buckslib.org/>.

AARP Tax Services

AARP is once again offering tax assistance at the library to those who qualify on Tuesdays starting in February through April 15. Check out AARP.org for more information. Call the library to reserve appointment times at 215.357.3050.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Free Library of Northampton Township continues to provide adult programs to maintain our Gold Star status. We have the following upcoming adult programs at the library:

Saturday, March 22 | 1:00 PM

Bucks County Artifacts

Did you watch Josh Gates' Expedition Unknown episode on the Doan Gang? You may have seen the Mercer Museum and the Pennsylvania Historical Recovery Services highlighted. Jim Bongiovanni of PHRS will discuss what they do, and share stories of the artifacts that he and his colleagues have recovered, adventures they have had, and the sites from which artifacts have been recovered dating back into the late 1600s. Artifacts will be on display for you to view as well as a Q&A after the presentation. All artifacts that PHRS recovers are documented and turned over to the property owner or historical society.

Wednesday, March 26 | 1:00 PM

Pysanky Egg Workshop

Curator of the Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center at Manor College, Chrystyna Prokopovych, will present a pysanky egg workshop. She will provide a history of pysanky, design symbolism, and a demonstration of writing pysanky before attendees can participate in writing their own. All supplies will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing since dyes and wax will be used. The program is limited to 25 registered attendees.

Monday, April 7 | 6:00 PM

Pennsylvania Treasury Savings Program

Karen Carr of the Pennsylvania Treasury will speak about PA 529, PAAble, Keystone Scholars, and Unclaimed Property programs. If you think you have unclaimed property or have new members or students in your family, this program might be for you.

Monday, April 21, July, 21, and October 20 | 6:00 PM

Know Your Medicare Options

Steve Perlman of DelVal Senior Advisors returns this year and will present his informative Medicare program quarterly. This program will

cover: How Medicare works and what it covers; Differences of Medicare Advantage vs. Medigap/Supplement; How to save money on prescription medications; How and when to enroll; and what are the penalties and how to avoid them. If you're nearing retirement or would like to learn more about Medicare, consider attending.

Saturday, April 26 | 1:00 PM

Home Repair Made Easy

Beth Allen, a licensed contractor of Hip Chicks, returns to the library to present "Home Repair Made Easy." HIP Chicks has plenty of DIY ideas for household repairs without busting the budget. Allen will tackle the 7 common home repair issues - clogs, leaks, bad outlets, carpet stains, and more. Attendees will learn where to go to get the best deals for your DIY projects.

Saturday, May 3 | 1:00 PM

Forgotten Caregiver

Are you a caregiver or have a loved one needing more care? Beth Allen will present her program Forgotten Caregiver, an introduction to dementia - early stages, getting a diagnosis, resources, and more. Along with being a licensed contractor with Hip Chicks, Allen is also a registered nurse and has taught this program at the Bucks County Community College and regional community centers.

Monday, May 5 | 6:00 PM

Wills & Estate Planning

Learn about Living Wills, Powers of Attorney, Wills, Living Trusts and tax implications of death. Howard Soloman, JD, of Soloman Law, will present the program for Older Americans Month. The program will discuss 3 basic life planning documents, a Living Will/Medicare Power of Attorney for medical decisions, a Power of Attorney for financial decisions, and a Will. A Revocable Living Trust also will be discussed, but the primary focus will be on the three basic documents.

ADULT PROGRAMMING CONTINUED

Wednesday, May 14 | 1:00 PM

Felted Bee Workshop

Local artist Donna Rosenblum will instruct attendees on how to construct a felted bee. Supplies will be provided. The workshop is limited to 15 registered attendees.

Monday, May 19 | 6:00 PM

Introduction to Mushrooms

Join us as we explore the fascinating world of fungi! Kevin Popowich of the Philadelphia Mycology Club will discuss fungal anatomy, key identifying features, and their ecological significance. This presentation aims to inspire the community to reimagine their favorite greenspaces and hiking trails through the world of mushrooms. Popowich is an Ecological Risk Assessor who volunteers with the Philadelphia Mycology Club, a local non-profit, building community around fungal education and conservation in hopes of inspiring others to embrace and defend public greenspaces through the lens of mushrooms.

Saturday, June 7 | 1:00 PM

Your Safety

Helen Berman from the American Red Cross Southeastern PA Chapter will provide information on a variety of ways to stay safe. She will talk about the services they provide, including their Fire Alarm program where they provide and install residential alarms for free. These alarms include 10-year lithium batteries and alarms that alert the hard-of-hearing. She will also instruct easy hands-on CPR exercises for registrants to learn. This will not be a CPR certification course.

Monday, June 16 | 6:00 PM

Where to Look: Substance Abuse Resources

The Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. will share local resources regarding family support, Narcan access, overdose information, medication storage and disposal, and recovery. This is an informative session about the Commission and the supportive services available to individuals and loved ones dealing with substance abuse.

Monday, July 14 | 6:00 PM

Bucks County Postcards presented by Chase Palmer

Explore the history of Northampton Township and Bucks County and its landmarks through early postcards of images taken by the Arnold Brothers from the late 1890s through the turn of the 20th century. This lecture will tell the fascinating stories of the Arnold Brothers Postcards including unpublished Arnold negatives. This presentation will focus primarily on photos and postcards of Northampton Township and

adjacent communities. Presented by Chase Palmer, native of Richboro and resident of Solebury, and author of the updated Betty Davis' 1980 Postcards of Bucks County.

Second Saturday Programs

These programs are sponsored by Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township.

Saturday, February 8 | 1:00 PM (snow date February 15)

Enchanting Appalachia

Singer/Songwriter Mary Roth will be performing this popular music program. She will sing and take us on a musical journey of the rich culture of Appalachia and its people, followed by a lecture with discussion and sharing.

Saturday, March 8 | 1:00 PM

The Irish in the American Civil War

The American Civil War is Ireland's forgotten conflict. In 1860, about 1.5 million Irish were living in the U.S.A. During the Civil War, some 150,000 fought in the Union Army and about 20,000 joined and fought with the Confederacy. Join returning presenter Mike Jesberger on this history presentation.

Saturday, April 5 | 1:00 PM

Play Ball: Shibe Park and Beyond

Returning presenter Rick Spector will talk about local baseball. One of our most beloved departed landmarks was the ballpark at 21st Street and Lehigh Avenue in North Philadelphia. Shibe Park/Connie Mack Stadium was home to professional baseball, football, and other major events for more than 60 years. The ballpark was a prime focus of what was once a great industrial city. Capture the magic of what it meant to live, work, and play in Philly by learning about Shibe Park. A "must see" for local sports and history buffs.

Saturday, May 10 | 1:00 PM

Gloriana: The Elizabethan World of William Shakespeare

Shakespeare lived and wrote in a time of social, political, and health upheaval. His plays both reflect and code his own turbulent times. Presented by Juliene Osborne-McKnight.

Saturday, June 14 | 1:00 PM

Stars and Stripes Forever: John Philip Sousa

Historian and actor Dr. J. Covington will depict John Philip Sousa, America's favorite March King, famous bandmaster, and composer who toured the world.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ARCHIVES

The Northampton Township Archives, overseen by the Historical Commission, created a new exhibit for 2025 titled: Local Veteran & World War II: William Ray Shaw's Collection. Mr. Shaw was a former Northampton Township Police officer in the 1960s and his family recently donated a collection of WWII items he acquired during his military service. Check out the new exhibit and learn about the folk art of stone books.

During the month of January, Public Works worked to repurpose and install compact shelving from the former police building into the Archives storage room to allow for better storage of its collections.

The Northampton Township Historical Commission's next meeting will be on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Free Library of Northampton Township. The Commission meets monthly on the second Monday. Residents are welcome to attend.



Do you have any questions on local history or genealogy? Contact the Archives! The Archives is open weekly:

Monday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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On this day, in history...

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

February 24, 1912: A devastating fire in Richboro's White Bear Hotel at the SW corner of Second Street Pike & Almshouse Road showed the community needed a fire company. Prior to establishing a volunteer fire company, Southampton Fire Company aided the community with a pumper pulled by 2 horses. Locals Stephen Gill or J. Milton Luff would meet the pumper at the township line and hitch their horse teams and race to the fire.

April 1, 1686: A 2000-acre tract was granted to English Quaker Arthur Cook, a commissioner of state, by William Penn. He never resided on the property and willed the land to his wife Margaret and son John. Clement and Thomas Dungan acquired 1,000 acres of it in 1699. Brother Jeremiah Dungan purchased 250 acres in 1711 and that parcel was sold to Gilliam Cornell in 1848. The Cornell Farm, also known as the Willow Bank Farm, located at 130 Tanyard Road or 9 Pond View, was owned by the family until the 1970s.

April 4, 1955: An illegal still was discovered on the 3rd floor of an empty farmhouse, part of the abandoned Lily Pond Farm behind Herbert Awkland's farm on Second Street Pike, near Bristol Road. The Police destroyed the still spilling liquor down through the house floors.

May 1, 1778: The Battle of Crooked Billet begins in Hatboro during the American Revolutionary War.

May 5, 1775: A group of men met at the Black Bear Tavern, Richard Leedom's house, at the intersection of Second Street Pike and Bustleton Pike on May 5, 1775. Leedom would join the Fourth Association Company and serve as a private under Captain Henry Lott.

May 16, 1907: The Arnold Brothers postcard of the White Bear Hotel was taken from its side view.

June 2, 1859: Union Cemetery, along Almshouse Road, was dedicated on this day.

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Exploring the beautiful, vast Pennsylvania outdoors can be fun and memorable. However, the most important part of any trip is staying safe. In order to protect yourself and others who may be exploring with you on our remote, public lands, you first need to plan out your trip and learn what to do if you need help.

Plan Your Adventure

By taking the time to plan and follow a few basic rules, a hike, camping trip, or other activity can be a safe experience you can remember with great joy for a lifetime! Here are some tips to help you plan your safe adventure:

- **Always plan out your trip ahead of time.** It is important to lay out your trip, including where you are going, and, if it's a multiday trip, how far you will travel each day and how long you plan to stay in each area. Plan enough time for day trips to prevent you from traveling after dark without the proper nighttime equipment.
- **Always tell someone where you are going and expected time of return.** Write down your plans and indicate on a map where you are going. Let them know that you will call when you return. If they do not hear from you they can contact the proper authorities and a search can be started. Also leave a copy of your plan in your vehicle, too. Do not leave your plan on the dash or seat, where it can be easily spotted by someone hoping to break into vehicles.
- **Don't rely on your cell phone; take a paper map with you.** Cell phones and GPS units are not reliable in remote areas. You may experience a drained battery or no cellular reception. A compass is also a helpful tool that is a perfect companion to your map.
- **Bring other helpful gear.** Take matches, a knife, a whistle, food, and water with you. Also remember to always dress properly for the outdoors.
- **Follow your plan.** When you're on your adventure, stay on designated trails and learn what trail markings indicate the trail you need to be on.

If You Need Help

If you need help, do not wait to call for help. If you are calling for help for yourself using a cell phone, dial 911. If there is no 911 service, you will need to know the specific number to call or you will need to call someone you know to call help for you.

If You Become Lost

- **Remain calm.** While this sounds easy, many people will panic when in an undesirable, unfamiliar situation. Remaining calm will help a lost individual make sound, rational decisions.
- **Stop walking.** Walking with unfamiliar landmarks will often lead someone who is lost to wander in circles and potentially cause a longer rescue time.
- **Seek/build shelter and a fire depending on weather conditions.** Staying warm and dry are two key elements to surviving an extended period in the wild. Preventing hypothermia -- a condition where your body core temperature is too low to sustain your health -- is critical. Learn about hypothermia and ways to avoid it before you ever become lost in the woods.

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