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NORTHAMPTON *Township*

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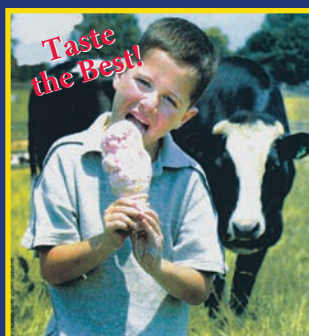
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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, September 1, 2025 – Labor Day
Monday, October 13, 2025 – Columbus Day



2025 Board of Supervisors

Chairman's Message

LET'S BE SUMMER SAFE!

Dear Neighbors,

School is out and the nice weather has arrived! Hot and humid weather brings the inevitable summer thunderstorms. Occasionally these storms can be serious and cause moderate to severe damage in our Township, including downed trees, prolonged power outages and flooded roadways. We recently experienced one of these storms in mid-June.

Planning ahead is the key to minimizing the impact of these storms. A power outage may disrupt communications, well water and transportation. Here are some tips to consider if the power is out for an extended period:

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Have a few days of non-perishable food on hand. A power outage will affect the grocery stores too.
- Do not go near any down wires. They may be energized. And never drive around barricades!
- Use a generator, but ONLY outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and attached garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or when using power-dependent medical devices such as oxygen systems. Plan ahead!
- The Township Library and Senior Center are great places to go to stay cool or charge your phones if your air conditioning is out due to a power outage.
- Go to [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more information on how to prepare for severe storms and loss of power. Be prepared!

The nice weather also brings lots of outdoor activities. Biking is a favorite. Electric bikes, electric scooters, and similar electric powered vehicles have grown in popularity. These vehicles are often seen being operated in our township, sometimes by young children. Some children may not be mature enough to understand the dangers associated with operating this type of vehicle, as well as the potential violations of Pennsylvania law.

Parents should carefully consider the risks to their children and others before purchasing a recreational electric vehicle. The Northampton Township Police Department, working with all Police Departments in Council Rock School District have created a flyer to be used as a resource for parents that may have questions about the operation of these vehicles and possible legal consequences (*see page 11*). Please call Northampton Township Police NON-EMERGENCY LINE at (215) 322-6111 for assistance.

From all of us on the Board, have a SAFE Summer of 2025!

Adam



Get Involved: Northampton Needs You on Our Advisory Boards

Are you passionate about historic preservation, parks, and recreation, or shaping the future of your community? Northampton Township is currently seeking residents to serve on ten different advisory boards. Volunteering is a rewarding way to stay informed on the issues that matter most, share your expertise, and contribute to decisions that impact your neighborhood. It's also a chance to connect with fellow residents and take pride in making a positive difference in your community.

To learn about the responsibilities of each Board and Commission, visit www.northamptontownship.com. Select the Board and Commissions tab under the Government heading. An application can also be found there. You may also stop by the Township Administration Building at 55 Township Road, Richboro, Pa. Monday – Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm to pick up or drop off an application. All applications should be submitted to Manager's Office at Bwert@nhtwp.org. All applications are due by October 31st of the current year and are kept on file for one year from the date of receipt. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions are made in January of the following year.**



WE NEED YOU!

Here is an overview of the openings . . .

Blighted Property Commission

- Comprised of 5 members
- (1) Vacancy for a one-year term ending 12/31/2026.
- Meets as needed

Board of Appeals

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy for a 5-year term ending 12/31/2030.
- Meets as needed.

Historic Commission

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2030.
- Meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held in the Archivist Room of the Library, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Library Board

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2026. (2) Vacancies to fill a term until 2028.
- Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held at Northampton Twp, Library Board Room, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority Board

- Comprised of 5 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2030.
- Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. as needed in the Township Administration Bldg, 55 Township Rd, Richboro, PA.

Parks and Recreation Board

- Comprised of 5 members
- No vacancies this year.
- Meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as needed in the Township Administration Bldg, 55 Township Rd, Richboro, PA.

Planning Commission

- Comprised of 5 members and two alternates
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2029.
- Meets the first and second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm as needed in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Veterans Advisory Commission

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2027. (2) Vacancies to fill a term until 2028
- 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, Richboro, PA.

Wall of Honor

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy for a 2-year term
- Meets as needed

Zoning Hearing Board

- Comprised of 3 members and 2 alternates
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2028, (2) Alternate Vacancies to fill terms until 2027
- Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month as needed at 6:00 pm in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.



Northampton Township Application Advisory Boards and Commissions

(Application is valid for one year from date of submission. ALL submissions are due by October 31st of the current year.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name :

Address :

City : State/Province :

Zip/Postal Code : Country :

Phone : Cell Phone :

Email Address : Occupation :

Years residing in Northampton Township :

PLEASE LIST BOARDS OF COMMISSIONS ON WHICH YOU CURRENTLY OR PREVIOUSLY HAVE SERVED:

(Indicate the top (2) Boards/Commissions of your interest by number with #1 as your first preference):

<input type="checkbox"/> Blighted Property Review Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Code Board of Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Advisory Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Hearing Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority Board	

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO ANY OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REFERENCED ABOVE. LIST RELATED QUALIFICATIONS.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU FEEL MAY
BE HELPFUL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION.**

PLEASE SEND TO:

Attention: Manager's Office
Northampton Township
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SUN AND FUN FEST KICKS OFF A NEW NORTHAMPTON TRADITION

On Friday, June 6th, Northampton Township Parks and Recreation launched a brand-new tradition to welcome summer — and the community showed up in full force! More than 2,000 residents of all ages, from toddlers to seniors, gathered at the Civic Center for an evening filled with laughter, live music, delicious food, and the simple joy of being together.

The night began with a high-energy children's concert from Ms. Kathy of New Groove Dance Studio, getting the little ones up and dancing. The festivities continued with a rocking performance by "Gonzo," led by Joe McClay — who's not only the band's frontman, but also the principal of CR Holland Elementary School. The set energized the crowd, who sang, danced, and called out song requests.

In addition to two great concerts, families enjoyed a wide variety of attractions including inflatables, horse and pony rides, and miniature golf. The festival featured 15 food trucks offering something for every craving, along with 35 local vendors that lined the event with community pride and creativity.

At the heart of the event was a mission: to bring our community together. Northampton Township Parks and Recreation is committed to creating meaningful, memorable events where neighbors can connect, celebrate, and play — and what better time to do that than at the start of summer?

This event would not have been possible without the incredible support of Township Manager Bob Pellegrino, Assistant Township Manager Bill Wert, the Northampton Township Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad, our dedicated Parks and Recreation staff, the Board of Supervisors, and the Parks and Recreation Board.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Council Rock United Soccer Association, Northampton Indians Football, and Northampton Baseball for graciously adjusting their schedules and field usage so this special evening could take place for the entire community.

We hope this is just the beginning of a new summer tradition in Northampton Township — and we invite everyone to keep the momentum going by joining us for our Summer Concert Series every Thursday night at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Park Amphitheater throughout July and August. For the full concert lineup, visit www.northamptonrec.com.



Public Works

Our 2025 Paving and Micro-Surface Project will be starting soon, and new this year . . .

NOVA CHIP



Please refer to the schedule on the Township Website in the Public Works / Roads tab and be prepared for minor interruptions to travel on the roads scheduled for the projects.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

The following roads in Northampton Township are owned and maintained by the State of Pennsylvania:

Almshouse Road

Bustleton Pike

Newtown Richboro Road

Bridgetown Pike

Churchville Lane

Second Street Pike

Bristol Rd

Holland Road

Worthington Mill Road

Buck Road

Jacksonville Road

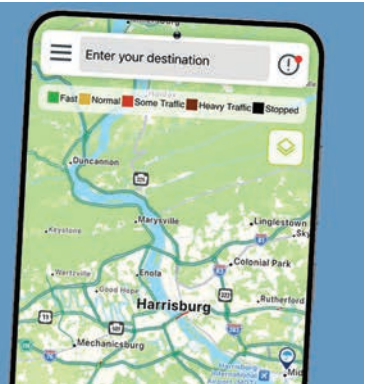
Please visit the Pennsylvania Government Website to report any concerns regarding these roads @ [Penndot.pa.gov](https://www.penndot.pa.gov)



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TRAVEL INFO ON THE GO:

- Weather forecast
- Road conditions
- Traffic cameras



From the Building and Codes Department . . .

Summer is a great time of year to focus on preventative maintenance that keeps your basement dry. Clogged gutters and downspouts should be cleaned. Leaves and debris are a major cause of leaks and dampness at basement walls.

Downspouts should also be extended away from the house without discharging on any street or neighboring property. In addition, all mulch and shrubs should be below the top of the foundation walls.

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



Pedestrian & Crosswalk Safety



General Pedestrian Law

When it comes to people crossing the street, both motorists and pedestrians have responsibilities. Here is a brief summary of laws and regulations regarding pedestrians and crosswalks in Pennsylvania:

- 1) When a pedestrian crosses the street in a crosswalk, the driver must yield.
 - Drivers are not required to yield until the pedestrian begins to step in the crosswalk.
 - Pedestrians cannot walk or run suddenly or unexpectedly into the path of a moving vehicle.
 - It is illegal for drivers to pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- 2) If a pedestrian crosses the street not at an intersection and there is no crosswalk, the pedestrian must yield to the vehicle.
- 3) When crossing the street at a signalized intersection, both pedestrians and motorists must obey the traffic-control devices.
- 4) When walking along a road with sidewalks, it is unlawful for a pedestrian to walk along or upon the roadway.

**This is just a brief summary of these laws. Please refer to PA Title 75 for the complete set of motor vehicle laws*

Safety Tips For Pedestrians

- Cross only at crosswalks.
- Remember to look left, right, and then left again.
- Don't cross between parked cars. Drivers won't see you until it's too late!
- Wait for a gap in traffic before crossing.
- See drivers and let drivers see you. Make eye contact!
- Wear bright clothes during the day and reflective materials (and a flashlight) at night.
- Watch for turning vehicles at intersections.
- Watch your children. Children have difficulty judging a vehicle's speed and distance.
- If crossing multiple lanes, make sure all vehicles see you and stop. One car may stop, and the other may not see you.
- If no sidewalks are available, walk as far on the side of the road as you can and walk against traffic.
- Be aware of your surroundings. (Eyes off your phone and on the street. Take off your earphones).
- You must dismount from your bicycle and walk it in the crosswalk. That is the law!

Safety Tips For Drivers

- Slow down when approaching a crosswalk or intersection.
- Watch for pedestrians and yield to them.
- You must yield to pedestrians at both signalized and non-signalized crosswalks.
- Watch out for mid-block crosswalks.
- Expect the unexpected. Children may dart out between cars or at any time without a crosswalk.
- Pay attention to the road and your surroundings. Eyes on the road, not on your phone!

References:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (2019). PennDOT Pedestrian Safety

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (2019) LTAP Pedestrian and Crosswalks Version 1.1

Recycling Information



MATTRESSES & TOILETS

Preparation Guidelines

- To protect sanitation workers: Mattresses and box springs must be completely wrapped in plastic.
- Toilets must be securely bagged.

BULK ITEM COLLECTION

Scheduling Instructions

To schedule a bulk item pickup, you must contact Whitetail Disposal by 12:00 PM the day before your regular service day:

Phone: 610-936-9967

Email: nhtwp@whitetaildisposal.com

Some items require special handling and cannot be collected by the regular trash truck. These may need a specialty truck and may not be included with borough-provided service. Please confirm when scheduling.

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

YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Regular Season: April 1 – December 15 • Off-Season: December 16 – March 31

Yard waste is collected the **day after your trash/recycling pickup** and taken to a composting facility.

Preparation Requirements:

- Use biodegradable 30-gallon paper bags or labeled containers weighing under 50 lbs.
- Plastic bags are not accepted.
- Tree branches/shrubbery must be:
 - Under 36 inches long
 - Less than 3 inches in diameter
 - Bundled and tied, taped, or placed in biodegradable bags
 - Not extending over the top of the container or bag

Place yard waste directly into your Northampton Township trash totes for pickup.

What is Storm Water Runoff?

One of the most significant, yet unrecognized groups of water contaminants is storm water pollutants. When it rains, storm water runs over yards, streets, roads, highways, parking lots, parks, and playgrounds, carrying with it everything in its path, including debris and pollutants. Eventually, the water will travel to a stream, either over land or via a storm drain. Storm drains are frequently located alongside streets and parking lots. Unlike sanitary sewers that divert water to a treatment plant directly from your home, storm drains lead directly to surrounding lakes and rivers without any type of treatment. All the debris and pollutants that were picked up by storm water runoff end up in your lakes and streams!

Where Does the Pollution Come From?

Most contaminants are made up of common items used by residents, businesses and visitors, such as fertilizers, car oils and greases, yard clippings, soil, and pet wastes. Below are some tips you can follow to help keep pollution from entering lakes and streams via storm water runoff.

Tips to Keep Your Rivers, Lakes and Streams Clean

- Never dump anything down a storm drain!
- Use an oil pan when changing oil to keep fluids off the pavement. Check local body shops and quick lubes to find a place to appropriately dispose of used oil.
- Bag pet waste and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn as an alternate nutrient to fertilizer. If a fertilizer is necessary, choose a slow-release product and test your soil to find out how much fertilizer your lawn actually needs.
- Wash your car on your lawn so excess water, chemicals, and dirt is filtered through the lawn.
- Keep household hazardous wastes, such as harsh cleaners, paint, car fluids, and batteries from entering lakes and streams by disposing at a household hazardous waste center. Try using environmentally-safe alternatives or recipes with non-hazardous ingredients.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up grass clippings and dirt.
- Keep a trash bag in your car . . . and use it!

For more information about Northampton Township's Storm Water Management, check out <https://www.northamptontownship.com/information/stormwater-management/>

2025 BUCKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Registration for the event is not required in Bucks County.

April 5	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Newtown Township
May 31	Upper Bucks	Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie, Bedminster Township
June 28	Central Bucks	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road, Warrington, Warrington Township
August 9	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Technical School 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, Bristol Township
October 25	Upper Bucks	Strayer Middle School 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township



Collection events run from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Rain or shine



What You Can Bring

Up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label, for example: *Danger, Warning, or Caution*. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: *poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling*.

Pesticides - Chlordane - DDT - Malathion - Sevin - Rodent Poison Flammables - Aerosols - Gas/Oil Mixture - Gasoline - Heating / Motor Oil - Kerosene	- Oil-based Paint - Paint Thinner - Spot Remover Caustics - Ammonia-based Cleaners - Degreasers - Drain Cleaner - Household Lye - Metal Cleaner - Oven Cleaner	Fire Extinguishers Toxics - Antifreeze - CFLs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes) - Mercury - Photographic Chemicals - Pool Chemicals - Rust/Paint Remover - Weed Killer	Batteries - Button Batteries - Lithium Batteries - Re-Chargeable Batteries Lead-Acid Batteries - Car - Marine - Motorcycle - Truck Propane Tanks - Mini Propane Tanks Only (2 lbs. or less)
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What You Can't Bring

ELECTRONICS-TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any Corded Devices
LATEX PAINT-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based*
Appliances-with or without Freon
Asbestos
Explosives / Ammunition
Gas Cylinders
Household Batteries-Regular Alkaline
Medical Waste / Prescription Drugs
Non-Hazardous Waste
PCBs
Pressurized CFCs / Freon
Propane Tanks-Greater than 2 pounds
Smoke Detectors
Radioactive Waste
Tires
Unidentified Waste

*Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

For additional information on disposal options, contact:

Bucks County Planning Commission
www.buckscounty.gov/recycling
215-345-3400
or
The PADEP Recycling Hotline at
1-800-346-4242

Why bring your household hazardous wastes to a scheduled event?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.



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02/18/2025

Facts To Know About . . . **ELECTRIC BIKES**



PEDALCYCLE (E-BIKE)



E-RIDE or E-DIRT BIKE

Electric Scooters, E-bikes, E-ride bike, E-ride dirt bikes, or similar electric powered vehicles have become a more popular way get around, but their legal status can be confusing for parents or riders. Because of this popularity, riders are facing increasing injuries & legal consequences due to crashes and/or violations of traffic laws.

Pennsylvania law is quite strict when it comes to these electric bikes on public roads including walking/bike paths. The Commonwealth considers them a vehicle, meaning they are not exempt from titling & registration requirements including safety equipment standards and inspection.

Regardless of the rider's age, most of the e-ride bikes or e-dirt bikes do not have the necessary equipment (such as lights, turn signals & mirrors) to meet these requirements; effectively making them illegal to ride on the roadway. The only place that most like e-ride bikes can be operated legally is on private property with appropriate permission.

If you are stopped by the police or their investigation confirms you were operating an illegal vehicle on a roadway, highway, bike lane, sidewalk or trail, you should expect:

- Each event will result in separate and/or compounding charges.
- Traffic citation(s) with significant fines that may affect the rider's driving privileges (even if you don't have your license yet) including points.
- Mandated court appearances to answer to the charges.
- The vehicle to be impounded; this will incur associated fees for towing and storage that need to be satisfied before return is considered. Storage could be for the length of the judicial process.
- The parent(s) will have to come pick the rider up from the scene or police headquarters.
- Depending on the vehicle and/or violation, there is a possibility of vehicle forfeiture.
- As a parent, you may be subject to the same charges (including penalties) as your child for allowing the violations to occur.
- Since the vehicle is uninsured, the rider will be financially responsible for restitution for damages you have caused. This includes another vehicle after a crash.

IN SUMMARY:

WHAT IS LEGAL?

In PA, an electric bike or e-bike is considered a "pedalcycle with electric assist" and must meet certain criteria:

- Rider is a minimum age of 16;
- Must have operable pedals;
- Electric motor under 750 watts;
- Max speed of 20mph;
- Weigh no more than 100 lbs.

WHAT IS NOT LEGAL?

Regardless of what you call it or the type of tires it has, an e-ride bike, e-ride dirt bike, or e-ride moto bike are mostly advertised and stamped by the manufacturer as "off-road use only." This effectively confirms it is illegal to be operated in public areas such as the roadway, highway, bike lane, sidewalk or trail. This also applies if the vehicle is gas powered.

PA VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS

§1301	REQUIRED REGISTRATION: No person shall drive or permit to be driven any vehicle on a highway that is not registered & titled. SUMMARY CITATION (Traffic)
§1501	REQUIRED LICENSE: No person shall drive any vehicle on a highway that is not properly licensed to do so. SUMMARY CITATION (Traffic)
§1575	PERMITTING A VIOLATION: No person shall authorize or permit a motor vehicle owned by them to be driven in violation of this provision. This charge would match the rider's violation and can be issued to the parent.
§1786	REQUIRED INSURANCE: No person shall drive any vehicle on a highway that is not properly insured. CITATION (Traffic) & SUSPENSION
§3717	TRESPASSING: No person shall knowingly operate a vehicle on private property without permission. If on school property, the act could include internal sanctions such as suspension. CITATION (Traffic) & SUSPENSION
§3722	OFF-ROAD VEHICLES: No person shall operate an off-road vehicle, A TV or dirt bike in public areas including on a highway, sidewalk, walking/bike trail, or bike lane. CITATION (Traffic) & FORFEITURE
§3733	FLEEING TO ELUDE POLICE: Any person who fails to bring the vehicle to a stop or otherwise flees a police officer. MISDEMEANOR (Criminal)
Plus, violations such as stop signs, red lights, speed limits, pedestrian crossing and required equipment (lights, signals, helmets, etc ...).	

KNOW THE LAW



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Steven LeCompte, Chief of Police



POLICE ACCREDITATION

I am happy to announce that we continue to be part of the 189 law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania and 26 in Bucks County that have earned the designation as an Accredited Police Department.

In June, the Northampton Township Police Department underwent a review conducted by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police. This review occurs every three years in order for the department to be certified as an accredited police agency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In May, a team of independent professionals determined that the Northampton Township Police Department successfully implemented all applicable accreditation standards. Departmental procedures were reviewed, and an on-site inspection was performed. The process culminated with a decision by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission to renew our accreditation for another three-year cycle. This is the second renewal since our original designation in 2019.

As Chief of Police, I believe that accreditation extends agency accountability, helps to improve policy and best practices, as we deliver professional police services to our Northampton community.

Welcome Officer Theodore Tochtermann!

Officer Theodore Tochtermann, badge #107, grew up in Langhorne, Pa. He is a graduate of Neshaminy High School and U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy in California.

In 2004, Officer Tochtermann joined the United States Coast Guard. His diverse assignments resulted in him working in various Coast Guard Bases throughout the world. He is a certified Tactical Boat Operator and an instructor in migrant and drug interdiction. Officer Tochtermann rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer before retiring from the Coast Guard after 20 years of service.

Officer Tochtermann was hired by our department while attending the Temple Police Academy, where he graduated from in March 2025. While at the academy Ted was awarded the class Fitness Award. He graduated from Crisis Intervention Training at the Bucks County Training Center in May 2025.

Ted enjoys running, antiques, and watching movies. One of Officer Tochtermann's favorite things about Northampton Township is the strong relationship between the police department and the community.

Officer Tochtermann will be assigned to the uniform patrol division once he completes the field training program.



Meet Locally with the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds

Dan McPhillips, Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, is offering **mobile office hours** at the **Northampton Township Tax Collector's Office** on the **second Wednesday of each month from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, by appointment only**. Take advantage of this convenient opportunity to access key services without leaving the township:



Protect Your Property - Enroll in the **FREE Fraud Alert Program** to monitor your property deed for unauthorized activity.
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Record Military Discharge Papers (DD-214) - Veterans can **record discharge papers for free** and receive a **Veteran Discount Card**.



Renew Your Public Notary Commission - Appointments required. Ask about the **FREE Notary Fraud Alert Program** to safeguard your credentials.

Schedule Your Appointment

Email: mcphillips@buckscounty.org

Call/Text: 215-801-2551

Location: Northampton Township Tax Collector's Office
815 Bustleton Pike, Richboro, PA

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Thank you. - Vincent Deon, Tax Collector

NOTICE - There is **NO DISCOUNT** for using installment plan. If you are able to please try to pay your entire CRSD Real Estate tax by August 31, 2025 to take advantage of the 2% DISCOUNT and avoid the possibility of LATE PENALTY CHARGES!

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Veterans Advisory Commission Announces Upcoming Events and Fundraiser

The Northampton Township Veterans Advisory Commission is proud to announce several upcoming events and a community fundraiser honoring our veterans and first responders. All residents and interested individuals are warmly invited to participate.

Wreath Laying Fundraiser - Support the Veterans Advisory Commission's wreath program by attending our Wreath Laying Fundraiser on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The event will be held at Giuseppe's in Richboro, PA. Guests will enjoy music and light refreshments. Proceeds from the event will help fund wreaths to honor fallen veterans and first responders, which will be placed on their graves during the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Veterans Day Ceremony - Join us for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM. The location will be announced at a later date.

Wreath Laying Ceremony - The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Union Cemetery, 209 Almshouse Road, Richboro, PA. This touching tribute ensures that the service and sacrifice of our veterans and first responders are never forgotten.

We encourage community members of all ages to attend these meaningful events and show their support for those who served our nation. For more information and updates, please visit: www.northamptontownship.com.



THANK YOU VETERANS!





HONOR A VETERAN WITH A MEMORIAL BRICK

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 a meaningful opportunity to recognize a veteran by purchasing a memorial brick to be placed in the Veterans Memorial Walkway, located in front of the Northampton Township Administration Building.

- **Brick Cost: \$100**
- **Order Deadline: October 1st**
- **Open to: All residents and employees of Northampton Township**

Each personalized brick will be unveiled at the Township's annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Details about the event will be posted on the Township website closer to the date.

HOW TO ORDER

You may tear off and return the form below, or visit the Northampton Township website to download and print the order form:

www.northamptontownship.com/media/1798/memorial-brick.pdf

Submit your completed form & check (payable to Northampton Township)

to: Lisa Russo, Administration Office

Northampton Township, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954

BRICK ENGRAVING TIPS

Common details include: Veteran's name, rank, branch, years of service or war, and any honors

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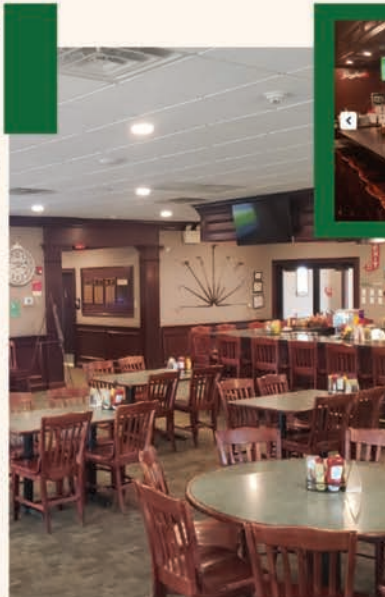
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Friends Helping Friends Shopping Event

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 AM – 11:00 PM

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Shopping pass holders will have exclusive access to Boscov's Department Store and enjoy:

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-  Department specials, prizes and fun surprises throughout the day.
-  The knowledge that 100% of the pass directly supports the senior center. Thank you!



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For more information, please contact Bill Martin at 215-357-8199 x245.

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Free Library of Northampton Township

PROGRAMS

Free Library of Northampton Township has so many activities and programs planned for the rest of the year in Northampton. See what we have to offer!

2025 ADULT PROGRAMMING

DATE	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME
August 16	Taking Shade: Silhouettes & Colonial Portraiture	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
August 18	Pearl S. Buck's Literary Opus	Monday, 6:00 p.m.
September 15	Simple Steps for Starting Your Business	Monday, 6:00 p.m.
September 29	Oscar Hammerstein & Highland Farm	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
October 4	Moon Landing	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
October 15	Revocable Living Trusts	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
November 3	Managing Holiday Stress & Food	Monday, 6:00 p.m.
November 15	Craftsmanship of Glencairn	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
December 1	10 Crucial Days: Washington Crossing, Trenton, and Princeton	Monday, 6:00 p.m.



Saturday, August 16 | 1:00 PM

Taking Shade: Silhouettes & Colonial Portraiture

presented by

Kimberly Praria, Historic Fallsington

Kimberly Praria, the Executive Director of Historic Fallsington, will share the history of silhouette portraiture, popular in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth century as an inexpensive method of capturing a person's likeness compared to painted portraits. Praria will also instruct participants in capturing their own silhouette likeness. Registration is required as the program is limited to 15 registrants. Supplies are provided.



Monday, August 18 | 6:00 PM

Pearl's Literary Opus

presented by Pearl S. Buck International

Join us as we learn about Nobel-prize winning author Pearl S. Buck, an accomplished Bucks County woman, and her vast literary work. Susan Berrodin of the Pearl S. Buck International returns to talk about the author of *This Good Earth*.

Monday, September 1 | 6:00 PM

Simple Steps for Starting Your Business

presented by SCORE Bucks County

SCORE Bucks County, a nonprofit organization, will present their workshop Simple Steps for Starting Your Business. The in-person workshop will include Startup Basics, Business Concept, Marketing Plan, Financial Projections, and Funding Sources and Next Steps. This organization also assists veterans in their entrepreneurial pursuits.

Monday, September 29 | 6:00 PM

Oscar Hammerstein & Highland Farm

*presented by Julie Flack,
Oscar Hammerstein Museum
& Theater Education Center*

Jessica Flack of The Oscar Hammerstein Museum and Education Center in Doylestown will present a brief life story of Oscar Hammerstein, his journey to Highland Farm, and the future of Highland Farm as The Oscar Hammerstein Museum and Education Center. This year marks the 60th anniversary of *The Sound of Music*.



Saturday, October 4 | 1:00 PM

Moon Landing

*presented by Michael Maguire
NADC Museum*

Please join Michael Maguire from the Johnsville Centrifuge and Science Museum as he talks about the historical event of the Moon Landing on July 20, 1969.

Free Library of Northampton Township

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, October 15 | 6:00 PM

Revocable Living Trusts: (Almost) Everything You Need to Know

presented by Howard Soloman, JD, Soloman Law

Did you attend last May's Wills and Estate Planning program with Howard Soloman? Back by popular demand, Howard returns to the library to present a new program about Revocable Living Trusts. He will cover the following topics:

- How Are Assets Transferred After Death?
- What is the difference between a Revocable Living Trust and a Will?
- How is a Revocable Living Trust funded?
- Is a Revocable Living Trust Right for You?

Monday, October 20 | 6:00 PM

Know Your Medicare Options

presented by Steve Perlman, DeVal Senior Advisors

This popular, well-attended 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? This is a program that is offered annually in April, July, and October, so if you can't make one, you can plan to attend another date.

Monday, November 3 | 6:00 PM

Managing Holiday Stress & Food

presented by Giant Wellbeing

Jena Wood of Giant Wellbeing will provide attendees with information on how to manage stress and stay healthy during the holiday season and all of the festive events and foods.

GENEALOGY CLASSES

With the popularity of the Ancestry Library Edition classes in 2024, staff designed a series of programs on other genealogy topics. Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch classes are scheduled on an ongoing basis due to high demand. Other previous classes include Census and Land and Property Research.

Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch are introductory computer classes that delve into the genealogy databases which the library has available. Since 2021, Free Library of Northampton Township is the only public library in Bucks County which qualifies as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. Researchers visit our library specifically utilize the library's access to the FamilySearch collections.

Saturday, November 15 | 1:00 PM

Craftsmanship of Glencairn

presented by the Glencairn Museum



Nick Conte of the Glencairn Museum in Bryn Athyn will discuss the craftsmanship of Glencairn, a mansion built for Raymond and Mildred (Glenn) Pitcairn and their children in the 1920s and

1930s. The estate contains stunning examples of early 20th-century craftsmanship; original works of art created using the raw materials of metal, glass, stone, and wood by over one hundred artists, architects, and laborers. They contributed to the construction and decoration of Glencairn, which took more than a decade to complete. Without the efforts of all of them working together, the family's remarkable castle-like home could not have become a reality. Join us as we learn about Glencairn and its craftsmanship. The library recently added the Glencairn Museum to its Museum Pass program.

Monday, December 1 | 6:00 PM

10 Crucial Days: Washington Crossing, Trenton, and Princeton

presented by Washington Crossing

A Washington Crossing historian will present "10 Crucial Days: Washington Crossing, Trenton, and Princeton." Join us as we learn about this period in Colonial American history, nearing the United States' Semiquincentennial anniversary in 2026.



Intro to Ancestry Library Edition Reoccurring

Learn about Ancestry Library, a free database accessible at the library at this one-hour beginner class including available records, how to search for ancestors, examine search results, use the different record collections, and where to find records not available on Ancestry.

FamilySearch..... Reoccurring

Learn about FamilySearch, a free genealogical database accessible at home, but the library has additional access to collections as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

Researching Brick Wall Ancestors Thursday, August 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Have you hit a brick wall trying to find information on a certain ancestor? This might be the class for you!

DNA Thursday, September 11 | 6:00 p.m.

Would you like to learn more about DNA testing and what's involved? We'll learn about the privacy concerns, the different tests, and more in this class.

Genealogy Using AI Thursday, October 23 | 6:00 p.m.

A variety of AI (artificial intelligence) applications can help with your research & allow you to manipulate your old family photos with color and motion.

If you'd like help with a personal inquiry, please contact the Township Archivist for assistance at archivist@nhtwp.org or 215.357.3050, ext.114.

Register online or by phone <https://calendar.buckslib.org/> | 215.357.3050

Free Library of Northampton Township

PROGRAMS

2025 SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Saturday, September 13 | 1:00 PM

True Crime in Bucks County

presented by Annie Halliday of the Mercer Museum

Annie Halliday will delve into archival and museum objects related to true crime in Bucks County. She will discuss the famous Mina-Chapman murder case in 1831, the Rightly murders in 1893, and some surprise artifacts from their collection. Items will include clues from the investigation, images of suspects, stories of attempted jail breaks, and more.

Saturday, October 11 | 1:00 PM

Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band

presented by Neill Hartley

Neill Hartley as Sherlock Holmes in a thrilling version of the short story by Arthur Conan Doyle. You will see Sherlock Holmes in his study working out the mystery and then follow him to an old mansion where he must stop a killer from committing another horrible crime! This fully staged presentation is sure to delight and entertain audiences of all ages.



Saturday, November 8 | 1:00 PM

Alice Paul: The Suffragist

depicted by Christine Flynn

Historic interpreter Christine Flynn will present Suffragist Alice Paul. Dressed in character, Flynn portrays Alice as she fights for the right for women to vote. Alice Paul was a wealthy and well-educated practicing Quaker, called to public service by her faith. She is considered one of the foremost leaders and strategists of the campaign for the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM



Summer means time for road trips and travel! The Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township maintains a museum pass program that allows supporting Friends of the Library to check out a pass to a local museum. The minimum membership is at the Family level for \$20.00 annually. More program information can be found on the library's website or at the library's Reference Desk.

Along with our museum pass program, the library also set up a list of regional museums that offer free admission. Consider visiting some of these local museums!

LOCAL MUSEUMS WITH FREE ADMISSION

Awbury Arboretum

Barnes Foundation

Bartram's Garden

Carpenter's Hall

Craven Hall & The John Fitch
Steamboat Museum

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

Fabric Workshop & Museum

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Civil War Museum & Archives

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Free Library of Northampton Township

PROGRAMS

MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University

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African American Museum of Philadelphia

Admits 4 adults and 8 children

Battleship New Jersey

Admits 2 adults and 3 children

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

Admits 2 adults and 3 children

Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles

Admits 2 adults and 3 children

Bucks County Children's Museum

Admits 6 people

Chanticleer Garden

Admits 4 people

Eastern State Penitentiary

Admits 6 people, children under 7 are free

Elmwood Park Zoo

Admits 2 adults and 6 children

Glencairn Museum

Admits 4 people

Mercer Museum (does not include Fonthill)

Admits 2 adults and 2 children

Michener Art Museum

Admits 2 adults and their dependents



Museum of the American Revolution

Admits 2 adults and 4 children age 6-17

Mutter Museum - Admits 4 people

National Constitution Center

Admits 2 adults and 4 children

Penn Museum

Admits 2 adults and children <18 in one household

Pennsbury Manor

Admits 4 adults and children under 18 years old

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens

Admits 2 adults and 3 children

Please Touch Museum

Admits 6 people, plus free parking & carpool; rides

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

Admits 2 adults and 4 children

Shofuso Japanese House and Garden

Admits 2 adults and 5 children

Washington Crossing Historic Park

admits 4 people

Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum

Admits 4 people

Woodmere Art Museum

Admits 2 adults and 4 children age 18 or under

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Northampton Township Archives staff would like to thank the Public Works Department for repurposing the former police station compact shelving for the Archives. The shelves look and work great! Since the photograph was taken, staff have moved the collection onto the compact shelving, allowing for better use of the space.

The Historical Commission has been active with preserving and advocating for Northampton's history. Archive staff and Commission members photographed the Luff House-Bucks County Courier Times building and the exterior of the Mill Race Inn. Members also attended Rep. Kristin Marcell's Senior Expo in March and the Crooked Billet History Fair in April. Currently, the Commission and staff are working on preserving and placing signage at the two eighteenth-century, township-owned cemeteries: Addisville Reformed Church Cemetery along Second Street Pike and the Feaster-Van Horn Cemetery on Middle Holland Road.

Do you have a history question or need help with researching your genealogy? Would you like to donate Northampton or Council Rock related material? Contact the Archives. The Archives are open weekly.

Contact the Archives via email or phone archivist@nhtwp.org or 215.357.3050 x 114

You can always check our online catalog: <https://northamptonbucksarchives.libraryhost.com/>



ARCHIVES HOURS

Monday: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Alternating Saturdays
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WE'RE ALSO ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

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One-Week Specialty Camps Keep Summer Fun and Flexible in Northampton Township!

On June 23 and June 30, **Northampton Township Parks and Recreation** proudly welcomed approximately 500 children to our five full-summer camp programs — but did you know that NTPR also offers over 20 different one-week specialty camps throughout the summer?

We know families are always on the go during the summer months, and these flexible, one-week camps are the perfect way to keep kids active, engaged, and having fun — without committing to a full season. With such a wide variety of choices, there's truly something for every child's interests in Northampton this summer!

Got a future Rory McIlroy in your house? Golf Camp is a hole-in-one option for ages 8–16! Or maybe your camper dreams of being the next Coco Gauff — Tennis Camp runs in one-week sessions all summer long. If it's LeBron James they look up to, Basketball Camp is coming this August. And for kids who want to try it all, our Multi-Sport Camp in mid-July is a great way to sample a range of athletic activities.

Not every camper is drawn to sports, and that's just fine with NTPR! Whether your child is a budding artist, a curious strategist, or a little dancer at heart, we've got you covered — from Art Camp, Dance Camp, and Chess Camp to our always-popular LEGO Camps and even a high-energy Spy Training Camp!

For our youngest adventurers ages 4–7, we're thrilled to offer a new Spanish Language Camp inspired by beloved characters like Dora, Diego, and Pocoyo — a fantastic and fun introduction to a new language and culture.

And there is so much more! Remember, individual camps vary in age range, covering anywhere from ages 3 to 16. Be sure to check the specific age range for the camp that catches your child's eye.

Whether your child wants to build, create, move, or explore, Northampton Parks & Recreation has the solution for families who don't need a full summer camp but still want to fuel their child's passions, even just one week at a time.

To learn more about our one-week specialty camps, visit www.northamptonrec.com or call 215-357-6800 and ask for Parks and Rec. We'll help you find the perfect match to round out your child's summer!





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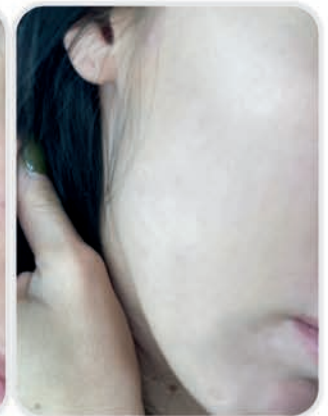
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