

AW Beattie's New Thanksgiving Tradition

by Laurie Rizzo

A.W. Beattie Career Center launched a brand-new tradition this fall with its inaugural Thanksgiving Parade, held Monday, November 24, at 8:30 a.m. for the morning students and 1 p.m. for the afternoon session. The event blended festive fun with community service, as student organ-

izations and programs raised money and collected food donations for North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO).

The parade built on a tradition started years ago, when Early Childhood Education students marched with KiddieTech

preschoolers to celebrate gratitude and giving.

This year, Riley Jones (Deer Lakes) and Simone Panza (Hampton) expanded the parade tradition to include the entire school, giving more students the chance

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Photo by Shawn Annarelli



The KiddieTech preschoolers stole the show as the grand finale of A.W. Beattie's Thanksgiving Parade! Pictured here is the morning session riding in a festive sled designed by the engineering department and built by the carpentry department.

See more photos of all the creative floats on page 4 and at www.thehamptonnews.com.

Celebrating 50 Years of Hampton Hockey

by Meredith Stephenson

The Hampton Ice Hockey organization (HIH), is hosting its 3rd annual alumni game on Friday, December 26th at the Frozen Pond Arena in Valencia, PA, from 2:40 - 5:20 p.m. This year, we are honored to rename this event to the "Harnick-Digby Alumni Tournament" in honor of Jack Harnick and Robert Digby. Mr. Harnick and Mr. Digby were both

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Murder, Mayhem, and Chocolate

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton High School auditorium was filled with laughter, murder, and mayhem as the community gathered on November 13, 14, and 15 for the student-run fall play, *Death by Chocolate*, written by Paul Freed. *Death by Chocolate* is a hilarious murder mystery following a cast of 11 eccentric characters at a health resort, several of who start dropping dead after

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Police Information

The Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. Thank you to the staff for helping to keep our community safe.

A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 11/3/2025—11/9/2025:

Wires and Poles

On 11/7/25, HTPD was dispatched to the area of Get Go for a utility pole leaning. Upon arrival, the utility pole at the intersection of Mount Royal Boulevard and Ferguson Road was leaning to the side. Duquesne Light was on scene and dispatched a crew to fix the problem.

Vehicle Accident

On 11/6/25, the HTPD was dispatched to the intersection of E. Hardies Road. and Turner Rd. for a two vehicle accident with reported injuries. Two individuals refused transport to the hospital and two vehicles were towed from the scene.

On 11/9/25, the HTPD was dispatched to William Flinn Highway for a single vehicle accident with injuries. Upon arrival, contact was made with the driver who was evaluated by EMS but was not transported. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

Disabled Vehicle

On 11/3/25, the HTPD was dispatched to the area of Old Route 8 Crossing Plaza for a disabled vehicle. Upon arrival, a vehicle was found to be disabled in the center lane of north bound Route 8. The owner was on scene with AAA in route.

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Hampton Rotary Keeps Families Fed with RUFF Success

by Laurie Rizzo

As we turn the page to December, Hampton Rotary is proud to announce the successful completion of its RUFF (Rotarians United for Fresh Food) initiative, which is formerly known as the Eggs, Butter, Milk, and Cheese project. In response to urgent community needs and ongoing budget stalemates at state and federal levels, Rotarians sprang into action, delivering fresh food to NHCO distribution sites in Allison Park, Bellevue, and Millvale.

"Thanks to the swift action and generosity of Hampton Rotary, we moved ahead of schedule and provided \$10,000 worth of fresh food to supplement NHCO's canned and dry pantry items," said Attorney Hal English, RUFF coordinator. "One particularly touching moment came when a former Rotary exchange student from France donated \$40 after learning about our work!"

Although volunteer opportunities have wrapped up for the season, RUFF is still accepting cash donations. Every dollar goes directly toward purchasing fresh food—no overhead, no administrative costs. Your support helps ensure families receive essential and nourishing perishable items: eggs, milk, butter, and cheese.

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Rotary members Hal English, Ryan Jeroski, and Larry Vasko shopped and delivered eggs, butter, milk and cheese to the North Hills Community Outreach food pantry. This was the Hampton Rotary Club's 5th purchase and delivery during the month of November.

Thanksgiving Parade

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to participate and make a meaningful impact in surrounding neighborhoods. Nearly 10 programs, along with student service organizations and KiddieTech preschoolers, joined the celebration. Each group that contributed donations showcased a creative "float," filling the Career Center halls with color and energy. Leading the effort, Early Childhood Education students and Family, Career and Commu-

nity Leaders of America (FCCLA) members Jones and Panza raised \$360 and collected enough food to support 10 families in need. Reflecting on the challenge of organizing a schoolwide parade, Simone noted, "We definitely recognized it was probably going to be big project and a lot of work, but it's actually been really manageable. The more we've worked together, the more excited we got for today's parade."

FCCLA's long-standing partnership with NHCO added another layer of service. For seven years, FCCLA students in Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts, and Early Childhood Education have prepared Thanksgiving meals for families in need. This year, in addition to parade donations,

Culinary and Pastry Arts students prepared nearly 300 meals for NHCO.

"This parade was about more than floats—it was about gratitude, giving, and community," said Cari Ludwig, Early Childhood Education instructor and FCCLA Advisor. With preschoolers riding in Santa's sleigh and students rallying together, Beattie celebrated a new tradition that many hope will become an annual event.



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Hunting

On 11/3/25, the HTPD was notified of a person hunting in the Hampton Township Park without a permit. The hunter was located and provided with information on the township hunting program and information on land open to public hunting in Allegheny County.

DUI Information

The North Hills DUI Task Force carried out a DUI detail on November 21, 2025, in partnership with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's Checkpoint Strike Force. During the operation, officers conducted a Roving DUI Patrol across several boroughs and townships, including West Deer, Hampton, O'Hara, Shaler, Richland, Aspinwall, Etna, Indiana, and Blawnox.

- 94 vehicles were stopped for traffic violations
- 2 drivers were given field sobriety tests, both resulting in DUI arrests
- 40 citations were issued
- 77 warnings were handed out for various vehicle code violations

This marks the 29th year of the Task Force's efforts to combat impaired driving. Since its inception, the group has conducted 268 checkpoints and roving patrols, testing 2,294 individuals

and arresting 1,082 drivers for DUI.

The Task Force is a collaborative effort, comprised of officers from the police departments of Etna, Indiana Township, Northern Regional, O'Hara Township, Ross Township, Shaler Township, West Deer Township, West View, McCandless, Millvale, Hampton Township, Reserve Township, Blawnox, Franklin Park, and Aspinwall.

Scam Alert

Protecting Yourself Against Card Skimmers

Using your credit card at a gas station pump or drive-up ATM is quick and convenient. However, despite retailers following the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, or PCI DSS, to protect your information, cybercriminals are finding ways to steal your information. Cybercriminals are using technology called "card skimmers" to read and record your card information in seconds. Although retailers regularly check for card skimmers, learning how to protect yourself at gas station pumps and ATMs should be a priority now more than ever.

How Do They Work?

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Mark Your Calendars

KPop into the New Year! , January 2, 2026 6 p.m.—8 p.m.
2025 is *done, done, done* and 2026 has just begun! Join us for our first ever KPop watch party! We will be sealing the Honmoon by singing, dancing and watching the movie. Are you Team Huntrxx or Saja Boys? Dress as your favorite character, fan or demon!
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Drop-in Storytime! Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to celebrate discovery as we interact with our environment. All ages and abilities welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays*

Now through Dec. 11th from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m.- “Stories & Songs” 10:45- “Move and Groove”

11:00 a.m.- “Stories and Songs” 11:30 a.m.- “Parachute Play”

11:50 p.m.- “Stories and Songs” 12:00 p.m.- “Stay and Play”
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“A Visit with Mrs. Claus” Storytime

Tuesday, December 16th and

Thursday, December 18th @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. Claus and friends for a special holiday storytime. There will be stories, songs, fingerplays and a special craft. This event is free, but we would appreciate registration so we can plan for the craft.

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m.

***The Key to Deceit*, by Ashley Weaver**

The Mystery Book Group meets in the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

Betty’s Book Buzz Discussion Group

Friday, December 19th @ 1:00 p.m.

***Dear Santa*, by Debbie Macomber**

Betty’s Book Group will be meeting outside the library for its annual holiday luncheon.

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, December 5th

1:00 p.m. in the library.

This long-running, thought-provoking discussion group is where neighbors come together to explore current, local and national

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issues in a friendly, open setting. Led by long-term journalist and author Gerry K. Smith, the salon offers a welcoming space for lively dialogue and diverse perspectives.

Modified Hours and Closings:

December is busy with the hustling and bustling of the season. Please see below:

Tuesday, December 16th—

the library will close at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 22nd 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23rd 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th

through Saturday, December 27th closed.

Monday, December 29th 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30th 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31st and

January 1st closed.

We will reopen with regular hours January 2nd and January 3rd.

When in doubt please check our website hamptoncommunitylibrary.org; please do not rely on Google! The website will always have the most up to date information!

Run For Our Troops

by Alice McLaughlin

The 20th annual Operation Troop Appreciation Veterans Day 5K took place Sunday, November 9th, with nearly 200 runners and walkers joining in the celebration.

Participants were treated to a festive experience featuring unique trophies, medals, apple pie prizes, and an All-American buffet. Live entertainment set the tone for the day, while the Hampton High School Pep Band provided spirited motivation along the course. Patriotic displays, including a massive American flag suspended between fire truck ladders, added to the inspiring atmosphere.

Competition was strong in the team challenge, where groups of five runners raced for top honors. The winning team, made up of former Hampton High School athletes, earned tickets to a Pittsburgh Penguins hockey game. Second and third

place teams received passes to Climb North for a climbing wall adventure.

Special recognition went to overall and masters winners, who received handcrafted plaques created by Hampton Middle School teacher and veteran Glenn Geary, along with gift certificates to local restaurants.

Beyond the excitement, the race carried a meaningful mission: proceeds will fund Holiday Care Packages for active duty troops, ensuring they feel the support of the community during the season. The Veterans Day 5K honors those who serve while bringing Hampton together in celebration. Hope to see you next year!



Above: Winners of the 2025 Operation Troop Appreciation Veterans Day 5K Team Challenge: Star Spangled Striders. Left to Right: Justin Peoples, Bruce Goodman, Will Nury, Ben Huang, and Connor Sheridan.

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HHS Alumnus Offers Gift of Life to Leukemia Patient

by Mary-Theresa Watson

As an accomplished student athlete at Hampton High School, Ben Sheets, HHS Class of 2023, frequently saw his name in the news as an integral component of the school's WPIAL champion swimming and diving teams. Now a junior at Queens University of Charlotte in North Carolina, Ben is still a competitive swimmer, but he's currently finding himself in the news for a much different reason: After submitting a simple cheek swab to the Gift of Life international public bone marrow and blood stem cell registry, Ben discovered he was a perfect match for a 70-year-old leukemia patient. What began as a simple conversation with a friend about community service hours evolved into a life-saving procedure for a gentleman with a deadly disease.



Left to right: College friends Fabian Gines Torres, Ben, and Caden Fritz

Ben explains, "My friend said we could get a free volunteer hour if we did the swab, so I thought, 'Why not?' It took just a few seconds and was not at all intrusive. Three or four months later, they [informed me that I was] a 100% match for a leukemia patient and asked [if I wanted to continue with the donation process]."

While considering moving forward with the donation procedure, Ben initially wondered how much help he could actually provide. "So I talked to my mom," he says, "and the more I thought about it, I realized that even if [the patient] has 30 days left to live and I can give him 60, that's double. If he has a year and I can give him two or three more, that's a lot more time he can spend with his family and friends."

Reflecting on the life-changing experience, Ben shares, "It really gives you a perspective on the value of human life," he shares, "and it made me really appreciate life itself."

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Drama Club Conjures Beetlejuice Jr. Magic

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton Middle School Drama Club traveled to the nether-world for four spooky, fun, and high-spirited performances of *Beetlejuice, Jr.* on November 20-22. The journey began in early September for the group of around 100 students, which is comprised of the cast, stage crew, and orchestra and it was no small production.

Every detail from the staging, costumes, lighting, and sound fit the dark but comedic mood. The elaborate Maitland house and attic sets, designed, built and painted from scratch by the Hampton stage crew students and led by artist/stage manager Liz Per-

rone, were amazing. Patty Annarelli, costumer for the show, estimates that there were around 100 costumes needed for the production (most with multiple pieces), aside from the mourner costumes the kids brought from home. Most of them were handmade with her team of parent volunteers. Some of the most memorable costumes were the "dead" cheerleaders and the Beetlejuice clones with the iconic Beetlejuice suit times 15. It took multiple trips to three different Hobby Lobby stores for the black and white striped fabric; 7 full bolts and about 56 yards!

HMS eighth-grader Lee Snokes Watts played the manic and dynamic role of Beetlejuice. "The most fun part of playing Beetlejuice was engaging with the audience. I loved all the times I

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Lady Crusaders Return with a Full Roster

by Laurie Rizzo

The energy is high and the gym is buzzing at Aquinas Academy as the girls varsity basketball team gears up for another promising season. Guided by Coach Andrew Kurawski, now in his second season, the team brings back all 21 players from last year's roster.



Tess Duer

Photos by Rob Guillen

Last season, the Lady Crusaders made an impressive run to the state playoffs, falling short in the WPIAL against Union. That loss only strengthened their determination. "It's a long season," Coach Kurawski shared. "Our goal is to stay strong, stay healthy, and battle through."

Despite not being the tallest team on the court, the team has found ways to make it work. With their speed, chemistry and their commitment to each other is the foundation of their success.

Leading the charge are two standout seniors, Tess Duer and Elliot Keverline.

Tess, a dynamic point guard and college recruit, is on track to join the elite 1,000-point club. This was a milestone her twin brother reached last year. Her court vision and scoring ability make her a force to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, Elliot shines as a multi-sport standout. In addition to basketball, she excels in soccer and field hockey, and somehow finds time to perform on stage. She's currently starring as the lead in Aquinas Academy's production of *Guys and Dolls*.

Coach Kurawski speaks with quiet confidence about the season ahead. "We're not just building players—we're building character," he said. "These girls support each other, push each other, and believe in what we're doing."

With a full roster of returning athletes, a pair of inspiring seniors, and a coach who's all in, Aquinas Academy is poised to make noise once again. Whether it's on the court, the field, or the stage, this team proves that heart and hustle can take you far.



Elliot Keverline

Beetlejuice

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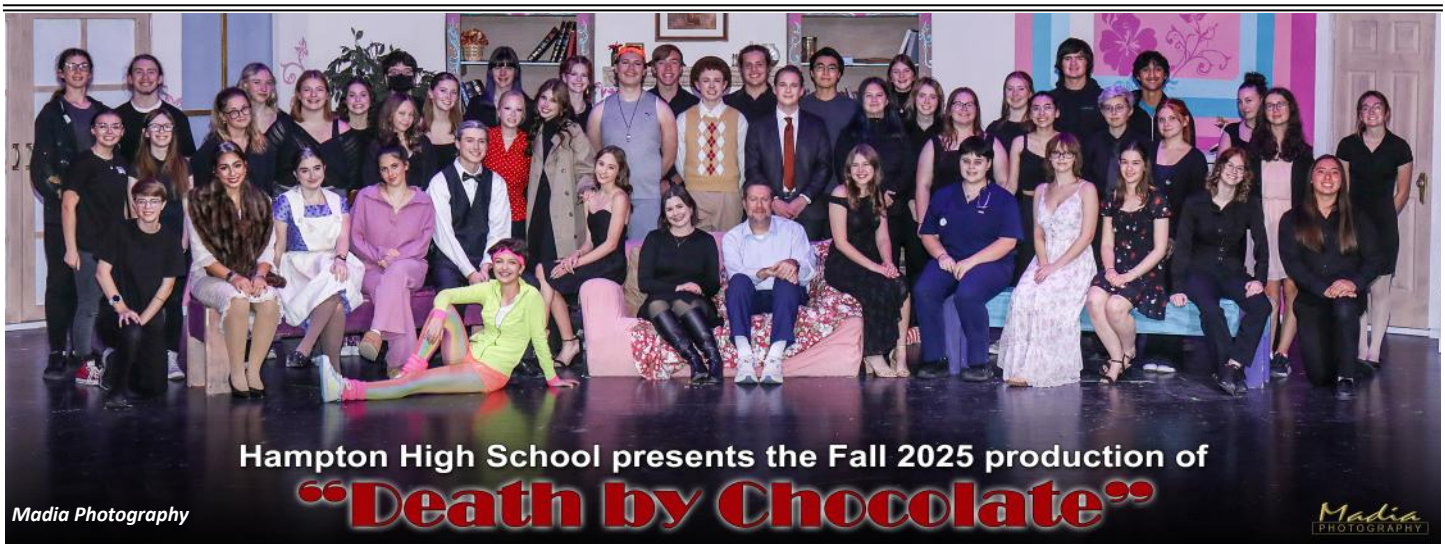
broke the fourth wall and got laughter. The most difficult part was definitely living up to the amount of energy needed while balancing school and mental health." The last couple weeks of rehearsal required about 27 hours a week of rehearsal time each for the entire cast.

"The message of *Beetlejuice Jr.*" ultimately shows us that no matter what you are going through, there are people who care deeply for you—your family, your friends, your teachers, your co-workers, and your neighbors. Never forget that you are not alone," said director Shumaker, and that rings true with the students. "I most enjoy the sense of belonging that comes with musical. No one there will judge you and if there's a problem you can tell the directors," said Watts. Working so closely together on the musical, the kids became a family. There were many tears shed on the last day because of the lasting friendships they made and how hard they worked together to create such a fantastic show.



Photos by Dave Edmonds





Death by Chocolate

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eating chocolates. The murders need to be solved before the grand re-opening of the resort and there were plenty of “wannabe” detectives trying to solve the crimes with the help of resort staff.

Hampton High School seniors Ashley Kimmell and Sara Miller were selected as this year’s directors. Their first big task was to choose a show. “We knew that we wanted a comedy that would not only be fun for the cast, but that would also have a set and features that the crew could have fun with as well,” said Kimmell. In addition to selecting the show, the directors run auditions and cast the roles. Miller explained, “For casting, we had an audition which anyone was able to do a

monologue for us, and then afterward we had callbacks where certain people were called to read lines from the show. Once callbacks were over, it took us about 10 minutes to place everyone; they really made it easy for us!”

In addition to running rehearsals and working closely with the actors, the directors collaborated with the crew to create and implement their vision for the set, costumes, hair and makeup. It took approximately 75 students to stage the production, working with teacher Hannah Dunlap, drama club advisor and Brian Lego, drama club technical advisor.

The shows evolve between short rehearsals, dress rehearsals, opening night, and closing night. “Every year, closing night is a whole different kind of show! A

lot of the kids in the cast like to plan out little things to do during the show or during bows on closing night to switch it up that not even I knew about until they were put on stage,” said Kimmell. One improvised moment was when Ralph Deadwood (Daniel Morgan) popped up after his death scene and the audience erupted with laughter.

“It was so much fun watching every single person in the cast grow into their characters and put their own spin into them. Seeing how everything mixed together as we put the cast on stage with the set, started throwing in props, hair, and makeup was amazing as well,” Kimmell stated.



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How To Avoid Card Skimmers

To protect yourself against card skimmers, follow these helpful tips:

- Shake and pull the card reader. If the card reader is loose or looks tampered with, go inside the bank or gas station and report it.
- Go inside. Going inside the gas station or the bank will reduce the risk of encountering a card skimmer since the card readers inside are less likely to be tampered with. If you are making a payment, consider paying with cash while inside to completely eliminate skimmer risk.



Fries with the Force: A Community Treat

On Wednesday, November 5th, from 4:30–6:30 p.m., Hampton Police hosted *Fries with the Force*, a warm and welcoming event planned and organized by Senior Police Social Worker Angela Kenbok. Residents were invited to stop in, connect with officers, and enjoy hot, crispy French fries—because who doesn't love fries?

The evening brought a steady flow of guests, each greeted with smiles and conversation. Officer Sarah Hoffman added a touch of nostalgia by sharing a vintage Ronald McDonald doll she had tucked in her pocket, complete with a bright red whistle that delighted the children.

The event was a simple yet memorable way to

strengthen community ties, proving that sometimes the best connections are made over something as classic as French fries.

*Top to bottom:
Local police, fire and government officials bond with community children while sharing French fries at McDonalds*



Hockey (Continued from page 1)

founders of the Hampton Ice Hockey organization and created the first team for the 1973-74 season. The board is honored to carry on the tradition of ice hockey for Hampton players that they began over 50 years ago.

Alumni from all classes are welcome to play, or attend at spectators.

Depending on the number of alumni who register, we will assign teams based on graduation years. Post game, all alumni, friends and family are welcome to join as we have a fundraising event at the location to be determined.

If you played ice hockey for Hampton, please email President, Mike Stephenson, at

hamptonhockeypresident@gmail.com

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Current Events

14th Annual Hampton Bands Holiday Extravaganza

The Hampton Bands Holiday Extravaganza is back and bigger than ever! Join us on Saturday, December 6th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hampton High School for a day filled with music, shopping, and holiday cheer.

Shop 'til you drop with more than 130 vendors offering everything from Pampered Chef, Tupperware, and Kendra Scott jewelry to hand-made embroidery, Talbot mascot stuffies, hardtack candy, and countless unique gifts.

Enjoy live performances throughout the day as Hampton School District ensembles set the tone for the season. Students from the 5th grade band, 8th grade band, high school wind ensemble, and brass quintet will fill the halls with holiday favorites.

Sweet treats & festive fun await with:

- Cookie Walk (\$12 per pound)
- Raffle baskets (tickets: \$5 for 10 or \$10 for 25)
- 50/50 raffle (tickets: \$5 for 10)
- Band Dad Café featuring Arby's, Chick-fil-A, & "Buddy the Elf" waffles.

For the kids: Buddy's Kids Zone is the place to be! Little ones can meet Santa, snap a photo with Buddy the Elf, and enjoy crafts, a slushie, and face painting. Tickets are \$15 each and available now at hampton-band-association.square.site.

To learn more about the Holiday Extravaganza, visit www.hamptonbands.org.

Santa Brings Sparkles

Join the community on Thursday, December 4th for Hampton's beloved holiday tradition! Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. with food trucks including Revival Chili, Los Gallitos Taqueria, and Travelin' Tom's Coffee. At 6:45 p.m., enjoy a spirited performance by Premier Dance Academy.

The evening sparkles with fireworks and Santa's grand arrival alongside Rudolph, courtesy of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department. Inside the Community Center, sip and shop with local vendors like Allusion Brewery, Lucky Sign Spirits, and Wines of America, while exploring Hampton's history with the Depreciation Lands Museum.

Spread holiday cheer by donating toys or gift cards at the Hampton Police Social Services booth, then capture the magic with complimentary photos with Santa, provided by The Rachael Schafer Team.

Bring family, friends, and neighbors for food, fun, and festive spirit! It's a night to remember!



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Volunteer Fire Department

Mark your calendar—Saturday, December 13th
Neighborhood Santa Tour

Did you know...The 4 big HTVFD fire trucks carry a combined total of 2,300 gallons of water! (19,193 lbs) For reference, a 'typical' car fire (gasoline powered) can usually be extinguished with 500 to 1000 gallons of water.

Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department

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Al's Bike Drive

For nearly two decades, Al's Bike Drive has proudly partnered with the **Marine Corps Toys for Tots program**, delivering brand-new bicycles to children in need. This year, we're celebrating 18 years of spreading holiday cheer and we'd love your help to keep the tradition rolling!



Ways to Get Involved:

- Volunteer: Join us on Thursday, December 4th at Walmart in Gibsonsia to help load bikes onto the trucks.
- Donate: Make a monetary contribution to support the drive. Simply scan the QR code to give instantly! Every bike brings a smile, and every donation makes a difference. Together, we can make this holiday season unforgettable for local kids.



Bells were ringing all day at Kuhn's Market! Hampton Township Rotary Club joined together in shifts on November 26th to raise vital funds for North Hills Community Outreach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Warm Up with Community Connections

Join Hampton police officers and social workers for a cozy evening of conversation and treats at *Sip n Serve*, happening Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at McDonald's in Allison Park (4618 William Flinn Highway). Enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and cookies while getting to know the people who serve our community. It's a sweet way to start the new year!

Troop 17 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!

Saturday, February 14th

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Parkwood Church * 4289 Mt. Royal Blvd.

Allison Park PA 15101

\$10 Adult, \$5 kids (age 5-10), kids under age 5 are FREE

Join us for a morning of delicious pancakes, community spirit, and support for our scouts. All proceeds benefit Troop 17's upcoming adventures and service projects. Bring your appetite—and your friends!

Give the Gift of Blood

Hampton High School's recent blood drive, held on Wednesday, October 29, was a resounding success, collecting **87 units of blood** to help save lives across our region. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all student, staff, and community donors who rolled up their sleeves to make a difference.



If you missed this one, don't worry—**two more drives are scheduled** in the new year:

- Wednesday, January 28
- Wednesday, April 8

To reserve your spot, please contact HHS nurse Kirsten Nelson at **412-492-6384**.

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Hampton Theatre Hall of Honor Seeking Nominations



We are excited to announce a new program, the *Hampton Theatre Hall of Honor*, at Hampton High School that will honor alumni who have participated in Drama Club and/or Talbot Players (spring musical) during their time at HHS.

We are seeking nominations for inductees for the Hall's inaugural 2026 year. Nominees must be a graduate of at least four years from Hampton High School. The Hall of Honor was created to acknowledge those individuals who have brought prestige and pride to Hampton's theatre program either as an actor, crew member, orchestra member, designer, or director. Honorees will be recognized during intermission at the final performance of the 2026 Spring Musical on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

The website address will take you to the nomination form. Nominations must be received no later than January 8, 2026.
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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District

Allegheny County

Addressing Stimulant Use Disorders

We have recently seen a growing public health concern around stimulant use disorders, which is most commonly caused by cocaine and methamphetamine use. Unlike the similar opioid use disorder, there is no FDA-approved medication-assisted treatment for stimulant use disorder.

However, contingency management is a widely recognized and effective way to treat the disorder, which involves providing modest, non-cash incentives, such as gift cards or travel and food vouchers, for meeting certain treatment goals. These goals could include negative drug screens and consistent counseling attendance.

To help support this treatment method, I have partnered with Rep. Jamie Flick (R-Lycoming/Union) to introduce H.B. 1974, bipartisan legis-

lation that would create a grant program to fund contingency management.

This program, overseen by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, would allow single-county authorities to apply for grants to design, expand, and evaluate contingency management programs. Grant money could support staff training, drug-testing supplies, evaluations, non-cash incentives and the systems to track them.

In the emergency department, I have seen how difficult recovery from substance abuse can be. This program will bring money back to communities across Pennsylvania to ensure that our neighbors realize they are not alone and have help in the fight against addiction.

House Bill 1974 recently passed the House Human Services Committee with overwhelming bipartisan support and will now be moving to the full House for consideration.



State Senator
LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS
38th Senatorial District



Over the last few months, I've shared stories on the floor about how the 135-day long state budget impasse has threatened our schools, communities, businesses, and Pennsylvanians.

I didn't get everything that I wanted in the extremely late budget that was signed into law on November 12th. There were big concessions. But there are good things in this budget that I really care about-- supporting our child-care and direct care workers, funding our public libraries, and creating a new Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit. We didn't touch public transit or our roads and bridges. We didn't find any new revenue. And we didn't make the people and organizations whole who suffered because of our failure to pass a budget on time. But our next budget

is due in 230 days, and I hope it will address these issues and more-- and be done on time.

I voted for a budget that provides:

- \$526 million investment in adequacy and equity funding for public schools.
- \$25 million for my and Governor Shapiro + Lt Gov Davis' Child-care Worker Recruitment and Retention initiative.
- A \$5 million increase in the public library subsidy and a \$433,000 increase for library services for the visually impaired and disabled.
- A \$21 million investment in our direct care workers.
- An \$11 million increase in the State Food Purchase Program/ Farmers' Market Coupons.
- \$50 million in local water and sewer grant program funding.
- A review of how large-load connection requests, like data centers, are impacting our electric bills. Pennsylvanians didn't get everything they deserve in this budget. We have more work to do. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues to get that work done in our next budget right around the corner.



CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS DELUZIO

Pennsylvania's 17th District

An Update from Congressman Chris Deluzio



We've got to have safe communities, and that means making sure our police have what they need to stay safe while protecting and serving all of us. We should do everything we can to make sure our police officers come home safely at the end of the day.

When Allegheny County Housing Authority Police Chief Mike Vogel met with Congressman Deluzio in his Carnegie district office this past spring, he shared how his department and others are getting crushed by the rising cost of bulletproof vests.

Congressman Deluzio wanted to help, and that's why he introduced new legislation: the *Bipartisan Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Expansion Act*. This bill would get lifesaving gear to more officers on the beat by boosting funding and reim-

bursement rates for the bulletproof vest program.

Congressman Deluzio expressed his thanks to Chief Vogel for bringing this idea forward, and for his tireless service to the community. This is something that we can all get behind, Deluzio says, and he hopes to move it forward down in Washington.

Congressman Deluzio will always go to bat for our officers.

And remember: if his office can help you or your family with any issues you're having with a federal government agency, please get in touch. Congressman Deluzio has district offices in Carnegie, Center Township, and Penn Hills, and his team stands ready to help. Give a call at (412) 344-5583.

Want to learn more about Congressman Deluzio's work? Sign up for his e-newsletter at <https://deluzio.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>, or follow him on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly twitter), Threads, Bluesky, and YouTube.

Very respectfully, Chris Deluzio, Member of Congress



Jeremy Shaffer



Restoring Trust Starts with Budget Accountability

It came 135 days late, but Pennsylvania finally has a 2025-26 state budget.

I should be writing this article around the Fourth of July, not near Thanksgiving. But budget delays have become far too common, and when they happen, it's the people of Pennsylvania who pay the price. Schools, non-profits, and local governments, like Hampton Township, are left waiting for critical funding. And families and taxpayers are left without the stability and accountability they deserve from their elected officials.

With regular budget delays, it's clear we need structural change in Harrisburg. My "Reform for Pennsylvania" plan is a set of commonsense proposals to bring greater accountability and transparency to state government.

The plan includes suspending legislative pay raises when the budget is late, enacting term limits, reducing the size of the Legislature and transitioning to a part-time General Assembly. These reforms are about putting the people of Pennsylvania first and restoring trust in the process.

House Bill 1906, which I introduced earlier this year, puts that principle into

action. It's the bill that would suspend automatic pay raises for the Legislature, the governor, and the lieutenant governor in any year the budget isn't passed by July 1. The goal is simple: If we don't do our jobs on time, we shouldn't get a raise.

With reforms like my plan calls

for, state leaders can stop treating budget deadlines as optional, like they have in seven of the past 10 years. Instead, we can start delivering the timely, responsible leadership Pennsylvanians deserve.

I remain committed to working in a bipartisan manner to fix our broken state government.

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