

Highpointe Residents Raise a New Flag for 250th

by Kara Bell

More than 70 residents at Highpointe at Rebecca, part of the Concordia family, proudly gathered around their new American flag—soon to be raised on the front flagpole in honor of America's 250th birthday (1776–2026). Dressed in patriotic

attire, residents showed their pride as the facility unveiled the commemorative flag.

The flag was purchased by Highpointe, and Army veteran Dave Schaper helped coordinate the outdoor gathering before

the flag was raised. Activities Coordinator Deborah Matzie shared her excitement, saying, "I'm so happy to see so many residents come out for the photo and support the 250th birthday of America!"



Pizza and Pollinator Garden at Hampton Library

by Laurie Rizzo

Matthew Yacoviello, a Boy Scout from Troop 329, started his Eagle Scout project when he was a junior at North Hills High School. Now a senior, his Eagle Scout project has come to life with two beautifully raised garden beds installed outside the Hampton Community Library. The project reflects 500 hours of planning, teamwork, and Matthew's desire to cre-

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Steel City Ghost Hunters Return to DLM

An Evening of Paranormal Exploration
Friday, July 31, 2026

by Jessica Welker

The Depreciation Lands Museum invites adventurous guests to join the Steel City Ghost Hunters for a night of paranormal exploration on Friday, July 31, 2026. The investigation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. and offers participants a rare opportunity to

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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 5/10/2026— 6/7/2026:

Controlled Substance Violation

On May 18, 2026, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for not maintaining a single lane. The driver, the vehicle owner and sole occupant, had a marijuana smoking device on the center console. The driver had been drinking and attempted Standardized Field Sobriety Testing administered by an assisting officer. The officers recovered the previously observed marijuana smoking device as well as several other smoking devices, THC cartridges, and edible THC. There was also an open container of alcohol inside the vehicle. Charges to be filed via summons.

DUI Arrest

On June 7, 2026, an officer observed a vehicle drifting between lanes on William Flinn Highway and conducted a traffic stop. The driver showed signs of impairment and admitted to recent alcohol consumption. Field sobriety tests indicated the driver was not capable of safe operation. The driver was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

Traffic Stop Resulting in Charges

On June 6, 2026, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle observed speeding, swerving, and crossing the double yellow line. The driver was found to have a suspended license

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As *The Hampton News* continues its mission to bring you informative and engaging stories, we welcome your feedback, ideas, and submissions. Your voice helps keep our community connected, and we always love hearing from you!

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, so be sure to send in your stories, announcements, and insights.

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Celebrating 107 Years of Mary Lou Spindt

by Laurie Rizzo

Mary Lou Spindt, who celebrated her 107th birthday on June 21, 2026, has spent more than half a century woven into the fabric of Hampton, most notably through her transformative work in the district's libraries. After early library experience in Wisconsin and later at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, she and her husband Bud settled in Hampton in 1952, drawn by the promise of a yard, a garden, and good schools for their daughters.

Mary Lou's Hampton career began in unforgettable fashion when Superintendent Cyril Sarver arrived at her home at dinnertime to ask her to develop the district's elementary school libraries. What she found were not true libraries at all, but a few shelves of books.

Envisioning something better for Hampton's children, Mary Lou identified unused rooms in each building and transformed all three spaces into bright, welcoming libraries filled with books. She later worked with high school librarian

Dorothy Bell to create the Hampton Middle School library, turning a bare, makeshift room into a warm, inviting space. Her efforts laid the foundation for the district's library system, where she continued her work until retiring in 1980.

Today, Mary Lou still lives independently in the Hampton

home where she raised her daughters. This year, thanks to the Hampton community and readers of the June issue of *The Hampton News*, she received more than 500 birthday cards from across the United States. McDonald's at Route 8 and Wildwood Road even displayed a birthday message in her honor. Students, staff, and faculty from Hampton schools sent cards and notes—many mentioning their favorite childhood books, which Mary Lou still remembers.

More than 60 guests visited her on her birthday, filling her home with laughter and gratitude. Mary Lou was deeply touched by the outpouring of kindness.

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Mary Lou celebrating her 107th birthday with her daughters Susan Zano HHS Class of 1968 (left) and Kathy Csellar HHS Class of 1964 (right)

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There's still time to **Unearth a Story** and discover the treasures waiting inside books. The Summer Reading Program has begun and doesn't end until Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Children: Ages birth through kids going into 5th grade are invited to register for the in-person program at the library. Be read to, read a lot, read a little, read one big book or a bunch of small ones: it doesn't matter – just read! Return each week for 2 raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our awesome prizes!

Middle School: Children going into 6th grade through 8th grade! We created a special program just for you. Sign up, read your books, get one raffle ticket for each book you read – win cool prizes!

Adults: 9th graders and up can participate in the summer reading program too. For every book you read, get a raffle ticket, win prizes---it's that simple!

No matter the weather, our programs will keep you busy all summer long!

Check Mate! A Summer Chess Club!

Mondays, July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th @ 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We welcome back Ben Lin, a US Chess Candidate Master to engage and teach all chess enthusiasts. Whether you are a beginner, advanced beginner or have been playing for years...there's always something new to learn! All skill levels welcomed! Please register when you come to play. Ages 5-12.

Unearth the Yarn: A Teen/Tween Knit Club

Tuesdays, July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th @ 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Join our high school volunteer and learn the basics—"cast on, bind off," knit stitch and more. Projects will include bookmarks, bracelets, headbands and more depending on the skill level. Yarn and needles provided, no skills necessary, just enthusiasm to learn! Ages 10-14. Registration Appreciated. 412-684-1098

Roar into Storytime!

Tuesdays, Now through August 11th @ 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursdays, Now through August 13th @ 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

No storytimes July 28th and 30th.

Bring your favorite dinosaur to this roaring storytime. This one-hour program will get your summer days pumping with exciting stories, favorite songs, and more! Geared to ages 3 and up, but all are welcome! Please note, this will be the same storytime each day.

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Unearth Adventure!

Tuesdays, Now through August 11th from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, Now through August 13th from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Designed for kids ages 6–10, this action-packed program takes children on a new adventure every week! Whether they're hunting for dinosaur fossils, sailing with pirates, exploring the world of Pokémon, or building like Minecraft pros, kids will stay engaged through games, crafts, stories, and hands-on activities. Each week is a new theme, a new adventure, and a whole lot of fun! Same adventure on each day!

Please call the library to register the week before each program.

July 7th and 9th: Pokémon!

July 14th and 16th: Minecraft!

July 21st and 23rd: Out of this World!

July 28th and July 30th: No Adventures!

August 4th and 6th: Meet American Girl of the Year: Raquel!

August 11th and 13th: Dino Racers!

Dino Racers

Tuesday, August 11th from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13th from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Great Room B

Join Yoshi, Mario and Princess Peach for a race like no other. Calling all racers ages 6 -12, get your carts and start your engines! Racers will be chosen at random for each round (minimum of 2 rounds). Road courses will be decided ahead of time. Games will be played on Nintendo Switch, controllers will be provided, and no outside gaming devices.

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Space is limited; registration is required! Walk-ins are welcome to observe but will not be permitted to play. This is NOT a drop-off program; adult caregivers must remain at the center.

Magical Kitties Save the Day!

Thursdays, July 16th and August 13th @ 3:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Join us for a table-top roleplay game where you play as **cats** with magical powers. Great for fans of *Warriors*, *Dungeons and Dragons*, and fantastical cooperative adventures. Gameplay lasts appx. 1 ½ hour. We'll provide the pizza, YOU bring a drink! Tweens age 10-14 only. Due to the unique nature of the program, participation is capped at 8 players. Registration appreciated.

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Card Club!

Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Card lovers, stop in Wednesday afternoons for a game of 500 Bid! Come out and show your skills or just enjoy some time out with friends, both new and old! Learners welcomed!

Mahjong Club

Thursdays @1:00 p.m.

Are you interested in learning Mahjong or connecting with others who enjoy this exciting, strategy-filled tile game? Then stop by and play. We will be using the American Mahjong. If you have a set- bring it! All experience levels are welcome—from complete beginners to seasoned players. If you've ever been curious about Mahjong, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more and get involved.

What's On Your Mind? A Conversation Salon

Fridays, July 10th and August 7th @ 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

Experience the simple joy of conversation where ideas flow freely—no screens, no scrolling, just real dialogue. We keep politics to a minimum, while staying open to thoughtful conversation about current events, community happenings, and other shared interests. This is your chance to share thoughts, hear new perspectives, and engage with others in a friendly, open setting. Let's see where the conversation leads. Everyone is welcome!

Murder by the Book!

A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The Mystery Book Group meets at the Grubbs Pavilion in the summer (this is the pavilion above/behind the pool, parking is available).

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

July 15th: *The Hunting Wives*, by Mary Cobb

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group. Fridays, 1:00 p.m.

Betty's Book Group meets in the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

July 17th: *In the Midst of Winter*, by Isabel Allende.

Summer Hours!

Summer hours will begin Memorial Day and extend through Labor Day.

Monday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Luminescence Candle & Apothecary Opens Its Doors

Hampton has a new glow, quite literally, as Luminescence Candle & Apothecary celebrates the opening of its first brick-and-mortar shop in the Home Depot Plaza next to Great Clips. The store is the creation of owner and maker Kay Krueger, whose passion for clean, intentional living has blossomed into a full line of handcrafted home and body goods.

What began as a simple desire to pour clean burning candles has grown into something much more meaningful. "What you breathe in and put on your skin matters to me," Kay said, reflecting on the care that goes into every batch. "Our candles are made with a coconut, soy, and beeswax blend for a cleaner, more mindful burn. Our soaps are handcrafted with milk, nourishing oils, and rich butters designed to gently cleanse without stripping your skin."

Each item on the shelves—candles, soaps, apothecary goods, and small comforts for the home - is crafted in small batches, and never mass produced. Kay's philosophy is simple: quality ingredients, intentional craftsmanship, and products that bring calm, comfort, and a touch of everyday luxury.

"I want to thank you in advance for supporting this journey and choosing small business," Kay shared. "Luminescence is about creating moments of peace in the middle of busy days, and I'm grateful to bring that to our community."

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How Storytelling Shaped Jewart's Showcase Week

Jewart's Gymnastics wrapped up an unforgettable week of performances on Saturday, May 30, after hosting 14 showcases for nearly 1,000 young gymnasts. Families filled the gym from Tuesday through Saturday to celebrate a year of hard work, artistry, and community spirit.

This year's theme, "Regrip," honored the debut novel by coach and owner Lainy Carslaw, who wove her love of storytelling into the event's creative direction.

"I was able to combine my love for writing with my love for coaching, which made it a magical week of connecting with fellow readers and our gymnastics families," Carslaw said.

"The Show," a long-standing tradition at Jewart's, offers gymnasts a refreshing shift after months of intense training and competition.

"The Show allows them to let loose and focus on dance and artistry," Carslaw explained. "It's a fun release after a long and challenging season."

Throughout the week, performances highlighted creativity,

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Jewart's

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teamwork, and the joy of movement. Many routines echoed themes from *Regrip*, celebrating resilience, growth, and the courage to begin again—messages that resonated with both athletes and families.

With showcase week complete, gymnasts now turn their attention back to training. Coaches are preparing athletes to upgrade skills, refine technique, and gear up for the next competitive season.

"The excitement from The Show always motivates the kids," Carslaw said. "They leave inspired, confident, and ready for what's next." For Jewart's Gymnastics, "Regrip" became more than a theme, it was a celebration of passion, perseverance, and the community that makes the gym feel like home.

Local Author Debuts YA Fantasy Novel

by Kara Bell

Hampton resident and author William M. Chippich has released his debut novel, *Nevermore: The Heir, The Witch and The Fool*, the first book in a new young adult fantasy series that blends Arthurian



Author William M. Chippich at Dunnottar Castle, Scotland

legend with modern adventure. Inspired by his travels through England, Ireland, and Scotland, Chippich builds a vivid world where myth, magic, and destiny intertwine.

The story centers on seventeen-year-old Arthur Pendry, an ordinary student whose life changes during a school trip to Scotland. After a mysterious portal pulls him into the

hidden realm of *Nevermore*, Arthur discovers he is the last direct descendant of King Arthur—and the only one who can stop an ancient evil from returning to Earth.

With the help of his loyal friends Kristen Sinclair and Nathan Parker, Arthur journeys through a land filled with faeries, witches, giants, vampires, dragons, and forgotten legends. Their greatest threat is the dark sorceress Angelica, whose growing power endangers both *Nevermore* and the human world.

At its core, *Nevermore* is a story about friendship, courage, and the choices that shape us. "For as long as I can remember, I've loved stories that transport readers to another world," Chippich said. "Seeing *Nevermore* finally published is both exciting and humbling."

A lifelong fan of fantasy and mythology, Chippich blends classic influences with a contemporary coming of age narrative designed for both teen and adult readers. The novel launches a planned multi-book series exploring the expanding mythology of *Nevermore*.

Nevermore: The Heir, The Witch and The Fool is available now in paperback and eBook formats through major online booksellers, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple Books, Kobo, and other retailers worldwide.





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3013 Chessman Street	\$489,000	\$480,000	12
3984 Mount Royal Boulevard	\$219,900	\$220,000	4
3073 Raintree Drive	\$250,000	\$272,000	6
4101 Northampton Drive	\$599,000	\$565,000	162
2825 Anderson Drive	\$395,000	\$405,000	5
2608 Carriage House Drive	\$845,000	\$882,500	3
2530 W Hardies Road	\$195,000	\$195,000	3
4506 Middle Road	\$659,900	\$640,000	56
4689 Greenwood Drive	\$575,000	\$550,000	10
5122 Leroy Drive	\$414,999	\$414,999	28
4972 Field Acres Drive	\$395,900	\$398,900	34
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4330 Orchardview Drive	\$300,000	\$300,000	4
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Sports

Tennis Team Closes the Season

by Laurie Rizzo

The Hampton boys varsity tennis team, led by Coach Grant McKinney, wrapped up a season defined by competitive fire. "The competition and competitive spirit ran high all season long," McKinney said. "We had so many close matches, and everyone had the opportunity to make an impact on the outcome, win or lose."



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Seeded 10th in the WPIAL playoffs, Hampton opened with a statement win, an upset over No. 7th seed Beaver, edging out a 3-2 victory. McKinney called it "a cool upset" and one of the team's proudest moments. The playoff run ended in the quarterfinals with a 4-1 loss to section rival North Catholic.

The heartbeat of this year's squad was its senior class. Four-year starter Jaxson Mayer, who spent two seasons at first singles, anchored the lineup with consistency and experience. Twin brothers AJ and Zane List brought leadership and energy, serving as what McKinney described as "the heart and soul of the team." Sam Holmes, a two-year varsity starter, infused the group with positivity and steady encouragement every single day. Together, the seniors set the tone for the program through hard work and unwavering commitment.

One of the season's standout stories was the rapid rise of Chase Essig, named the team's most improved player. Essig and Zane List formed a dominant first-doubles pairing, undefeated on the year and, according to McKinney, "probably the best doubles team in western Pennsylvania. They never lost a set, let alone a match."

Freshman Carlos Ortega also made an immediate impact, stepping into a starting role and providing a spark that energized the lineup.

The team's biggest challenge was its small roster, which at times forced Hampton to forfeit third singles. Still, the group stayed tight-knit and determined.

Despite obstacles, the Talbots delivered a season full of memorable moments and promising young talent.



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A Heartfelt Thank You From Mary Lou Spindt

*My heart is overflowing
with gratitude.*

To friends, neighbors, former students, and kind souls from near and far—thank you for making my 107th birthday a celebration beyond anything I could have imagined. More than 500 cards and well-wishes arrived from across the United States, each one a reminder of how deeply I touched the Hampton community and how far my influence has traveled.

Some of you knew me as the librarian who helped build Hampton's school libraries from the ground up. Others never met me but felt moved to honor the work I created for generations of young readers. I received homemade cards, thoughtful gifts, a beautiful handmade quilt from the middle school, fancy cards filled with heartfelt notes, postage stamps from the post office, and even a photo from a student "back in the day." Every single gesture was meaningful.

A special thank-you to McDonald's at Route 8 and Wildwood Road for wishing me a happy birthday on the marquee and sending a gift certificate. Your kindness made me smile. To everyone who took the time to write, create, remember, and celebrate: you gave me a birthday filled with love. I'm still reading every card with the help from my friends and family, and I'm deeply grateful for each of you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for making this milestone unforgettable.

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and admitted to possessing marijuana. Charges were filed via summons for possession of a small amount of marijuana, along with multiple vehicle code violations.

It was also determined that the vehicle displayed fraudulent inspection and emissions stickers, resulting in additional charges were filed against the vehicle owner.



On June 9, 2026, an officer observed a vehicle on William Flinn Highway traveling at an estimated 70 mph in a 40 mph zone and without a visible registration plate. A traffic stop was conducted, and an assisting officer responded. The vehicle displayed no valid inspection or emissions stickers. A temporary registration taped inside the rear window was found to be expired, altered, and not assigned to the vehicle. The altered tag was seized. Based on the investigation, the operator was charged with the following: Display of Registration Plate; Operation of a Vehicle Without Official Certificate of Inspection; Altering, Forging or Counterfeiting Title, Registration, Inspection or Insurance; Display Plate Card In Improper Vehicle; Driving Vehicle At UnSafe Speed.

Accident / Hit-Run



On June 7, 2026, officers responded to a hit-and-run in which a vehicle was rear-ended while stopped at a red light. The striking vehicle fled the scene, nearly hitting the reporting driver as it left. Officers later located the fleeing vehicle at its registered address with fresh damage consistent with the incident.

The driver admitted to operating the vehicle at the time of the incident and leaving the scene. Based on the investigation and the driver's admission, charges will be filed for Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property, Immediate Notice of Accident to Police, Careless Driving, Following Too Closely, and Duty to Give Information and Render Aid.

Harassment by Communication



On June 7, 2026, officers received a report that an individual's former partner sent intimate images of them to a third party
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Ghost Hunter

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experience the museum's most reportedly active historic buildings after dark.

The evening opens with an equipment briefing before attendees break into small groups to rotate through each location, spending roughly an hour in every building. The program concludes at midnight, giving guests ample time to immerse themselves in the museum's eerie atmosphere and uncover its lingering mysteries.

This program is limited to adults ages 18 and older. Space is extremely limited, and advance registration with full payment is required. Past events have sold out quickly.

Tickets and registration details are available at:

<https://reg.planetreg.com/GhostHunters2026>

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NEW Gardens

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ate something lasting for the community.

The first bed is a vibrant pizza garden, filled with fresh ingredients that could top any homemade pie including tomatoes, peppers, onions, basil, oregano, and garlic. Beside it sits a pollinator garden, designed to support the bees, butterflies, and other pollinators essential to the northeastern ecosystem. Visitors can learn more about pollinator friendly planting at www.pollinator.org, but the best way to appreciate Matthew's work is to stop by and see the gardens in person.

During Hampton's Light Up Night in December, library visitors painted 329 colorful rocks, many bearing inspirational messages. Those rocks now line the garden beds, offering a cheerful display that highlights mental health awareness and spreads positivity. The township donated the gravel to keep the space clean and eliminating the need to mow around the beds.

When selecting his project, Matthew said he "wanted something that the community could enjoy," drawing inspiration from his experience with electrical, plumbing, and remodeling work. He recruited friends Joe Sole and Cameron Mitchell, 24 youth scout volunteers, 6 adult scouters, 7 non-scout adults, and more than 100 community members who stepped up to help. His parents, Julie and Scott, are proud to see their son's vision become a meaningful addition to the township.

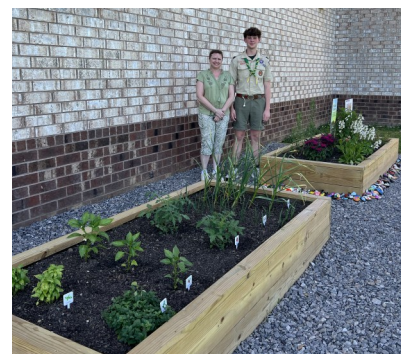
The project also honors a beloved Hampton resident, Dennis Kuremsky, who passed away last year and requested dona-

tions to the Hampton Community Library in lieu of flowers. More than \$1,000 was contributed in his memory. The remaining costs were generously covered by the Yacoviello family.

Library Director Suzanna Krispli praised Matthew's leadership, saying, "Of all the projects I've been approached with, Matthew's was the most organized and thoroughly thought out and a benefit to the entire community, not just the library." She is now seeking community volunteers to help with watering, weeding, and ongoing care. If interested, contact Ms. Krispli.

Each garden will feature a plaque with the words: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." — Cicero. In memory of Dennis P. Kuremsky, 1937–2025 and Garden beds designed and implemented by Matthew Yacoviello Eagle Scout Project, Troop 329.

Top photo: Suzanna Krispli and Matthew Yacoviello.
Bottom: The Pizza Garden and the Pollinator garden.



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EVENTS

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Pints in the Park

- July 17th 5-9 p.m.
- August 14th 5-9 p.m.
- September 11th 5-9 p.m.

Christmas in July—Wednesday, July 22nd

at Hampton community pool from 4– 6 p.m.

Summerween Evening Swim

at the Hampton Community Pool,
Saturday, August 8th from 7:30-10 p.m.

Township Movie Night

at the Hampton Community Park soccer fields
Friday, August 14th at 8:45 p.m.

Dog Swim Day on Saturday, September 12th
Hampton Community Pool from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
For additional information on these events visit:

www.hampton-pa.org.



**Join the Hampton Pool
lifeguards for Junior Lifeguard
Day on Saturday, August 1,
from 9:00 a.m. to noon.**

This one-day program is open to ages 12–16. Participants will experience a typical day on the job as guards guide them through basic water rescues, general saves, and first-aid practices. Kids will be getting in the water, and each participant will receive a Jr. Lifeguard souvenir.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Pre-registration is required and can be completed on the Hampton Township website at hampton-pa.gov. For questions, call the pool office at 412-486-6570.

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Matt Borders presents
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Community Day on Friday, July 3, 2026

Hampton's favorite summer tradition is back, and it's shaping up to be bigger and brighter than ever. The annual Community Day Celebration will take place on Friday, July 3rd, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Hampton Community Park, bringing together neighbors, families, and friends for an evening of food, fun, live entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks finale.

Visitors can explore a wide variety of vendors, enjoy delicious offerings from local food trucks, and take in performances from live bands and local artists. Kids of all ages will find plenty to enjoy with bounce houses, inflatable games, and family-friendly activities spread across the Hampton Park Soccer Fields.

The entertainment lineup features two crowd-pleasing bands:
4:00 p.m. – No Bad JuJu 7:30 p.m. – The Clarks

Around 9:20 p.m., a dazzling fireworks display will light up the sky, offering the perfect close to a day filled with community spirit and summertime joy. *(Please note: fireworks time is approximate and subject to change.)*

- Event held rain or shine—please dress accordingly
- Outdoor Pool Hours: 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Pool Fees: \$3 / \$7)
- Community Center: Closed for the duration of the event

Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to secure the best viewing spot for the fireworks and settle in for an evening of celebration.

Last Call for Rotary Firecracker 5K & 1-Mile Walk Set for July 4

Hampton Rotary's Firecracker 5K returns July 4, joined by a new 1-Mile Walk celebrating the Declaration's 250th anniversary along the up-graded Hampton Community Park path. The race is timed; the walk is purely scenic. Registration is \$30 and includes Pasquale's pizza, music, refreshments, water at Topnick, and plenty of camaraderie. Packet pickup and race-day registration start at 7:30 a.m. at the Alcoa Pavilion, and the 250th registrant earns a full refund.

Register here:

runsignup.com/Race/PA/AllisonPark/2022HamptonRotaryClubFirecracker5K

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2026 Hartwood Acres Concert Series

Sunday, July 5th:

America's 250th Anniversary Celebration

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Starts at 8:15 p.m. concluding with a patriotic drone show.

Suggested donation \$30 per vehicle to support children and youth receiving services through the Allegheny county Department of Human Services.

Sunday, July 12th: The FIXX (Rock) Opener Zinnia's Garden

Sunday, July 19th: Cyril Neville (*NOLA Funk & Soul*)

Opener: Norside

Sunday, July 26th: Arrested Development (*Hip-Hop*)

Opener: Cam Chambers

Sunday, August 2nd: The Wood Brothers (*Folk/Americana*)

Presented by WYEP Opener: Ric Robertson

Sunday, August 9th: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (*Swing*)

Opener: Penna Players

Sunday, August 16th: The Lemon Twist

(*Alternative/Indie, Rock*)

Sunday, August 23rd: Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre (*Ballet*)

Sunday, August 30th: Blasey Does the Beatles (*British Invasion*)

Sunday, September 6th: Buzz Poets (*90's Pittsburgh Rock*)

Opener: New Invisible Joy

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Concerts start at 7:30p.m. unless noted.

Gate opens at 3:00 p.m.

Concert Under the Stars Planned at Hartwood Acres

by Gail Scott



A summer evening at Hartwood Acres is about to get livelier as the Friends of Hartwood host *Hemlock Groove* on Thursday, July 9th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the pavilion behind the historic mansion.

Joining the night's entertainment is *West Park Road*, an all-acoustic five-piece band known for warm duet vocals and a blend of violin, guitar, mandolin, and inventive percussion. Their eclectic backgrounds shape a setlist that moves easily from Simon & Garfunkel to

Imagine Dragons, Dolly Parton to Matchbox Twenty—an engaging mix that keeps audiences listening and singing along.

Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food, and beverages. The concert is dog friendly, making it a relaxed, family-friendly evening on the lawn.

A suggested donation of \$5 per adult supports the nonprofit Friends of Hartwood, with children admitted free. Proceeds benefit the preservation and restoration of Hartwood Acres, helping ensure the mansion and grounds continue to thrive for future visitors.

With great music and a beautiful backdrop, this July concert promises to be a standout summer gathering.



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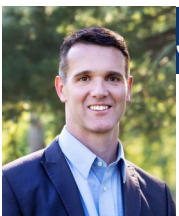
In May of this year, the Allegheny County Board of Health began accepting public comment on a proposal for Paid Parental Leave that would apply to all employers in Allegheny County. The current proposal requires all Allegheny County employers to pay for up to 18 weeks of base wages for parents of a newborn or adopted child within the first year of life. Just a month prior, I sponsored a Council Resolution in support of the Family Care Act, a state bill (HB200/SB906) that creates an insurance fund paid by employers and employees to take leave not just for the birth of a child, but also to care for themselves or family members when they get sick, in old age, or have a disability. These policies support public health, grow our econo-

my, and allow families the dignity and time necessary for connection and support at both ends of life.

Over the last two months, I have heard from dozens of parents, grandparents, healthcare workers, business owners, and nonprofits about the merits and challenges to implementing paid parental leave. After a final regulation is voted on by the Board of Health, it will come before me on Allegheny County Council for a vote.

I am so grateful for the strong interest and many useful suggestions that have been shared, and I encourage any interested individuals to participate in the public comment process! More details including the language of the proposed

regulation and an FAQ document are available on the health department's website at alleghenycounty.us/Services/Health-Department/Legal/Public-Comment-Notices. Individuals who wish to comment – in favor, in opposition, or with additional suggestions – are welcome to do so by 11:59pm on July 16th. Comments are accepted through the website, email to publichealthcomment@alleghenycounty.us, by phone at 412-258-3258, or USPS addressed Attn: Article XXIV Comments, Allegheny County Board of Health, 542 Fourth Avenue, Pgh, PA 15219.



Jeremy Shaffer



Working in a Bipartisan Manner to Improve Mental Health and Disability Issues

*by State Rep. Jeremy Shaffer
 (R-Allegheny County)*

Mental health and disability issues are real and often invisible. They impact families in every community. I take both seriously and have been actively working with families, organiza-

tions and policymakers to strengthen Pennsylvania's programs and laws in these areas.

Recently, I joined several of my Democratic colleagues in the House and Senate for their Disability and Mental Health Summit. I was glad to help make it a bipartisan event and grateful for the wide range of voices I heard there. The conversations reinforced what I already know, which is there are genuine challenges and inefficiencies in our current state programs, and real people are paying the price.

This should never be a red or blue issue. That's why I'm working with both Republicans and Democrats to co-

sponsor legislation that delivers meaningful improvements. It's also why I host quarterly North Hills Mental Health Task Force meetings, which bring together schools, law enforcement, community organizations and families to develop real, local solutions to the mental health crisis in our area.

I'll keep working in a bipartisan manner because the best solutions come from bringing people together and focusing on results, not politics. Along with that, I'll continue listening to the people most affected. Your feedback and ideas are always welcome. Together, we can make Pennsylvania better for every one of its residents.

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without consent. The reporting party provided screenshots documenting multiple messages and the non-consensual distribution. The suspect was charged with Unlawful Dissemination of Intimate Image, Harassment - Communicate Lewd, Threat, Obscene – Pornography, Harassment-Course of Conduct/Acts Serve No Purpose.

Vehicle Accident



On June 1, 2026, officers responded to William Flinn Highway for a two-vehicle accident caused by an improper entrance onto the roadway. No injuries were reported, and one vehicle was towed from the scene.



On June 1, 2026, officers responded to William Flinn Highway for a two-vehicle accident caused by careless passing or lane change. No injuries were reported, and one vehicle was towed from the scene.



On June 5, 2026, officers responded to Sherwood Avenue for a single-vehicle crash in which the vehicle had collided with

the front of a building. The primary cause of the incident was careless parking by the vehicle owner, who failed to place the vehicle in park. No injuries were reported, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

North Hills DUI Task Force



The North Hills DUI Task Force conducted a Stationary DUI checkpoint detail that was in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force. On 6-20-2026 the task Force conducted a Sobriety Checkpoint in McCandless Township. There were 955 vehicles that passed through the checkpoint and 5 individuals were administered field sobriety test. Of those tested, 1 was arrested for Driving under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol. 1 arrested for carrying a firearm without a license, 13 citations and 6 warnings were issued for various vehicle code violations. This is the thirtieth year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 271 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been

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2305 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 1086 have been arrested. The North Hills DUI Task Force is comprised of officers from the police departments of Borough of Aspinwall, Borough of Etna, Indiana Township, Northern Regional, O'Hara Township, Ross Township, Shaler Township, West Deer Township, Borough of West View, McCandless Township, Borough of Millvale, Hampton Township, Borough of Blawnox, and Reserve Township.

Construction

 PennDOT, which owns and maintains McCully Road, has contracted with A. Folino Construction to complete repairs and resurfacing began the week of June 8, with work expected to continue through the end of August. The project includes shoulder and embankment repairs, storm sewer inlet and pipe replacements, milling and paving, and guiderail replacements. Single-lane closures will be required throughout the duration of the project. At this time, the contractor cannot provide a detailed schedule for which sections will be addressed on specific days due to potential weather impacts and other delays. Full road closures are also possible. Please continue to monitor the Township's website and social media pages for closure updates. Additional information is available through PennDOT's 511 travel website. Please remember that this is a PennDOT project, not a Township project. Please visit www.hampton-pa.org for updates as they become available.

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Friday, September 4th – Casual Meet & Greet: Join us for an informal gathering at Cadence Clubhouse Café & Taproom in North Park. It's a relaxed, pay as you go evening—perfect for easing into the weekend and catching up with friends.

Saturday, September 5th – High School Tour & Remembrance. A lot has changed at Hampton High School in 50 years, and the current principal has graciously offered a guided tour of the newly renovated building. Many areas will be completely new to you. We'll also visit the Hampton Remembrance Garden to honor our deceased classmates and reflect at the bronze bench our class donated for the 40th reunion. The tour is free, with complimentary coffee and donuts provided.

Saturday Evening – Reunion Celebration at Longue Vue Country Club. Our main event will be held at the beautiful Longue Vue Country Club, featuring appetizers and a delicious buffet dinner. Cost: \$100 per person (\$106 if paying by credit card). Each classmate may bring one guest. To help ensure everyone can attend, we will gratefully accept donations to support classmates for whom the cost may be a hardship. REGISTER NOW: www.Hampton76.com

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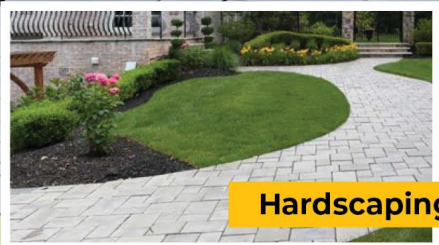
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