

Community Rallies for Fight Night!

Fit 4 Boxing Club, located in the Hampton Plaza, hosted its 9th Annual Dr. Michael Bell Punching Out Parkinson's Amateur Fight Night Dinner Gala at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center in Cheswick on Janu-

ary 31st. More than 700 attendees enjoyed a sit down dinner, live jazz band, seven USA Boxing-sanctioned Olympic-style amateur bouts, a silent auction, and more. The event raised an estimated \$70,000+

for Rock Steady Boxing Pittsburgh, a fitness boxing program for individuals living with Parkinson's disease.

Research shows that contact free fit-

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Left to right: Rock Steady volunteer Buggy O'Connell, Emcee Brett Burkhart, Rock Steady Honoree Ron Lunardi, Club Owner Rich Mushinsky at the 9th annual Fight Night for Parkinson's Disease.

Hampton's Tyler Anderson Celebrated Among Top Young Professionals

by Brett Burkhart

The Pittsburgh Business Times recently named Hampton graduate Tyler Anderson as "30 under 30" honoree. This prestigious award goes to young professionals all over the Pittsburgh area who are making an impact in both their workplaces and their communities. Tyler graduated from Hampton in

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Hampton Woman Benefits from Jumbled Storyline

by Mary-Theresa Watson

When Hampton resident Jessica Camacho-Cook elected to donate a kidney to Shalereen Deven Wilson, her hope was to give Deven a chance to live a long, happy life free of the dialysis machines he'd been relying on three times a week. Deven had been waiting for a new kidney since last summer, and upon learning of his condition last October, Jessica

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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 1/19/2026—2/10/2026:

DUI Arrest

On 2/3/2026, HTP were dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and East Bardonner Road for a report of an erratic driver. The vehicle in question was located in a parking lot on Wildwood Rd. While speaking with the operator, officers detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. After field sobriety testing was performed the operator was arrested for suspicion of DUI.

Vehicle Accident

On 2/2/2026, HTP were dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and Mount Royal Boulevard for an accident involving four vehicles. One individual was transported to the hospital by Shaler/ Hampton EMS, and another was transported by private vehicle for further evaluation of possible injuries. Three vehicles were towed from the scene.

On 2/4/26, the HTP were dispatched to the area of the Spay Neuter Clinic, 3967 William Flinn Hwy., for a motor vehicle accident. Allegheny County dispatch advised that two vehicles were reported to be involved, one of the vehicles being a school bus.

Upon arrival, two vehicles were observed to be involved, both blocking both north bound travel lanes of William Flinn Highway. All parties denied injury. Two vehicles were towed from the scene and Hampton Fire Units cleaned fluid from the roadway.

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Boxing

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ness boxing can help improve dopamine production, easing symptoms and slowing disease progression. Fit 4 Boxing general manager Brett Burkhart emceed the gala alongside Mike Clark, co-anchor of Pittsburgh's WTAE's Action News 4. Together, they opened the evening with a feature presentation honoring this year's Rock Steady Boxing nominee, Gibsonsia resident Ron Lunardi.

An accomplished accountant, Lunardi served his community for more than 40 years before retiring after his Parkinson's

diagnosis. With the support of his wife Chris and Fit 4 Boxing owner Rich Mushinsky, he has attended classes and private lessons at the Hampton club for over a decade. Burkhart says Lunardi has successfully staved off symptoms thanks to the rigorous program. "The progress we see here is remarkable," he said. "Ron has done a bit of both—warding off progression and seeing improvements. He truly deserved the lifetime achievement award."

Each week, Lunardi joins more than 100 Parkinson's fighters who "fight back"

against their disease. He credits Rock Steady Pittsburgh with keeping him healthy, saying, "It saved my life. I don't know where I'd be without these guys." Rock Steady classes are held at Fit 4 Boxing Club five days a week. For more information on Rock Steady classes and other classes offered, visit their website or call (412) 213-3584.



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Transplant

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stepped in with a lifeline. Fate intervened, however, completely changing the plot line of the story. Now, it seems, it is Deven who saved Jessica's life (though Jessica's friends are quick to point out that her altruistic instinct is what set it all in motion).

"When I discovered I was a potential match for Deven, I went in for more tests. One of these," she explains, "was a specialized donor CT scan used to map my kidney. It's much more detailed than a routine imaging, and because of that, they discovered a suspicious cyst. It turned out to be cancer, and it hadn't shown up on any other tests." With a sense of wonderment, she adds, "It saved my life."

On December 16, Jessica underwent surgery to remove her kidney to prevent the cancer from growing and

metastasizing. She was home in time to celebrate Christmas with her 7-year-old son, William, and today, she is feeling healthy and blessed. Jessica shares much of what she has

learned since diagnosis, explaining that kidney cancer usually isn't discovered until it becomes symptomatic. "By that time," she says, "it's usually already spread, and the survival rate is very low. Since mine was caught so early, though, I'm now cancer-free!"

A native of Kansas City, MO, Jessica didn't know anyone in the area when she moved here with her husband, Matt. Tragically, Matt died in January 2019 from a snowboarding accident, just a few months after William was born. Jessica suddenly became a single mom living in a strange new place. Upon reflection, she says she didn't



Jessica and her son William

n't really expect to stay, but again,

fate had other plans: "This neighborhood, this town, everyone has been such a blessing! So many people have rallied around William and me, first when Matt died and now through all of this. Though," she adds with a bit of wry smile, "I could do with a bit less tragedy, I am so grateful to live here. William and I have made a family here, and I can't imagine living anywhere else."

In a story punctuated by serendipity at every turn, it's significant to note that Jessica's diagnosis came seven years to the date of her husband's accident. Furthermore, Deven, the young man who became the impetus for Jessica's happy ending, has found hope of his own: a post in a Facebook group created by his family noted that February 14th was National Donor Day; the very next day, they received the phone call that all donor families dream of, informing them that a donor kidney had been found for Deven. He underwent surgery on the 16th and, surrounded by family, friends, and the exceptional care team at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, he has begun the difficult recovery period that will hopefully lead him to good health and a long, happy life.

Clear in her intent on raising awareness for kidney donation, Jessica continues to advocate for Deven and others in similar situations. All are invited to follow Deven's recovery on Facebook at [Deven's Kidney Quest](#), and anyone interested in becoming a living organ donor is encouraged to explore the process at livingdonor.reg.upmc.com.

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Stop by the Hampton Library and step into spring! The sun's setting later and we're ready to brighten your days with lively programs, engaging events, and plenty of spring cheer. Come see what's waiting for you!

Please note: While we do our best to be here, sometimes weather works against us! Please call the library, check Facebook or the website to make sure we did not have to cancel a program due to Mother Nature!

Hampton Community Library's Annual Trivia Night!

Friday, March 20th Registration begins **March 2nd**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Program ends by 9:15 p.m.

Assemble your team and get ready for a night of laughter and friendly competition! (Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System is not required!) \$20/person, (6 -10 people/table). Test your general trivia knowledge! Perhaps **your** team will surprise them all! Please note this is an adult program. (BYOB \$5 donation) Space is limited; Registration required. No Walk-in teams.

What a Winter-Ful World! Drop-in Storytime!

Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to create discoveries in the world around us. All ages

and abilities are welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide! **There will be no Storytimes from March 10th – 12th.** Storytimes will resume March 17th.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays*

Now through March 5th 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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Teens and Tweens

Dungeons and Dragons!

Saturdays, March 7th, April 25th, and May 2nd

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

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Hampton Community Library's Genealogy Group

Tuesdays, March 3rd and April 7th @ 1:00 p.m.

Curious about your family's past? Then stop in at the library and join our NEW program, hosted by Trish Buben, a professional genealogist. Whether you're just learning or have been researching for years, you'll find support, shared knowledge, and helpful resources at each meeting. This program is designed to meet monthly and build upon previous successes or solve roadblocks! Everyone will learn research tips, discover the library's genealogy tools, and connect with others who enjoy uncovering family stories. All are welcome—no experience needed!

Origami! Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 1:00 p.m.

Join Mary Garnett and fellow creative enthusiasts as we learn basic folds and create simple models, with a special focus on the elegant origami butterfly. Initial supplies will be provided. Class size is limited, adults only, advance registration is required—please call the library.

Mahjong Club

Thursdays, March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th @ 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.

News and Views! Fridays, March 6th, April 10th and May 1st @ 1:00 p.m. in the library.

This long-time discussion group provides an opportunity for participants to engage in thoughtful, peer-facilitated discussion in a small, respectful setting. Designed to encourage listening, reflection, and the exchange of ideas, all are welcome who enjoy civil and engaging dialogue.

Dungeons and Dragons: The Dolmenwood Edition!

Saturdays, March 14th, April 11th and May 9th @ 12:00 p.m.

Come join 'Winter's Daughter,' travel back to ancient times to a knight's tomb, a forgotten treasure and a sinister Drune cult. This adult program is for anyone who enjoys role-play, meeting new people and just having fun! Registration is appreciated.

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group

Friday, March 20th @ 1:00 p.m.

***Go as a River*, by Shelley Read.**

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!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

***With a Vengeance*, by Riley Sager.**

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Thursday, March 26th @ 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Finger Foods!

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The French and Indian War!

Sunday, April 26th @ 1:00 p.m. -3/3:30 P.M.

Celebrate America's 250 in a war game that laid the foundation for the American Revolution. Spend the afternoon navigating the battle in miniature! Are the British truly an elite fighting force who can outmaneuver the French and the Native Americans or will the British falter? Using a physical diorama, this strategy/miniatures game will recreate the opening contact between the British and the French and their native allies at the start of the Battle of the Monongahela, right there in modern day Braddock! You may place soldiers on a table, lay out the terrain, and use rules to simulate how real troops might have behaved. It's immersive, educational, and surprisingly close to how military historians study battlefield movement.

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Spotlight on Creativity at Playfest

by Jenn Edmonds

There was something for everyone at the Ten Minute Playfest on February 19th and 20th in the HMS auditorium. Playfest is a collection of nine 10-minute plays, directed by HMS teacher Greg Shumaker, with songs and interludes from the HMS Jazz Band. Some kids pulled double-duty by performing on stage and then in the jazz band when they weren't on stage.

With only 30 student actors spread across several plays, many had their first opportunity to learn lines and play main characters in the short productions. "I have been in three musicals at HMS and never had the chance to have a microphone, so that was fun," said eighth-grader Chloe Edmonds. Unlike musical, there is no audition process; students just sign up.

One of the big skills the kids learn as part of the experience is to improv, which came in handy during the live performances.

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Full cast of Playfest 2026. See more photos by Dave Edmonds at www.thehamptonnews.com

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Playfest

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There were some variations between shows as the actors covered for microphones that weren't working, forgotten lines, and just about every other hiccup, without the audience ever knowing. On the first night, a microphone wasn't working and while it was getting fixed, Assistant Director Dr. Melissa Survinski mouthed to seventh-grader Mena O'Mara to improv as she was on-stage alone. "I started to freak out and thought about what my character would say," O'Mara improvised a monologue, without the audience ever catching on. "I was sooo happy when the other actors came on stage because then everything from there was familiar."

The plays ranged from murder mysteries and first dates to a hole in the wall and a cow jumping over the moon. When asked

how he selects the plays, Shumaker said, "I try to mix up our selections based on our talent and try to pick plays that will challenge our young actors as well."

One thing that is apparent at the curtain call is the camaraderie between the students. "The most fun part of doing Playfest is being able to meet and form close bonds with kids from other grades, and better friendships with people in my grade," said eighth-grader Morgan McAfee. "Both the musical and Playfest are extremely welcoming, and you can be unapologetically yourself."



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A Historic Season for Aquinas Girls' Basketball

The Aquinas Academy Girls' Basketball Team has delivered a season that will be remembered for years to come—one defined by grit, unity, and a historic milestone that cements this group's place in school history.

The Crusaders completed the regular season as Section Champions, finishing undefeated in all section matchups. Their consistency, discipline, and ability to rise in big moments earned them the #1 seed in the WPIAL Single A playoffs, a testament to the program's growth and the players' relentless work ethic.

The season's defining moment came on their home court, in front of a packed crowd, during a rivalry matchup against St. Joseph's Academy. Senior standout Tess Duer scored her 1,000th career point, becoming the first girl in Aquinas Academy history to reach the milestone in high school varsity basketball. Her achievement reflects not only her scoring ability but also years of dedication, leadership, and love for the game.

As the Crusaders prepare for postseason

play, they carry with them the confidence of champions and the momentum of a team that has already proven it can rise to any challenge. With a balanced roster, strong senior leadership, and a defense that has frustrated opponents all season, Aquinas enters the playoffs poised to make a deep run.

This year's team has already carved its place in Aquinas history. Now, with the postseason ahead, they have the opportunity to add an unforgettable final chapter.



Aquinas Academy's girls' high school basketball team cutting down the net after winning their section.

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The team represents the Pittsburgh Vengeance Hockey Association, a respected and fast-growing program based at Alpha Ice Complex in Harmarville. Known for its player

development and competitive culture, the program continues to draw families from across the region. Tryouts for next season are scheduled for April, and interest is already building.

Among the standout players on the roster is number 78 Tighe Varrato, a Hampton fifth grader from Central Elementary who has been skating



Tighe Varrato



since the age of three. Tighe plays left wing, a position he loves. When asked what draws him to the left side of the ice, Tighe shared that he enjoys “assisting in scoring and getting goals.”

With April tryouts on the horizon and a strong core of players like Tighe leading the way, the future looks bright for Pittsburgh Vengeance Hockey.

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Tyler Anderson *(Continued from page 1)*
 2018 and is now the arts education program coordinator for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

As a high school student, Tyler was very involved with the liberal arts, and he credits his teachers as laying the foundation for his success. "Mr. Franklin and Ms. Lavella were very foundational in my experience in theater and arts. They were impeccable mentors and were really committed to their students' success." After graduating CCAC with an honors degree and a certificate in digital design, Tyler went on to pursue a double major in dance and professional Spanish at Slippery Rock before beginning his masters program at Point Park University last summer.

Through his involvement in the liberal arts, Tyler began to make an impact in his work and school environments by helping those around him excel in the same way he was. When asked how the 30 Under 30 honor made him feel, Tyler responded, "It is still taking time to settle in. I'm always focused on the next thing I can do. It's a huge honor and a reminder to reflect on the work that I've done."

His achievement reflects not only his own dedication, but the strength of the Hampton community that helped shape him.



Photo of Tyler Anderson by Evangeline Mensah-Agyekum

Celebrating the 2026 Scholastic Art Award Honorees

Hampton High School's Arts Department is proud to celebrate ten outstanding students who earned honors in the 2026 Scholastic Art Awards. This prestigious regional competition recognizes exceptional creativity and craftsmanship, and Hampton's honorees represent a wide range of artistic talent.

This year's award recipients are: Ellie Alexander, Elliott X. Domske,

Elyse Fontana, Hannah Gaydos, Madelyn Goode, Maria Graper, Olivia Hays-Reagan, Marin Katona-Bock, Libby Sheets, and Taylor Whitman. Their work spans multiple mediums and reflects the dedication, imagination, and skill fostered within Hampton's visual arts program.

The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition is free and open to the public at Carnegie Mellon University's Fine Arts Building through March 7th. Visitors may view the



Hannah Gaydos and Elliott X. Domske

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L to R: Taylor Whitman, Madelyn Goode, Marin Katona-Bock, Libby Sheets, Elyse Fontana, Maria Graper, Olivia Hays-Reagan, Ellie Alexander

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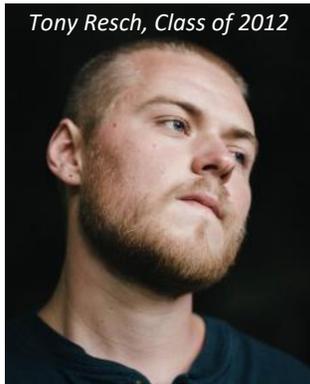
Tony Resch, Hampton High School Class of 2012, has always had a love of music. He has channeled that passion into a successful career in the music industry as a regional artist with a renewed focus on going national. In high school, Resch was part of Jam Band, a group of a few students that gathered after school to focus on singing and songwriting.

After graduation, Resch attended St. Johns University in Queens, NY. He familiarized himself with the music scene and played at events throughout the city at age 18. After a year, Resch transferred to the University of Pittsburgh to study and was part of the radio station WPTS. He hosted an underground music venue in his apartment on Bates Street for the next three years. Resch learned how to run a night-club and received good feedback from the community.

During that time, Resch

started *Royal Haunts*, layered tracks all done by himself. It's ambiguous if it is a band or a person. "It was truly the wild west of show production," explained Resch. He studied abroad in London, thanks to some savings bonds his aunt bought him as a kid, to study British pop/electronic music and had a residency in a jazz club before coming back to Pittsburgh, where he held shows around the singles and EP's he released.

In 2019, Resch and his friend Josh Orange created a rhythmic dance band called Pink Camo and then the pandemic hit. "It was a pretty bleak period," as there were no opportunities for live music. Tony and Josh worked together, studied music together, DJ'd together and even hosted live music festivals within the game Animal Crossing as one of their outlets. After the pandemic, Resch played at various venues around the city of Pittsburgh and established a residency at a club named Cobra.



Resch moved back to New York and performed in various clubs. He sang, played piano, DJ'd and oftentimes did lights and production. "I was very integrated into that world. I barely slept," explained Resch. To catch his breath and refocus, Resch recently moved back to Hampton. "It's a very complicated world, the music world. Steady trajectories like being a physician aren't available in music," He is touring, doing live events, and releasing new music. In his spare time, Resch enjoys writing as well as reading about global mythology and theology.

You can listen to Tony Resch by searching "Royal Haunts" on Spotify and on Instagram.

Awards

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student artwork Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An awards ceremony honoring all regional winners will be held on Saturday, March 7th, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall, also located within CMU's Fine Arts Building. The exhibition will close immediately following the ceremony.



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HMS Student Reaches New Heights



Albert Bowen

Bots N'at, a standout First Lego League robotics team, is celebrating an impressive season with help from Hampton Middle School seventh grader Albert Bowen. Albert contributed to the team's strong run, which began with advancing from the Southwest Pennsylvania Championship and continued with earning 3rd place for Innovative Solution at the Pennsylvania State Championship.

Their success propelled them to an international tournament, placing them among the top young robotics teams in the world.

This year's project showcased remarkable creativity: an AI based archaeological detection system designed to identify potential dig

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Current Events

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Presents the Heart of Hampton Awards

The Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE) invites the community to a special evening celebrating four remarkable honorees at the 2026 Heart of Hampton Awards. Join friends, families, and supporters on Saturday, March 14th from 6–9 p.m. at Wildwood Golf Club, 2195 Sample Road.

Tickets are \$75 and include a three course dinner, entertainment, and a cash bar as we honor Lynn Zdinak, Luke Martin, Jacqlyn Boggs, and Matthew Mays for their outstanding contributions.



www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/HAEEHeartofHamptonAwardsAndCelebration

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable



The Round Table presents
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Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m.



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The presentation is free and open to the public.

THON 2026 at Hampton High School

by Mia Veverka, HHS Sophomore Officer

Mark your calendars for March 27th! Hampton High School invites you to join the student body in their fight against childhood cancer. THON is back, and this year, it's not just about fun and school spirit. It's about hope and helping those who need it most.

From 5-7 p.m., community hours will be held, welcoming younger students and families to enjoy games, raffle baskets, food trucks, and activities for all ages, all raising funds for children battling cancer at the UPMC Children's Hospital. Every dollar helps bring care, comfort, and joy to the children and their families.

High school students who register for the full event will experience a fun-filled night of volleyball, dodgeball, trivia, and dancing, all in support of children fighting for their future.

Your support, whether through attending or donating, can make a difference that these kids will carry with them for a lifetime.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Hampton Community Park at the Rotary Pavilion is the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and younger. There will be child-friendly activities and delicious refreshments. Bring your own basket to collect eggs and have the opportunity to meet the Bunny. Registration is required!



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2026 Pine Creek Cleanup

Join the community for a morning of camaraderie and environmental stewardship on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at the ball field parking lot across from St. Ursula's Church on Duncan Avenue. Dress for mud—boots and old clothes recommended. Bring friends and earn Community Service hours. Special thanks to our sponsors: Hampton Township, Shaler Township, Pasquale's Pizzeria, Giant Eagle, and Dunkin Donuts. www.allisparksportsmensclub.org.

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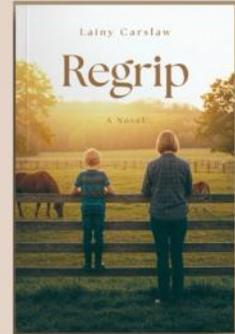


When Jesse Warsaw's father abandons him at nine years old, he learns that survival means self-reliance. Left with a stranger and a suitcase of broken promises, he begins to understand that loneliness can make and unmake inside a person. From that moment, Jesse is caught between the ache of abandonment and the fierce hope that somewhere, someone might stay.

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sions that affect everything from parks and green spaces, to transportation, to the support of regional assets like libraries, museums, parks, and arts organizations. I have spent my first weeks connecting with municipal leaders and residents to address traffic and roadway safety concerns, improve public safety, and enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in our County. We need your input about what you want to see in our community! The County is currently conducting a once-in-a-generation effort on a comprehensive plan known as "Allegheny Forward." Please provide your feedback at:

<https://engagement.alleghenycounty.us/allegheny-forward>. The website has a survey or you can sign-up to attend a virtual public meeting. We want to hear from everyone about county priorities on land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, economic opportunity, parks and open space, and more! Finally, if you need to contact me regarding the plan or any County government issues, you can reach me at lissa.geigershulman@alleghenycounty.us or by phone at 412-350-6490. I look forward to hearing from you about how we can continue to improve our region.



Rep. Arvind Venkat
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How My Office Can Help You

One of my most important responsibilities as your state representative is to be your voice when you need help with state government-related matters. My staff and I can provide support on many different programs in our office, and I wanted to spotlight a few of them.

We can act as your voice when working with state agencies like PennDOT or the Department of

Health, helping you navigate driver and vehicle services, children's health insurance, and college-savings resources.

We also provide assistance with several programs for seniors. You can contact my office to register for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate, receive prescriptions at a lower price, sign up for a Pittsburgh Regional Transit Senior ConnectCard, and more.

My office also hosts community events to bring services to you, such as shredding for you to safely dispose of sensitive documents. Our next shredding event is Saturday, March 21, 10:00-11:30 at the Franklin Park Municipal Building, 2344 W Ingomar Rd, Pittsburgh, 15237. Due to last year's high demand, we'll have two trucks on site!

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These investments are more than numbers. They represent real progress for our community, achieved by working together and setting aside partisan differences for the good of our region.

Upgrades at the park will improve the facilities for recreation and outdoor activities, making the space more welcoming and enjoyable for families and community events. The new fire truck and ambulance will help first responders continue to deliver lifesaving services quickly and effectively. Enhancements along Route 8 will strengthen essential infrastructure.

Grants like these are critical because they allow communities like Hampton Township to make improvements without placing additional burdens on local taxpayers.

I'm proud to work with leaders from both sides of the aisle to secure this money and will continue to work across party lines to deliver results that matter. Hampton Township is a vibrant community, and these types of investments will help ensure it remains a great place to live, work and raise a family for years to come.

Help Wanted

Hampton Township is hosting a summer employment recruitment event on Wednesday, March 25 from 6-7pm at the Hampton Community Center. Meet staff and learn more about the hiring process and qualifications needed to become a camp counselor, lifeguard, and pool staff! Questions: 412-487-7870.

Police Log

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Utility Complaint

 On 2/10/2026, HTP responded to the intersection of Wildwood Rd. and Maplehurst Ave. for a report of a loud noise, a transformer explosion possible. It was also reported that brush caught fire. Upon arrival, officers were met by Hampton Fire Units which extinguished the small brush fire. While on scene, Duquesne Light arrived and officers cleared without further incident. *end*

STEM

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sites without disturbing the land. The idea was strong enough for the team to file a provisional U.S. patent.

Bots N'at also used their season to advocate for STEM education. They met with state representative Arvind Venkat to discuss hands-on STEM opportunities and visited local schools to share robotics with younger students.

For Albert and his teammates, the year has been defined by teamwork and earned them well-deserved recognition as they prepare for the international stage.



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