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Snowed In!



Bundled up against the frigid cold: Caleb and Lucas Harjo, Charlie Lamb, Henry Van Luik, and Rory, Violet and Brooks May spent Sunday, January 25, 2026 conquering their giant snow mountain together! More photos throughout the pages.

From Spiders to Snowflakes

by Laurie Rizzo

Every December, the Guinn family home on Vitullo Drive becomes one of Hampton’s brightest traditions. Jamie and Brad Guinn, along with their two sons, Braden, 16, and Gavin, 18, pour their hearts into a display that has quickly become a community favorite.

For years, the family hired professionals to decorate. But after Brad retired, he surprised everyone by announcing he wanted to take on

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Band Alumni March Through College Playoffs & Beyond

by Mary-Theresa Watson

With a glowing reputation for its curriculum, collaborative environment, and supportive instructors, the Hampton High School marching band is one of the largest extracurricular groups in the township. Directed for nearly 22 years by Chad Himmler, the band has been such a positive force in

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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 12/14/2025—1/19/2026:

Vehicle Accident

On 1/19/26, HTP officer was conducting a traffic enforcement detail on Route 8 when he observed a vehicle traveling southbound at a high rate of speed. He observed the vehicle strike a curb then a guardrail. After striking the guardrail, the vehicle had a change of direction and crossed over the double yellow lines and struck another vehicle that was traveling northbound on Route 8. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Road Hazard

On 1/15/26, HTP responded to a call regarding a tree that had fallen on the roadway near McCully Road and Kenson Drive. Upon arrival, officers located the tree which was leaning into the roadway and creating a hazard. Hampton Department of Public Works (DPW) was notified and responded and removed the obstruction from the roadway.

Utility Complaint

On 1/6/26, HTP were dispatched to the area of Route 8 and East Bardonner Road for a possible transformer fire. County

dispatch advised they were receiving multiple calls regarding power outages and non-functioning traffic lights. Upon arrival, officers observed the traffic lights at Shopper's Plaza and Route 8/East Bardonner Road to be completely out. Duquesne Light was notified and responded to the area. Hampton

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

We also encourage you to support this month's advertisers, whose contributions make this publication possible. And most importantly, remember to support local businesses—they are the heart of our community!

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Band

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the lives of students that many have gone on to continue their music careers after graduation, learning firsthand just how far their music can take them. While several recent graduates have continued their marching careers in college, three had the great privilege of participating in this year's college football playoffs: Michael Bacasa (HHS 2022) plays sousaphone in The Ohio State University Marching Band; Sophia DiMaria (HHS 2025) plays tenor saxophone in the Indiana University Marching Band; and Zach Harrington (HHS 2022) is a Drum Major in the James Madison University Marching Band.

Having spent three years playing sousaphone in one of the na-

tion's most famous college bands, Michael shares "I am one of 28 sousaphones in the band, and I've gotten to travel all over the country for bowl games—the Rose Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, and the Big 10 Championship—and even one National Championship win last year!"

Michael has served as an assistant squad leader of one of the sousaphone sections, and this spring, he will join the

band in Ireland to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade. In Fall 2026, he will have the extraordinary honor of dotting the "i" in the band's famous script OHIO during one of the halftime shows. This is an honor bestowed upon select senior sousaphone players in recognition of their dedication and skill.

Another member of the HHS Class of 2022 made an appearance during the college football playoffs, as Zach Harrington led the James Madison University Marching Royal Dukes as one of their drum majors. Now a senior, Zach looks back on his time in the band with great fondness, explaining, "Being a part of the band has been one of the best times of

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Michael Bacasa (HHS 2022)



Sophia DiMaria



Zach Harrington

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LIGHTS

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the project himself. "I told him he could do it," Jamie laughed, "as long as it was neat, organized, and didn't have wires hanging everywhere." Brad delivered, and then some!

This year marks their third season creating the display entirely on their own. What started as a Halloween project, with 12-foot skeletons, giant light up spiders and thrilling music echoing up the driveway, quickly grew into something spectacular. "People would sit out in their lawn chairs across the street and enjoy the Halloween display," Brad said. "We'd get over 100 trick-or-treaters."

The Christmas season took things even further. Brad researched how to synchronize lights to music and last year purchased a low FM transmitter, carefully tuning it to 91.7 FM. Now, visitors can park, turn on their radios, and watch the house dance to a playlist Jamie curates, often with requests. "A lot of young girls were asking for pop music for New Year's, especially Taylor Swift," Jamie said. Brad agreed, though he joked he must approve every song since he hears each one "over and over" while programming. With each song taking about five hours to code, and a playlist of 10-12 tracks, it's a true labor of love.



The scale is staggering: 30,000 pixels across the property, a 23 foot "Mega-Tree", a massive 200,000 pixel panel which plays videos and movie clips and a smaller 20,000 pixel panel displaying the radio tune in sign. They begin setup a month in advance, with nearly two



weeks dedicated solely to programming. Even teardown is a feat, carefully storing props, electrical boards, and matrix panels in the garage and two sheds. Brad's meticulousness shines here too.


This past year came with an unexpected challenge. After Brad tore his bicep in July, he couldn't use one arm until December. Braden and Gavin stepped in, operating the lift and helping with 50 foot installs. Their teamwork kept the tradition alive.


The community response has been overwhelming. Neighbors send cards, fan mail, and handwritten notes. Jamie even checked to make sure the music and lights weren't too much for the neighborhood. "They enjoy it too," she said with relief. A Facebook page: *Lights on Vitullo* and YouTube videos help share the magic even further.



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Please note: While we do our best to be here, sometimes winter 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!

Reading Olympics: Go for the Gold This Winter! Now through March 14th

Adults! Ages 13 and up get ready to stretch your mind and strengthen those reading muscles with our brand-new Winter Reading Olympics! Just as the Olympic rings represent the world's continents, our *Library Reading Rings* highlight a world of genres—fiction, cooking, classics, true crime, poetry, and more. Explore new categories or revisit old favorites as you read your way through the season.

Here's how to participate:

Check out and read any Hampton Community Library-owned book or ebook to earn a raffle ticket. The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Cheer on the progress as the

book count climbs throughout the "Olympics." At the end of the program, we'll award *Gold, Silver, and Bronze* prizes! Join the challenge, discover great reads, and let the games begin! Younger readers can join in our read-a-thon!

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 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 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"

**times are subject to go longer or shorter*

Hampton Community Library's Genealogy Group

Tuesdays, February 3rd, 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 road-blocks! Everyone will learn research tips, discover the library's

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genealogy tools, and connect with others who enjoy uncovering family stories. All are welcome—no experience needed!

Mahjong Club

Thursdays, Feb. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th @ 1:00 PM

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 board- 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.

PNC presents *Smart Spending & Saving Plans!*

Thursday, February 5th @ 1:00 p.m.

Build a budget that supports your goals, without feeling deprived.

Why attend? Whether you're looking to recover from holiday spending, start planning for your future, or simply sharpen your financial skills, this session offers something for everyone. Sessions will be held in the Adult Lounge of the Hampton Community Center. Registration Appreciated! 412-684-1098.

News and Views! Fridays, Feb. 6th, March 6th and April 10th @ 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 issues in a friendly, open setting. New members are welcome to come share-- or just listen.

Dungeons and Dragons the Dolmenwood Edition!

Saturdays, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9 @ 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 – 412-684-1098.

Origami!

Tuesdays, February 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 (412-684-1098).

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group

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

***Last Days of Kira Mullan*, by Nicci French.**

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, February 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

***Nine Lives*, by Peter Swanson.**

The Mystery Book Group meets in the library.

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Andrew Craig, Paul A. Dakin, Michael Petrucci, Peleh Shaltes, Rin Suyama, and Sebastian Villalba.

About 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2026 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered by taking the 2024 PSAT/NMSQT.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We

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

Cooks-N-Books: Thursday, Feb. 26th @ 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Thrifty Meals!!

Love food, friends, and fun conversation? Join *Cooks-n-Books*, our welcoming cookbook and food discussion group for anyone who enjoys cooking (or just eating!). This month is about cooking on budget! We meet in the Adult Lounge inside the Hampton Community Center. Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

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.

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Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Announces the Chapel and Fine Arts Campaign

by Michael Burchill

Twenty-nine years after the founding of Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh, Holy Mass continues to be the center of the school day, bringing students and faculty together in the chapel to give glory to God and receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Due to continued growth in enrollment, Aquinas Academy has announced plans to expand the chapel while also making it a more beautiful space to inspire students to lift their hearts and minds to God. Additional classroom space for the music and arts programs is included in the plan.

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4701 Roland Road	\$515,000	\$520,500	11
4200 Wembleton Drive	\$599,900	\$503,703	57
5096 Fountainwood Drive	\$450,000	\$454,000	54
5168 Elm Drive	\$459,000	\$450,000	50
2524 Royal View Drive	\$269,900	\$270,000	86
2584 Hampton Avenue	\$245,000	\$240,000	10
4433 Laurel Oak Drive	\$230,000	\$225,000	43
2331 Carson Drive	\$220,000	\$220,000	12

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Maintain It:

Replace those HVAC filters and check windows and doors for drafts.

Refresh It:

Time to zhuzh up those shelves! Mix in vintage finds with your books, add some plants, and showcase those quirky items that make you smile. Pro tip: thrift stores and Buy Nothing groups are goldmines for shelf-worthy treasures (Hampton Gifting with Integrity is a great option)!

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The Sciulli children (left to right) Charlee (16), Emi (10), and Jack (13) spent Sunday, January 25th building snow forts, making snow angels, helping clear the driveway and soaking in the fresh snowfall!

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Boys Punch Their Ticket to Penn State

The Hampton Basketball Association's 5th grade boys team is turning heads across Western Pennsylvania with a season that blends talent and teamwork. After months of steady growth and standout performances, the team has officially earned its place at the PA State Championships, held at Penn State University from March 20–22, 2026.

Coached by Will Lamb, along with assistants Erin McKee and Alec Rzoski, the group has been practicing and competing together since September. Their early commitment paid off quickly. The team captured 1st place at the 2025 South Fayette Boys Tip Off Tournament, setting

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Left to right: Charlie Lamb, Blake Mytinger, Thatcher Mays, Brock Rzoski, Julian Williams, Quinn McKee, Jackson Lynch, Evan Chen and John Ganoe with coaches Erin McKee, Will Lamb and Alec Rzoski heading to the state championship this March.

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Band

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my life. From making lifelong friends to traveling across the country on our historic playoff appearance...I'm so glad I took the leap to join this college marching band!"

In Bloomington, Indiana, another Hampton alum, Sophia DiMaria, is finishing up her freshman year at Mr. Himmeler's alma mater, Indiana University. When she first stepped onto the IU campus last April, she knew she was making her college decision, but she never could have predicted what was to come. Initially drawn to a much smaller school in New York, Sophia ultimately chose IU because, she wisely noted, "You can't make a small school big, but you can make a big school small. If I join the marching band, that makes IU a smaller school."

Today, Sophia reflects on what is best described as a dream season, as the Indiana Hoosiers made history on the football field by going undefeated (16-0)

and winning the team's first Big 10 and National Championships. Along the way, the marching band traveled to the Big 10 Championship, the Rose Bowl—where they also marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade—the Peach Bowl, and the national championship game in Miami.

"Coming in," she explains, "I had no idea Indiana football was on its way up. Everyone who'd been in the band before had an idea of what was coming, but it was at the Big 10 Championship that I realized this was a big deal. It was getting real!" She continues, "Mr. Himmeler was a graduate of Indiana, which helped. At Hampton, we would do a run-on for pre-game, and that came from IU. He also often referenced a Big 10-type of marching, and now I understand what he meant," she adds with a laugh.

Having now traveled to Indianapolis, Pasadena, Atlanta, and Miami within six weeks, Sophia says, "This is not what I expected...coming back [to campus] on December 26th and going on all these trips; but I loved every minute of it!"



Brooks Catanese climbed a snow pile in their yard!

Basketball

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the tone for what would become a remarkable season. They followed it up with another championship performance, winning the 2025 Pine-Richland Holiday Tournament in December.

Those victories secured Hampton's qualification for the state tournament which is a rare and exciting achievement for such a young squad.

The team holds an impressive 17-3 record. Coaches say that what makes this group special isn't just the wins, but the way every player contributes. From defensive stops to clutch baskets to smart ball movement, the entire roster has delivered standout moments.

"This team shows up ready to work, ready to learn, and ready to compete," Coach Lamb shared. "They support each other, they play the right way, and they've earned every bit of this opportunity."

With the state championships on the horizon, the excitement is building! No matter what happens in March, this team has already made its mark!

Hampton will be cheering them on as they take the court at Penn State, ready to represent their community on one of the biggest stages youth basketball has to offer.

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Photos by Madia Photography

Sip n' Serve turned a frigid January evening into a warm moment of community connection. On January 20, 2026, neighbors gathered at McDonald's in Allison Park to chat with Hampton police officers and social workers over complimentary hot chocolate and cookies provided by McDonald's manager Nicole Yurkovic. The relaxed setting encouraged genuine conversation and trust, which organizer Angela Kenbok says is the heart of the event. Even on one of the coldest nights of the year, Sip n' Serve showed how simple gatherings can spark meaningful connections.



James Hinchberger has called Hampton home since 1973, raising three sons here and never missing a chance to praise the Blue Ribbon schools, the low crime, and what he proudly calls "the best road crew around."



Micah McAuley & Rin Suyama stopped in and enjoyed a treat!



District Magistrate Tom Swan, Hon. Jeremy Shaffer, District 28, and Police Chief Tom Vulakovich share stories about the past and present.

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Current Events

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 friends!

Washington at Valley Forge: The Making of a Leader

This is the first lecture of 2026! Join the members for a fascinating look at how the events at Valley Forge shaped George Washington into the leader we still recognize today.

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026, Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Depreciation lands Museum, Deacon's Tavern

4743 South Pioneer Road

Allison Park, PA 15101

DLMA \$10

Non-members \$12

Registration on line
at www.dlmuseum.org



Suicide Awareness & Prevention Training

The Township of Hampton Social Services is hosting a vital Suicide Awareness & Prevention training designed for first responders and any residents interested in strengthening their ability to support others. This evidence-based program provides practical tools to recognize warning signs, prevent crisis, and promote resilience through peer support and intervention strategies. Participants will gain actionable self-help and assistance skills that can make a meaningful difference in moments of need.

The training is on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hampton Community Center, 3200 Lochner Way, Allison Park, PA. A networking opportunity is included. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch.



Join us for a Parent Social Media Night

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Where:

Hampton Township Community Center

3200 Lochner Way

Allison Park, PA 15101

Hosted by:

Hampton Police Social Services and School

Resource Officer Good along with UPMC

Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center



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Cyber Safety Avoiding Tech Support Scams

Pop-up warnings that claim your computer has a serious security problem—often appearing to come from companies like Microsoft or Apple—are a common tactic in tech support scams. These messages are designed to create panic and convince you something is wrong with your device. Scammers then pose as tech support and offer to “fix” the issue for a fee, when no real problem exists.

Frozen Screens, Fake Warnings

A common tech support scam starts with a pop-up that pretends your computer has a serious security issue and urges you to call a listed number. The pop-up may freeze your screen and warn against restarting. If you call, a scammer posing as tech support will ask for remote access to “fix” the problem, then use that access to steal your data or install malware.

Don't Fall For Unsolicited Calls

Another tech support scam involves criminals contacting you by phone, email, or text



and claiming your computer has a problem. They pressure you to pay—often through wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency—for a fake repair. In reality, there was never anything wrong, and any money you send is simply stolen.

What Can I Do to Stay Safe?

Awareness of tech support scams can help protect you, your computer, and your finances. Remember these tips to protect yourself:


- Real organizations will never contact you unexpectedly about a computer problem and ask you to call a phone number. If a pop-up freezes your computer screen, restart. If you receive an unexpected call, hang up.
- If someone contacts you unexpectedly, you should never let them have remote access to your computer. If you need technical support, always contact the organization using official contact information.
- Cybercriminals often try to create a sense of urgency to pressure you into making a quick decision, so always stop and think before you act!

Police Log

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DPW brought generators out for the traffic lights. Officers remained on scene in the area with emergency lights activated to slow oncoming drivers until Duquesne Light was able to restore power.

Water Main Break

 On 1/5/26, officers located a large water main break at the intersection of Herron Road/Surrey Drive. Hampton Shaler Water Authority (HSWA) was notified to respond out. Due to the large amount of water across all 4 lanes of Route 8 and Herron Road, Penn-Dot and Hampton DPW were notified to salt the road. Officers temporarily blocked one lane of north and southbound Route 8 traffic to slow drivers down due to the water freezing. HSWA closed Herron Road from Old Route 8 to Surrey Drive to make two repairs.

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Volunteer Fire Department

HVFD Completes Merger 2025 Year-End Report

The year closed with 36 calls in December and 634 calls in total for 2025, reflecting the ongoing commitment of our firefighters to respond day and night whenever help is needed.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers who give their time, skill, and energy to keep Hampton safe. Their service is the backbone of our community, and we are grateful for every hour they devote to protecting our residents, homes, and businesses.

Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department

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5149 N. Pioneer Rd
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724-201-4274 Business number

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Station 2

2881 Wildwood Rd. Ext.
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Station 3

2536 Duncan Ave.
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New officers for 2026

Line Officers:

Chief – Michael Piovesan
Assistant Chief I – Zak Boyle
Assistant Chief II – Jim Harrington
Assistant Chief III – Scott Reaghard
Captain I – Erik Concannon
Captain II – John Kuss
Lieutenant I – Dan Lennon

Lieutenant II – Keith DeNinno
Lieutenant III – Sam Miller
Fire Police Captain –
Christopher Andrews

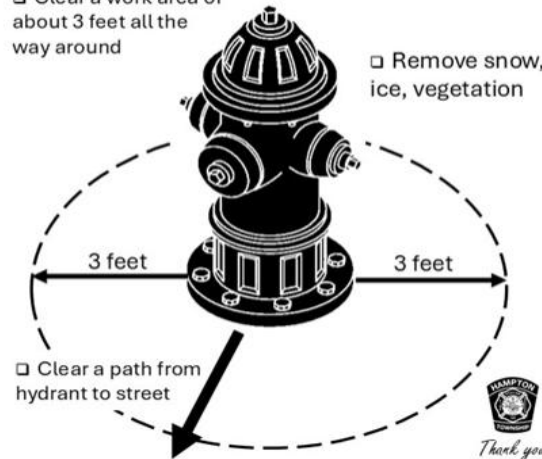
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Christopher Andrews
Treasurer – Bob Gaertner
Secretary – Heather Paxton

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save The Date for Saturday, March 28th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Hampton Community Park at the Rotary Pavilion for 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!



A Night at The Races!

Benefiting the 2026 HHS Musical
When: Saturday, March 7, 2026
Time: Doors open at 5:30 p.m., races begins at 6 p.m.
Where: Hampton Community Center
www.hamptoncats.org to register, \$30 pp, over 21 only!

MARCH Mark Your Calendar

District Orchestra Concert..... 3/4
 HHS Winter Chorus Concert 3/11
 HHS Musical Ticket sale 3/17
 HMS Chorus Concert 3/17
 Hues & Harmony.....3/17 & 3/18
 Library's Annual Trivia Night 3/20
 Zoning Ordinance and SALDO Public Hearing..... 3/25

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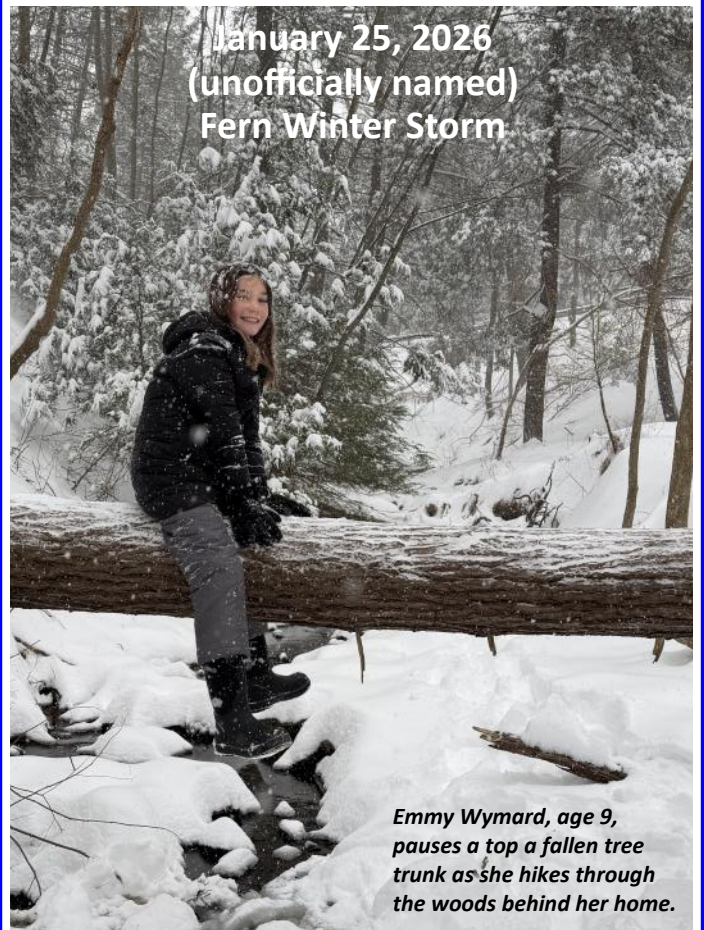
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January 25, 2026
 (unofficially named)
 Fern Winter Storm



Emmy Wymard, age 9, pauses atop a fallen tree trunk as she hikes through the woods behind her home.



A.J. Saponsky (10th grade) jumping into the snow from the deck!



Snow surfing!



Zoe Fiscus LOVES to play!



Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Strengthening Consumer Protections in Home Equity Agreements

As many people are currently struggling with their finances, a way to make money quickly can seem beneficial. One way some have attempted this is by entering a Shared Appreciation Agreement, a novel financial instrument in which a homeowner receives funds in exchange for granting a third party a future interest in their home's appreciation, equity, or value.

However, unfair and deceptive marketing in this industry can make it unclear that those who sign these agreements may have to pay back far more than they originally agreed to, causing even further financial

hardship.

That is why I am leading a bipartisan group of legislators in introducing [H.B. 2120](#) to require that Shared Appreciation Agreements meet the same safeguards that apply to mortgages and other home-secured financial instruments.

These protections would ensure that consumers are provided with disclosure requirements, foreclosure safeguards, and remedies for violations before they put pen to paper and approve their agreement.

Homeowners should be provided with trustworthy, honest language before they commit to an agreement that affects ownership of their home. This legislation would ensure that consumers better understand a financial transaction affecting what is often their most valuable financial asset, their home.



State Senator LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS

38th Senatorial District



Senator Lindsey Williams' office is partnering with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program again this year to help schedule tax preparation appointments for Shaler Undercliff Fire Department and Ross Township Community Center. Appointments begin the first week in February and run through early April at both locations.

This program provides free, in-person tax preparation by IRS-certified tax preparers who understand the needs of older adults. Tax preparation is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required. Volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year. Your taxes will be electronically filed with the IRS.

To schedule your free tax preparation appointment with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program, please call our office at 412-364-0469.

Save the date for our next free paper shredding event on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Shaler Area High School front parking lot. Participants are limited to two boxes or bags per car. Paper only, please—no metal fasteners or plastic bindings.



Please call or email our office with any questions. Our phone number is 412-364-0469. Our email address is SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com. We look forward to helping you in the new year!

To stay up to date with Harrisburg activities and upcoming events, please subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Subscribe.



CONGRESSMAN CHRIS DELUZIO

Pennsylvania's 17th District

Lowering Healthcare Costs



I recently voted to lower healthcare costs by extending Affordable Care Act (ACA) healthcare tax credits. The bill passed the U.S. House with votes from both Democrats and Republicans.

It's a big win in the fight to lower healthcare costs. But the fight isn't won yet—the Senate needs to take this bill up ASAP.



Western Pennsylvanians are already staring down budget-crushing increases in their health insurance premiums. We're talking an average *monthly* increase of \$125 in Allegheny County. The typical 60-year-

old couple earning about \$85,000 a year is expected to see *annual* premiums rise 274%, or \$19,279.

Facing that kind of price hike, it's no surprise that [people are deciding to drop their healthcare coverage](#) and risk bankruptcy from an unlucky illness or a hospital stay.

We did our job in the House to stop this disaster. Now it's up to the Senate—and the President—to do their jobs and stop folks from getting pummeled by healthcare costs.

Want to learn more about my work in Congress? Sign up for my e-newsletter at <https://deluzio.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>, or follow me on [Facebook at @RepChrisDeluzio](#), [YouTube at @Rep.ChrisDeluzio](#), or other channels [Instagram](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Threads](#), and [Bluesky](#) at @RepDeluzio.

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio



Jeremy Shaffer



Strengthening Pennsylvania's Transportation Future

Every road we drive and every bridge we cross connects families, supports local businesses and keeps our communities moving forward.

I'm honored to join the state House Transportation Committee, where I'll bring my engineering background and years of experience improving bridge and road safety to strengthen Pennsylvania's transportation network.



Working in a bipartisan manner, I'm committed to finding practical solutions to keep our roads safe, support economic growth and prepare our trans-

portation network for years to come. Having a strong transportation system isn't a partisan issue; it's just good, commonsense governance.

While this committee doesn't control or approve individual local projects, I'll advocate for policies that make responsible use of taxpayer dollars to invest in safe roads, modern bridges and reliable public transit systems that keep our communities connected and our economy moving.

It may feel like a bumpy road, or just like hitting a pothole, but Pennsylvania can be a leader in transportation. I know this having spent years working on national and international transportation committees.

I also appreciate any comments or suggestions on how we strengthen Pennsylvania's transportation infrastructure. Please feel free to share them with me at jshaffer@pahousegop.com.

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