

# FREE The Hampton News

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## Unleashing Honorary Talbot

by Laurie Rizzo

The Hampton community came together once again for one of its most beloved traditions. The annual Honorary Talbot Dog Contest, a spirited fundraiser hosted by Central Elementary's PTO. Named after Talbot, the school's cherished mascot, the contest invited students from each school

to nominate their canine companions for a chance to earn the coveted title of Honorary Talbot Dog.

This year's contest wagged its way through two rounds of voting. From September 30 to October 2, students cast their votes within their schools to deter-

mine individual winners. Then, on October 3, the excitement continued at the Hampton tailgate, where voting restarted from scratch between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m., giving the entire community a chance to rally behind their favorite furry finalists.

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The overall Talbot mascot winner is Bella, a gentle 4-year-old Red Labrador owned by Paul, Katy, Domenica & Francesca Rusilko

### Costumes, Parades and Hayrides, Oh My!

by Laurie Rizzo

Hampton Township came alive with Halloween magic on Saturday, October 25, as 270 children and their families gathered for an afternoon of festive celebration and spooky fun. With D.J. Rick spinning seasonal classics like "Monster Mash" at just the right moments, the park pulsed with excitement. The grounds were transformed into a Hal-

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### Marching Band Shines in Regional Competition

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Early each August, Hampton residents receive a sure sign that a new school year is set to begin as breezes carry the sounds of the HHS marching band rehearsing a new program. This year was no different, as band camp got underway and over 150 high schoolers assembled to step off on a seasonal journey that, this year, would take them into new territory. For

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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 9/9/2025—10/17/2025:

### Stolen Vehicle

On 10/12/25, while on patrol, an officer identified a stolen motorcycle out of Wilksburg Borough. The Wilksburg Police was notified, and the motorcycle was transported to the Hampton Police Station.

### Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances

On 10/6/25, HTP officers responded to Meadow Crest Dr. for a report of shots fired. While on the scene, officers heard a gunshot and were able to locate two males wearing orange vests on holding what appeared to be shot guns in their hands. The men said they were hunting squirrels. The officers confirmed that it was indeed small game season, and that the hunters were well outside the required safety distance. There was no hunting violations observed, and the officers cleared the scene.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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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**Honorary Talbot** (Continued from page 1)

The school winners:

- Central Elementary: *Sunny*, a spirited 2-year-old German Shorthair Pointer owned by Grey Kraymer & Family;
- Poff Elementary: *Louis*, an energetic 11-month-old Weimaraner owned by Nate, Melissa, Quinn & Carter Henry;
- Middle School: *Maple*, a lovable 1-year-old Bernedoodle owned by Terra, Seraphina, Benjamin, Alexander & Zachary Heffley;
- Wyland Elementary (Overall Winner): *Bella*, a gentle 4-year-old Red Labrador owned by Paul, Katy, Domenica & Francesca Rusilko.

Bella's tail-wagging charm and community support

earned her the top honor, following in the pawprints of last year's winner, Zoey Vida.

Thanks to the generosity of families, students, and staff, the contest raised an impressive \$5,380. Of that, \$4,293 will directly benefit Hampton schools' PTOs, supporting enrichment programs and classroom initiatives. An additional

\$1,087 was donated to Hampton Township's Odyssey of the Mind, fueling creativity and problem-solving for local students.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Christy Zelch and Hilary Garbon, whose coordination and dedication made the event seamless from start to finish.



*Sunny: Central Elementary Winner*



*Maple: Middle School Winner*



*Louis: Poff Elementary Winner*



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**Please note:** *Thanksgiving Holiday Hours: The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and be closed through Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>. The staff wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!*

### What a Wonder-Fall World! Drop-in Storytime!

Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to celebrate discovery as we interact with our environment. All ages and abilities welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide!

### Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays \*

**Now through Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

### Dungeons and Dragons Pick-Up Game

**Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> starting @1:00 p.m.**

Calling all Gamers! Dust off your dice & get ready for new adventures! We are excited to announce our fall DnD Pickup

Sessions. Experienced players, newbies & curious fans are all welcome. The program will run from 1:00pm-3:00pm\*with option to extend the game until 4:00. This program is for players ages 11-17.

### Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30 p.m.

***The Zig Zag Girl*, by Elly Griffiths**

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

### Betty’s Book Buzz Discussion Group

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.**

***The Women*, by Kristen Hannah**

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!

### News and Views! First Fridays!

**Fridays, November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**New members are always welcome!**

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## Hampton and Aquinas Students Connect Over Chess

by Laurie Rizzo

Chess teams from Hampton High School and Aquinas Academy recently gathered for a friendly practice session after school at Aquinas. A rare opportunity in a league where most matches are virtual. With busy student schedules and limited travel windows, coaches Cathy Seluga (HHS) and Michael Burchill (Aquinas) saw this meetup as a meaningful way to strengthen the local chess community.



“Meeting in person helps students exchange ideas, cheer each other on, and maybe even form friendships,” said Seluga. “It turns chess from a solo pursuit into something communal. That sense of

belonging is especially important during the teen years.”

Hampton’s team is newly formed, having launched in December 2024. Despite their youth, they’re already making waves, thanks in part to standout players Luke Martin, a 2025 Outstanding Young Citizen Awardee and Ben Lin, a state champion who leads the Hampton Community Library’s Chess Club.

Coach Burchill emphasized the life lessons embedded in the

game: “Chess teaches patience, courage, and sportsmanship. We want our students to persevere in creative thinking to achieve their goals.”

Aquinas brings experience to the board, with 11 seniors anchoring what Burchill believes is their strongest team since joining the Western PA Interscholastic Chess League in 2019. The league’s season runs December through February, with playoffs in spring.

Both schools plan to continue their collaboration, with Hampton set to host the next joint practice. As Seluga noted, “Peer-to-peer matches build encouragement and the students enjoyed it so much, we can’t wait to do it again.”



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## Band Competition

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the first time ever, a Hampton band would be competing in the most prestigious and demanding marching band circuit in the nation, the Bands of America (BOA) Championships.

Led by band director Chad Himmler, who is no stranger to creating "firsts" within Hampton's music program, the group performed in Columbus at the BOA Central Ohio Regional in late September, where they competed alongside 22 other schools on the field of a 22,000-seat professional sports stadium. To call their experience successful is, at best, an understatement. In their first competition at this level, they not only advanced from the Preliminary round to the Finals round where they earned a 9th-place finish, they did so with grace, integrity, and class.

"We received praise from BOA officials all day long," Chad reports, "not only about our students' performance, but also about their character and mature sportsmanship. They cheered enthusiastically for [eventual winners], the Kiski Area Marching Band," he shares proudly, adding,



"They stayed [very late] to watch Kiski perform a winner's encore, demonstrating impeccable sportsmanship and respect for a neighboring local school district."

As newcomers, the students may have felt like underdogs, but they surely came away winners. When their buses turned into the HHS lots at 4 a.m. the next day, the exhausted but gleeful group carried a trophy whose brilliance was outshone only by the pride they brought to Hampton.

**Sidenote:** The Fall issue of *Hampton Magazine* will feature a more in-depth look at the band's experience at the BOA competition.

In addition, as *The Hampton News* was going to print, the band finished the season with their best-ever score (91.3) at the PIMBA championships, earning the bronze medal for the first time in school history. It's truly been an amazing year for the HHS Marching Band! Up next for the band is the Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade, scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

More photos from Brian Wallace can be found at [www.thehamptonnews.com](http://www.thehamptonnews.com).

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4400 Kilbert Drive	\$375,000	\$360,000	68
2895 Grandview Drive	\$329,000	\$326,000	47
3166 Morningside Drive	\$335,000	\$325,000	59
5103 Chalfant Lane	\$499,900	\$315,000	29
5113 Polo Fields Drive	\$320,000	\$315,000	53
5158 Polo Fields Drive	\$304,900	\$290,000	19
2579 Wickline Road	\$259,900	\$255,000	84
3180 Camberly Drive	\$225,000	\$230,000	8
3171 Cheltenham Court	\$199,000	\$192,000	12
2400 Linden Drive	\$179,900	\$190,694	139
4159 Wallace Road	\$117,500	\$105,000	57

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## HAEE's Celebration of Movement and Memory

by Laurie Rizzo

The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual HAEE 5K, held on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, was more than just a race. With over 300 runners, walkers, and supporters filling the course, the event pulsed with energy from start to finish. The Hampton Middle School band set the tone with a lively warm-up performance, and Jen Lavella got the crowd moving with stretching and lively heart pumping cardio moves. This year's logo, a vibrant and dynamic design, was created by Central Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grader Lila Zelch. Her artwork captured the spirit of movement and adorned race shirts, banners, and medals, earning smiles from participants and pride from her classmates.

Among the crowd stood Betty Onik, mother of the late Emily Onik, a beloved Hampton High School health and physical education teacher who passed away in October 2024 from ALS. The poster of Emily captured more than her image; it captured a feeling that you could hear her laugh ringing out and touched lives.

Allison Mitchell, a proud Hampton alumna and the overall winner of the race, was among those deeply moved. Allison approached Betty with a heartfelt story that left a lasting impression. Allison recounted her journey from a freshman in Ms. Onik's Wellness 1 class to a certified Exercise Physiologist and marathon runner. "Ms. Onik taught me

that movement is medicine," Allison shared. "She believed in me before I believed in myself. When I run, I carry her with me." Allison's story is a testament to the ripple effect of great teaching. Her goal to qualify for the Olympic Trials in the marathon is not just a personal milestone, it's a tribute to the teacher who first lit the spark, Emily Onik.

Looking ahead, the HAEE 5K continues to be a cornerstone of community fundraising, supporting innovation and excellence in Hampton schools. The next HAEE event, *The Heart of Hampton*, is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Wildwood Country Club. Organizers promise an evening of celebration, remembrance, and renewed commitment to the educators and students who make Hampton shine.



Left: After crossing the finish line, Allison Mitchell and Betty Onik held close a photo of Emily Onik, whose spirit carried them through every step. A race won and a legacy cherished.

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## A Walk Through Pittsburgh's Baseball Past

by Brett Burkhardt

Pittsburgh native and published author Mark Fatla embarked on his journey of documenting the history of the Pittsburgh ballparks during and after the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020. A retired attorney, Mark decided to fill his time by pursuing one of his greatest passions: the history of baseball in the city of Pittsburgh. He did just that, and three years later, in 2023, went on to publish his first book *Pittsburgh's Historic Ballparks*.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the anniversary of Pirates' legend Bill Mazeroski's game winning walk-off home run in game 7 of the World Series, Mark filled the Hampton Community Center with 18 likeminded Hampton residents to take them on an insightful journey of the history of Pittsburgh's ballparks. Complete with historic memorabilia and even peanuts and Cracker Jack, the presentation began with a review of Mazeroski's home run. Using unique storytelling capabilities accompanied by baseball facts and personal stories, Mark went



on to paint a vivid imagery of baseball in Pittsburgh in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Mark then told the story of nine baseball stadiums that were born in Pittsburgh, the most well known including Forbes Field, Three Rivers Stadium, and PNC Park, while also detailing insightful stories about lesser known parks such as Exposition Park and Recreation Park. Fatla also recalled the history of three original baseball stadiums used by the Negro Leagues in Pittsburgh's Hill District neighborhood in the early 1900's including Central Park and Greenlee Field.

Mark outlined facts about Pittsburgh teams that he's uncovered through his own research, such as how the Pirates got their team name. Formerly known as "The Alleghenys," the modern day Pirates earned their handle after signing a second baseman from a Philadelphia team and offering him more money than

Philly did when he was left out of their program by a typo error. The Philadelphia team said, "you people are not acting like upstanding baseball team owners, you're acting like pirates!" Hence, the team name was born.

Mark says the reason for his journey through Pitts-

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## Fearless Female Empowers Young Women at Hampton Seminar

by Laurie Rizzo

On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, nearly 20 young women gathered at the Hampton Community Center for a powerful 90-minute introductory seminar led by Lisa Johnson, founder of Fearless Female. Created in 2015 after a personal tragedy, the program blends martial arts expertise with hands-on safety and escape techniques to help women protect themselves.

Lisa, a registered nurse specializing in women's health since 1994 and a certified Rape Aggression Defense instructor, brings both compassion and skill to her mission. The seminar emphasized awareness, avoidance, and escape strategies in a safe, engaging environment.



Lisa Johnson, Heather Metallo, and a Hampton resident participating in the seminar.

Fearless Female offers courses for ages 8 and up, encouraging early education and annual refreshers—just like CPR. With over 6,000 women and girls trained across Pennsylvania and Florida, the program continues to grow through partnerships with parks departments, corporations, and community groups.

Participants often share how the training could have changed past experiences, and many return to refresh their skills. Fearless Female remains committed to empowering women one seminar at a time. You can learn more about Fearless Female and all their safety offerings at [www.fearlessfemale.net](http://www.fearlessfemale.net).

### Pittsburgh Baseball

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burgh's rich sports history began when he was walking to the ballgame himself one day from his historic Victorian style home on Beech Avenue, just a few blocks from the modern day North Shore. Mark says, "the guys who lived here in the 1800's were [probably] walking to ballgames also, which got me to thinking; how was our experience similar and different?" That question sparked a fire in Mark so bright that he has since dedicated his life to uncovering the hidden mysteries in the rich history of baseball and other sports in Pittsburgh. For more information on Mark Fatla and his Pittsburgh sports knowledge, you can purchase either of his two books online, *Pittsburgh's Historic Stadiums and Arenas* or *Pittsburgh's Historic Ballparks*.

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## Police Log Disabled Vehicle

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On 10/2/25, HTP, Hampton Fire and Shaler/ Hampton EMS were dispatched to 4566 William Flinn Hwy. for a two-vehicle accident with injuries. One individual was evaluated by EMS and refused transport and Fire units contained MS4 material. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

On 10/17/25, HTP responded to Ferguson Rd for a disabled delivery van sitting on the roadway blocking one lane of travel. The rear bumper of the vehicle was dug into the road while the front end was still in a driveway. A towing company was notified and responded to the scene for the replacement of the van.

## Vehicle Accident

On 10/3/2025, HTP officers responded to the area of William Flinn Hwy. and McCully Rd. for a two-vehicle accident. Both drivers claimed minor injuries and were evaluated by members of Shaler/ Hampton EMS. However, both drivers refused transport to a medical facility. MS4 materials were cleaned up by members of Hampton VFD. Both units were towed from the scene.

## Water Main Break

On 10/6/25, HTP assisted Shaler Hampton Water Authority with a water

main break at the intersection on Royal View Dr. and Orchard View Dr.

## Scam

### This Isn't Your Pal, It's a Phish

In this week's scam, cybercriminals are using a clever trick that makes their phishing emails seem more real than ever. You receive an email from a real PayPal email address. The email contains an invoice for a large purchase you did not make, and a phone number for you to call if you want to dispute the charge. Even though the email comes from a real PayPal email address, this is a scam.

Cybercriminals create a PayPal account and use it to send you a fake payment invoice. The email you receive is real, but the invoice is not, and if you call the phone number in the email, you will not be connected to PayPal's support team. Instead, your call will be answered by a cybercriminal who will pretend to work for PayPal support. They will try to trick you into giving them your credit card information for a "refund," or trick you into paying a fee to fix your account! Follow these tips to avoid falling for this phishing scam:

- If you receive an unexpected PayPal invoice, log in to your account on the official website or app to verify if it is legitimate.
- Remember to be wary of unusual emails, even if they come from what ap-

pears to be a genuine email address. Be suspicious of any unexpected bill or urgent request for money.

- Don't call the phone number listed in a suspicious email. If you have any questions or concerns, always use the official customer support number on the organization's real website.

## Library

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### Cooks-N-Books:

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>, (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Teatime Tuesday!

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 *Teatime*-think mini sandwiches, scones, desserts, quiches and more. 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.

**"For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbours and laugh at them in our turn?" - *Pride and Prejudice*, 1813**

### A Jane Austen Affair

Thursday, November 6th @ 5:30p.m.

What could be more fun than merging Jane Austen with tabletop role play games! Our fantastic Game Master, Erin, will lead us through the charm and intrigue of a game set in the world of Jane Austen. Gameplay lasts approx. 1 hour. Dressing up is encouraged as well as snacks! (BYOB \$5.00 corkage fee). Registration appreciated. This event is for adults ages 21+

### Eyeglasses Drop Box

Did you know that the Elfinwild Lions Club sponsors a collection box for used eyeglasses? Drop off eye wear donations in the library & help someone in the North Hills Community see the bright world around them!

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***

### KPop into the New Year!

January 2, 2026 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

2025 is *done, done, done* and 2026 has just begun! Join us for our first ever KPop watch party! We will be sealing the Honmoon by singing, dancing and watching the movie. Are you team Huntrxx or Saja Boys? Dress as your favorite character, fan or demon! \$2 registration fee. Ages 7-11.



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**Halloween Celebration**

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loween wonderland with pumpkins and the costumes dazzled in every direction. Special guests from the Steel City Ghostbusters roamed in full gear, delighting kids and adults. Families climbed aboard hayrides for a journey through a spookily decorated trail, brought to life by the creative efforts of the township's Public Works Department.

Among the day's many highlights were a spirited costume parade and a Build-A-Bear raffle that added a dash of anticipation. The excitement peaked during the costume contest, where Miss Pittsburgh, Isabella Porta, took the microphone to announce the winners, bringing cheers and applause from the crowd.

The Roaming Bean Coffee Truck kept parents and volunteers fueled with hot and cold beverages, while a festive photo booth offered guests a keepsake snapshot to remember the day.

The event's success was made possible by the generous sup-

port of Hampton Eat'n Park, who donated delicious cookies, and Resnick Roofing, who contributed a monetary donation. First responders, police officers, social workers, the volunteer fire department, and Shaler/Hampton EMS handed out treats and shared smiles throughout the day.

One thing was clear, Hampton Township knows how to celebrate together. This Halloween gathering wasn't just about costumes and candy; it was a reminder of the spirit, kindness, and creativity that make this community so special. Until next year, Hampton, stay spooky, stay kind, and keep the magic alive.

*More photos on page 15 and on [www.thehamptonnews.com](http://www.thehamptonnews.com)*

*Pumpkin carving winners left to right:*

*1<sup>st</sup> Place - Angela Tuminello, Wicked For Good Pumpkin*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jamie Gendler, Audrey II from Little Shop of Horrors*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Carolyn Doyle, Pumpkin-Eyed Monster*



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Halloween celebration at the park

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## Current Events

### “Death by Chocolate” Hits the Stage at HHS

by Jenn Edmonds

‘Tis the season for sweets and there is no better way to kick it off than to see the Hampton High School Drama Club production of their fall play “Death by Chocolate.” Student Directors Ashley Kimmell and Sara Miller chose this hilarious murder mystery which is fun for the whole family.

The show begins with health resort owner Henry Meadowbrook’s murder that is covered up as a suicide. Lady Riverdale, chocolate company owner, takes over and puts her new resort manager John Stone in charge. It’s business as usual until some of the staff are found dead, coincidentally after eating chocolate. Enter the quirky playwright Ed Parlor who wanted inspiration for his play, but helps John Stone to solve the case of *death by chocolate*.

Come and support the talented students behind this student-run production on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> in the Hampton High School Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.



## A Ghostly Good Time at HMS

by Jenn Edmonds

Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice! Say it three times and the musical *Beetlejuice, Jr.* will take the stage in the Hampton Middle School Auditorium on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Just under 100 middle schoolers make up the cast, crew, and orchestra pit as part of the Hampton Middle School Drama Department

*Beetlejuice Jr.* is about life, friendship, and finding your place in the world—even in the afterlife! When a young couple finds themselves as ghosts in their own home, they try to scare away the new family that moves in. But things take a crazy turn when they call on Beetlejuice, a quirky and mischievous ghost with a flair for trouble.

Come and experience the catchy songs, spooky staging, silly scares, and lots of laughs. “This production features so much talent, and the directors are incredibly proud of all the students and the hard work they’ve put in to make the show a success,” said Director Greg Shumaker.

Reserved or general admission tickets can be purchased online at <https://sites.google.com/ht-sd.org/hms-drama/tickets> or tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 the day of the show.

### Hampton Heroes Veterans Recognition Event

November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. Fridley Field



### North Park Arts & Craft Market

Celebrate creativity and conservation at the Friends of North Park Arts & Craft Market, happening Friday, November 28, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rose Barn in North Park, located on Pearce Mill Road across the road from the Boathouse. Discover one-of-a-kind gifts handcrafted by local artists—just in time for the holiday season! All proceeds support the planting of specimen trees in the North Park Arboretum, helping our community bloom for generations to come.

### Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Rich Condon presents “The Rebels Are Coming: The Department of the Monongahela.”  
Monday, November 17 at 7 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 3200 Lochner Way, Allison Park. Presentation is free and open to the public.

### PINK SATURDAY

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## Aquinas Students Honored by National Merit Program

Four Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh students have earned recognition by the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP) for their high scores on their junior year PSAT Exams. Alexander Beaven, Henry Buchanan, Luke, and Felicity obtained Commended status with scores among the top 50,000 (top 2%) of juniors who tested in the fall of 2024.

"NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 280 business organizations, higher education institutions, and individual donors that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence."



Halloween celebration at the park

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## Volunteer Fire Department

### Monthly Summary: September 1—30, 2025

Throughout the month of August, the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department responded to a wide range of calls, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

From emergency medical responses to fire alarms and public assistance, every call represents a moment when our volunteers stepped forward to protect lives and property.

We extend our gratitude to the firefighters and support personnel whose dedication continues to make Hampton a safer place for all.

#### September - 40 calls

Electrical Incident	1
EMS assist	1
Rescue	1
CO incident	2
Fire, structure	3
Gas leak	4
Motor vehicle, rescue / extrication	4
Police assist	4
Smoke / Odor investigation	5
False alarm	6
Motor vehicle, accident clean-up	9

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

#### Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department

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##### Station 2

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##### Station 3

2536 Duncan Ave.  
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### \$3 Million Lottery Ticket Sold Locally

A Pennsylvania Lottery scratch-off ticket worth a staggering \$3 million was recently sold at the Shop 'n Save located in Richland Plaza. The winning ticket came from the popular "\$3,000,000 Golden Ticket" game, which costs \$30 to play.

As a reward for selling the lucky ticket, Shop 'n Save will receive a \$10,000 bonus from the Pennsylvania Lottery.

In its official announcement, the Lottery emphasized the randomness of scratch-off distribution:

*"Scratch-Offs are distributed at random, meaning the PA Lottery and its retailers do not know where the winning tickets will be sold. The Lottery learns where winning tickets are sold only after a prize has been claimed."*

*Right: Learning safety starts young! A bright moment from Home Depot's Fire Prevention month event, where even the littlest visitors got hands-on with fire safety fun!*



Volunteer fire fighters' festivities for October's Fire Prevention month



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# Shopping with Hampton's Heroes

by Laurie Rizzo

This holiday season, Hampton Township is lighting up with generosity and heroism. Thanks to the vision of Senior Police Social Worker Angela Kenbok, a new initiative called **Shopping with Hampton's Heroes** is inviting our community to come together in support of children who need a little extra cheer.

Angela, inspired by the compassion of our local first responders, wanted to connect kids in need with the everyday heroes who serve our town-police officers, paramedics, and firefighters. Her idea? A joyful shopping experience where selected children get to spend time with a first responder and pick out gifts just for themselves.



On a designated day this holiday season, several children will be paired with a Hampton police officer, EMT, or firefighter for a 30-minute shopping spree at Walmart, which is generously sponsoring part of the event. The children will shop for toys, clothes, arts and crafts, and other items that bring them joy. This is a chance for them to feel celebrated and supported.

The program is focused on children in Hampton Township who are facing financial hardship or a challenging living condition.

If you know a child (ages 5-18) or family who could benefit from this experience, please reach out to Angela (email: [angela.kenbok@hampton-pa.org](mailto:angela.kenbok@hampton-pa.org)) and include a brief note about why the child would benefit from participating.

**The deadline to nominate is Friday, November 14 at 5 PM.**

To make a monetary donation, visit [nhco.org/hampton](http://nhco.org/hampton). All donations go directly to Hampton Social Services, which partners with North Hills Community Outreach to ensure every gift reaches a child in Hampton who truly needs it.

Let's come together as neighbors, friends, and community members to make sure no child feels forgotten this holiday season. Whether you donate, nominate, or simply spread the word, your kindness will help light up a child's world. Hampton Heroes are ready. Let's join them!



## Fries with the Force

Come Join Hampton Police Officers & Social Workers at McDonalds!

Nov. 5th

Allison Park McDonalds  
4618 William Flinn Hwy.  
4:30-6:30 PM

### HAMPTON SOCIAL SERVICES GIVING TREE

Located at the Hampton Community Center

Scan the QR code to view the Social Services Amazon Holiday Wish List.

All donated items go directly to kiddos within the Township of Hampton Community.

Gifts & Donations Due by Monday, December 8th!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Hampton Township Community's Santa's Sparktacular

Mark your calendars for a magical evening in Hampton Township as Santa Claus makes a grand entrance with the help of the Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. This annual event promises festive fun for the whole family, with heartwarming traditions, dazzling entertainment, and community spirit on full display.

#### Food Trucks & Festivities Begin at 6:30 p.m.

Come hungry! Starting at 6:30 p.m., enjoy delicious bites from: Revival Chili, Los Gallitos Taqueria, and Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck.

#### Premier Dance Academy Performance at 6:45 p.m.

Don't miss a special performance by Premier Dance Academy showcasing local talent and holiday flair.

#### Fireworks & Santa's Arrival

As the night unfolds, prepare for a fireworks display that lights up the sky, followed by Santa and Rudolph's festive arrival—an unforgettable moment for kids and grown-ups alike.

#### Inside the Community Center

Warm up indoors and explore a variety of local vendors: Allusion Brewery, Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery and Wines of America. Sip, shop, and celebrate while enjoying a historical display from the Depreciation Lands Museum, offering a glimpse into Hampton's rich past.

#### Giving Back with Hampton Police Social Services

The Hampton Police Social Services Department will host a booth accepting donations of gift cards and toys to support Hampton families in need. It's a wonderful opportunity to spread kindness and make the season brighter for others.

#### Photos with Santa

Capture the joy of the season with complimentary photos with Santa, courtesy of The Rachael Schafer Team from Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate. Whether you're young or young at heart, it's the perfect chance to share your wish list and snap a keepsake photo.

Whether you're coming for the food, the fireworks, or the festive cheer, this community celebration is sure to be a highlight of the holiday season. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors—and let the magic begin!

#### Warm Up with Community Connections

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

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SEPTEMBER 2025

# MONTH IN REVIEW

**CALLS by COMMUNITY**



ETNA

56

HAMPTON

142

SHALER

192

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40

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**Rep. Arvind Venkat**

30<sup>th</sup> District  
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## Regulating Artificial Intelligence Usage in Health Care

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

As an ER physician, I have already seen how artificial intelligence, or AI, has impacted health care in Pennsylvania, where it is used for patient care, billing, research and more. Despite the promise of AI, it is crucial that Pennsylvanians can trust that it is being used effectively and ethically by insurers, hospitals and clinicians.

This is why I introduced bipartisan legislation (H.B. 1925) that would enact common-sense regulations on AI use in our health care system. It is vital that patients know how and when AI is used in their care, and this legislation would require hospitals, clinicians and insurers to docu-

ment that information.

While technology can assist with assessments, the best way to make a diagnosis is to meet with the patient and understand what is affecting them. This bill would ensure clinicians are not over-reliant on AI by requiring a human decision-maker to make final decisions based on an individualized assessment whenever AI is used in treatment or insurance review.

We have already seen that AI can reinforce preexisting biases and discrimination in the health care system. This legislation would require providers and insurers to report how bias and discrimination -- already prohibited by state law -- have been minimized in their use of AI and how those determinations were made.

We are living through a moment of significant technological change due to AI. It is important that we act now so that this developing technology can support Pennsylvanians while being used responsibly.



State Senator  
**LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS**  
38th Senatorial District



As the Pennsylvania State budget impasse enters its fifth month, I'm continuing to fight for a budget that fully funds the needs of Pennsylvanians.

I hear from my constituents and from people and organizations across Pennsylvania about the pain that this late budget is causing them daily. People are losing their jobs, rape crisis centers are shutting down, foster parents aren't getting paid, senior centers are closing, children aren't receiving the services they need to thrive, all because Pennsylvania has not passed a budget. I have [shared some of those stories](#) on the Senate floor over the two months. Our counties, human service agencies, non-profits, child-

care centers, and schools should not have to borrow the money that the Legislature was constitutionally obligated to provide them back in June. They should not have to drain their reserves or take out loans that require interest payments.

That's why I've introduced legislation to pay off interest accrued on any loan taken out by an entity that receives state funding that was forced to take out a loan during the budget impasse. This includes counties, human service agencies, non-profit agencies, childcare centers, and schools that have been forced to take on additional debt to stay open and continue providing necessary services.

This legislation attempts to make these entities whole for money that they never should have had to borrow in the first place.

In light of the increased need caused by the federal government shutdown, my office is holding a food drive to benefit the North Hills Community Outreach food pantry. Donations of non-perishable items are welcome at our McKnight Road office through December 1!



CONGRESSMAN  
**CHRIS DELUZIO**

Pennsylvania's 17th District

### An Update from Congressman Chris Deluzio



#### Money back in your pocket

Since taking office in January 2023, my team of constituent caseworkers has been firing on all cylinders to make life better for all of us—it's a big part of why I'm in this job. And it's paying off.

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or getting the tax refund that you're owed—my team is hard at work to serve you.

More than 32 months in office, and my team has closed more than 3,000 constituent cases—putting money back in your pockets, totaling more than \$10.1 million dollars. One of those closed cases was for Mary in Shaler. Watch Mary's story to learn about how my office helped get her back on disability benefits.

**We're not slowing down.** I've got district offices in Carnegie, Center Township, and Penn Hills, and my team stands ready to help. **Give us a call at (412) 344-5583.**

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio, Member of Congress





## Jeremy Shaffer



### Property Tax/Rent Rebates: Apply with Help from My Office

I'm proud to say my district office serves as your local connection to state government, helping with a wide range of programs and services. One of the most common topics we're asked about is the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) Program, which offers vital financial relief to seniors and people with disabilities.

This year, more residents qualify for the program because income limits increased to \$46,520 for both homeowners and renters. Applicants should exclude half of their Social Security income when determining eligibility.

The program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18

years and older. I encourage all to apply if you think you may qualify. The maximum standard rebate is \$1,000.

The Hampton Township School District provides additional relief for residents in the district through its own PTRR program. While the district program follows many of the state guidelines, renters are not eligible, and the income limit is \$36,000 (with half of Social Security income excluded). Therefore, some residents will qualify for the Pennsylvania program, but not the Hampton program.

No one needs to pay for assistance to apply for either of the rebates. My office is here to help! You can call my Wexford Office, located at 5500 Brooktree Road, Suite 100, at 412-369-2230, or my Gibsonia Office, located at 4411 Gibsonia Road, Suite 2, at 724-939-6265. Both locations are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Help Wanted

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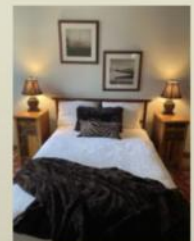
### Halloween celebration at the park



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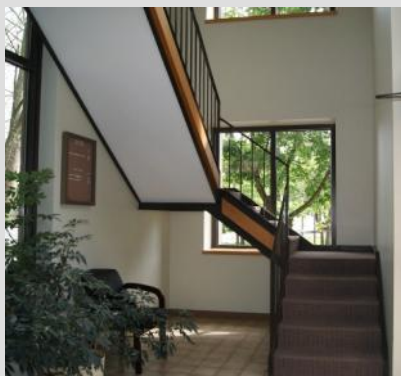
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