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Trivia Night Unites Community with Spirited Competition

by Laurie Rizzo

The “Sip Tap Crew” team proved they were far from the weakest link during trivia night, taking home 1st place with humility and camaraderie. Kim Roderick shared, “We are a team of old and new friends

from varied backgrounds, but all have a thirst for new knowledge and experience.” Celebrating its 13th year, the annual event took place on Saturday, March 21st, hosted by Suzanna Krispli, librarian at the

Hampton Community Center, and her dedicated staff. Seventeen pre-registered teams participated in this wonderful fundraiser benefiting the library.

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2025 Hampton Library Trivia Winners left to right: “Sip Tap Crew”: Ed and Marilyn Adams, Kim and Bill Roderick, Mary Lynn and Ron Donatelli, Crisey and Dan Synan, Maureen and Jim Weinheimer.

Exclusive Showings for Senior Citizens of *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

Hampton High School invites senior citizens to special performances of its musical production, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*. These FREE SHOWS, exclusively for seniors aged 60 and above, will take place on Thursday, April 3rd, and Thursday, April 10th.

No advance tickets are required—simply arrive

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Rotary In Action

Hampton Township Municipal Manager Ryan Jeroski, pictured on page 8 loading milk, joined forces with fellow Hampton Rotarians to donate their time and \$10,000 toward purchasing and delivering fresh eggs, butter, milk, and cheese. These contributions supplemented the dry food distribution at the three North Hills Community Outreach food pantries. Since Thanksgiving, Hampton Rotary un-

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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 1/20/2025—3/11/2025:

Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances

On 3/4/2025, HTP were dispatched to 5048 William Flinn Hwy, for a report of two suspicious males that parked in the lot, put on masks and walked into the woods behind the business. Upon arrival, officers contacted the two males. The individuals stated that they had a truck breakdown on the PA Turnpike and were waiting on a tow for it and had parked in the lot since it was the closest parking lot to the truck. Both individuals were checked through the PENNDOT system, and one individual was taken into custody and handed over to the Butler County Sheriffs for transportation to the Butler County Jail on a Bench Warrant.

Disabled Vehicle

On 2/6/2025, HTP were dispatched to the area of Wildwood Road, near Venture Drive, for a report of a box truck that was blocking the roadway. Upon arrival, a box truck was found to be hung up on Gloria Drive. The vehicle was partially blocking Wildwood Road. Officers provided traffic control and diverted traffic until the vehicle was able to be maneuvered free from its position by the operator.

Vehicle Accident

On 2/10/2025, HTP were dispatched to Banks School Road near the railroad tracks for a one vehicle collision. Upon arrival, they observed one vehicle into a telephone pole and one operator out of the vehicle. The pole was sheared off in the middle and dangling over the roadway. Duquesne Light was immediately notified for an expedited response. The vehicle sustained disabling front end damage and had to be towed. Hampton Fire Police assisted with traffic control until Duquesne Light arrived on scene.

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Library News



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Spring is here and Hampton Community Library is here to brighten your days with exciting activities and events all season long.

Easter Holiday hours:

Saturday, April 12th CLOSED- it's the Easter Egg Hunt!

Good Friday, April 18th: CLOSED

Saturday, April 19th: 9AM – 1PM. Happy Spring!

It's a Wonder-full 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 *

starting now from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m.- "Stories & Songs" 10:45- "Investigate and Create"

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

Card Club! Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Adults! Join us Wednesday afternoons for a game of 500 Bid or something new! Come out and show your skill, teach someone a new game or just enjoy some time out with friends new and old!

News and Views! Fridays, April 4th, May 2nd @ 1:00 p.m. in the library.

This longtime discussion group is led by local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith--with a new format inviting members to participate as guest leaders the *First Friday* of the month. Discussion topics welcome from all. New members are welcome to come share-- or just listen.

Meet Me at the Movies! Tuesday, April 8th @ 1:00 P.M.

Join us for the movie that features the 16th President of the United States as he navigates through the Civil War. Movie will be in Great Room A of the Community Center. Visit the library for the title. Snacks are encouraged! No registration is necessary.

This is the Book Club You've Been Looking For!

Friday, April 11th @ 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Title: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

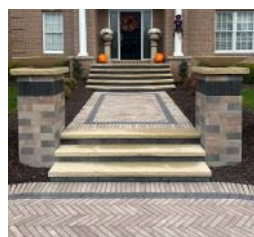
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Library

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Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion **Wednesday, April 16th @ 6:30 p.m.**

First Lie Wins, by Ashley Elston.

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, April 25th @ 1:00 p.m. Last Word, by Elly Griffiths.

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!

Cooks-N-Books: Spring Salads!

Thursday, April 24th, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for people who love to cook and make new friends! No real experience or culinary expertise is needed- just a desire to share recipes and food!!

We meet in the Adult Lounge in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

- 1) Check out a cookbook
- 2) Cook that dish and bring it to the group the evening of the discussion. Please bring a copy of the recipe as well.
- 3) Sample all of the amazing recipes!

Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

TRIVIA

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Marilyn and Ed Adams, veterans of the event since its inception, reflected on its growth and the joy of connecting with fellow Hampton residents and familiar faces. "We appreciate Suzanna and her team of judges and scorekeepers immensely. This event is something we look forward to every year," they said.

Trivia night was about more than winning and losing—it fostered a sense of community as attendees enjoyed snacks, beverages, and great company. However, in the final moments, competitiveness flared as longtime wrestling coach Dan Synan and former wrestling mom Crisey Synan helped lead their team to victory. Dan, a history channel enthusiast, answered the decisive question in the category: "Food That Built America". "Designed as a health tonic, what major beverage was created by Dr. John Pemberton?" The answer? Coca-Cola.

It was a night of friendly competition, learning, and a shared love for trivia.



Score keepers: Carrie McCarthy, Sheila Monarko, Sharon McRae, Nancy Rumon, Elaine and Joe Oesterle



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Local Caterer has Nonprofit, Unconventional Roots

All Proceeds from the Unconventional Kitchen Benefit a Local Nonprofit Organization

What's so unconventional about the Unconventional Kitchen? You can start with its location – a commercial kitchen in the former St. Louise Convent along McKnight Road. There, Chef Kevin Watson and his team turn out scratch made food and baked goods for gatherings



of all types, along with seasonal specials.

The Unconventional Kitchen was founded about three years ago as a way to give back to Vincentian, a local human services organization that has been serving the Pittsburgh community for

more than 100 years. All of the proceeds from sales go back to support Vincentian's mission of compassionate care to those in need.

A recently revamped bakery line offers homemade treats such as cherries jubilee cookies, ginger spice cupcakes, lemon poppyseed muffins, salted caramel pecan bars, peanut butter balls, and much more.

The kitchen also caters to groups of all sizes, from weddings to

baptisms, birthday parties, graduations, office gatherings, retirement parties and others. Recent seasonal specials have included a fish fry and St. Patrick's Day meals.

With a motto of "Eat Well. Give Back," customers of the Unconventional Kitchen know that every delicious order makes a difference in the lives of those served by Vincentian. Learn more about the kitchen and order today at unconventionalkitchen.us.



Vincentian coordinates a range of senior care, senior living, and childcare human services across Allegheny County, serving more than 2,000 people per year. The system traces its roots back to the 1924 dedication of Vincentian Home in McCandless. Founded in the Catholic tradition and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Vincentian welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds. Learn more at Vincentian.us

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Aquinas Academy Students Qualify for States at PJAS Region 7 Competition

Fifteen eighth grade students from Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh won awards at the Region 7 Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) Competition on Saturday, February 10 at Baldwin High School. Nine of the Aquinas students qualified for the state competition by earning a first place award.

"The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) is a statewide organization of junior and senior high school students designed to stimulate and promote interest in science among its members through the development of research projects and investigations." (PJAS website) Students can choose a project in one of thirteen categories. "The State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science is held each May at The Pennsylvania State University in University Park. All first award winners from Regional Meetings are eligible to compete at the State Meeting. Approximately

3,000 of the best and brightest science students from Pennsylvania's twelve separate PJAS regions descend upon State College each May to present their research." (PJAS website)

Aquinas first place award winners and state qualifiers include*: Elizabeth Austin, Elizabeth Bird, Silvia Grimm, Juliana Gruber, Amelia, Morgan Randall, Hadley Rouce (Perfect Score), and Daniel Yuo

Aquinas Second Place Award winners include*: Ava Best, Mary Grace Dolan, and Jack Leyenaar.

Three Aquinas students each won the Directors' Awards given by the PJAS Directors to the top project in each scientific category for each age group (Middle School or High School) within Region 7. Each Directors' Award came with a cash prize of \$100: Physics - Daniel Yuo, Behavioral Psychology - Hadley Rouce, Zoology - Elizabeth Bird.

Jeremiah Koenig won the Duane Keenan Award which is given out for excellence in Biochemistry, along with a \$50 cash prize.



left to right: Hadley Rouce, Elizabeth Bird, Jeremiah Koenig, and Daniel Yuo

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Rotary Club

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dertook this effort on sixteen occasions throughout the winter months.



Project Chair Hal English highlighted the community's generosity, contributing an additional \$1,294 through QR code donations, mailed checks to Hampton Rotary at PO Box 685, Allison Park, PA 15101, or cash donations from shoppers at the grocery store. These funds helped families in need

during a period of fluctuating grocery prices: butter rose from \$2.99 to \$3.75 per pound, mild sharp cheese increased from \$1.89 to \$2.09 per half-pound, 2% milk varied between \$4.45 and \$4.59 per gallon, and eggs soared from \$3.89 to \$5.97 per dozen.

The club's only fundraiser for this initiative and for scholarships is the July 4th Firecracker 5K race. Information about food donations, race sponsorships, or race registration can be found at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/>

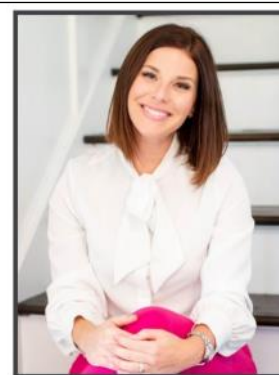
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4631 Hampton Valley Drive	\$460,000	\$464,000	14
4201 Tanglewood Drive	\$429,000	\$420,000	12
4235 El Rancho Drive	\$399,900	\$392,500	7
5128 Leroy Drive	\$355,000	\$385,000	6
5060 Hardt Road	\$385,000	\$380,000	52
4666 Sylvan Drive	\$397,000	\$380,000	155
5178 S Carterton Drive	\$325,000	\$340,116	78
2518 Hampton Avenue	\$339,000	\$318,500	45
5146 Virginia Drive	\$335,900	\$285,000	121
4350 Hemlock Circle	\$250,000	\$250,000	4
3917 Mount Royal Boulevard	\$239,999	\$245,000	53
2317 W Hardies Road	\$125,000	\$119,000	38

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Keep mosquitoes at bay. Having warmer weather and longer days means we're entering mosquito season. Take preventative measures by regularly checking your property for standing water and emptying it. Any open containers (empty flowerpots and saucers, a wheelbarrow) can become mosquito breeding grounds when filled with rainwater, so store items like these upside down or in a shed.

Also, Clean out trash cans and recycling bins.

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Marching Band Shines in Chicago

by Laurie Rizzo

It was a historic and exciting month for the Hampton High School Marching Band as 135 talented student musicians embarked on a trip to Chicago for the renowned St. Patrick's Day Parade. The performance was "Pinball Wizard" by the Who, which was also performed at Hampton Middle School on March 25th for a national conference, "League of Innovative Schools," which hosted over 200 people.

The parade weather cooperated beautifully, offering a perfect backdrop of sunny skies and mild 63-degree temperatures for their performance.

While the parade was a highlight, eleventh grader Jake Moser shared, "My favorite part of the trip was the dinner dance river cruise and spending time socializing with my friends."

Sophomore Logan Brady had a thrilling experience, saying, "Standing on the Ledge at the Willis Tower was scary, but fun at the same time." The Ledge, an all-glass platform jutting out from the building, offered a stunning view straight down 103 floors to the street below.

Accompanying the students were seven dedicated Hampton Band Association officers and seven staff members who ensured the smooth coordination of this trip. The band was led by Chad Himmler, a Hampton resident and esteemed band director who has proudly served in this role for the past 21 years.

Looking ahead, the Hampton High School Marching Band is awaiting school board approval for their next adventure: a trip to Orlando, Florida. With their dedication and enthusiasm, they're sure to make their mark wherever they go! What a remarkable journey for these young musicians and their inspiring leader. Here's to many more memorable performances!



More photos by Joe Suyama on www.thehamptonnews.com

Get Fit with a New Boot Camp Class!

Hampton Township is offering a new exercise class, Boot Camp for Adults, on Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, from 7-8pm in the Community Center. This intermediate level class is described as a high energy workout that incorporates both cardio & strength training to help burn calories & build muscle. Incorporates bodyweight exercises and aerobic movements in a structured format, such as circuits and stations through timed intervals. Instructor Jenny DeHart has over 12 years of experience teaching boot camps, body works plus abs, & HIIT classes.

This will be offered as walk-ins only at \$8 per class. Pay at the desk on way into class. There is a max is 18 and participation is first come, first served.

Police Log

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On 3/7/2025, HTP were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision on William Flinn Highway near Sheetz. Both operators were evaluated by Shaler Hampton EMS personnel and later transported to the hospital. Hampton Fire was on scene and assisting. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

On 3/10/2025, HTP were dispatched to the intersection of William Flinn Hwy. and Woodland Rd. for a two-vehicle accident. Shaler Hampton EMS transported one individual to the hospital. Hampton Fire units assisted with traffic control and MS4 clean-up. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

DUI Arrest

On 01/24/2025, HTP officers were dispatched to the area of Banks School Road for a single vehicle accident. The vehicle had disabling damage and was towed from the scene. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Wires and Poles

On 3/4/2025, HTP were dispatched to a report of downed wires on W. Hardies Rd. Upon arrival, Hampton Fire was already on scene and blocking the road and Duquesne Light had been notified. A utility pool along with wires were lying across the road.

Duquesne Light arrived and took control of the scene. All officers cleared.

On 3/11/2025, HTD of Public Works notified the HTPD that there was a tree lying on powerlines on S. Montour Rd. and was smoking. Upon arrival, officers observed Richland Fire on scene and blocking the roadway. Duquesne Light was notified to come out and remove the tree. Hampton Fire units brought barricades and closed S. Montour Rd. between Grandeur Drive and Wildwood Road.

Fire

On 3/9/2025, HTP were dispatched to Dollar General, 2412 Ferguson Road, for a report of smoke inside the building and a possible electric fire. Upon arrival, the Peebles Fire Department was on scene, and reporting there was an active fire inside the ceiling at the front of the store. Fire de-

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A Heartfelt Tribute to Hockey

by Laurie Rizzo

In the heart of our community lies a story that beautifully captures the spirit and dedication of the Hampton Ice Hockey (HIH) organization. This story not only reflects the organization's rich history but also serves as a beacon to inspire more Hampton Hockey Alumni to reconnect and get involved.

Last month, a serendipitous phone call brought a wave of nostalgia and heartfelt memories. Michael Hanes, a 1977 graduate from Hampton High School, reached out to the president of the Hampton Ice Hockey Association, Mike Stephenson, after finding his contact information on the team website. Michael, now residing in Long Island, NY, was deeply impressed by the website and the progress the organization has made over the years.

Hanes reminisced about the early days when his buddies on the team would wake up at the crack of dawn to practice in Kittanning. "Those were the days of dedication and passion, with practices starting as early as 6 a.m.," Hanes remarked. "Today, the team enjoys the convenience of practicing closer to home at Frozen Pond in Valencia, and thankfully, not at such early hours," joyfully expressed Meredith Stephenson, secretary for the HIH organization.

During the conversation between Hanes and Stephenson, Hanes shared some bittersweet news. Jack Harnick, one of the founding members and the first president of the HIH, passed away on December 30, 2024, at the age of 94. Jack's contributions to the HIH program were monumental, and his legacy inspires. In honor of Jack, HIH swiftly posted a tribute on the team Facebook page and website. The response from the alumni was overwhelming, with many sharing their fond memories and condolences. Ironically, Mr. Harnick passed away four days prior to the HIH alumni game. The organization hosts an annual event at the end of the year to help bridge a gap between current and former players.

"Although we never had the chance to meet Mr. Harnick, it is evident that he held the HIH program close to his heart. His dedication and love for the organization was highlighted in his

obituary, a testament to the impact he had on our community," the Stephensons shared. "As we reflect on our history and the incredible individuals who have shaped our organization, we invite all Hampton Hockey Alumni to reconnect with us on social media via Instagram or Facebook."

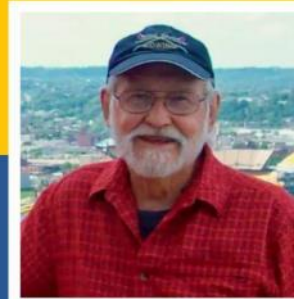
Any alumni who wants to connect with the program, email Mike Stephenson at hamptonhockeypresident@gmail.com

Your stories, memories, and involvement are invaluable as we continue to build on the legacy of HIH.

Let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright future together.

February 13, 1930 - December 30, 2024

In loving memory of
Jack R. Harnick



Jack Harnick helped start the Hampton Ice Hockey organization in the 1970s. He was also one of the first Presidents of the Hampton Ice Hockey organization and served as VP of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League. Jack passed away on Dec. 30, 2024 at the age of 94. Thank you, Jack, for your love of hockey and dedication to Hampton Hockey. You will be missed.

Ice Hockey Registration

Registration for the 2025-26 Hampton Ice Hockey season opens the week of April 21st. For more details, visit <https://hamptonicehockey.sportngin.com/>

Introducing the new varsity ice hockey coach, Zachary Kuhn! A Pittsburgh native from Plum, Zachary's hockey journey began with the Huskies and the Allegheny Badgers. He



captained his high school team in his senior year and pursued Actuarial Science at the University of Pittsburgh. At Pitt, he played for the Division 2 team, earning TSCHL All-Star honors and serving as team captain in his senior year.

Zachary's coaching career started with Shaler hockey, where he progressed from

assistant coach to head coach of the middle school team. Professionally, he works as an associate actuary at Highmark Health and has achieved the status of Associate of the Society of Actuaries.



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Coach on left - Mike Yurchick Coach on right - Todd Boslau

**The Wyland
4th Grade
Yoda**



The Oreos

Top L to R: Charlie Lamb, Oliver Gruber, Theo McKissock, Bottom L to R: Colin Masarik, Ben Dougherty, Emmett Youhouse, Paul Matvey Not pictured: Daniel Kiryakos
Coaches: Rick McKissock and Joe Dougherty



**Below
9 - 12th Grade
Undefeated 10 - 0**

Caleb Norris, Arie Vande Geest, Willy Hasselrig, Korbin Padilla -Lucas, James Pearl, Josh Kearn, Jake Lucas.

Coach Megan Lucas

Not pictured: Keegan Millea, Damien Millea and coach Sunny Lucas



**Above
The Yellowjackets
Girls Grades 3-5
Undefeated: 10 - 0**

Left to Right: Keira Pater, Samantha Murray, Jules Zhikharev, Natalie Mazzoni, Ruby Silianoff, Caroline Brier, Ella Henderson and Olivia Henderson

Head coach:
Darrin Henderson
Assistant coach:
Jessica Zhikharev





5th and 6th Grade Boys Team "Falcons"

From left to right:

Coach Brandon Walls, Brady Concan-
non, Hank Bagaley, Blake Fraunheim,
Logan Rampulla, Liam Arvay, Christo-
pher Hoffman, Noah Walls, Alex Ruffa,
Coach Adam Fraunheim

Not pictured:

Robert Anderson, Cole Armstrong



7th and 8th Grade Boys

Left to Right: Conner
Butler, Cole Butler,
I. Meier, Jeremy Ontko,
Naaman Wicks, Evan
Eastwood, Peter
Catone, Will Bucci

Hampton Townships Welcomes the British Swim School!

by Erin Bell

Introducing a fresh addition to Hampton, the British Swim School in Allison Park is now enrolling students ahead of its highly anticipated April opening. Offering swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels, the program caters to everyone from infants as young as 3 months to adults. With customizable group and individual lesson options, the school ensures a tailored approach to meet personal goals.

Whether you're preparing for a triathlon or taking your first plunge, the British Swim School focuses on fostering trust and collaboration to help members succeed. Prioritizing water safety, the program's extensively trained instructors meet the high standards that define the British Swim School experience. "Our instructors are our difference maker," remarks Jon Murphy, Director of Marketing.

Conveniently situated on Wildwood Road, the newly renovated facility boasts modern amenities, including a cozy viewing area, locker rooms, hair dryers, and even an ice cream machine.

For more information on pricing, availability, and enrollment, visit their website.



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Current Events

Hampton Park: Egg Hunt and HAA Opening Day Await!

by Laurie Rizzo

Saturday, April 12, promises to be an exciting day at Hampton Park and the baseball fields.

The morning kicks off with an Easter egg hunt for children aged 10 and under, held at the Rotary Pavilion in Hampton Community Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families can look forward to child-friendly activities, tasty refreshments, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny! Don't forget to bring your own Easter basket for egg collection. Registration is currently open, but pre-registration is required by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, to ensure adequate supplies. Unfortunately, walk-in registrations won't be accepted.

Later in the day, the Hampton Athletic Association (HAA) will host their annual opening day festivities. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. with a parade starting in the pool parking lot, followed by all teams being announced on the field, live national anthem and games commencing at 4 p.m. at McCully Fields. There will be a hoagie sale, hot food concession and an appearance by the Pittsburgh Pirate Parrot!

Mark your calendars for a day filled with fun and community spirit!

Free Performance

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at Door #3 of Hampton High School at 7 p.m. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. In accordance with ticketing agreements, only seniors aged 60+ can be accommodated on these designated nights. Ticketed shows for all ages are April 4, 5, 11, and 12th.

Enjoy light refreshments as you immerse yourself in this unique musical experience. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents of Hampton High students!

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Current Events

Community Clean-Up Day

Join the Township's roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 5th, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who can drive them to cleanup sites. Volunteers will meet at the Hampton Community Center, where gloves, safety vests, and trash bags will be provided. Registration is encouraged to assign locations and request t-shirt sizes. Wear appropriate work clothes and shoes. Sign up at www.hampton-pa.org/cleanupday2025 or call 412-486-0400 ext. 1303 for details. Let's help keep our community clean!

Enter To Win a Rain Barrel

The Township of Hampton is giving away two free rain barrels this year! There are two ways to register to win for one of two free rain barrels; stop by the Hampton Community Center to see one of the rain barrels and fill out a registration form, or you can register on-line through the Township's website at www.hampton-pa.org/rainbarrelgiveaway2025.

You must be a Hampton resident, and only one registration per family. The deadline for registration is April 15th; winner will be notified April 16th.

Pine Creek Cleanup

Join the Allison Park Sportsmen's Club for the Pine Creek Clean-up on Saturday, April 12th, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at the ballfield parking lot near St. Ursula's church on Duncan Avenue. Wear weather-appropriate, older clothing and boots—you'll get muddy! Community service hours available. Visit allisonparksportsmenclub.org or @allisonparksportsmenclub for details.

Lecture Series: Redcoats, Minutemen, and the Fight for Liberty – 250th Anniversary

The battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775, were the first military engagements of the American Revolution. These battles marked the beginning of open conflict between the American colonies and Britain, setting the stage for the fight for independence.

Come join us for a deeper discussion of these battles and the events leading up to them on Thursday, April 17th, at 7 p.m. at the Deacon's Tavern at the Museum. Cost is \$10.00 for DLMA Members; \$12.00 for non-members. Volunteer members pay \$5.00 for this event. Please register on the website under the events tab. www.DLMuseum.org.

Community Blood Drive

Hampton High School is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 9th. Scan the QR code to donate!

To sustain the needs for local Pittsburgh hospitals, we have to have at least 600 donors a day! Over 70% of America's population is eligible to donate blood but only 10% of people actually do. If you have never donated blood before, we are asking you to come out and make a difference with your donation. There is no substitute for human blood; patients are counting on you.



THON—New Exciting Activities

Hampton High School's annual Thon fundraiser has been re-scheduled to Saturday, April 26th, to avoid a conflict with the musical production. This year's event promises even more variety, alongside beloved volleyball and dodgeball tournaments. New activities include a lip sync/dance contest, trivia competition, craft area, and more, ensuring fun for everyone.

To make food more affordable, concessions will be handled in-house in collaboration with the PTO, replacing the food trucks from last year. Families and students can now enjoy reasonably priced snacks while supporting the cause.

Community members are encouraged to stop by between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to grab snacks, play kids' games, try the bouncy obstacle course, or make a t-shirt. Those unable to attend can still support Thon by donating online at donation link or contributing items through the Amazon wish list at Amazon wishlist link. Proceeds from Thon will directly benefit UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh through the initiative with Pitt Dance Marathon and HHS students working hard to raise funds and secure supplies or gifts through community outreach. Join in for an incredible day of fun and fundraising! Your support truly makes a difference.

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Brad Gottfried presents

"A Comparison of Lee's Two Invasions of the North."

Monday, April 21st at 7 p.m. Hampton Twp. Community Ctr.,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening Day at the Depreciation Lands Museum!

Join us as we kick off the 2025 season at the museum to celebrate Founders Day!

This year marks a special celebration as we honor the dedicated individuals who founded the museum in 1973. Thanks to their vision and hard work, we continue to share the history of the Depreciation Lands and the early settlers of Western Pennsylvania.

Come explore the village, visit our historic buildings, and experience life as it was in the late 18th century. Our costumed interpreters will be on hand to welcome you and share the stories of the past.

Regular admission applies. We can't wait to see you!

Date: Sunday, May 5th, **Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Depreciation Lands Museum

Friendship Day at the Depreciation Lands Museum!

Sunday, May 18th 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for Friendship Day, our annual free admission event where history comes to life! Explore our historic village, browse unique finds from local vendors, enjoy live music, and take part in fun activities for the whole family.

- Live music filling the air
- Artisan vendors with handcrafted goods
- Hands-on activities & historic demonstrations
- Step back in time and explore our 18th-century village

Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of history, community, and fun! Mark your calendars and help us spread the word.

Memorial Day Gathering

★ Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

★ This annual family event features music, speakers, and local scouts to honor and celebrate our fallen service members.

When: Monday, May 26, 2025

Where: Hampton Community Center

Time: 10 a.m.—sharp, rain or shine!

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Cone Zone: The Sweet Spot for Ice Cream and Community

Since 2012, Cone Zone has been a beloved neighborhood spot, offering over 50 flavors of soft serve and milkshakes. Located inside Pasquale's Pizzeria in the Key Bank building near Kuhn's Market, it caters to every taste—whether you prefer classics like vanilla and chocolate or adventurous options like mocha, orange, cappuccino, or cheesecake. Guests can also enjoy sundaes, Arctic swirls, and authentic Slush Puppies. Don't forget free pup cups for your furry friends on Sundays!

Owner Matt Schlegel shares, *"We are proud to be the best place for ice cream and cold treats in Allison Park. Cone Zone is sure to have something for everyone, with high-quality products locally sourced from Turner's Dairy."*

Cone Zone is dedicated to making moments special. Veterans and first responders enjoy a 10% discount, while families can relax in the shaded outdoor seating area, designed for safety, with classic games like hopscotch and Connect Four.

Giving back is at the heart of Cone Zone. Over the last two years, more than \$10,000 has been donated to local groups through its annual Mega Benefit Week. Look for coupons in the Spring edition of *Hampton Magazine*! Stop by for a treat and join the tradition of sweetness and community!

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Police Log

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partments from Peebles, Hampton, Undercliff, Elfinwild and Etna were on scene assisting.

The Hampton Fire Marshall was notified of this incident. Duquesne Light was also notified and arrived on scene to cut the power to the Plaza.

Fraud Attempt

On 2/7/2025, a telephone call was received at the Hampton Township police station regarding possible fraud. The reporting party stated that she received a phone call from a male claiming to be from Verizon. The male told her that her Verizon account had been compromised, and two Apple iPhones were purchased through her account and were being shipped to her residence. The male knew her address, name and telephone number. The reporting party became suspicious and ended the conversation. She said that she called Verizon herself to verify the information. Verizon said that the phone call she received was not from them. Verizon did see that she had iPhones that were purchased through her account and were being shipped to her residence. Verizon cancelled the order, and she did not have any monetary loss at that time. The reporting party was advised to monitor her Verizon and financial accounts and change the passwords to them and to also file an affidavit with the FBI with the information.

Traffic Alert

Harts Run Road Improvement Work through late October
PennDOT District 11 announced roadway improvement work on Route 1010 (Harts Run Road) in Indiana and Hampton Townships, Allegheny County began in early March. Single lane alternating traffic will occur on Harts Run Road between Route 8 and Saxonburg Boulevard weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through late October as crews conduct drainage improvements, surveying, and milling and paving operations. The prime contractor is A. Liberoni, Inc. on this

\$11.89 million group paving project. Flaggers will assist motorists through the work zone.

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 1,000 traffic cameras. 511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional X alerts.

Subscribe to PennDOT news and traffic alerts in Allegheny, Beaver, Lawrence counties at www.penndot.pa.gov/District11.

Information about infrastructure in District 11, including completed work and significant projects, is available at www.penndot.pa.gov/D11Results. Find PennDOT's planned and active construction projects at www.projects.penndot.gov.

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An Update from Congressman Chris Deluzio Fighting Against Corruption



I am extremely concerned about corruption in our government, so I'm working hard to root it out. Our government should be delivering for all of us—the good people of Western PA and this great country.

Did you know that it's perfectly legal for members of Congress to trade stocks while in office (even if they learn sensitive information in Congress)? I think it's outrageous and should be illegal. As part of our jobs, congressmembers have access to sensitive insider information—things that can have significant impacts on markets and stock valuations.

We're elected to serve the interests of the people, not line our own pockets by abusing our power to play the stock market. **That's why I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of bipartisan legislation to ban Congressional stock trading—the *Transparent Representation Upholding Service and Trust (TRUST) in Congress Act*.**

This legislation would effectively ban Members of Congress, their spouses, and dependent children from trading individual stocks.

Public service is about the Common Good, not abusing public office for private gain. Banning congressional stock trading is a commonsense move Congress should take that will help build faith in government.

I will keep fighting to pass this legislation and other anti-corruption policies (like getting corporate money and influence out of politics) so that our government can get back to the important work of restoring the American Dream.

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 @RepDeluzio on Facebook and other social media websites. My office also provides casework services for constituents in Hampton and beyond who need help with a federal agency like Social Security, the IRS, or the VA. Please get in touch with my office and we will do all we can to help—you can give us a call at (412) 344-5583.

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress



Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District

Allegheny County

Speaking Out Against Medicaid Cuts and Opioid Awareness—Bill Moves Closer to Vote

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Recently, I joined state Sen. Jay Costa and Erin Gabriel from PA Health Access Network for a webinar to discuss the importance of the Affordable Care Act, its vital importance to all Pennsylvanians, and what we all can do to preserve and strengthen this critical law.

The current presidential administration is proposing to decimate the Medicaid program with \$880 billion in cuts. If approved, this measure would result in a catastrophic domino effect, resulting in thousands or even millions of Pennsylvanians losing health care coverage, hospitals being overwhelmed by uncompensated care, and fellow citizens forced to bear the financial burden through higher taxes.

This issue and related matters were raised throughout state budget

hearings, which I attended in Harrisburg. Safeguarding the health and well-being of the neighbors I represent and across the Commonwealth is a responsibility I'm committed to uphold as a physician legislator.

While at the state Capitol, I also spoke on behalf of my legislation that would create opioid awareness materials to be displayed in public spaces, and I'm proud to report that H.B. 269 was approved by the House Human Services Committee.

I want to thank Sherry Jo Matt and Tom Bott with Stop The Judgment Project for their tireless advocacy. The opioid crisis continues to impact the lives of countless Americans, and I'm committed to doing all I can to save as many lives as possible.

Additionally, I'm happy to share that Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department 1 was awarded a state grant of nearly \$12,500. It's always a privilege to support our first responders with dollars for equipment and other needs.



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Learn about REAL ID

I'm teaming up with PennDOT to host a free REAL ID webinar on Thursday, April 24, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM! We'll go over what a REAL ID is, why you might want one, and how to get it before the May 7, 2025, enforcement date.

The REAL ID Act (passed in 2005) sets federal security standards for state IDs and driver's licenses. Starting May 7, 2025, you'll need a REAL ID to fly domestically, enter military bases, or access certain federal buildings.

REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents—you can

choose between a REAL ID or a regular driver's license. And don't worry—REAL ID not required to drive, vote, visit hospitals, or access things like the post office or federal benefits.

If you decide not to get a REAL ID, you'll need another form of federally accepted ID like a passport or military ID for flights and federal buildings after May 7, 2025.

Mark your calendars for April 24 and join us live by registering at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/RealID. You can also submit questions ahead of time by emailing my office at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com.

If you'd like to keep up with events and news from my office in between issues of The Hampton News, you can subscribe to my weekly e-newsletter at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/subscribe. We welcome your phone calls at 412-364-0469, your emails at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com, or your stopping by the office at 5000 McKnight Road, Suite 405 (right next to Half Price Books). We look forward to seeing you soon!



Jeremy Shaffer



Turnpike Project Stuck in Bureaucratic Gridlock

The Pennsylvania Turnpike runs directly through Hampton and serves as a critical, high-speed and convenient (*but very costly!*) connection for our residents and businesses.

I have long been an advocate for modernizing our infrastructure and methods to build and manage it. One symbol of inefficiency in the transportation system is the Breezewood interchange in Bedford County. Pennsylvania is perhaps the only place in the country where two interstates are connected via a 3-mile looping detour, routing cars and trucks through a traffic and accident-prone roadway packed with gas stations and fast food.

From any logical perspective, this situation should not exist. The Washington Post did a national story on Breezewood,

titled "The Town That Stops Traffic," 25 years ago. It pointed out the immense amount of time lost by travelers, gas that is wasted, excess carbon emitted, and safety issues under the current configuration.

The Turnpike Commission recently announced it was starting a study aimed at directly connecting Interstate 70 with the Turnpike. While I applaud this move, the study is expected to begin a process projected to take nine to 10 years until construction even starts! To put this in perspective, the entire 161-mile original mainline of the Turnpike was completed in five years – from idea to opening – using technology and machinery far less advanced than we have today.

In Pennsylvania, we need to become much more efficient at building and maintaining our infrastructure. The status quo that is marked by massive over-regulation and bureaucratic red tape is hurting our residents, businesses and communities. As a member of the bipartisan PA Competitiveness Caucus, this is an issue I will be working hard with members of both parties to help streamline. We can and must do better in Pennsylvania.

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