

New Coach and New Look for Bocce Team

by Jackie Smith

Entering the 8th season of Bocce, the sport continues to grow.

The Hampton Unified Bocce team has a new coach this year. Coach and Hampton High School guidance counselor Terri Koprivnikar shared, "I am coaching the

bocce team for the first time this year and it is a blast. We have two full teams that are comprised of half "athletes" - students with intellectual disabilities (IDD) and half "partners," students without IDD. We compete in the Northern region

(Hampton, PR, North Allegheny, North Hills, Avonworth, Shaler and Northgate)." Although many players graduated last year (there are only 5 returning players), they had no trouble recruiting new players.

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Standing: Max Cieply, Caden Kessler, Addi Hanna, Edric Lynn, Rocco Mangieri, Andy Palmer, Mia Veverka, Morgan Lowther, Monti Eisel, Lewis Bacasa, Jayce Springer, Ryan Winter *Middle standing:* Head coach Terri Koprivnikar
Front row: Christian Rihn, Gavin Copelin, Aiden Hanna, Ty Schmitt, Danny Kenst, Zach Williams, Justin Dubee
Missing from team photo: Alivia Butler and Caleb Potter

A New Zoning Ordinance is Coming!

by Amanda Lukas

As the Planning Director for Hampton Township, educational outreach is an important part of my job. To that end, I am happy to write a short column for the Hampton News to explain permitting and land-use topics and answer frequently asked questions.

Have you ever thought that Hampton needs to change its zoning laws? Do you have

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Heart of Hampton Awards and Celebration

An evening celebrating Excellence in Our Community

For the first time ever, HAEE will present the Heart of Hampton Award on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 from 6-10 p.m. The 2025 Honorees are Christopher Andrews, Tom Baker, Chad Himmler and Christine Raimondi. These individuals within the community ex-

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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 12/17/2024—1/20/2025:

Fire

 On 1/20/2025, HTPD officers were dispatched to Hieber Road for a shed fire. Upon arrival, Hampton Fire Units were putting out the fire. Hampton Fire Marshal was on-scene.

Vehicle Accident

 On 12/21/2024, the HTPD was dispatched to the area of Wildwood Rd and Hardt Rd. for a report of a single vehicle rollover accident with entrapment. Hampton Fire along with Peebles Fire assisted with traffic control and extricating the driver. Shaler /Hampton EMS treated the driver for his injuries prior to transporting him to the hospital. Leo's Towing removed the vehicle. Prior to reopening the road Hampton DPW treated the roads for icy conditions.

 On 01/16/2025, HTPD officers were dispatched to Richland Rd. for a report of a single vehicle accident into a tree. Upon arrival, officers found the vehicle to be off the side of the road and over a small hill. The driver was able to self-extricate from the vehicle. After being checked by EMS

the driver denied any need for transport. Leo's Towing removed the vehicle, and the driver was given a courtesy ride by an Officer to where he was going to wait for an Uber ride.

 On 1/18/2025, HTPD were dispatched to the area of West Hardies Road for a report of a vehicle that took out a telephone pole, with power lines down. Upon arrival on scene, they observed an Allegheny County DPW salt truck off the roadway and surrounded by potentially live power lines. Hampton Fire was on scene and encouraged the driver to stay in the vehicle. Duquesne Light was notified and arrived on scene and deemed the scene safe as power was turned off. Rescue efforts were then able to be started.

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Kirsopp's Legacy Documented in New Film

by Jenn Edmonds

Over 350 people gathered in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center in Ross Township on December 28 to witness the life story of the late Hampton police sergeant Rob Kirsopp in a 100-minute documentary; as told by himself, his family, and people from the community. Prior to the showing, Kirsopp's wife Rosalyn took a few moments with her children Robbie, Ray, and Rachel by her side, to thank the community. "We have nothing but gratitude for all that has been done to help our family. My heart is so full." Kirsopp passed away on May 1 after a 5-year battle with cancer.

Robbie talked to his mom about doing a film about his dad's life but had no experience in making a movie. He posted on Facebook asking for help. Robbie mapped out a timeline and volunteers began contacting him. Many of the people that offered to help, he didn't know, and they even brought their own equipment. The film was shot in a weekend with 4 teams of 3-4 people each. Thirty-eight people were interviewed in less than 8 hours.

"Every second I worked on this project, I had a smile on my face," said Robbie. He edited the film on his own for a couple months but realized he needed help. He reached out online and found editor Hunter Brockmann from Cincinnati, Ohio, who edited the entire film and was another one of the amazing volunteers that Robbie didn't know when he started this project.

The movie premiere was a benefit for IATW (It's About the Warrior), an organization that helps veterans in the tri-state area, led by US Air Force veteran Steve Monteleone. "That was a goal of mine with the movie. My dad was always helping people because it made him happy. We wanted to turn around and help IATW as a thank you." IATW held a benefit for the Kirsopp family and started a scholarship in Rob

Kirsopp's name. Robbie raised \$5,040 for IATW at the premiere. When asked about the atmosphere at the premiere, Robbie replied "There are no words to describe it. It's phenomenal."

You can watch "Warrior: The Robert Kirsopp Documentary" on YouTube by visiting www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3YXene1OgY.



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As *The Hampton News* continues to strive to bring you informative and interesting stories, we welcome feedback, ideas and submissions. We are always happy to hear from you and want to help keep the neighbors connected! The deadline for submissions is on the 15th of each month.

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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!

It's the "Soup"er Bowl Cook-Off!

Saturday, February 8th 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Bring your appetites, your mom, grandparent, and friends and taste your way through a variety of soups. Then vote for your favorite soup! It's only \$2.00 to taste all the fabulous soups, Children under 5 it's \$5. Spend the afternoon catching up with friends and family as you decide what's *your* favorite soup!

It's a Winter-Wonder-ful 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, Feb. 7th, March 7th, April 4th @ 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. Except this month, we'll meet on the 2nd Friday! Discussion topics welcome from all.

New members are welcome to come share-- or just listen.

Meet Me at the Movies!

Tuesday, February 11 @ 1:00 P.M.

Beat the winter blues and join us in Great Room A of the Community Center to watch a recently released movie. Hint: Ever wonder how a new pope gets elected? Visit the library to find out what movie we will be viewing. Snacks are encouraged! No registration is necessary.

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Library

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

Friday, February 14th @ 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Title: *Cold Comfort Farm*, By Stella Gibbons.

Are you a book lover who craves variety, fresh ideas & rich discussions? Join our newest group: **This is the Book Club You've Been Looking For!** Explores new genres each month including short stories, memoirs, historical fiction & more. Help build a community that loves to explore every corner of the literary world. If interested, stop by the library so we can order the book for you!

Murder by the Book!

A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 19th @ 6:30 p.m.



Listen for the Lie, by Amy Tintera.

The Mystery Book Group will meet back 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, February 21st @ 1:00 p.m. *Signature of All Things*, by Elizabeth Gilbert.

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: Retro Dinner Party!

Thursday, February 27th, 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 Great Room A 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.

Hampton Community Library

Trivia Night! Friday, March 21st

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Program ends by 9:30 p.m.

Assemble your team and get ready

for a night of laughter and friendly competition!

(Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System 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 corkage fee) Space is limited; Registration required. Space/Teams will be limited. No walk-ins. Registration begins March 1st.



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BTA Forensics Team Shines with 2nd Place Finish

Blessed Trinity Academy's Forensics team is off to a great start as they came in 2nd place at their second meet of the year

which was hosted by North Catholic High School. It was a very competitive meet with 20 schools participating and only 14 points separating 1st from 6th place. The team was especially thrilled as every member placed in both rounds including the four students who were participating in their first meet.



Front left to right: Lucy Williamson, Noah Bandurski, Francesca Rudl, Maura Shapiro, Ella Shapiro, Hailey Glass, Sara Pomeitto, JJ Megill, Alanna DeLuca. Back Row left to right: Coach John Hess, Colin Miller, Annalise Good, Callie Kandravy, Cayden Ferguson, Savannah Vogel, Ashlyn Murray, and Rowan Blauvelt.

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Bocce

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Due to weather, the team's first home game and "Fans in the Stands" event had to be rescheduled to January 9th. This is an event planned by the Students for Inclusive Schools conference attendees (students) to encourage inclusivity in our high schools. Even though the matches were rescheduled, the support was amazing. According to Koprivnikar, "Almost every Hampton sports team was represented; the pep band, the cheerleaders, many faculty and students also attended - - it's so nice to see all the interest and support."

This is the first year the Talbot bocce team was able to have uniforms. Terri said, "Athletic Director Mike Gavlik has been amazing and incredibly supportive; he purchased us new Nike team jerseys and sweatpants. While the team always had shirts, having a complete uniform is really appreciated. Gavlik also schedules practice facilities and transportation for away games for us, just as he does with all

other varsity sports - it is so helpful!" Koprivnikar got involved when the previous coach resigned; she was afraid there wouldn't be a team. Terri advised, "Since I



Caden Kessler sang the National Anthem to start the game

sponsor Best Buddies (BB) and there is so much overlap between BB students and the bocce players, I volunteered to coach."

Coaching bocce is much more than just an after school club. There are several mandatory meetings and trainings, a set number of practices each week, planning for away games, etc. It's just like other varsity sports, and it can be very time consuming. Terri stated, "I LOVE the kids. This has been the most fun activity I have done in a long time. My team is great and I am truly enjoying it. There is a lot more to this sport than people may think."

Koprivnikar hopes to have a boosters program next year so they can fund-raise easier. This year, one of the senior parents donated all the senior banners for the gym. Terri exclaimed, "I will definitely coach next year - - if they let me!"

Hamptons final games are at home: February 6th vs. North Hills (Senior Night) and February 10th vs. Avonworth.

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3401 Cramlington Drive	\$350,000	\$350,000	2
5102 Polo Fields Drive	\$340,000	\$323,000	83

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It was a family event for Ann Craig and her two sons who donated blood at the Hampton High School Blood Drive on January 29th. Use the QR code to sign up for the next blood drive on April 9, 2025!



Meet An Officer

Ben Colosimo

by Jenn Edmonds

Many jobs involve being a problem solver, and that is one of the things officer Ben Colosimo likes most about being a Hampton Township police officer, along with helping people on what may be the worst day



of their life. Colosimo grew up in Shaler and graduated with a degree in Exercise Science from Community College of Allegheny County. He then felt a pull toward law enforcement and graduated from the Police Academy in December of 2018. Both Hampton Township and Reserve Township hired Colosimo in part-time positions right out of the Academy, but he became a full-time officer in Hampton in July of 2021.

When an accident happens that involves

bodily injury or a fatality, Colosimo is called to the scene as he is a certified Accident Reconstructionist. All parties involved in the accident may have different perspectives on what happened or what caused the accident, but it is up to Colosimo to gather information, reconstruct the scene, and make determinations on what caused the accident. "It is one big puzzle where all of the pieces are scattered on the ground and it's my job to put them all together," he explained.

Colosimo collects readings from the vehicles including airbag readings, studies roadway conditions, determines vehicle speeds, obtains driver perspectives, and whether alcohol or drugs were involved through a very lengthy procedure. "It's extremely challenging. It's most challenging when you get all of your measure-

ments and calculations entered into special formulas, that it makes sense and is accurate," he said. All findings from A-Z are put into a very lengthy report which is submitted to the District Attorney's office for review and to determine if criminal charges are recommended. To obtain the Accident Reconstructionist certification, Colosimo completed three levels of training; Level 1: On-Scene, Level 2: Technical, and Level 3: Reconstruction.

Colosimo lives in Ross Township with his wife Alexa and their two golden doodles Sadie and Stella. He enjoys doing DIY projects in his house, like the basement he recently refinished, playing golf, and spending time with his wife.

Getting to Know Officer Ben Colosimo

Favorite candy: Kit Kat

Favorite movie: *Fast and Furious* series

Favorite music genre: Country

Favorite subject in school: History

Beverage of choice: Coke

Favorite food: Pasta

Favorite season: Summer

Favorite sport to watch: Baseball

Favorite sport to play: Baseball

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Christian Henning, Sebastian "Bass" Murati and Dominic "Dom" Gralia – over 30 years combined experience playing Rugby- Christian had the opportunity to travel to Tennessee, Colorado, and Australia to play rugby and currently plays for the Pittsburgh Forge Rugby Club. Bass played rugby in Florida and for the Capital Selects, he coaches U23&U19 Pittsburgh Harlequins and currently plays for the Pittsburgh Harlequins. Dom played for North Pitt United and currently plays for Slippery Rock University.

Beaven Earns Medal at Fencing Competition

Aquinas Academy fencing standout Zander Beaven (11th grade) earned the bronze medal at Indiana University of Pennsylvania's fall Crimson Cornucopia, a USA Fencing Association Mixed Foil event on November 9th.

Beaven went undefeated in the pool rounds, securing the third seed for the direct elimination bracket. Among a competitive field of 20 fencers, he advanced to the semi-finals after a first-round bye, narrowly missing the finals in a closely contested bout. His efforts secured a well-deserved third-place finish for the Aquinas Academy junior.

With Aquinas' fencing competitions starting in January, Beaven continues to showcase his skill and dedication in the sport.



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emply criteria such as innovation in education, commitment to excellence, impact on the community, leadership and mentorship, and collaboration and teamwork. HAEE is hosting the award ceremony and cocktail party! Come celebrate excellence in our community and enjoy live music by Hampton students, indulge in catering by Sprezzatura including an open bar from 6-8 pm and cash bar from 8-10 p.m. at Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery in Gibsonia. Tickets are on sale now and is open to the community. You can purchase tickets for \$75 at <https://www.hamptonalliance.org>. Plus, don't miss the exciting raffle baskets (cash only). Cocktail attire is recommended.

HAEE president Lissa Shulman stated, "This award is a way to acknowledge organizations and individuals who contribute to our excellent school district and the broader Hampton community. We also see the celebration event as a way to add a second signature event (especially for non-runners or non-athletes) which will help to raise addi-

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This year's HAEE 5k brought in roughly \$30,000, surpassing last year's total and meeting the organization's fundraising goal. Shulman said, "Our board really stepped up to meet our fundraising goal of \$30,000 and it is the hard work of every member doing their part that leads to a successful event each year!"

Let's come together to support a great cause and have a night to remember! Event Location: Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery* 50 Oak Road* Gibsonia, PA 15044

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HHS Senior Earns Eagle Scout Award

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Ever since Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts of America) began accepting girls into its ranks in 2018, many young ladies in the region have enjoyed participating, learning invaluable skills that will last a lifetime. Three years ago, current Hampton High School senior Elizabeth Haytock followed in her older brother's footsteps by joining Scouts BSA and, like him, she has successfully earned the organization's highest rank, Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest level of achievement in the Scouts BSA program, reflecting the scout's character development and a dedication to making a positive impact on society. An Eagle Scout demonstrates dedication, leadership skills, and a commitment to serving their community.

Because the organization requires female and male troops to remain separate, Elizabeth had to search for an all-female troop in the area. Though there are no female troops in Hampton, she was welcomed to join one of the three female troops in neighboring townships. Elizabeth chose Troop 9329, a McCandless-based troop that operates out of Memorial Park Church. The Laurel Highlands Council of Scouts BSA, which serves Pennsylvania along with portions of West Virginia and Maryland, comprises several districts, one of which is the Seneca District that serves this region. Elizabeth passed her Board of Review on December 30th, and her Court of Honor will be held in June.

Several achievements are required to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, not the least of which is the completion of a community service project, from proposal and planning to execution and leadership. In selecting her project, Elizabeth turned to her church, North Park Church, where she had already been working with the children's ministry. After assessing potential needs and discussing ideas with the children's ministry director, Elizabeth elected to create a space that would be specifically geared toward serving families.

"My project," she explains, "is a family resource center in my church. I cleaned out and painted an area, and with some help from my dad, I built a shelving unit and placed baskets to hold a variety of books and pamphlets, all designed to help families."

In looking back on her time with Scouts BSA, Elizabeth says, "My favorite thing about scouting was the community we had in working together, especially on campouts. My troop is very closely paired with boys' Troop 329, and we all just really enjoyed this bond we created."

BSA Troop 9329 is led by Scoutmaster Julie Yacoviello, a seasoned leader whose own daughter became the troop's first Eagle Scout in 2022. Since the troop was founded in October of 2020, four young ladies have already earned the Eagle Scout rank, a trend that seems destined to continue. In reflecting on Elizabeth's project and everything she's accomplished during her years in scouting, Julie is happy to share some insight on the young woman she has come to know.

"Elizabeth is very faith driven," she explains, "and her relationship with her faith and her reverence is integral to her development. She did this project that is connected to her home



Elizabeth Haytock proudly presenting her Eagle Scout project at North Park Church

church because it means so much to her."

A passionate advocate for scouting, Julie emphasizes, "Scouting is for all youth, regardless of gender. It's of benefit to all young people, particularly for character development. BSA is the premier opportunity to build and enrich character within children, to learn that the struggle is important. It's a change in mindset. You learn to embrace the challenges in life and use that difficulty to learn to try again."

Zoning

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ideas on what you think they should be? If so, I'm excited to report that Hampton has started the process of completing the first major rewrite and modernization of our zoning and land use ordinances in over 20 years. Last fall, the Township sent out a request for proposals to various consulting firms for assistance with this update process. Strategic Solutions LLC out of Pittsburgh was selected for the contract and has already begun the process of reviewing the current zoning and land use ordinances and interviewing staff members about areas where the laws could be changed. A steering committee has been formed that is comprised of two members from each of Hampton's advisory boards and Council, as well as a representative from the school district. The update process is just beginning, and it will take the remainder of the 2025 calendar year to complete. There will be numerous opportunities coming up for public engagement. If you have suggestions for changes to the ordinance, please visit the Township website page titled "2025 Zoning and Land Use Update" where you can find information on all public events as they are scheduled, you can read the Township's scope of work and the proposal that was submitted by Strategic Solutions, and you can submit your ideas or suggestions right on that page. Or, if you'd prefer to email in your suggestions, please send them to zoningordinance@hampton-pa.org. The Zoning Ordinance dictates how all properties in Hampton can be developed and used, and it can have a tremendous impact on residents' daily lives. As such, I encourage all interested residents to submit your comments so that your voice is heard during the steering committee's discussions.

Current Events

It's a "Soup"er Bowl Cookoff at Hampton Community Library!

Saturday, February 8, 2025

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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CANCELLED

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

"Our Flag was Still There: The Armistead Family and the Star-Spangled Banner" presented by Tom McMillan.

Monday, February 17 at 7 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park. Presentation is free and open to the public.

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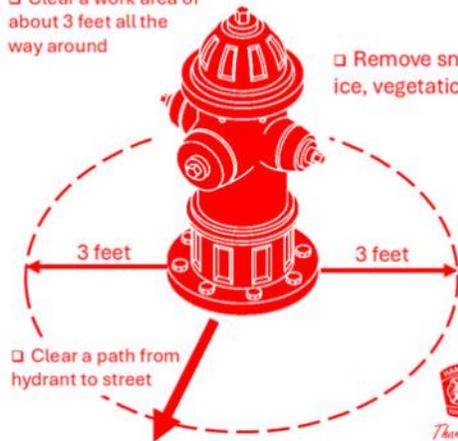
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2025 Pine Creek Cleanup

Join the Allison Park Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 7:30 a.m.—noon for a morning of community camaraderie and environmental stewardship at the Pine Creek Clean-up event.

Meet at the ballfield parking lot opposite of St. Ursula's church off of Duncan Avenue, Allison Park.

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Upcoming Events

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If you are interested in volunteering, registration is requested in order to schedule clean-up locations as well as provide t-shirt sizes. You can register on the Township's website at www.hampton-pa.org/cleanupday2025. Volunteers will meet at the Hampton Community Center. Gloves, safety vests and trash bags will be provided at that time. Please wear the appropriate work clothes and shoes. For more information and to volunteer, please call Assistant Township Manager Susan Bernet at 412-486-0400 ext. 1303.

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.

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

"U.S.C.T. Troops: Department of the South"
presented by Rich Condon.

Monday, March 17th at 7 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park. Presentation is free and open to the public.

Scout Troop 17 Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday March 1st, 8 - 11 a.m.
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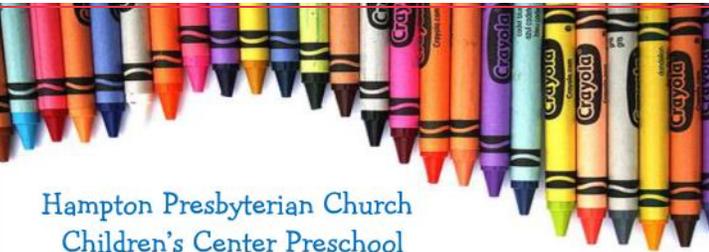
promise to take care of them when they come home.

My office can help with all types of veteran service requests, like getting a DD-214, disability benefits, and much more. **I'm glad to share that my offices have a trained and accredited Veterans Service Officer from the VFW available to help.** In-person appointments are available in my Carnegie Office (600 N Bell Ave., Building 1, Suite 102, Carnegie, PA) on the first Monday of every month, and in my Penn Hills Office (77 Universal Road, Suite 1, Penn Hills, PA) on the fourth Tuesday of the month, between 10:00AM - 2:00 PM. Call (412) 344-5583 to schedule an appointment!

Of course, **my office is available to serve all Hampton residents** with issues related to federal agencies. From veterans' care to Social Security to tax refunds, if my office can help you or your family, please give us a call.

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Congressman Chris Deluzio, Pennsylvania's 17th District



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Serving Pennsylvanians in My Second Full Term, Including New Bipartisan Legislation

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Early in January, I took the oath of office in Harrisburg to begin my second term representing the 30th Legislative District, including those in western Hampton Township. I'm proud of the work my staff and I have done in the past two years, and I'm motivated more than ever to work toward passing several bills into law.

I have introduced bipartisan legislation (H.B. 79) that would create the Pennsylvania Medical Debt Relief Program. The bill would target the medical debt of low-income Pennsylvania residents and improve the finances of healthcare institutions and providers, concentrated largely in rural PA.

Medical debt has been dubbed a "uniquely American problem" and it's my hope that this legislation will help provide relief to as many Pennsylvanians as possible.

I've also introduced bills that would address food allergy safety, ease restrictions on physician assistants, add Pennsylvania as a member of the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, and prohibit fees issued when consumers request printed bills or pay via paper check.

I'm also proud to advocate for state resources for our community. As a recent example, an \$85,000 state grant was awarded to the A.W. Beattie Career Center, to modernize its Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and related programs with a new ambulance trainer package.

The career center does tremendous work in helping to prepare high school students for multiple careers, and these monies will bolster its efforts to give students a more accurate example of the skills needed to succeed.

For more information about legislation I have introduced or how my staff and I can help you with state services, please call my office at **412-348-8028** or email me at RepVenkat@pahouse.net. We are always available to address your concerns.



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.

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!



Jeremy Shaffer

On Tuesday, January 7th, I had the privilege to be sworn into the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to begin my first term. I am humbled and honored to serve the residents of northern Allegheny County and eager to spend this new session working together and advocating on your behalf in Harrisburg.

There is much work to be done to improve the efficiency of our government and how Harrisburg operates. I understand the difficulties state government can present in our daily lives and will work to bring substantive change to fix the issues we face.



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- Bridging the gap of bipartisanship in Harrisburg and beyond.
- Growing our area into the envy of Pennsylvania.
- Advocating for efforts to streamline and improve state government, including term limits, downsizing the state Legislature and improving transparency.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your voice in Harrisburg. To do my job most effectively as your state representative, I want to hear from you! Currently on my website is my 2025-26 Legislative Survey. If you would like to take part, visit <https://repshafferpa.com>.

Finally, tax season is upon us. Our office has partnered with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program to provide Tax Preparation Assistance this spring and have begun to take appointments. To make an appointment, call our Wexford office at 412-369-2230.

Appointments will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in our Wexford office, and Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Gibsonia office. Dates will run from February 5th until April 8th.

My priorities for the 2025-26 Legislative Session include:

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- Supporting small businesses by growing our economic opportu-

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