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Celebrating Christmas in July

Hampton's annual Christmas in July celebration was held at the outdoor pool complex on Wednesday, July 26 with Christmas decorations throughout! Over 600 snowballs were made for the children to toss into hula hoops floating in the water. The life guards handed out certificates for a free popsicle and the children had a chance to chat with Santa. See pages 14 and 15 for more photos.



Left to right: Samuel Griffin, Julia Griffin, Michael Griffin & Annika Haley

60 Years of Unwavering Service

by Tracy Weigel

Albert Hahn, a long-time resident of Hampton Township, joined The North Hampton Volunteer Fire Department 60 years ago on July 9, 1963. Albert's father, John A. Hahn, was a founding member of the department in 1956.

Al and his childhood friends, Billy Goodrich and Bob Stratton, would hang out at the VFD when they were teenag-

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Candidates for Municipal Manager Narrows Down

byCarolynn Johnson
Township Council President

As many of you are aware, after 37 years of dedicated service with the Township of Hampton, Chris Lochner is preparing to embark on a well-deserved retirement from his role as Municipal Manager. Chris's tenure has been marked by incredible achievements and the Township has undergone remarkable progress in those 37 years, including the construction of the community cen-

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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 6/19/2023—7/22/2023:

Route 8 Active Work Zone in Effect

HTPD would like to remind those traveling north and southbound on Route 8 from the Hampton Plaza area into and through Shaler Township on Route 8 that there is a 30 MPH WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT in effect. This includes when there is no work taking place within the zone. There are increased penalties for violations when the work zone is active. Thank you!

DUI

 On 7/4/2023, at approximately 3:28 a.m., HTPD observed a black pickup truck exit Sheetz without any headlights. The truck began to travel south on William Flinn Highway at a high rate of speed. The pickup truck turned its headlights on, and the officer caught up to the vehicle and began to pace it at 74 mph in a posted 40 mph zone. While following the vehicle the officer observed the vehicle failing to use a turn signal and crossing over the lane line on multiple occasions. The officer then initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, which came to a stop in the eastbound lane of McNeal Road across from Christopher Drive.

While speaking with the driver, the officer observed his speech to be slurred, his eyes to be glassy and bloodshot, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver was asked if he would submit to a battery of field sobriety tests, to which he agreed. Due to the totality of the cir-

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A NOTE FROM THE HAMPTON NEWS

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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A Partnership of Caring

by Tracy Weigel

Enterprise Bank is located at 4091 Mt. Royal Blvd in Allison Park and is a full service community bank focused on small businesses. Enterprise supports the needs of local businesses, institutions, and individuals to help them successfully grow, prosper and compete.

In addition to traditional banking services, they have recently celebrated the grand opening of Enterprise Offices, which offers impressive space and state of the art office equipment to those who are starting or continuing a small business and need a place to hold conferences, meetings with clients and social gatherings.



Lori Cestra and Christy Pietryga

This brand-new building offers conference rooms, cubicles, closed offices, a podcast studio and social areas including a bar.

Recently, Enterprise has begun an initiative through which they are partnering with The Property Closers and Hearth to offer housing for Hearth clients.

Advisor to the board, EVP & COO of Enterprise Bank, Lori Cestra, spoke at a ribbon cutting ceremony signifying the beginning of a long-term partnership and presentation of the first home. "In all my years with Enterprise, I have never been more excited or proud of our many accomplishments than I am of implementing

this important initiative."

Chuck Leyh, President and CEO of Enterprise, explained the process of how they outlined their plan to choose a property, search for a partner to help refurbish the property (Busy Beaver) and finally donate the refurbished home to a single mother working to

get back onto her feet, whom they found at Hearth.

Hearth is a nonprofit organization with the goal of providing a range of profoundly life changing, supportive services and housing that empowers homeless women with children, who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma, to become independent, economically self-sufficient, and adequately housed. Hearth provides families with the tools they need to thrive emotionally, mentally and financially. CEO Christy Pietryga conveyed Hearth's desire to meet and exceed all the needs of their residents and is extremely excited for this partnership helping to place families into homes of their own.

The partnership of Enterprise Bank's desire to help families in need, along with the talents of Busy Beaver to refurbish homes and the willingness of Hearth to facilitate the successful transition and offer continued support to the family chosen to receive this life changing gift, is one worthy of admiration and support.

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Come On! All Together Now! Hampton Community Library's Summer Reading Program is ending soon! All tickets must be earned and entered for prizes by Saturday, August 12th. Winners will be announced August 16th.

PreK Readiness Program!

Tuesdays, starting Aug. 1st through Aug. 15th 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, starting Aug. 3rd through Aug. 17th 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Do you have a kiddo age 3-5 preparing to enter preschool or kindergarten?

Then we have the program for you! Miss Jess will be presenting **Pre-K P.R.E.P. Practice, Read, Educate and Play**. This will be a space to help your kiddo grow their skills for pre-kindergarten. We will work on each of these core competencies through stories, structured activities and play. Please note: this is not a regular storytime. This program is designed to help build your child's confidence for entering preschool. This program will be the same program each day. *Registration is required.*

Gather 'Round Storytime!

Tuesdays, Now through August 15th @ 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Now through August 17th @ 10:30 a.m.

Jump on the story train as we sing, rhyme and listen to stories all summer long! This program is for families and abilities of all ages. Please note: this will be same program each day.

Jammin' at the Pavilion! A Story and Play Time!
Tuesdays, Now through August 8th. @ 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Now through August 10th @ 11:30 a.m.

Get ready to stretch your arms, touch your toes and wiggle your nose with this interactive storytime, filled with stories, songs, music, bubbles and even a parachute! Rain or shine, we will meet outdoors at the Grubbs Pavilion (this is the pavilion above/behind the pool). Registration not necessary, the storytime is designed for families and abilities of all ages. Program will run approximately ½ hour to 45 minutes. Please note: this will be same program each day. In case of thunderous weather please call the library to see whether a similar program will be held inside without the parachute.

We Create Wednesdays!

Wednesdays, Now through August 9th @ 1:30 p.m.

Let's get together now to learn how to build, design, create cool things out of recycled materials! Will we make something fun out of recycled materials or will we create something out of this world in a Lego challenge? Each week will be different – come join us to find out what we're creating! Ages 5 and up are invited to come explore! Registration for each week is appreciated to make sure that we have enough creative "stuff" for everyone! The program will last 45 minutes to an hour depending on the creativity and design of the challenge!

Card Club! Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

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Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

***The Overnight Guest*, by Heather Gudenkauf.**

The Mystery Book Group meets at the Grubbs Pavilion in the summer (this is the pavilion above/behind the pool; parking is available).

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

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, August 4th and Sept. 1st @ 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.

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, August 18th @ 1:00 p.m.

***The Favor*, by Nicci French.**

Betty's Book Group meets in the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

Local Book Club Trivia Bonanza!

Wednesday, September 13th 6:30 p.m.

Your favorite local libraries are teaming up for a fun evening of celebrating our local neighborhood book clubs! All trivia is based

on popular reads, celebrity book clubs, book to film etc.! BYOB (corkage fee) and snacks! \$10 pp, teams of 8 or less. Register at tinyurl.com/LYLbonanza2023. All proceeds benefit the Hampton, N. Tier and Shaler Libraries!

Summer Hours!

Summer hours extend through Labor Day.

Monday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: **11:00 a.m.** - 7:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Saturday: **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Holiday Hours:

The Library will be closed Labor Day Weekend:

Saturday, Sept. 2nd - Monday, Sept. 4.

Hartwood Acres Amphitheater 2023 Schedule

- Aug. 6 Soccer Mommy (Alternative), Disq
- Aug. 13 Los Amigos Invisibles (Latin), Stone Throwers
- Aug. 20 Pittsburgh Ballet
- Aug. 27 John Scofield (Jazz), Jason Kush Quartet
- Sept. 3 Country Music Festival, Men Without Hats (80's Pop), Affordable Floors, Re-52s



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4332 Muirfield Drive	\$964,900	\$964,000	9
3091 Henrich Farm Lane	\$849,000	\$855,000	51
4818 Stonebridge Drive	\$925,000	\$850,000	3
2143 Laurel Lane	\$775,000	\$765,000	24
4916 Oakhurst Avenue	\$549,900	\$555,000	4
4784 Oakhurst Avenue	\$565,000	\$552,500	300
3031 W Swansea Crescent	\$599,900	\$552,000	17
5124 Bronwyn Court	\$500,000	\$500,000	10
4136 Lee Manor Drive	\$479,899	\$475,000	20
5168 Prince Phillip Court	\$469,900	\$469,900	9
2337 McIntyre Avenue	\$345,000	\$376,108	37
3089 Raintree Drive	\$325,000	\$331,000	4
2842 Anderson Drive	\$329,000	\$329,000	1
2353 Big Rock Road	\$269,000	\$270,000	1
2767 Drake Court	\$259,900	\$270,000	40
4400 Laurel Oak Drive	\$229,900	\$250,000	4
5232 Mallard Drive	\$250,000	\$250,000	13
3166 Harts Run Road	\$210,000	\$220,000	14
3154 Camberly	\$182,500	\$185,000	1
4760 Greenwood Drive	\$149,000	\$149,500	4
4363 Mount Royal Boulevard	\$125,000	\$125,000	5

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Check drainage to make sure summer storm water runs away from the foundation of your home; review baths for mold and mildew build up; HVAC and furnace filters need to be changed every three months (average - more if you have pets, use fireplace, allergen sensitivities, etc). Doing this quarterly will help set a schedule.

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Independence Day celebration on July 3rd at Hampton Park was filled with fun and music for everyone of all ages! More photos on page 13.

Sports

Blessed Trinity Academy Brings Home Double Titles in Track

Going into this year's track and field season, the Lady Bulldogs at Blessed Trinity Academy on the JV and Varsity teams felt they had a solid chance at competing well against some of the top teams in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Led by Ella and Alana Eiler, whose parents are the head coaches of the teams, the teams consistently placed in the top tier of the ladies teams in the meets leading up to the Diocesan Championships in May.

Through strong practices and the addition of new runners and throwers such as 8th grader Allie Gruseck and 6th graders Kaylie Mitchell and Claire Bandurski, the teams were more well rounded than in years' past, having depth on both the track and the field.

This year the championships were split between two days with the Varsity meet held at North Allegheny Intermediate School under the lights on May 19 and the JV meet taking place the next morning at RMU's Oval. Typically, the Varsity Girls team consists of 8 members, but due to several scheduling conflicts, only four members were available to compete. By the end of the evening, those 4 ladies racked up an impressive 52 points which was enough to earn them the Diocesan Championship title in the "A" division for smaller schools. Taking 1st place in the 4x400m relay and 3rd place in the 4x100 relay set them up for a great evening as a team. Members of those relays included Ella Eiler, Maggie Tatar, Erika Mitchell, and Allie Gruseck. Individual awards went to Maggie Tatar, who took 2nd place in the triple jump, Allie Gruseck who got 4th in the javelin, 7th in the 100m, and 6th in the 200m, and Ella Eiler who came in 4th in the 100m, 4th in the 200m, and 3rd in the long jump.

The next day the teams were back at it again, but this time it was the JV squad's turn. The JV Lady Bulldogs brought home a huge win in the "A" team division scoring 79 total points with Alana Eiler placing 1st in the 100m, 200m, and the long jump. The 4x100 relay (Callie Kandravv, Alana Eiler, Cayden Ferguson, and Ashlyn Murray) also came in 1st place and set a new Diocesan Championship record. Other notable achievements were Callie Kandravv, who placed 2nd in the 100m and 4th in the long jump, Ashlyn Murray who placed 7th in the 100m, 6th in the 200 and 3rd in the long jump, Cayden Ferguson who placed 7th in the javelin and Claire Bandurski who placed 6th in the shot put. In addition the team also came in 1st in the 4x400 (Callie Kandravv, Alana Eiler, Ashlyn Murray and Kaylie Mitchell).



JV left to right: Kaylie Mitchell, Cayden Ferguson, Alana Eiler, Callie Kandravv, Claire Bandurski, Ashlyn Murray, Beckley Haight, Lyndey Sulkowski



Varsity left to right: Alaina Long, Kaitlyn Miller, Allie Gruseck, Ella Eiler, Erika Mitchell, Maggie Tatar, Emily Stevens, Morgan Long

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Hampton Athletics is gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to the fall and welcoming our friends, family, and fans to cheer on the Talbots. We use electronic ticketing for our athletic events, but with a few upgrades to help with individual and group ticketing.

Tickets can be pre-purchased online at <https://hamptonathletics.org/> or purchased at the gate via credit cards and cash.

Football tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students; all other athletic tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Please visit <https://hamptonathletics.org/> to advance purchase your adult and student tickets. Fall tickets will be live on 8/14/2023.

Do you need new spirit wear? You are in luck! Please visit our spirit wear sale at <https://hamptonathletics.org/>. The sale runs 7/10/2023 – 8/15/2023. Orders will be processed and ready for fall. Save on shipping costs and have your orders delivered to your child's school or have them shipped to Hampton High School for free pick-up.

Help support the Greater Food Bank of Pittsburgh Food Drive. The Dawg Pound is selling t-shirts, and proceeds go to the WPIAL Food Drive. Support the Talbots and the community with a t-shirt purchase. Dawg Pound shirts can be purchased through the spirit wear link and are available throughout the fall season.



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Never Too Old to Compete

by Jenn Edmonds

Every Wednesday evening from May through July, Hampton resident Sandy Spencer and other women ranging between the ages of 50 and 83 play two games under the field lights at Penn Hills Park as part of the Penn Hills Senior Women's Softball League. The players are from Hampton, Shaler, Butler, and other surrounding areas.

The Penn Hills Senior Softball league is open to all women age 42 or older and currently consists of four teams: Bubbas, Smokin' Seniors, Diamond Dames and the Cougars. "Everyone is welcome," explained Spencer. There are some players that can't commit to playing every week but that won't stop you from getting on the roster. Everyone gets a chance to play every week if they want to. The roster for the four teams combined is about 110 ladies. A dozen or so are currently inactive (but eligible to play) due to injuries or other factors. "We have a saying on our team—once a Bubba, always a Bubba," said Mary Wetmore, who keeps the rosters for the league.

The league hosts and participates in an annual tournament entitled the "Kay Ray

Memorial Softball Tournament" at Penn Hills Park, which was held this year on July 21 and 22. The tournament started in 2008 as a tribute to Kay Ray, a pioneer in women's senior softball. After running a softball league for girls for many years, Kay formed a team in 1991 so that she could play herself. As the only women's team at the time, they played against men's teams. Other women's teams were added in the Greater Pittsburgh area and that formed the league that is active today.



*Kneeling: Susan Campayno, Wendy Kilby, Sandy Spencer, Carol Good, Debbie Heist
Standing: Gretchen MacDonell, Ron Acie, Dee Speer, Laura Winslow, Betty Maguire, Laurie Suprano, Sue Zielinski, Mar-yann Murray, Denise Williams
Missing from the photo: Beth Hack, Becky Bolyard and Mary Miller.*

This year's tournament consisted of three Pittsburgh teams as well as four teams from Ohio. On Friday evening, all of the teams played each other and on Saturday the teams competed in bracket play for ages 50/55 and older and 60/65 and older. The co-winners for the 50/55 bracket were Pittsburgh 55 and Hot Flashes 55 and the Pittsburgh 60's won the 60/65 bracket with the Diamond Girls 60's taking second place.

In addition to the Wednesday night league and the Kay Ray tournament, some of the ladies play on teams that travel to out-of-state tournaments like the Senior Games that were held in May in Columbus, OH.

"It's all for fun," said Spencer. If you are interested in joining in on the fun or in getting more information, please email league director Renee Zavolta at rzavolta@yahoo.com.



Rose Natoli keeping score

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Track Phenom Hall Captures State Championship

by Garrett Gess

The Hampton track & field season finished with Dale Hall, junior distance runner, winning first place at the PIAA Championships in the 1600m. Despite Hampton's jubilation for Dale's victory, his triumph came by way of an unlikely path. By his seeding, Dale was not even projected to finish on the top-7 platform, seeded at 11th. But Hall shocked the state, coming out from behind to claim first place. Dale finished just ahead of Butler junior Drew Griffith by seven hundredths of a second. Hall's finish was 4:08.52 and Griffith was 4:08.59.

Dale became the first track & field state champion from Hampton since 1982, when

Karl Kopczynski won the discus. Hall topped the original 1600m record of 4:11.7, set first by Mike England in 1978.

Dale's exciting victory is a reminder not only of the importance of finishing strong, but also the lesson that through very hard work, surprises do in fact happen.

Both the boys and girls track team qualified for the WPIAL team playoffs. For the boys, it was their third straight appearance. For the girls, it was their first appearance since 2019. They both faced off in a four-team meet at bordering North Allegheny, but were defeated by the larger schools; a disadvantage that has plagued Hampton in past years, despite many state qualifiers.

Heading into next season, Dale Hall and the rest of the distance squad are gearing up for the cross country season. Many of Hampton's top track athletes have done cross country in the fall or been multi-sport



Photo by coach Heather Dietz

Dale Hall



Photo submitted by coach

Left to right: Coaches: Joe Congilla, Kim Masarik, Heather Dietz, Dale Hall, Dean Longwell, and Nick Panza

athletes. This year's senior squad, along with Hall, includes Jacob Bonnar, Liam Butler, Layne Haught, Vitaliy Pikalo, and Blaise White. Lydia Bailey is the lone senior on the girls' squad.

Along with their typical WPIAL schedule, the cross country team will compete in mid-September in the Red, White and Blue Invitational, looking to finish first for the third-straight year.

On October 2, Hampton will compete at the Grove City Invitational, then will get ready for the WPIAL Championships on

October 26. Eventually, on November 4, Hampton will look to win the PIAA Championship, after coming in fourth place last year. Dale Hall especially will look to use this year to improve, with the opportunity to become a two-time PIAA Champion in the 1,600m, and with future college opportunities to choose from.



Photo by Chaz Palla from Tribune Review

Drew Griffiths from Butler and our own Hampton runner Dale Hall



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If you are interested, please reach out to Tracy Weigel via email and she will be more than happy to help you make someone feel special!

Email Tracyweigel17@outlook.com by the 20th of the month to have your ShoutOut printed in the following month's edition. \$10 for 15 words, \$20 for 25 words and \$5 extra to include a picture.

Please feel free to email with any questions!

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Two food trucks were outside the pool complex and the Farmer's Market had vendor tents set up with picnic tables to sit and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Municipal Manager

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ter and library, the addition of the baseball and soccer fields complex, and the construction of our wonderful pool facility that so many of us are enjoying during these hot summer days, just to name a few. Many of our cherished community events came to life under his leadership, and the Township has been recognized as a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities for the past 11 consecutive years.

Since late spring, Council, including our Controller, has been diligently engaged in the challenge of finding a suitable successor. During the Strategic Planning Session, a tradition also initiated by Chris, Council carefully deliberated the qualities and experience sought in a new manager, resulting in a comprehensive job description that was posted to various publications throughout June. The Township was fortunate to receive 16 resumes and letters of interest from highly impressive candidates, and after a thorough evaluation, Council selected six candidates for initial interviews. Among those, two exceptional candidates emerged, and both have been invited for in-person interviews with Council and the department heads in late August. Our aim is to identify an ideal successor during the early fall, ensuring a seamless transition to continue the Township's growth and prosperity.



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Dental Details

August Greetings,

This month we are going to discuss types of dentistry.

There are 9 categories, but only 6 do patient care.

I will BRIEFLY describe what they do.

GENERAL DENTIST: Exams, fillings. He/she does any of the specialties that he/she feels comfortable with. I do quite a bit of surgery, but leave the impacted 3rd molars to the Oral Surgeon. Some general dentists enjoy doing root canals, but if not comfortable doing the more complex ones, then they refer to the specialist.

ENDODONTIST: Root canals

ORTHODONTIST: Straightens teeth, adults or children.

ORAL/MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON: Extracts, places implants, corrects jaw deformities, drains abscesses, etc.

PEDODONTIST: Treats children and special needs patients.

PERIODONTIST: Treats gingival tissue and bone for diseases, places implants.

PROSTHODONTIST: Dentures, partials, crowns and bridges. There you have a brief description. Everyone should go to the General Dentist or Prosthodontist every 6 months and as needed he/she will do a specialty procedure or refer you to the specialist.

Any questions, please submit to the Hampton News with your phone number or email and I will get back to you promptly.

Elaine H. Berkowitz, DMD

American Legion Post 296

Are you a Hampton resident and honorably served on active duty during the Gulf War (August 2, 1990 through the Present)? Did you serve honorably and live in Hampton between the wars? Between Korea and Vietnam or between Vietnam and the Gulf War?

Email your information to be on a Gulf War Veterans plaque to: www.hampton-pa.org/HamptonGulfWarVeteran.

Do not delay!

We anticipate accepting names until November 11, 2023 so that the preparation and presentation of names can occur on Memorial Day 2024.

REMINDER:

Anyone may buy a commemorative paving brick to honor a service member. The brick can be inscribed with the service member's name, branch of service and years of service to celebrate and remember any service member. Proceeds from the sale of bricks will be used for the continued maintenance of this memorial. This is to be a lasting reminder of the Hampton residents that served their country. Please call the Hampton Township office at 412.486.0400 for brick information.

Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

Monday, August 21, 7 pm.

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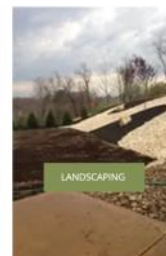
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Current Events

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Please join us for North Hills Community Outreach's signature event at scenic and elegant Greystone Fields north of Pittsburgh



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Four event tickets
Two wine pulls
Proceeds benefit NHCO's programs and events.

North Hills Community Outreach addresses the needs of people in crisis, hardship and poverty in Northern Allegheny County. Through various services and programs, NHCO fosters self-sufficiency while treating all individuals with dignity, understanding and caring. Purchase tickets at <https://www.nhco.org/corks>

Pool Member Appreciation Day

Hampton Township would like to thank our loyal pool members on Wednesday, August 16, with an annual Pool Member Appreciation Day!

The fun begins when you enter the pool for the day! Any person (18 or older) who has a valid 2023 pool membership will be entered to win a FREE POOL MEMBERSHIP for the 2024 pool season!

In addition to the raffle, DJ Rick Wirth plans to have a very special character visit the little ones and provide music for all from 4-6 pm. Ariel, the Little Mermaid, will be splashing in the pool from 4-6 pm for photo opportunities!

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Firefighter

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ers. They would be involved any way they could. They would assist around the firehouse, help with bingo and do whatever they could to be helpful in any way until they were old enough to join as firefighters.

Al is a Hampton High School graduate from the class of 1965. He served two years in U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 as a military police officer. Subsequently, he worked as an Elevator Mechanic for 40 years with the International Union of Elevator Constructors Union Local 6. Al is married to his wife of 54 years, Diane Wagner Hahn. Together, they have two children, Lori Rodgers and Thomas Hahn. They are grandparents to three grandchildren, Jackson, Maddie and Emma, whom they enjoy greatly.



Over his 60 years of service with the North Hampton VFD, Al held a variety of positions. These include Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Chief as well as Financial Secretary. Currently Al holds the positions of both Treasurer and Fire Truck Driver.

Albert has responded to over 9,000 calls throughout his career with more to come in his future. Three of those 9000 calls in particular stand out in his memory. There were two particularly daunting fires in the 1970s, one at Wildwood Highlands Ski Lodge and another at Auld's Lumberyard. But the fire most deeply etched upon Al's heart occurred in August of 2002 when his long-time, good buddy Billy Goodrich suffered a heart attack on the call and did not survive.

Sacrifices are made by these wonderful people who not only protect us and keep us safe, but also enjoy opportunities to celebrate with us. Firefighters present fire prevention programs at our schools teaching our children how to be safe. They provide fire truck parades to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions for those in our community. These are people who love to help others.



Al has earned some impressive awards and titles during his career. In 2008, he was given the title of Pine Creek Journal's Citizen of the Year. In 2005, he was named

a Hampton Hero.

Having lived in and served our Hampton community for so many decades, we would like to acknowledge and thank him for his contribution in keeping our community safe.

"My wife, Diane, is a real trooper. There were a lot of times when I would need to jump up from the dinner table, leave family events and run out on holiday gatherings to attend to a call. And I had Diane's full support through every one of those times."

North Hampton Vol. Fire Dept.

Chief Michael Piovesan's Monthly Report for June 2023

Monthly Incident Summary:

Animal Rescue	1
Brush Fire	3
Commercial Fire Alarm	8
CO Alarm	3
Residential Fire Alarm	4
Residential Structure Fire	3
Smoke Outside	1
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	8
Total Incidents for the Month	31
Total Incidents for 2023	228

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD responded to Tall Timber for a reported brush fire. Crews arrived to find the woods between two houses on fire. Crews utilized a handline and hand tools from HVFD Engine One and were able to quickly extinguish the fire.
- NHVFD responded to Clarkland Ave for a reported cat stuck in a tree. The aerial ladder from NHVFD Quint was used to safely remove the cat from the tree.
- NHVFD responded to McCully Rd for a reported residential structure fire. Hampton Fire Marshal 506FM1 was first on scene and reported all occupants were out of the structure with smoke showing. Crews deployed several hand lines and were able to bring the fire under control within an hour.

New Membership:

We can always use new members who are interested in firefighting, fire police or as drivers only. There is a place in the department for anyone who is interested in helping. Please contact an officer at 724-443-5250, or visit our website at www.northhamptonvfd.org.





Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Connecting with the Community by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

At the Hampton Community Day, I thoroughly enjoyed talking with so many of you and discussing what's happening in Harrisburg. Most importantly, the House passed a budget bill that still needs to be signed by the Senate before it goes to the Governor. I hope this gets accomplished soon, as there are several items to applaud in the budget.

First among those is a funding increase of \$7.69 million for the Hampton Township School District. The budget also allocates \$100 million in

unspent federal COVID-19 relief funds to provide grants for mental health services in schools. In addition, the budget invests more than \$283.8 million in the Department of Health, funding programs to aid local health departments, address maternal health and more.

During this session we also passed HB 1422 on a bipartisan vote to reform cyber charter schools, which would save \$439,214 in 2024-25 for the Hampton School District. The bill would annually set a cyber charter tuition rate, implement a tiered Special Education Fair Funding Formula, require transparency and reasonable restrictions for advertising, sponsorships, and other expenses, and require cyber charter school meetings to follow the Sunshine Act. This will allow us to ensure taxpayer dollars for cyber charter schools are used in a cost-effective and accountable way.

I urge the Senate to take up HB 1422 and sign the budget so we can implement these needed reforms and programs.

As always, my staff and I are available to help you with state government-related questions and concerns. You can reach us at 412-348-8028, RepVenkat@pahouse.net, or stop by my office at 9800B McKnight Road in McCandless.

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Upcoming Events:

- * Free Shredding: September 9, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at North Park Ice Rink, 1200 Pearce Mill Road
- * Senior Fair: October 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Ross Community Center, 1000 Ross Municipal Drive

See all upcoming events at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Events.



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The Rotary Club of Hampton Township sponsored the Firecracker 5K on Tuesday, July 4, 2023



133 registered runners in the 2023 Firecracker 5K!
The top overall winners of the race:

- Chris Belch 17:33.62
- Michael Belch 17:44.06
- Aidan Sawyer 18:16.78
- Will Nury 19:27.50
- Josh Wukitch 19:52.26

Michael Kawecki
Overall 6th Place
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Host an Exchange Student
Hampton Rotary is seeking Hampton School District families to host an international exchange student in the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The host family would have the student reside in their home and be a part of their family for one half of the school year. Interested families may contact Hal English at 412-486-1923 or henglish@nb.net. Thank you!

A Change of the Guard

Hal English completed his three year term as President of the Hampton Rotary Club. He previously served as president for two years, bringing him to serving for five years as president. Tom Baker is now serving as the Rotary president for the second time. He has been a member since 2007 and was Pittsburgh East Rotary Club President from 2010-2012. "It's been an awesome

journey over these 16 years!" stated Baker. A special thanks to Chris Lochner on his final Community Day and 5K Firecracker Race as Township Manager. And thanks to Lou D'Angelo's great success in promoting the 5K race—25% increase in attendance from last year!

More 5K race photos are available:
www.Wallacemedia.shootshareprint.com



Upcoming Events

Save the Date and Get A Babysitter Now!

Hampton Community Association is hosting an **Adult (21+) Halloween Costume Party fundraiser**

When: Saturday, October 21, 2023, Time: 7-10 pm

Where: Hampton Community Center

DJ Rick, Beer, Wine, Pizza and Prizes and a Spooktacular night of fun!

Purchase Tickets and more info:

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(Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence)

The 31st Annual HAAE 5K/1.5mi on October 7th at Hampton Community Center! Registration begins at 7AM, and the race begins at 9AM. Go to

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Custom awards will be given to the top male/female runners in each age category: 10 & Under, 12-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. And, of course, we always want to know who will win the Alliance Cup!

Free on-site parking is available at Hampton Community Park. Volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic.




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cumstances, the driver was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.


 On 7/22/2023 at 9:07 pm, HTPD were dispatched to Sheetz after a Pennsylvania state trooper requested their response for a possible DUI driver in the parking lot. The trooper advised that he was flagged down by another person regarding an individual who appeared to be passed out in a vehicle. The driver had his foot was on the accelerator causing the vehicle engine to rev. It took the trooper around one minute to wake the driver up. Throughout their interaction with the driver, the odor of an alcoholic beverage was coming from his person and breath, and he was observed to be swaying. He also displayed slow and slurred speech while speaking. After field sobriety testing, he was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Vehicle Accidents

 On 7/10/2023, the HTPD was dispatched to the area of Arby's for a motor vehicle accident. While en route, Allegheny County dispatch advised that there were possibly four vehicles involved; with

no injuries being reported. Upon arrival, four vehicles were confirmed to be involved, all were found to have pulled into the Arby's parking lot.

The accident was said to have happened as Unit #1 was traveling south in the left travel lane of William Flinn Highway when a phantom vehicle cut the initial vehicle off, causing the driver to brake aggressively, resulting in the chain reaction rear-end collision. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

 On 7/08/2023, HTPD responded to St. Paul's United Methodist Church for a report of a utility pole and wires down on the ground caused by a tractor trailer truck that was no longer on scene.

While in route to St. Paul's, officers located the tractor trailer in the Allison Park Plaza parking lot. The driver of the truck was asked about the incident at the church, and he stated that he turned around in the parking lot of a church just up the road. He stated that he missed the turn into the Dollar General in the Allison Park Plaza and that he used the parking lot of the church because it looked big enough to turn around in. He said that

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while he was pulling out, he caught a wire with the top of his truck and that he saw the wire "snap" and hit the ground. However, he did not know that he caused damage to the utility pole and other wires. He was then asked why he didn't stop after he knew that he caused damage to the wire and he stated, "I just wanted to get to a safe location, which is the Dollar General store here." Officers took his driver's and insurance information for the report.

After speaking with the driver, officers responded to St. Paul's Church. While at the church, officers met with members of St. Paul's Church and members of Du-

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Police Log

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quesne Light. Both parties were advised that the driver of the truck that caused the damage at the church was located, and they were provided with the driver and insurance information. Officers also assessed the damage done in the parking lot. There were multiple wires brought down and a utility pole brought down as well. In addition, there was fire damage caused to the grass and mulch bed from the electrical wires making contact with the ground.

It was discovered that there was also damage caused to a vehicle when one of the power lines landed on the vehicle after being brought down. The driver of the vehicle stated that he was traveling westbound on Ferguson Rd. at the time of the incident. He stated that as he approached the church, he saw the truck pulling out of the church and that it started to travel eastbound on Ferguson Rd. He advised that he noticed that the truck was dragging a wire with the top of the trailer part of the truck. He went on to say that the wire the truck was dragging landed on his vehicle and caused damage (scratches) to the hood, passenger side door, passenger side mirror, and the sun-roof of the car.

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