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Summer Is Not Over Yet

by Mary-Theresa Watson

July was a busy month for residents, as the Township held its annual Community Day Celebration, welcomed the Peach Truck to the community park, treated pool goers to 25¢ hot dogs at the pool conces-

sion stand on National Hot Dog Day, and celebrated Christmas in July (photos on page 10). But the coming months still have much to offer with ongoing happenings on the summertime events calendar as well

as the always-popular Pool Member Appreciation Day. Upcoming events will include:

- **Farmers Market:**

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Photo by Erin Bell

Cary Bell, Shiloh Bell, Lainey Berkey, Maria Lucey, Margo Bell and Hayden Berkey taking a stroll around the renovated pond on Community Day July 3, 2024

Classmate Memorial at Remembrance Garden

The Class of 1974 invite you to the Remembrance Garden to pay tribute to Hampton classmates who have passed away. All classes are welcome to join in. If your class would like to participate by honoring and remembering family members, friends, teachers or co-workers, please email so we can put you on our agenda. RSVP to Mary Walker at mszcz@zoominternet.net.

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Non-Profit Provides Free Medical Care

by Julie Mikus

An organization in Hampton's neighboring community of Glenshaw makes a worldwide impact by providing free surgical and medical care to people in need in developing countries. Surgicorps International was founded in 1994 by Dr. Jack Demos, a retired plastic and reconstructive surgeon. In these 30 years, Surgicorps has traveled to 22 countries and completed over 100 missions. In 2024, Surgicorps will complete trips to Zambia

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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 6/12/2024—7/12/2024:

Hampton Deer Management Program Opens Up to Private Properties Over 5 Acres

Since the early 2000's, Hampton Township has implemented an archery deer management program on Township owned property. As development expands, the deer's natural habitat is diminishing. This overpopulation has led to a rise in auto accidents, the potential for Lyme disease cases, and property damage. To promote community safety and well-being, the Township is now offering homeowners the chance to have an approved archer come onto their property and help manage the deer population. Property owners must have at least 5 acres to qualify for the program. If you would like to participate, please contact Sgt. Jeff Haus at 412-486-0400 ext. 1337 or email jeff.haus@hampton-pa.org.

Vehicle Accident

On 7/12/24, HTP were dispatched to the area of RT8 and Aldi for a report of a two vehicle accident with both vehicles still on the roadway and blocking traffic.

Shaler /Hampton EMS transported two people to the hospital and Leo's Towing removed both vehicles.

Fire

On 6/29/24, Hampton Police and Fire were dispatched to

4367 Route 8 for a vehicle on fire. The fire was extinguished, and there were no injuries. Zang's Auto Body removed the vehicle from the roadway. PennDOT was notified of damage to the asphalt roadway from the heat of the fire.

On 7/5/24, the Hampton Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to 4842 William Flinn Highway, for a battery pack on fire inside an apartment. Prior to the arrival of the police or fire department the resident extinguished the fire. Fire units ventilated the apartment with fans and took possession of the battery pack.

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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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Summer!

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Every Wednesday through October 9th, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot. Vendors and food trucks are on hand offering fresh produce, homemade goods, and delicious meals.

• **Pints in the Park:**

On select Fridays at Hampton Community Park, from 5 to 9 p.m. Each evening features food trucks, local vendors, and a live music performance. Upcoming dates are August 23rd and September 27th.

• **Movie Night:**

Following Pints in the Park on August 23rd, enjoy a movie to close out the evening.

• **Pool Member Appreciation Day:**

Wednesday, August 14th. Anyone over age 18 who enters the pool complex using their valid 2024 pool membership will be entered to win a free pool membership for the 2025 pool season. From 4 to 6 p.m., DJ Rick Worth will provide music while Ariel, the Little Mermaid, splashes in the pool for photos with the little ones.

• **Dog Swim Day:**

Saturday, September 7th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 2024 pool members. Fee: \$15 per dog, and all participants must pre-register; registration will not be available the day of the event.

Please note: Proof of current rabies and distemper shots are required to be shown at check-in on this day. No exceptions. *During this time the pool is open for dog swimming only. For the safety and enjoyment of all dogs and owners, no people are permitted in the pool on this day. Shoes must be worn at all times. Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times.*

As events are added, the Township website will be updated. www.hampton-pa.org



Elena Williams and Carmella Arnold at the pool on National Hot Dog Day despite the dark sky and forecast for rain storms!

Photo by Erin Bell



Families gathering at Community Day 2024!

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Adventure Begins at the Hampton Community Library's Summer Reading Program is ending soon!

All tickets must be earned and entered for prizes by Saturday, August 10th. Winners will be announced on August 14th.

2nd Saturday Storytime!

Saturday, August 10th @ 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

We asked what you wanted to see in the summer and the number one answer was a Saturday Storytime! So join us for a more a "traditional" storytime filled with stories, rhymes and songs! Geared to ages 3 and up, but all are welcome!

Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer with Dog-Man!

Tuesday, August 6th @ 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Can good deeds outdo evil doers? Of course it can with Dog-Man and Cat-Kid on their tails!! Registration required, Ages 5 -8.

Dragons Bring Adventure!

Thursdays @ 1:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

Each month will feature a different dragon theme as we explore new and old dragon worlds! Registration Appreciated, Ages 7 -11.
August 1st and 8th: How to Train Your Dragon.

Check Mate! A Summer Chess Club!

Mondays, now through August 5th @ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun, instructive, interactive play. Whether you are a beginner or have been playing for years...there's always something new to learn! All skill levels welcomed! Please register when you come to play. Ages 5-12.

Adventures in Storytime!

Tuesdays, now through August 6th @ 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, now through August 8th @ 10:30 a.m.

Jump on the adventure 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.

Party at the Pavilion! Stories and Play Time!

Tuesdays, now through August 6th. @ 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, now through August 8th @ 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 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.

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Adventures in Scrapbooking!

Monday, August 19th @ 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Are you new to scrapbooking or maybe got away from it and looking for a reboot?

This is the day for you. If you are a seasoned scrapbooker looking for like-minded friends, come join us for a morning of scrapbooking! Marie Golio from Creative Memories will be here to share, teach, and support fellow scrapbookers and their goals! No need to register, class will be in the library!

Adventures in Origami!

Tuesday, August 20th @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Origami is the art of paper folding and is enjoyed around the world as an expressive art/craft that can be used for decorative



and ceremonial purposes. Join Mary Garnett as she teaches one-on-one instruction on how to create a butterfly—a symbol of change. This program is for adults 16 years and older,

registration is limited! Stop in and see the beautiful examples of origami that Mary created!

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Library

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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!



Murder by the Book!

A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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!

August 21st: All Good People Here, by Ashley Flowers.

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group. Fridays, 1:00 p.m.

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!

August 16th: *Loyalty*, by Lisa Scottoline.

SAVE THE DATE! Local Book Club Trivia Bonanza!

Thursday, September 19th 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, oldies but goodies, celebrity book clubs, book to film etc.! BYOB (corkage fee) and snacks! \$10 pp, teams of 8 or less. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/bookbonanza2024>. All proceeds benefit the Hampton, N. Tier and Shaler Libraries!

Meet Me at the Movies! Tuesday, September 10th @ 1:00 P.M.

The Department of Community Services and the Hampton Community Library are excited to partner in this new program for adults. Join us once a month in Great Room B of the Community Center to watch and discuss a new movie or a classic cult film. Please visit the library to find out what movie we will be viewing. Hint, hint – Agatha Christie's birthday is in September! Snacks are encouraged! No registration is necessary.

Summer Hours!

Summer hours will begin Memorial Day and 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: **11:30 a.m.** – 7:30 p.m. *ending August 14th!

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

Saturday: **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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Summer tends to be a time of construction and renovation projects, and this year is no different. In addition to the resurfacing project on the outdoor tennis courts-which includes adding a pickleball court to the facility (above) -construction workers have been busy at the community park pond (below).



(Top right) Patrick Drake (on right holding fish) with his neighbor friend Matt McKenna. The boys were excited to show off the fish they caught in the Hampton pond back in the 70's! After showing off the fish to the neighbor kids, his mom, Eileen snapped a photo, and the boys ran their trophy fish back to the pond and set it free! Both Patrick and Matt grew up on Clareville Drive and graduated from Hampton High School in 1985.



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Hampton Restaurant Week Coming This September!

by Amanda Lukas

On behalf of the Hampton Economic Advisory Board (EAB), the Township is happy to announce a new annual event for the community. The first-ever Hampton Restaurant Week will take place this year between September 8th and September 14th. This event was organized by the EAB with the hope of benefiting



both the residents of Hampton and the local restaurants that we're so happy to have as a part of this community. Our goal is to promote Hampton's restaurants and provide an affordable way for residents to try them out.

We've timed this event to coincide with the beginning of the school year when many of us are busy with new routines and activities. So please consider skipping the dishes and the grocery run for the second week in September and trying out some of your local eateries.

To take part, all you have to do is go to any of the restaurants listed during the week of September 8th through September 14th and mention that you'd like the



"Hampton Restaurant Weeks special." If you enjoy the event and you'd like to share your experience, please tag #hamptonrestaurantweek online. We hope you join in!

Participating restaurants include:

Vocelli Pizza:

Large 1 topping pizza for \$6.99

Three Little Birds Café & Juice Bar:

1/2 chicken salad sandwich OR 1/2 avocado spinach sandwich with a cup of soup, chips & a pickle for \$11.50

Pine Creek Public House on Route 8:

Pulled pork sandwich with fries for \$7.00

Caliente Pizza & Drafthouse:

Large Buffalo Chicken Pizza for \$18.00

Bella Terra Vineyards – Wine Cave:

Shrimp Diavolo for \$17.00

Monte Cello's Hampton:

Free kids' meal with the purchase of an adult entrée

Bruno's Pizza:

Extra-large cheese pizza for \$12.99

Golden Star Chinese Restaurant:

Combination General Tso's Meal for \$10.00 (includes

General Tso's chicken, white or fried rice, and an egg roll)



Betsy Ann's Chocolates:

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2585 Chase Drive	\$675,000	\$650,000	56
3850 Oakbrook Court	\$600,000	\$600,000	7
4015 Gwynedd Drive	\$589,900	\$588,000	34
2743 Bristol Court	\$550,000	\$530,000	35
2534 Red Oak Court	\$407,000	\$407,000	21
2848 Shamrock Drive	\$379,900	\$389,900	67
5031 Lakeview Drive	\$350,000	\$355,065	1
3190 Meadowridge Court	\$350,000	\$350,000	12
3092 Raintree Drive	\$315,000	\$327,000	4
4926 Wickloe Drive	\$340,000	\$315,000	14
5170 Polo Fields Drive	\$285,000	\$290,000	1
5129 Polo Fields Drive	\$268,000	\$275,000	4
4520 Bucktail Drive	\$236,900	\$235,000	8
3975 Parkview Lane	\$199,000	\$180,000	2

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Typically August is another hot weather month which makes an excellent time for deep cleaning inside your home to freshen up for fall.

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Police Log

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Traffic Alert

PennDOT District 11 has announced roadway improvement work on Mt. Royal Boulevard (Route 4019) in Hampton and Shaler Townships, weather permitting.

Single-lane alternating traffic restrictions with flaggers will occur on Mt. Royal Boulevard between Route 8 and Grant Avenue weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through late October. Crews from A. Liberoni, Inc. will conduct drainage improvement work to begin the project.



Improvement work on this \$11.89 million group paving job includes milling and paving, base repair, drainage improvements, and other various construction related activities. Additional details will be provided in advance of paving operations.

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Working America Conducting Door-to-Door Organizing Drive

The Police Department would like to inform the residents of Hampton that Working America will be conducting a door-to-door organizing drive, through at least November 6th, 2024.

Working America's canvassers may at times display picture identification cards and wear red safety vests that display their affiliation with Working America. The purpose of their organizing drive is to educate working people about issues that affect them and sign up new members. Working America does not sell any kind of products.

Their canvassing typically operates in the late afternoon and evening, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Courts have recognized the right of canvassers to canvass during these hours, notwithstanding any local or state curfews.

Because Working America is engaged in constitutionally protected political speech in its canvassing operation, it is not required to obtain a permit prior to engaging in this activity.

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 Induction and Dinner-Thursday, September 26, 2024
 Wildwood Country Club at 6:30 PM
 Hall of Fame Game - Friday 9/27, Inductees announced at game.
 Tickets available on the Hampton Athletics website.

The Hampton 10U softball took the championship bling home from Pine Richland going 5-0 and only giving up 4 runs all weekend!



Front row: L to R: Samantha Murray, Callie Carlin, Haley Carlin, Leah Yurchick, Evelyn Mascaro, and Marlo Wheeler
 Back row: L to R: Hannah Koontz, Kacey Berkey, Addison Watn-pool, Amelia Holtz, and Natalie Mazzoni

Other team members that didn't play in this tournament due to other commitments: Johna Ontko, Madison Peck, and Sydney Leidwinger.

Coaches not pictured: Tom Carlin, Michael Yurchick, Kellen Wheeler, Greg Holtz, and Christopher Mascaro.

15U Girls softball Team Desabato took the 2nd place showing in the GPGSL Gold Division



The Hampton Hounds 10U went 5-0 on the weekend of July 14th to win the Upstate Showdown tournament in Niagara Falls, NY!



Kneeling in front: Tyler Ferketic, Drew Garbon, Nash Enck, Jake Miller, Mason Dietz
 Middle: Andrew Barbiaux, Kamden Perry, Sam Slatcoff, Jude Hilton, Lucas Muir, Leighton Koehler, and Carter Papcunik.
 Coaches: Mike Ferketic, Joel Papcunik, Leland Koehler, and Jason Barbiaux.

The Talbot Shuffle

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Bronco Champs in the spring season! The Dougherty Blue Bandits finish up their season with a big victory!



9U Hampton Heat Runners Up in Bauerstown

Front: Brock Rzoski, Charlie Lamb, Aiden Moore, Carson Simeone, Hudson Hetrick.

Middle: Grayson Petok, Paxton Lowell, Ryan Legal, Cameron Frank, Matthew Lichina, Sydney Slatcoff.

Coaches: John Petok, Nikki Slatcoff, Will Lamb, Dave Lichina, Art Simeone



The Mustang Champs—Koehler Icebergs



The Pinto Champions—The Krol Gray Wolves!



8U Softball season culminated in playoffs with the Golden Spikes rising to the top as champions in a hard-fought back and forth title game! Congratulations to all the teams for a memorable season!

Pictured together: The Golden Spikes, Lightning Bolts, Hamsters and Hammers!

The Depreciation Lands Museum

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NEW EVENT! Name The Cannon

Date: Sunday, August 18th Time: 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

How to participate:

Visit the museum on Sunday, August 18 to submit your name suggestion for the cannon. Voting starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The names will be sorted through and the lucky winner will be announced.

The name MUST be a name that was used in the 18th century. It MUST begin with an "S."

Grand Prize:

The lucky winner of the drawing will not only have the honor of naming the cannon, but will also get to fire it off at 3:30 that day!

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- **August 18**

MAGIC!, reggae/pop powerhouse whose song "Rude" held the No. 1 spot on Billboard's Top 100 chart for six weeks and hit number one in 41 countries.

The 2024 Summer Concert Series will conclude with the 24th Annual Allegheny County Music Festival. This year, the event will feature two-time Tony Award-winner Michael Cerveris singing the songs of David Bowie backed by a Pittsburgh All-Star band with special guests Scott Blasey and Rob James of the Clarks.

A \$20 per vehicle requested donation supports requests made through the county Department of Human Services or the Juvenile Section of the Family Division of the Court of Common Pleas.

Since 2000, the County Music Festival has raised nearly \$550,000 for the Allegheny County Music Festival Fund.



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- Purchased and dropped off 3,080 units worth of milk, eggs, butter, and cheese to North Hills Community Outreach food pantry distributions at Allison Park, Millvale, and North Boroughs offices netting \$10,000 worth of items through successful implementation of District Grant
- Delivered 52 weeks of Meals on Wheels (104 shifts-2 members per week completed by Hampton Rotarians delivering over 500 total meals)
- Hosted (thanks Shawn Wright and family) and fully embraced Pelin Girgin as Rotary Exchange Student and part of our club
- Raised funds through execution of annual Hampton Rotary Firecracker 5K on July 4, 2023 and prepared for the Firecracker 5K in 2024
- Provided \$10,000 worth of scholarships to students at Hampton High School
- Oversaw the regional Rotary efforts to provide scholarships at A.W. Beattie Career Center
- Featured 20 interesting speakers who shared dynamic content with the club and all of whom received \$100 to the charity of their choice (\$2,000 worth of impact)
- Gathered for 4 additional fellowship events in honor of exchange student Pelin (kickoff to school year, holiday party, school musical night, sendoff party)
- Supported other local organizations including Anchorpoint, HEARTH, AI's Bike Drive, Hampton focused 5K events, and rang Salvation Army bells to raise funds for NHCO
- Engaged with several District events and hosted joint meeting with DG Hartman in the fall

For more information on the Hampton Rotary or becoming a member, contact Tom Baker at 412-608-8842.



**Congratulations to all the students
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Hampton High School was awarded Best Dance Ensemble (Budget Level Four), out of five total nominations.



Andrew Kaehly (HHS '24) with Patricia Ward Kelly, Gene Kelly's wife, on May 25th at the Gene Kelly Awards.



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Surgicorps

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(April and September), Guatemala (August) and Vietnam (October).

Strong Hampton ties lie within the organization. Administrative Assistant Gretchen Homison, a Hampton resident and graduate, has worked for the organization for five years. Previously a preschool teacher, Gretchen strongly believes in the importance of the Surgicorps mission to change lives in the developing world. "I am so grateful to be part of Surgicorps," stated Gretchen. "Our volunteers have changed countless lives, not just by the work they do, but by inspiring so many others."

Another Hampton resident, Dr. Cathy Boyle, will help direct the recovery room on an upcoming trip to Guatemala. "I am so blessed to play a small part of this amazing team that changes peoples lives," said Cathy.

Linda Esposto, Retired Executive Director of Surgicorps, has led the organization for 20 years. DeNese Olson began in 2014 and is the Director of Operations and Outreach. Surgicorps has outstanding volunteers throughout the country who both travel on trips, paying 100% of their expenses, and support the office in many ways. Volunteers help Surgicorps pack all medical supplies for each trip with few exceptions. Surgicorps is a self-sustaining operation who strives to not deplete the supplies of developing countries. Surgicorps then donates the surplus supplies to the hospitals.

The individuals receiving treatment in countries such as Zambia, Guatemala, and Vietnam lack access to the most basic of health care, including treatments such as reconstructive sur-



Gretchen Homison

gery for cleft lips and palates, severe burn deformities, and a number of congenital defects. In many of these countries, patients must travel by foot for hours - sometimes days - to get medical attention.

Surgicorps makes long term commitments to each country and has recently begun providing educational workshops in Zambia. The organization hopes to expand these programs

into other countries in the future. These workshops teach both burn prevention and burn care, as many people in developing countries are severely burned from cooking on open fires. In Vietnam, burns also occur as a result of acid attacks. These deformities impact the patient's education, peer relationships and are a financial burden to a family. Some countries have no plastic surgeons while others have a limited number, which reduces the patient's options for medical care.

Jack Demos feels that, "We do this because we can, we do this because we want to, and we do this because we should," and that everyone can make a difference. People can support Surgicorps by making a monetary donation or purchasing non-medical gifts for patients (go to

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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

A Budget to Benefit Our Community

I was proud to add my yes vote to Pennsylvania’s 2024-25 fiscal year budget after a couple of busy weeks in Harrisburg. Our state’s financial plan, now officially signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro, addresses several key areas that align with my priorities as a state representative.

The budget invests \$1.3 billion in public schools statewide, and these dollars make a positive difference for communities in Allegheny County and in the North Hills. The Hampton Township School District, specifically, will receive \$393,462 in additional

funds per the budget. These monies are important for providing students, teachers, and support staff alike with the tools needed to succeed at the highest possible level.

Also contained in the budget is a \$26 million increase in subsidized child-care services. Working families need all the support necessary to maintain a healthy balance between financial stability and the well-being of loved ones.

Health preservation measures and health facilities are significant budget beneficiaries as well. Efforts to promote health and disease prevention saw a \$2.7 million increase (over 115%) when compared to last year’s budget, and state health centers received \$3.1 million additional dollars for this fiscal year. Being a state legislator and practicing emergency physician, I’m privileged to also represent my medical colleagues across the Commonwealth and work to keep all Pennsylvanians healthy and safe.

For more information about legislation I’ve introduced and additional questions you have, please call my office at **412-348-8028**, or email me at RepVenkat@pahouse.net. My staff and I are always available to address your concerns.



State Senator
LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS
38th Senatorial District



Senator Lindsey Williams will host **Demystifying Harrisburg: Our Elections** with special guests at the Town of McCandless Municipal Building, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090 on Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. This event will take a

deep dive into how our local elections are run and feature guests with practical knowledge from the state, county, and local level. Senator Williams’ Demystifying Harrisburg series takes a closer look at how Harrisburg works—or doesn’t work—for people every day. This series also seeks to provide easy steps and access points for people to get involved and engaged in what can feel like overwhelming processes. You can watch all of the previous videos in the series on her website at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/DemystifyingHbg.



State Representative
Rob Mercuri
28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania



Compromise Harrisburg Budget Achieves Mixed Results

Pennsylvania’s annual budget process came to an end at the halfway point of July as lawmakers in Harrisburg were finally able to decide upon a budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The budget is the most complex aspect of our work in Harrisburg and an opportunity for the General Assembly to do right by the people of Pennsylvania. The final product produced a budget at \$47.6 billion, an increase of \$2.7 billion, or 6%, over the prior fiscal year.

At this rate, the budget spends \$3.3 billion more than the anticipated revenues within the fiscal year, adding to the structural deficit the Commonwealth is already facing. The unsustainable structure of the budget could lead to increased taxes over time, which will create additional strain on our families and small businesses.

No state budget is perfect, and there are certainly aspects of the 2024-25 budget process worthy of celebrating. This budgetary cycle led to significant opportunities for young people in Pennsylvania, including a scholarship grant program and performance-based budg-

eting for Pennsylvania’s state-funded institutions of higher education. This mandates more transparency and accountability from these institutions to ensure we are providing the strongest educational value for our students.

Investment into our young people starts at an early age, which led to record spending increases into K through 12 schools, and will primarily benefit students of lower income school districts, but will grow opportunities for all students.

Another positive outcome of the budget cycle was significant changes to Pennsylvania’s tax codes. The budget maintained the current phase-down schedule of the Corporate Net Income Tax, from 8.49% to 7.99% in 2025. Improvement was also made to the Commonwealth’s Net Operating Loss deductions, which starts in January 2025 and gradually increases to 80% by 2029.

As the budget process is now behind us, I am hopeful the legislature can build upon the compromises of the budget process and gear our focuses toward continuing strong, bipartisan efforts in Harrisburg. We must restore civility and respect in our Commonwealth, and I hope our Legislature can be the example in achieving this goal.

Help Wanted

Library

Are you looking for an opportunity that allows you to be part of the Hampton community and contribute to a child's love of books and reading? Are you committed to providing top notch library service to babies through adults using both technology and traditional means? We are looking for you!

We're seeking a highly motivated, creative ideas person who has an overwhelming enthusiasm for working with children in the library and throughout the school district! Someone who possesses outstanding customer service skills, is outgoing with a sense of humor and has the ability to work as a team member as well as on their own is a great candidate. Experience in youth programming and outreach services are a must as well as the ability to create magic out of nothing. Extra consideration will be given to applicants who can mesmerize peers, inspire the

cynical, and overcome the impossible all within a 16 - 20 hour work week.

We prefer past work with an education, non-profit or library setting, MLIS preferred but it's not required and equivalent experience will be considered. There will be flexible scheduling including some weekend and evening hours. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania State Policy Criminal Record Check and FBI fingerprint based background check are required upon offer of employment. Compensation is based on experience (minimum \$16.00/ hour).

Do you see yourself contributing to HCL? We hope so and we would love to hear from you. When submitting your resume please include your answer to this one question: If you had to pick your favorite, (just one) picture book what would it be and why?

Please send your resume and letter of interest to Suzanna Krispli at hampton@einetwork.net by September 1, 2024.

Police Officer

The Township of Hampton is accepting applications to prepare an eligibility list for the position of a full time police officer with the Hampton Township Police Department. Application packets are available at the Hampton Township Police Department located at 3101 McCully Rd., Allison Park, PA, 15101 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm; the application packet may also be downloaded at

www.hampton-pa.org/policeapplication2024

Completed applications must be hand delivered to the Hampton Township Police Department. Applications must be returned no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, August 9, 2024. The 2024 annual starting salary for this position is \$50,671.26 and includes an excellent benefits package.

Physical agility testing is scheduled for 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Applicants who successfully complete the physical agility test will then take a written examination directly following the agility test. The physical agility and written testing will be given at the Allegheny County Police Academy, 700 W. Ridge Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101.

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Memorial

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Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024

Time: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

Place: Remembrance Garden in front of Hampton High School





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