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Community Support Bolsters Shaler Hampton EMS

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Shaler Hampton EMS Chief Eric Schmidt smiles with pride when asked about his team of dedicated EMS providers who recently received the 2023 Pennsylvania EMS Agency of the Year award. When the group gathered in early

May for an annual meeting between staff members and the board of directors, they were surprised by representatives of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council who showed up to present the award.

“Everyone in the room—aside from me and one board member—were completely surprised,” Eric shares. “I had worked with the council to coordinate the date, and we made it into a celebration.

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Left to right: Supervisor Brian Schutzman, Mo Pittser, Mike Mahoney, and Tom Kapport

Commencement Night

by Lainy Carslaw

On Thursday, June 8th, Hampton High School held its graduation ceremony for just over 200 graduates donned in white and blue.

Thankfully, the bad weather held off and the ceremony was able to be completed just before the rain came.

The evening featured four student speakers, starting with class president, Ben Sheets. Sheets spoke proudly of Hampton’s accomplishments this year,

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Once Upon A Time Girl Scout Camp 2023

by Tracy Weigel

Early morning chills and afternoon downpours did not dampen the fun experienced by all during Hampton Girl Scout Day Camp 2023, themed “Once Upon a Time.” Sixty-seven campers, ranging in age from Daisies (K) to Cadettes (grades 6-7), all enjoyed a week of imagination and creativity culminating in a week-ending “Happily Ever After-Party” celebration.

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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 5/12/2023—6/19/2023:


Vehicle Accident/DUI

 On 05/28/2023 at 10:51 pm, Hampton Township Police Department were dispatched to Mount Royal Blvd at Sample Road for a two-vehicle crash with unknown injuries. Upon arrival, officers confirmed no injuries. Both vehicles were damaged because of the crash. The accident was said to have occurred when the operator of one vehicle which was being driven south on Mount Royal Boulevard went to turn right onto Sample Road striking the front left headlight of the vehicle at the stop sign on Sample Road.

Responding officers observed one of the drivers displaying visible signs of impairment and after investigation of the accident, the operator was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Vehicle Accident

 On June 2, 2023, at approximately 3:00 pm, HTPD were dispatched to Middle Rd at Hampton Oaks Dr. for a two-vehicle accident with no injuries. The accident was caused by an operator failing to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic when exiting Hampton Oaks Dr. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

 On June 7, 2023, HTPD units were dispatched to CVS for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, it was discovered that there were no injuries, and no tows were needed. The acci-

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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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Aquinas Mock Trial Team Placed 6th at States

by Mike Burchill

In its third season, the Aquinas Academy Mock Trial Team was very successful. Aquinas finished the Allegheny County competition as undefeated co-champion, and was one of 14 district champions to advance to the state competition in Harrisburg on March 25. Aquinas Academy finished 6th in its quest to advance to the national finals in Little Rock Arkansas. The eight performing team members were Elizabeth Swift, John Ortiz, Clara Yuo, Chase Harrison, Lucy Fowler, Enzo Flati, Isabel Giancola, and Luke Crawford. The team is coached by Mr. Timothy Waxenfelter.



Front row (L - R): Meghan McGee, Lucy Fowler, Isabel Giancola, Elizabeth Swift, Clara Yuo, and Lara Hainan
Back row (L - R): Louis Bentivegna, Luke Crawford, Samuel McGowan, Alexander Beaven, Chase Harrison, Enzo Flati, John Ortiz, Mr. Timothy Waxenfelter

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Come On! All Together Now! Join in Hampton Community Library's Summer Reading Program. Whether you like to read books, listen to them on E-audio, read a book in graphic form, listen to on Playaway, or watch on a Launchpad - there's something for you at the library this summer! Babies, Preschoolers, Readers, Adults - we have a summer program to fit you! There's still time to participate!

Children ages birth-12 are invited to register for the **in-person** program at the library. Take home your swag bag & start reading to earn raffle tickets. Return each week for raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our awesome prizes!

Youth and Adults ages 13 and up can participate in the summer reading challenge too. Read books, get raffle tickets, win prizes---it's that simple!

Register for the **virtual program** with Beanstack. Participate in activity challenges, update your reading log, earn tickets for the Grand Prize Raffle. This program is for **all ages**: birth to adult. Visit www.hamptoncommunitylibrary.org to sign up today!

Check out our programs to keep you busy all summer long!

Note: There will be no Children's Programs 4th of July Week!

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.

Check Mate! A Summer Chess Club!

Mondays, Now through July 31st @ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 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.

Jammin' at the Pavilion!

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 parachute! Rain or shine, we will meet outdoors at the Grubbs Pavilion (this is the pavilion above/behind the pool). Registration not necessary, the story time 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.

Creative Writing: Spin Your Own Fairytale!

Tuesdays, Now through July 25th @ 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Cinderella sprained an ankle instead of losing her shoe? What if there were only 4 dwarves instead of 7? Have you ever wanted to write a different ending to a fairytale or create your own? Now you can! Children ages 6 -10 are invited to register for this 6 week creative class. You may end up with your very own book at the end of the session. *Registration is appreciated for all 6 sessions. We understand that a week here or there may be missed.

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We Create Wednesdays!

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

Let's get together now to learn how to build, design, and 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!

American Girl Meet and Greet!

Thursdays, Now through July 27th @ 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join us each week as we introduce our American Girl Molly to others! Each week we will introduce a specific American Girl through games, stories and other activities. Everyone age 5 -10 years are invited to bring their doll and join in the fun! July 13th – Meet Josefina, July 20th – Meet Samantha, July 27th – Meet Cecile

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!

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, July 7th and August 4th @ 1:00 p.m. in the library.

This longtime discussion group is led by local author and journal-

ist 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.

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesday, July 19th @ 6:30 p.m.

***The Family Upstairs*, by Lisa Jewell.**

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!

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group

Friday, July 21st @ 1:00 p.m.

***Happy Birthday*, by Danielle Steel.**

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!

PreK Readiness Program!

Tuesdays, starting August 1st through August 15th 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursdays, starting August 3rd through August 17th 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Do you have a kiddo age 3-5 preparing to enter preschool or kindergarten?

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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 story time. 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.

Summer Hours! Summer hours run from Memorial Day 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. *starting June 14th!

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

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

Holiday Hours:

Please note:

There will be no Children's Programs 4th of July Week!

The Library will be closed: 4th of July/Community Day

Weekend: Saturday, July 1st - Tuesday, July 4th.

Labor Day Weekend: Saturday, Sept. 2nd - Monday, Sept. 4th.

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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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Hartwood Acres Amphitheater 2023 Schedule

- July 2 Pittsburgh Symphony (starts at 8:15 pm)
- July 9 Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives (Country), Joe Grushecky
- July 16 War (Funk, Soul, Latin), Check Your Bucket
- July 23 Fitz and the Tantrums (Indie Pop), Rett Madison
- July 30 Hometown Night at Hartwood featuring Zack Keim, Forestry Division, Ames Harding and The Mirage (Rock)
- 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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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.

Sports

Regular Season a Blast, Tournaments Just Beginning

by Tracy Weigel

Hampton Athletic Association (HAA) is a recreational community baseball and softball organization offering players at all skill levels the opportunity to get involved in sports. Boys and girls are grouped by grade and age within each sport according to league rules. Categories include baseball, fast pitch, softball and slow pitch softball. T-ball is offered for the younger age group.

Teams playing in the regular season program are selected via draft each season. The tournament team program is more competitive and players must play in a minimum of 50% of the regular season program and are selected via tryouts.

Although HAA does not incorporate the pony rules, they do utilize the designations. They are as follows for baseball:

Pinto 7U and 8U
Mustang 9U and 10U
Bronco 11U and 12U

HAA baseball regular season ended in mid-June and the Summer Tournament is about to begin.

John Kohler is the HAA Treasurer, a coach and a dad. John gives credit and appreciation to the HAA Board members, coaches, parents and all the assistants and volunteers who give of their time and talents to make this program a success and available to Hampton kids.



Hampton girls softball 10U team played in the semi-finals for in the Greater Pittsburgh Girls Softball League (GPGSL) on June 28. The team came in 3rd place out of 49 municipalities! Way to go Hampton!

Left to right: Mike Yurchick, Tom Carlin
Standing: Liliana Vickers, Addie Watenpool, Samantha Murray
Middle: Callie Carlin, Harper Perry, Libby Hentges
Front row: Haley Carlin, Leah Yurchick, Olivia McGrath

Summer Tournaments

Hosted by HAA at Hampton Community Park:

Baseball

Date: July 14th – 16th, 2023

Age Groups: 9U

Date: July 14th – 16th, 2023

Age Groups: 9U

Date: July 27th – 28th, 2023

Age Groups: 10U

Softball

Date: July 20th – July 23rd, 2023

Age Groups: 8U, 10U, 12U

On the Road:

Team players from ages 7-12 will compete against other local communities and plan to travel as far as Ocean City. Have fun and bring home a win!



Brad Mar Pine Tournament 8U

Hampton Heat Coaches Nikki Slatcoff, Dave Lichina, William Lab, Art Simeone, John Petok.

Team (not in order) Hudson Hetrick, Carson Simeone, Sydney Slatcoff, Ryan Legal, Giovanni Donaldson, Grayson Petok, Lincoln Boslau, Matthew Lichina, Logan Krol, Cameron Frank

Not in photo: Aiden Moore and Paxton Lowell

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Hampton Talbot Athletic Fall Ticketing 2023

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 WPI-AL 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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The End of an Era for Hampton Sports

by Garrett Gess

Legendary Hampton High School Athletic Director, Bill Cardone, is retiring from the Talbots athletic program. He graduated from HHS in 1973 as a three-sport athlete and went on to Robert Morris for college. In the 1990s, he came back to Hampton and by 2000, was hired as Athletic Director of the program.

In 2009, Cardone was inducted into the Hampton High School Athletic Hall of Fame, but his job was clearly not yet finished. Hampton had a period of remarkable successes for the rest of his tenure. That same year, the boy's basketball team won the always-elusive WPIAL championship. In 2010, the Hampton boy's soccer team won the PIAA Championship, for Hampton sports first-ever state title in the 21st century. In 2014, Hampton boy's basketball made a Cinderella story to the 4A PIAA Quarterfinals, nearly knocking-off eventual PIAA champion New Castle 57-55. The 2014 team was especially special as Hampton, despite their smaller school size, competed in the same 4A class as big-programs like North Allegheny, North Hills, Pine-Richland, and Butler, in addition to New Castle (PIAA basketball didn't expand from 4A to 6A until 2017).

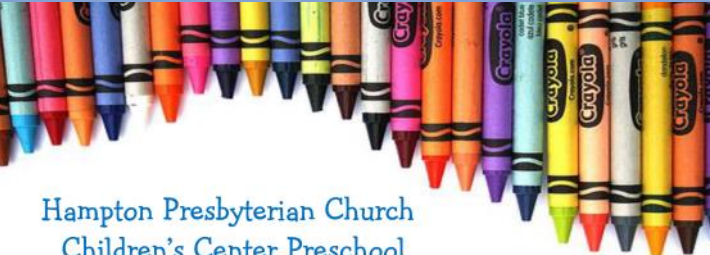


In 2018, the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) named Cardone the athletic director of the year for Region 4, which included all WPIAL and City League schools. More recently, Cardone witnessed Hampton's second boy's soccer PIAA Championship in 2021, a volleyball PIAA runner-up in 2021, and a rebirth back to success of Hampton's football program. Although it's the Hampton players that have achieved these feats, it's been because of their coaches that taught them, and under the structure that Cardone has instituted. Neither can go without the other.

Bill Cardone set a strict standard for Hampton athletes, leading with a conservative and "old-fashioned" style. This emphasized the Talbot's commitment to a "team first" attitude. Athletes were not allowed to use cell phones in locker rooms, speak with profanity, or act in a disrespectful way towards others. With academics a priority at Hampton, Cardone never made eligibility exceptions for grades or attendance requirements. Oftentimes in high school sports, top athletes get leniency if their grades aren't up to par. At Hampton, if an athlete was failing multiple classes or had a GPA under 2.0, they wouldn't compete. No questions asked. Unique to Cardone's leadership, Hampton athletes were required to wear white socks across all sports. Although controversial, this policy boosted program uniformity.

Hampton has repeatedly won WPIAL sportsmanship awards and the class instilled in each of the boys and girls was in part due to Bill Cardone's structure. This total has racked up 7 during Cardone's tenure. The goal of a successful athletic program is not to merely win games, but to instill character, courage, and loyalty in every athlete.



Cardone's future goals are to, "Spend more time with family and my three granddaughters as well as travel. I would like to volunteer at a charity and possibly get into coaching. I think I will also stay active in the WPIAL as the basketball committee chairman."

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A Walk Through History

by Tracy Weigel

Park Ranger Sam Shephard presented “Hidden Gems of North Park” at the Rose Barn in North Park, which was attended by 181 people anxious to learn about this jewel in their backyard.



Shephard

Throughout the evening, much was learned about the history of North Park, which was dedicated in 1927 as part of The Allegheny County Park System. The audience was encouraged to participate, resulting in a fun, engaging atmosphere of sharing facts, stories and laughs.

A particularly amusing story was created by Henry Hornbostel, Parks Director from 1936 – 1939. Henry, whose story was researched and believed by many, claimed to see a Nessie-like monster in the lake. A guest at the presentation shared, “Our dad told my sister and me about the ‘monster in the lake’ and we would look for his huge, bright wide-set eyes across the lake! We later learned it was the filtration plant hidden behind the trees on the other side of Marshall Lake.” This utility structure, built in 1935, moved water from Marshall Lake up to the golf course, which was dedicated in 1931.

Landscaping for the park was completed by Paul B. Riis, who also helped develop Yellowstone National Park. Riis created from a palette of native plants and stratified rock. He was inspired by the work of Architect Jens Jensen. Council Rings, which are circular stone benches nestled in the landscape, were constructed from stones found in the area on which they

were built. To Jensen, Council Rings are a symbol of the bond between people and nature.

Another gem is situated across from the ice cream store on Wildwood Road. The North Park Arboretum was established in 1941 and is home to a large number of particularly interesting specimens of trees. This “hidden gem” is being uncovered by volunteers who spend time renewing a project to clear around these trees so that they may be showcased once again.

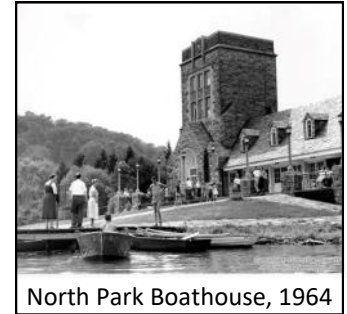
North Park Lake, dedicated in 1937, is the largest man-made body of water in Allegheny County. It flows over 75 acres and is fed by Pine Creek.

The Boathouse opened in 1937 and still stands today.

The Fountain of Youth can be found within the park and is described as “Construction of a spring house designed as a Grotto and is typical in every detail of a Roman cavern.”

There are many gems in North Park; some hidden, some out in the open and those being uncovered still.

Other gems that are not necessarily “hidden” but also may not be recognized for all they do are the Rangers. The time spent researching, preserving, and teaching about the wonders in our own backyard is a gift to all who enjoy the many treasures of North Park. Thank you to the Arboretum volunteer efforts of Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust and Northern Area Environmental Council.



North Park Boathouse, 1964

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EMS

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It's certainly been a point of pride."

As the group's biggest cheerleader, Eric is not surprised by the recognition. "I'm very proud of our service and our people," he says, "and I feel very lucky to be here. [Throughout the country], EMS is in crisis right now, but we're not. We are fully staffed, and our staff is engaged, professional, and exceptional at their jobs."

Crediting the success of the Shaler-Hampton EMS to its outstanding staff and board of directors, Eric is also quick to acknowledge the immeasurable value of the community support they receive. "The challenges in the EMS right now—whether it's recruiting and retention, pay, benefits, or equipment—it all comes down to money. Many municipalities work on the premise that EMS does not need community support because ambulance companies bill for their services. The reality," he explains, "is that billing doesn't mean we don't need support, it simply means we need far less support. We are so fortunate to say that 10% of our operating budget comes directly from community members, and it's an absolute gamechanger. It's allowed us to stay at the forefront of pay, provide good benefits, and have good equipment. People who do what we do," he adds, "are passionate about it, and they want to have the right tools to take care of people."

The primary source of community support comes from an annual subscription program. Roughly 20% of residents of Hampton, Shaler, and Etna—the three communities served by this extraordinary team—participate in the program. With sub-

scription options available for individuals and families, participants in the program save 50% of any out-of-pocket expense for use of emergency EMS services. Subscribers also receive five free lift assists, which is especially important for those with mobility issues who might need assistance getting in or out of their homes for a physician's appointment, for example. The variabil-



Chief Eric Schmidt

ity of insurance plans paired with differing levels of ambulance service—including Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support, and Advanced Life Support 2—cause service costs to vary greatly, but all subscribers benefit from the same 50% discount.

"This is really important, for example, for seniors on a fixed budget," Eric explains. "Even with Medicare, there's often around \$200 out-of-pocket, so cutting that in half really helps. And for many younger families today who go with high-deductible plans, if they get hit with an ambulance bill of \$1000, then they're responsible for the entire amount, but our subscription program takes half of that away."

The subscription year runs from April 1 to March 31, but residents can subscribe or donate at any time online at www.shalerhamptonems.org. Coverage options include Individual (\$40), Family (\$55), and Family Plus (\$75), which covers family members as well as any guests who may require an ambulance while visiting the subscriber's home. More information can be found on the website or by calling 412-487-6590.

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Health & Wellness



Greetings,

In May we touched a bit on geriatric and special needs dentistry. I thank those that sent in questions.

This month I want to mention some concerns with the pediatric patient. February is Children's Dental Health month...but we can't talk about it enough.. so here we go.

- If you use a pacifier, make sure it is an orthodontic one as the bone is soft and will be displaced forward and cause problems later in the child's life.
- Average time baby starts teething is 6 months. First the lower front teeth. Every night wipe the teeth with a wet gauze. As the teeth erupt more there are toothbrushes for each stage.
- Never put a baby to bed with milk or juice, after teeth start erupting...only water. They suck, fall asleep and the tongue holds the sugary liquid against their teeth all night and they rot very quickly. A condition called Baby Bottle Syndrome is unsightly and painful.
- As the child ages and wants to brush their teeth themselves, let them.....then also lay them on their back with head on one adult's lap and feet on another. They cannot do a good enough job themselves.
- When all 20 teeth are in at approximately 2 ½ years, they need to be seen by the dentist. He will advise when it is time to floss the child's teeth, stop any problems starting and to make sure brushing is done properly. This will get the child used to the office for a pleasant visit, a toy and a new toothbrush. If the first visit is for a filling or extraction then that makes for a frightened patient.
- If baby teeth are not falling out and the permanent ones are coming in behind them, they need to be seen by the dentist. He will remove the baby teeth so as not to end up with permanent teeth not erupting into proper alignment.

Hope this helps those of you with small children or grandchildren. Any questions, please email thetoothfairy@msn.com.

Elaine H. Berkowitz, DMD

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!

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dent was said to have occurred when an unoccupied vehicle drifted across the parking lot, striking another vehicle. Each party was given the other's insurance information and was advised that a report would be completed.

On 6/15/23, the HTPD was dispatched to the intersection of William Flinn Hwy and McCully Rd. for a report of a two-vehicle accident with reported entrapment. Upon arrival, all occupants of both vehicles were out of their vehicles. Shaler Hampton EMS arrived on the scene and evaluated all occupants. Hampton and North Hampton fire departments were dispatched for traffic control and roadway cleanup.

The driver of Unit #1 stated that he was stopped at the stop sign on McCully Rd., and when he attempted to make a left-hand turn onto William Flinn Highway, he did not see unit #2 when he entered the roadway. Unit #1 sustained severe damage to the front end and was removed from the scene by Leo's Auto Service. The driver of Unit #1 was transported back to his residence by a Hampton Police Department Officer.

The driver of Unit #2 stated that she was traveling north bound on William Flinn Highway in the curbed lane when unit #1 started to pull out from McCully Rd. into her lane of travel. She stated that she swerved into the passing lane to avoid the collision but unit #1 continued and she struck unit #1. Unit #2 sustained severe damage to the passenger side front fender as well as the passenger side and was removed from the scene by Leo's Auto Service. The occupants were transported from the scene by a family member.

On 6/19/23, the HTPD received a call from Mercedes-Benz reporting that they received an emergency alert from a gray Mercedes-Benz AMG in the area of Harts Run Road and Fernwood Lane. and had not been able to get ahold of the driver of the vehicle. Upon arrival, officers located

the vehicle facing west bound on the hillside of the east bound side of Harts Run Road. Contact was made with the driver who was sitting with passing motorists. The male stated that he was not sure what happened. Shaler Hampton EMS was called to the scene for an evaluation. Telephone pole (Pole: 122611) appeared to be damaged from the vehicle, Officers had ACES notify Duquesne Light to be dispatched to assess the damage. Hampton and North Hampton Fire were also dispatched for traffic control.

Unit #1 sustained moderate damage to the driver side front end and was removed from the scene by Zang's Auto. The driver was transported from the scene by Shaler Hampton EMS to Allegheny General Hospital.

A witness to the accident stated that he was following behind Unit #1, and he observed the vehicle to have difficulty while coming west on Harts Run Road. He stated that he observed the driver to slump over before heading into the east-bound lane of travel and striking the telephone pole.

Traffic & Parking Violation

On 6/19/2023, Central Elementary School reported two trucks with horse trailers parking in their rear parking lot. Upon arrival, an officer located both vehicles which were unoccupied. An employee for Central Elementary came out and spoke with the officer and showed him a video of the vehicle owners riding their horses through the baseball field and into Hartwood Acres. Parking citations were

issued to both vehicles due to the posted signs against parking.

Road Rage

On June 6, 2023, a motorist came to the Hampton Township Police Station to report a road rage incident. The motorist stated she was traveling northbound on William Flinn Highway near Duncan Avenue when she accidentally cut a vehicle off going into the left-hand lane. As she continued north, the vehicle followed her very closely as she went into various businesses. Considering the circumstance, she drove to the Hampton police station, and the vehicle continued to follow her as she took a few laps around the station and Community Center. She then parked at the station and called 911 and was met by a Hampton police officer. The other vehicle had left the area but was identified by their registration plate. When contacted, the operator stated he only wanted to speak with the female about cutting him off. He was advised how upset the female was and advised to not follow people to speak with them about road rage incidents.

Water Main Break

On 05/29/2023 at 4:25 pm, HTPD were dispatched to Middle Road for a report of a contractor who broke a water line while doing construction and requested assistance shutting off the water. Shaler Hampton Water Authority was notified and was also en route to the address. Shaler Hampton Water Authority arrived on the scene and temporarily shut

off water to the residence. The call was cleared when no further assistance was needed.

On 5/31/2023 at 11:08 a.m., the HTPD closed William Flinn Highway between West Hardies Rd. and Bardoner Rd. due to a water main break. At multiple locations between O'Reilly Auto Parts and Anytime Fitness there was water gushing from the ground and the road was lifting up causing a hazardous condition.

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2023 Band Schedule
 1:30-2:30 pm—Pine Creek Community Band
 3:30-5:30 pm—No Bad JuJu
 7:30-9:30 pm—Brass Metropolis (Chicago Tribute Band)

The outdoor pool will also be open from 11:00 am—4:00 pm (Community Day Pool Fees \$5 / \$8).

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Christmas In July at the Outdoor Pool Complex
 Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 3-6 pm

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Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

Monday, July 17, 7 pm.
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Graduation

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including the many sports teams qualifying to WPIAL's and States and also of the school musical, *Something Rotten*, which boasted a Gene Kelly Award for best musical.



Lauren Michael sang the National Anthem

Next up was Liam Shields, who told the crowd that he *did* learn something important from the College Board exams: "Wrong answers won't be counted against you." This is an important lesson in making mistakes—we can learn and grow from them but can't be afraid to take chances.

Following Shields was Kai Suyama, student body president. He spoke with enthusiasm and heart, inspiring the students to go for their dreams and create their masterpieces.

Lastly was the duo of Aja Lynn and

Audrey Alling who performed a spoken word piece. Their words were moving and eloquent, encouraging students to make their memories because they only live them once, and each time they remember them, they will be just a little bit different.

Superintendent Loughead addressed the student body, speaking of



Aja Lynn and Audrey Alling

Hampton's proud legacy. This year, there was a moment to recognize distinguished Hampton Alumni who have come back to work in the district. Currently, Hampton has an impressive 35 alumni who have returned to their alma mater to be part of this community.

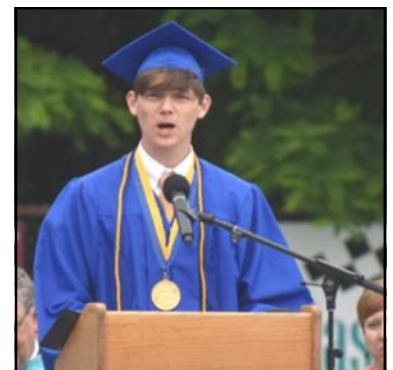
"Anything is possible with optimism," he told the students.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the diplomas by Dr. Imbarlina. She pointed out that this is the first class to have a "normal" senior year since 2019 due to Covid. Each student was able to have their moment to be recognized as they walked to the fifty yard-line to shake hands and receive their diploma.

"Looking around, it was so great to see the joy of completion on everyone's face," said senior Ryan Apiliski. "I can't imagine being part of a better group of students or a better school."



Ben Sheets



Liam Shields

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Girl Scouts

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Day Camp Director, Ruth Cramer, enjoyed her second year running this much anticipated summer tradition with the help of 18 aides (grades 8-12) and adult volunteers. As tradition requires, the week encompassed campfires, cooking, mess kits, sports, arts & crafts and skill honing.



This year, the girls worked to earn their Storytelling Badges. Each day began with a Flag Opening Ceremony commencing at 9:00 am and closing at 3:00 pm as they retired the flag. This year, this time-honored tradition also became an opportunity for teaching, learning and accomplish-

ment. Aides performed the ceremonies on Monday, modeling for the younger campers (who are organized by grade levels: Cadettes grades 6-8, Juniors grades 4-5, Brownies grades 2-3, and Daisies grades K-1). Tuesday through Friday, the younger troops each had the opportunity to run the flag ceremony for a day.

Also each day, the girls participated in several skill/activities utilizing rotating stations consisting of: Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Gaga Ball, Beach VB, Obstacle courses and even Archery, which was taught by an archery instructor who is Jen Berke-certified through the Girl Scout Council.

A favorite of the cooking/lunches prepared by the girls was the infamous grilled cheese sandwich. Daisies learned how to make grilled cheese sandwiches cooked via an electric griddle and spruced them up by using white shredded cheese colored with

food coloring creating "rainbow" grilled cheese sandwiches. The older troops cooked grilled cheese sandwiches over the charcoal fire using pie irons. Lunches also included hotdogs, turkey wraps and taco bowls. Desserts were adapted from the movie *Brave*, and included spell cakes, apples and fairy dip, Dutch oven flying monkey bread, strawberry shortcakes and banana splits.

Favorite crafts included painting with arrows (especially for the Daisies who could not receive "instruction" from the archery class), story stones created using Mod Podge and stickers, magic wands designed using sticks, paint and glitter.

Favorite activities, other than archery training, included a wizard training course of hula hoops, pool noodles, foam swords and balls.

At the end of a week of learning, creating and camaraderie, Hampton Girl Scout Day Camp 2023 culminated in Friday's "Happily Ever After-Party." The Gemini Theater visited and performed *Robinhood* for the girls at Hampton Community Center, who generously offered a banquet room for the production. Subsequent to the performance, each troop performed skits for the other campers and enjoyed games, pizza and snow cones.

Ruth believes day camp is a very important and unique experience that brings all ages together and allows the older girls the opportunity to teach younger girls by example. "I think that's very special. The best way the younger girls learn is by watching the older girls. It is so much fun to see the interaction between the ages."





Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District

Allegheny County

Updates for Township Residents

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Hello Hampton Township residents! At the time of this writing, I'm busy working in Harrisburg to pass the state budget and other important legislation. By the time you read this, I hope that we will have passed a budget that increases funding for public education and mental health services and enacted the Medical Debt Relief legislation (House Bill 78) that I have been proud to sponsor and champion.

In June, I co-hosted a Peeling Plate Event with AAA to help residents get new license plates if theirs are peeling, discolored or hard to read. The Allegheny County and Port Authority Police inspected plates and authorized the needed forms for new plates. This has been a problem for a great many motorists, so I am sure I will host another event soon. Be on the lookout for future announcements.

I am also happy to report that PennDOT has painted Sample Road, putting the finishing touches on the improvements for a road that was badly in need of repair. As always, please call my office if you want to bring to my attention various needs throughout the district.

This summer I will continue legislative door knocking and attend township and community festivals, trying to meet constituents and hear their thoughts on what I should advocate for in Harrisburg. I hope to see many of you at the Hampton Community Day celebration on July 3, and I wish you all a Happy 4th of July!

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Alarm Activation

 On 05/27/2023 at 2 pm, Guardian Alarms reported an alarm activation for a business on Wildwood-Sample Rd. An officer responded and found the alarm was silent and an exterior door was unlocked. Additional officers arrived on scene and they proceeded to clear the building. Nothing suspicious was found, and the door was secured prior to the call being cleared.


Scam Attempt

 On June 7, 2023, a call came to the HTPD regarding a scam. The complainant advised that his girlfriend signed up for a

job that was posted on Facebook on the page, 'Neighbors of Pine.' He advised that this job advertisement was posted by a man representing himself as "Mr. Manganello," from Mars Twp. The complainant stated that after his girlfriend spoke with "Mr. Manganello," via Facebook, she then completed a phone interview with someone else (unknown name). She then gave this individual sensitive information and her routing numbers to both of her bank accounts. At that point, the individual requested that she send money in order to start the job. When they advised the individual that they would pay them on pay day, the individual became irritated. The complainant and his girlfriend then ended the call and contacted 9-1-1.

They were advised to close their bank accounts, notify their banks and watch their banking and credit history. They were also provided with the website, identitytheft.gov.

Fraud

 On 05/26/2023, a phone call request came into the station via dispatch for a report of fraud. Upon speaking with the

caller, he advised that his wife had gotten her social security number compromised. He stated that they received a credit card statement yesterday from their Macy's American Express card indicating that a purchase totaling \$717.00 had been placed. They had not utilized this card for purchases on the date in question (4/29/2023) and called the company. The credit card company advised her that the purchase had been made at the Herald Square store in New York City. They had been in Washington DC at the time of that purchase and the fraud department for the credit company is working with them to resolve this.

While looking into this matter, she also discovered that her social security number had been compromised and was used to open up a Nordstrom account with a purchase of \$1,200.00 being charged to that account. She was also working with that fraud department to dispute that act of fraud.

They had already contacted the three major credit bureaus. She will be monitoring their other accounts, and will reach

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out to our agency should other fraudulent activities occur. They suggested that they utilize the AG's Office website for further information on identity theft, as well as FTC.gov. They were advised to call with any further problems.

Fire

On 05/26/2023, HTPD responded to Cheltenham Ct. for a report of a brush fire next to a residence. Upon arrival, they were met by the Hampton VFD and the homeowner. The fire was put out with no further incidents.

On 6/10/23, HTPD were dispatched to Tall Timber Dr. for a reported brush fire. Officers arrived and found a large area of smoldering leaves. There was one small spot still on fire which was put out with a fire extinguisher. Hampton and North Hampton VFD members arrived and were able to thoroughly soak the area to ensure the fire was out.

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!

The farmer's market and food trucks will be located in the community center parking lot from 3-7 pm.



Wires Down/Brush Fire

On 05/29/2023 at 12:35 pm, HTPD were dispatched to the intersection of William Flinn Highway and Duncan Avenue for a report of the traffic lights out. While arriving on the scene, County Dispatch updated the call and stated a transformer blew near Old Route 8 causing a brush fire. Officers arrived in the area and located a tree down on high-tension lines that also took down high-tension wires near 3990 Old Route 8. Duquesne Light was notified to turn the power off to the lines. Hampton Fire Department and other surrounding fire departments extinguished the brush fire and Hampton Department of Public Works arrived with a generator for the traffic light. Officers cleared when no further assistance was needed. A truck was under the tree that fell and potentially sustained damage.

Suspicious Persons, Auto, Circumstances

On June 7, 2023, a reporting party came to the station to report that, while he was bicycling on June 2, in the north-bound lane of Middle Road at the turnpike bridge, he got a flat tire. He observed a large screw had done the damage and saw a large quantity of deck screws lying on the shoulder of the roadway. He returned to the location and cleaned up the debris. He is unsure if the screws were intentionally placed there, or if they had fallen off a vehicle. He wanted our agency to be aware in the event there were further complaints of similar issues in that area.

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