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'84 Championship Team Reunited

by Lainy Carlaw

On Friday, February 2nd, Hampton celebrated the 40th anniversary of its most successful basketball season in history.

It was all the way back in 1984 when the Talbots travelled to Hershey, PA to

compete for the state title. They were unable to win that game, but that playoff run was unforgettable for their coach, their players, and their fans. Brian Shanahan, now 56, still remembers how

“incredible” the fans were and how special they made the team feel.

Almost the entire '84 team showed up to commemorate this 40th anniversary

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Left to right: Kneeling in front; Matt Gorski and Bob Kreutzier, Front row: Tim Weimer, Mike Charpentier, Tom Lah, Kevin Cherilla Back row: Pat Drake, Matt Mignogna, Mike Pschirer, Bill Schneider, John Ward, Brian Shanahan, Joe Boomhower, Dave Kuniak and Tom Jewart

Super Opportunity for Real Champions!

by Jackie Smith

In 2022, Aiden Hanna, a junior at Hampton High School was diagnosed with osteosarcoma cancer in his leg. Aiden took his diagnosis and turned it into a philanthropic opportunity. Aiden’s Helping Hands, a 501(3)(c) organization, was created to provide financial support for others dealing with cancer.

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Hues & Harmony

by Zach D’Amico

Coinciding with Music in our Schools Month and Youth Art Month, this year’s event will showcase and promote the District’s Hues & Harmony fine arts programming in a two-day exhibition at Hampton High School on March 5-6, 2024. Events will include a variety of art displays, musical performances, and art and music making activities.

“The festival aims to highlight the great music being made by our Hampton students throughout the school year,” said Sean Des-

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HHS Alum Steve Byrne Brings Comedy Fundraiser to Pittsburgh

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Since discovering his gift for making people laugh, Hampton High School alumnus Steve Byrne has forged a successful career as a comedian and actor. Though he now lives in Nashville and travels all over the world sharing his quick wit and wry humor to sell-out crowds, Steve is always pleased when he's able to bring his show home to Pittsburgh. He'll do just that this summer when he partners with the Mario Lemieux Foundation for the Third Annual Comedy Jam, a fundraising event that directly benefits the local charity dedicated to funding cancer research and supporting patients and their families.

The show is set for July 20 at the Rivers Casino, where Steve will share the stage with an impressive slate of performers, each presenting 10 minutes of comedy and a song with the show's band. The all-star line-up will include *Saturday Night Live's* Colin Hanks along with Peter Billingsley, Gary Cannon, Bill Crawford, Joe Derosa, Joe Gatto, Joel Ozborn, and Roy Wood Jr. Hosted by Josh Adam Meyers, this year's show marks the third time Steve has called on famous friends to work with him to support the Lemieux Foundation. Explaining how the now-annual event got its start, Steve says an experience at the Mario Lemieux Fantasy Hockey Camp—one of the Lemieux Foundation's biggest fundraisers—is what inspired him to find a novel way to support the charity.

"A few years ago," explains the devoted Pens fan and one-time member of the HHS hockey team, "I was invited to perform at the camp along with Bill Burr. We told jokes at a dinner reception, and we got to skate with Mario Lemieux and a number of hall-of-famers, which was a dream come true for me." He continues, "I was a regular on a show in LA called 'The Comedy Jam,' and after return-

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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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Police Information


The Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. Thank you to the staff for helping to keep our community safe.


A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 1/12/2024—2/13/2024:

Township Ordinance Violation


 On February 12, 2024, at 12:11 p.m., HTPD and fire units were dispatched to the area of Greenwood Drive for a report of a loud bang heard by the caller and a large amount of smoke coming from the hillside. Once on scene, an open outdoor fire was located. The fire was approximately 10 feet by 10 feet in diameter and approximately 4 feet high. The fire also did not have any surrounding perimeter. The residents were advised of the township ordinance that prohibits fires any larger than 4 feet by 4 feet in diameter along with a surrounding perimeter. A garden hose was used by the resident to put the fire out. All parties involved were given a verbal warning.

Hit and Run

 On February 12, 2024, HTPD were contacted for a hit and run report. The person reported that his vehicle had been struck overnight at his residence at Devlin's Point. When he left for work on this date around 6:00 a.m., he noticed minor damage.

 On February 13, 2024, HTPD was advised that the driver of the vehicle that hit and ran the vehicle contacted Devlin's Point management office to provide her information. The driver was contacted by an officer via phone. It was reported that she was dropping a friend off in the parking lot of Thoroughbred Court on 2/12/2024 between 1:30-2:00 a.m., when she backed into the vehicle, causing damage to the front bumper/headlight area. She told the officer that she did not contact the police because the owner of the vehicle was not on scene and her friend did not know who the vehicle belonged to. The officer advised that she is required to exchange pertinent information with the other party involved in a collision in the Commonwealth of PA.

DUI Arrest

 On February 10, 2024, HTPD participated in a joint North Hills DUI Taskforce detail. At 9:39 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted which resulted in a DUI arrest.



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Scouts Spread Happiness Through Cookie Sales

by Mary-Theresa Watson

It's that time of year, when the inviting scent of cookies hangs in the air, courtesy of Hampton Girl Scouts who spent much of February selling boxes of treats to customers around the township. If you missed your neighborhood scout on her rounds, no need to worry, because sales will continue through much of this month as the girls fill preorders and reorders. Troop cookie



booth sales are also underway, with local booth sales running from March 1st through March 24th. You also can directly order cookies anytime using the QR code provided here; the link will remain available until the end of the day on March 24th.

Second-grade Brownie Troop 16720 is one of several troops in

Hampton, and these youngsters have found themselves quite busy as of late. Co-leader Stephanie Moran, who also serves as Cookie Manager for the Hampton Service Unit, explains that the troop consists of 22 girls from local elementary schools, including one from Pine-Richland. Along with cookie sales, the girls have been working toward badges, with recent meetings focused on the Science of Color badge. In January, the girls created color wheels and conducted experiments, and they will complete the badge work at a future meeting when they make colorful bandanas and flower art.

"They are an awesome group of girls," Stephanie says with a smile. "We're moving into "Cookie Booth" sales this month, and we'll have booths scattered across Hampton, plus one at Ross Park Mall."

Stephanie and her team kicked off Girl Scout cookie season with an all-Hampton Service Unit Cookie Rally on January 8th. Held in the HHS cafeteria, the rally was attended by 74 Hampton

scouts who rotated through eight stations and made tools for cookie season, including goal charts, cookie menus, and beaded lanyards highlighting their goal. They also participated in games and crafts to help them learn about the cookies, their customers, and how to make sales.



All the girls' hard work is aimed at raising funds to support their troop, two separate sleepover events (one at Oglebay Resort and a second at the North Park scout cabin), and a local charity. Last year, after a particularly enlightening field trip, the girls selected Sara's Pets and Plants in Sharpsburg as their charity; to select this year's charity, the scouts will vote—using the learned badge skill of democracy—on the local charities/non-profits that have most inspired them in the past year.

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Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to celebrate discovery as we interact with our environment. All ages and abilities welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays *
Now thru March 21st from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m.- "Stories & Songs", 10:45- "Investigate and Create"
11:00 a.m.- "Stories and Songs", 11:30 a.m.- "Parachute Play"
11:50 p.m.- "Stories and Songs", 12:00 p.m.- "Stay and Play"
**times are subject to go longer or shorter*

Card Club!

Wednesdays from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Sew Hampton!

Wednesdays, March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Do you like to sew, crochet, stitch? Join a bunch of creative friends to gather together to learn and sew! All sewing welcome (quilts, clothing, embroidery, etc) Please bring your machine or tools for hand sewing. Pressing station and extension cords for small machines will be provided.

Scrapbooking!

Monday, March 18th @ 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. Come join us and scrap to your hearts content! 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!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion
Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

***Anxious People*, by Fredrik Backman.**

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group,
Friday, March 15th @ 1:00 p.m.

***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*,**
by Kim Michelle Richardson.

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

Cooks-N-Books: Let's have some Pi(e)!
Thursday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

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

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And the Winners Are...

The 3rd Annual "Soup"er Bowl Cook-Off Fundraiser at the Hampton Community Library was a resounding success! With 16 delicious soups to choose from plus a bake sale, no one went home hungry! On Saturday, February 3rd, over 110

attendees participated in the tasting and voting of the soups, not to mention raising funds for the library's Summer Reading Programs.

Congratulations to the top winners: Derrick Wiest with his white chicken chili taking 3rd place, Linda Lichtenfels with her

chicken Tuscan soup securing 2nd place, and the 1st place winner, Lynn Golightly, with her garden potato soup.

"Events like these not only bring people together but also contribute to the enrichment of community programs. Thank-you to all involved in organizing and participating in this successful fundraiser!" said Suzanna Krispli, Library Director.



2nd Place Linda Lichtenfels



1st Place Lynn Golightly



3rd Place Derrick Wiest

HAEE Scholarship Opportunities

HAEE is proud to once again present two \$2,500 scholarships to graduating seniors. The Anna Kuhn Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who exemplifies cooperation, responsibility, respect, humanitarianism, tolerance, fairness, perseverance, honesty, courage, and patriotism. The Hampton All-Around Effort and Excellence (HAEE) Scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to community service, leadership, and academic achievement throughout their high school careers.

This year, HAEE will partner with the high school's guidance office to facilitate the application process. Similar to other community scholarships, students will submit their applications to the guidance office, where the school will prepare transcripts as a supplement. Application deadlines will be at the beginning of April; students are encouraged to note announcements regarding the scholarships or reach out to the guidance office for more information. The scholarships will be presented at the senior awards night on May 2nd. HAEE is grateful for the support of HHS, and particularly the



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guidance office, for helping to facilitate the process. The HAEE board is consistently impressed with qualifications and accomplishments of the Hampton senior classes, and looks forward to reviewing this year's applicants.

Library

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We meet in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

1) Check out a cookbook or magazines from the library.

2) Cook that dish and bring it to the group the evening of the discussion. Please bring a copy of the recipe as well.

3) Sample all of the amazing recipes!
Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

News and Views! First Fridays!

**Fridays, March 1st, April 5th
@ 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.

Easter Holiday hours: Saturday, March 23rd CLOSED- it's the Easter Egg Hunt!
Good Friday, March 29th: CLOSED
Saturday, March 30th: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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The Importance of Blood Donation

by Daniela Khoury, HHS '27

One person. One donation. One life saved. Did you know that Vitalant, a blood drive and supply organization, has seen a drop by over 25% in its supply over the past few months? That means a drastic number of people are not receiving the life-saving blood they need. You never know how big of a difference one donation can make.

According to Vitalant, "Every day in the U.S., patients in hospitals, surgical centers, and emergency treatment facilities need approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells, 5,000 units of platelets, and 6,500 units of plasma (Vitalant)." The shortage of blood in hospitals is affecting all types of patients, and the best way to help is by making a contribution to the blood drives. Many people in our community and around the world rely on your blood donation and support. It affects the donor, patients, family, and friends of the patient in so many positive ways. One person, just like you, can make a significant impact on multiple people's lives. A simple, painless donation allows for people to continue making memories, and for people's lives to be lived to the fullest. You can make a difference; all it takes is one donation.

To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Hampton High School Nurse, Kirsten Nelson, RN, CSN 412-492-6384 or email: Kirsten.nelson@ht-sd.org. [Or click here on the electronic version.](#)

On behalf of HTSD, THANK YOU to everyone who donated and volunteered at the community blood drive on January 17th.

Mark Your Calendar:

HHS Blood Drive April 10th, 2024 9 am — 7 pm

Current Events

Township of Hampton Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd from 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Hampton Community Park for children 10 years of age and under. Registration now until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14th.

2024 Pool Memberships

Pool memberships are available for purchase for residents at the early bird rate through March 31st and for non-residents at the regular rate.

Visit www.hampton-pa.org to purchase your 2024 membership! Please note, if you are registering online for a pool membership and you do not have a membership ID card from previous years, then you will need to visit the Community Center Service Desk to have your photo taken for your ID card.

Hues & Harmony—Tuesday, March 5th & Wednesday, March 6th—See page 16 for the scheduled events at Hampton High School.

North Park's 42nd Annual Ice Show: Skating Through the Seasons

When: Saturday, March 2nd at 6 p.m.

Where: North Park Ice Skating Rink

Free Admission!

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Blessed Trinity Academy



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Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction Nears the Halfway Mark

by Mary-Theresa Watson

On a cold, windy day in January, all five Hampton Township Council members and new Municipal Manager Ryan Jeroski donned their parkas, hats, and boots to set out on a tour of the construction zone at the new wastewater treatment facility. The tour was led by Environmental Services Director James Degnan, who provided background information and an overview of the plan before leading the group on a walk-through. Though council members Dr.Carolynn Johnson (President), Bethany Blackburn (Vice-President), and Julie Fritsch have toured the facility a few times since the groundbreaking in 2022, this was the first opportunity for the two newest members of Council—Alfred Midgley IV and Daniel Sciulli—to see the facility firsthand.



Township Council members: front President Dr. Carolynn Johnson, Julie Fritsch, V.P. Bethany Blackburn, Alfred Midgley, Environmental Services Director Jim Degnan, back: Daniel Sciulli, and Municipal Manager Ryan Jeroski

“Construction is moving along quite well,” Dr. Johnson reports. “After touring the project a couple of times before, we’ve now hit an interesting phase; it’s getting to the point now where you can see the buildings taking shape. So,” she goes on, “when you’re looking at the plan, you can actually see where things are being built. It’s definitely starting to come to life.”

After a multitude of pandemic-related delays during the initial planning phases of the project, the team is pleased to see that things are currently moving along quite smoothly. Now approximately halfway through construction, the project is well on schedule despite some short-term concerns.

Dr. Johnson explains, “We’ve been very fortunate; there were several times when we thought we were going to have supply issues and yet we were able to get in the needed materials on time. Of course, we’re hoping that will continue.”

Another positive aspect of the project is that former Municipal Manager Chris Lochner, who was deeply involved in the initial phases, has agreed to stay on as a consultant until the construction is completed.

“Chris has been involved with this from the beginning,” Dr. Johnson says, “so he’s intimately familiar with the planning and all of the players. We are extraordinarily fortunate that he has agreed to do so. This is the largest capital improvement project that the township has ever undertaken, so to have that kind of continuity is definitely going to be very valuable as we move forward.”

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4925 Cheyenne Court	\$479,900	\$470,000	227
2167 Ferguson Road	\$399,900	\$444,000	9
4039 Old Route 8	\$118,000	\$108,000	3

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Shake off winter with a solid look-over of your entire home. Tune up the inside and outside of your house to get ready for warmer weather.

- "Change your clock, change your battery": daylight savings' "spring forward" means it's time for carbon monoxide and smoke detector maintenance. Test and replace the batteries in these life-saving devices at minimum twice per year, and replace any devices that are over seven years old.
- Inspect roof for missing or damaged shingles and windows for water damage.
- Clean outside of the house from winter debris or grime, replace any damaged, weathered siding, shutters, etc.
- Spruce up your landscaping and bring it back to life; fresh mulch and planting for spring, now's the time. Plant perennials.
- Lawn: Fill in any bald patches before warmer weather arrives and reseed/ fertilize your lawn.
- If you plan to hire a service to mow and maintain your lawn, spring is the best season to finalize an annual contract.
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May 18th at Hampton High School, 2929 McCully Road. Those interested can sign up by going to

Hamptondolphins.org and clicking on "Swim Lesson Registration" on the home page. From there you can find all of the details about the lessons and signing up. There are only 5 children per instructor, so make sure to grab your spot before summer kicks off!

Beattie Tech Career Honor Society

by Shawn Annarelli

Eight Hampton Township students will be inducted into A.W. Beattie's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society on March 12th. The evening ceremony is an invite-only event.

The Hampton Township students are:

Jeremiah Bennett
(Robotics Engineering Technology)
Kathryn Bishoff (Dental Careers)
Elizabeth Dowling (Sports Medicine)
Ian Itle (Health and Nursing Sciences)
Madison Kane (Sports Medicine)
Steven Nguyen (Veterinary Sciences)
Garret Vasil (Network Engineering Technology and Cyber Security)
Kaitlyn Wagner (Sports Medicine)

To be considered for NTHS, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have a grade of at least 95% in their career training program, and miss no more than five days of school. Candidates must have a clear disciplinary record and belong to a service organization or participate in an extracurricular activity.

Giveaway

**Enter To Win A Rain Barrel!
Deadline APRIL 15, 2024
(winners will be notified 4/16)**

The Township of Hampton is giving away two rain barrels!

Spring is here and what can you do with some of that rainwater runoff from your gutters and downspouts? It can be used for watering gardens, washing cars, or for other multitude of needs for water outside the home.

There are two ways to register to win; stop by the Hampton Community Center to see one of the rain barrels and fill out a registration form, or you can register on-line through the Township's website at

www.hampton-pa.org/rainbarrelgiveaway2024.

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Reunion

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milestone, and at half-time during the Hampton/ Freeport game, they were called onto the court to rousing applause. Many members of their families, friends,



Junior Pax Carslaw with his grandfather, former Talbot coach Tom Jewart, and Alita Leone.

and the community were in the stands to support and remember this unparalleled group of men.

One of those men is Matt Mignogna, whose legacy is continuing with his

son Liam, who is the current center for the Hampton varsity basketball team.

"It felt so good to be back there with all my guys," said coach Tom Jewart. "Everyone was just so happy to be together again."

After the game, which Hampton won 66-42, the former players went to Mineo's to keep the celebration going.



Old teammates and friends Matt Mignogna and international mountain climber, Kevin Cherilla



Liam and Matt Mignogna

"No one wanted to leave," said Jewart. "We were all having so much fun, sharing memories and catching up." Even Brian and Jerry Shanahan's mother, who is now 90 years old, stayed well into the night.

"We are so thankful they took the time to honor us and to bring us all together," said Jewart. "It's truly a night I will never forget."

Signing Day Celebration

Hampton Athletics held its second "Signing Day" and celebrated 5 student athletes who will participate in collegiate ath-

letics. The coaches and parents of the students met to officially determine their future endeavors. We are proud of them and wish them the best of luck.



Photo by Mike Gavlik

Pictured are wrestling coach Nick Endres, Isabella McNutt (signing for wrestling at Gannon University), wrestling coach Joe Bursick, Braeden Ballintine (signing for football at California University of PA), Griffin Keller (signing for football at Clarion University), Layne Haught (signing for cross country/track and field at St. Bonaventure University), Jacob Bonner (signing for cross country/track and field at Duquesne University), Heather Dietz and Dean Longwell (cross country/track and field coaches).

The North Pittsburgh Wildcats 14u Girls team won the Buffalo Outdoor Winter classic tournament. Held mostly outdoors, the Wildcats went up 2 games to 1, making the championship game. The team is made up of girls from Mars, North Allegheny,

Hampton, Shaler and Seneca Valley! The girls came straight home and headed to the South Hills for their final game of the regular season, capping off their second undefeated PAHL (Pennsylvania Amateur Hockey League) season!



Aquinas Fencing Celebrates Senior Night

by Mike Burchill

Aquinas Academy's gym came alive during the celebrated Senior Night Fencing Match, featuring seven participating teams in a well-attended showcase of skill and sportsmanship.

The February 9th event commenced with an opening ceremony that honored Aquinas Academy's senior fencers, Ben Everson (Team Captain), Evan Gounaris, and Tony Shen, setting a heartfelt tone for the evening.

The competition saw the Aquinas girls' team triumph in their sole match, a 5-2 victory over Mt. Lebanon.

Sophomores Lara Hainan and Meghan McGee closed out all their opponents. The Aquinas boys dropped matches to Mt. Lebanon and undefeated Shady Side Academy.

Teams from Mt. Lebanon, Shady Side, Seneca Valley, Winchester Thurston, North Allegheny, and Taylor Alderdice joined the competition in a packed gymnasium.

"This event highlights the dedication of our seniors and the strength of our fencing community," remarked John Carroll, head coach of Aquinas Academy's fencing team.

The girls' win was a crucial step forward in a run at the playoffs.

The Senior Night fencing match not only celebrated the achievements of Aquinas Academy's departing athletes but also strengthened the bonds within the fencing community, promising a bright future for the sport at the academy.



Left to Right:
Seniors Evan Gounaris, Tony Shen, and Ben Everson

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Hanna

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"Aiden's Helping Hands has helped 36 families to date," Aiden says. "We have sent families to Steeler games to help bring them joy while battling cancer. Our charity has assisted by paying bills, rent, mortgages, car insurance, and providing gas and other necessities. The charity's goal is for the families to focus on healing and not the stress of paying bills. The goal of Aiden's Helping Hands is to provide opportunities to kids outside treatment - so they can have something to look forward to," he said.

Thanks to Make-A-Wish, Aiden and a group of "wish kids" really had something to look forward to this year: they were invited to the 2024 Super Bowl in Las Vegas! According to Aiden, "My family went to Vegas with me; my dad and I went to the game together. This was the largest wish Super Bowl event - 20 wish kids."

"So many different companies partnered with Make -A-Wish to make the trip truly a once in a lifetime experience," said Aiden, "Make-A-Wish is

such an amazing organization!"

During the trip, Ralph Lauren donated suits for all of the wish kids to wear to the NFL honors event; Top Golf hosted the wish families the first night in Vegas with food and golfing for everyone. The



next day, Fanatics held a private shopping event for the families with surprise athletes there for a meet and greet, as well as autographs! Aiden also shared, "Fanatics let us tour their warehouse and print our own jerseys. The NFL organization let the wish kids and a guest enjoy the red carpet experience which included time to meet more amazing people. My mom went with me to the NFL honors. I met so many of my favorite players there. I was able to talk to Cam Heyward before he won the Walter Payton award! The last day, we experienced the Super Bowl as a family with the other wish families. I'm so grateful for their generosity in helping my Make-A-Wish happen this year," Aiden declared!

Aiden's Helping Hands will be hosting a Golf Outing sponsored by Xodus Medical on April 27th. Golfers can register on the website aidenshelpinghands.com. Can't attend but want to donate? Venmo/ Paypal: Aidens Helping Hands. Raffle basket donations accepted at Aiden's Helping Hands, 3381 Cramlington Drive, Gibsonsia, PA 15044.

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Poff Students Spread Kindness Throughout Community

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Currently in its fifth year, the Kind Kid Club is thriving at Poff Elementary with a record number of 73 first through fifth graders taking part in the #bethekindkid initiative. Teachers Marilyn Adams, Laura Arledge, and Amy Rein serve as faculty sponsors for the group, while also relying on assistance from parents as well as high school and middle school volunteers. Once every month, the group meets after school to perform service projects for different community groups, and most recently, their efforts were gratefully received by local first responders. The students used their craft skills to create “cups of kindness,” and then distributed them to the Hampton Township Police Department and Hampton Volunteer Fire Department.

“A family’s house was damaged by a fire, and they wanted to make something for the first responders who assisted,” Marilyn explains.

Club members have participated in a variety of projects over the years, all aimed at spreading kindness. Some projects focus on entrepreneurship, as the children make and sell items to raise funds for charities; including, for example, holiday ornaments for Cuddles for Kids and #bethekindkid buttons for Aiden’s Helping Hands. The group also has created and donated placemats for residents of Hampton Fields, snowflake decorations for Meals on Wheels, birthday cards and bags for Beverly’s
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Everything You Ever Needed to Know About Acquiring a Permit

by Amanda Lukas

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

One question I get asked often is, "What things need a permit in Hampton?" The short answer is, Hampton requires a permit for most types of exterior changes to your property. This includes some types of grading work, installing paving larger than 400 square feet, keeping certain animals (such as chickens, horses, or bees), and constructing various types of structures. Permits, while they may be inconvenient, serve to protect the value of your property, your neighbors' properties, and the community at large. They also help to protect certain types of vulnerable environmental areas, as well as areas of private and public utility lines and infrastructure.

When it comes to the question of whether your specific project will require a permit, it's best to just contact the Permitting Office to ask. Different types of structures have different regulations, and circumstances may dictate whether a permit is needed. However, here is a list of common structures that DO require a permit in Hampton:

- Fences
- Sheds
- Decks
- Garages
- Hot Tubs
- Pools
- Carports
- Pavilions/Pergolas
- Walls
- Roofed play structures

Please note, that this article is certainly not a complete listing of all types of regulated activities. So, as I said above, please contact the Permitting Office if you plan on making an exterior change to your property and we can help you determine if a permit is needed.

To contact the Permitting Office, call: 412-486-0400 x 1304 or email: permitting@hampton-pa.org.

The office is located at 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101 and open from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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Comedy

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ing from the camp, I asked the guys if they'd be willing to take the show to Pittsburgh to work with the Lemieux Foundation and raise some money."



Steve's senior year at Hampton High School, 1992

When his friends agreed to join the effort, the first-of-its-kind event took to the stage at the Carnegie Library Music Hall of Homestead. It sold out so quickly that a second show was added.

Last year, the event moved to the larger Rivers Casino and, like the year before, was a rousing success.

"The comics will each come out and do a short set of comedy," Steve explains, "and then sing with a band. [Host] Josh Adam Meyers will keep people on their feet, singing with the comics and just having a great time. I'm so happy it's been successful and I'm thrilled to get to do this."

The event promises plenty of fun and a party-like atmosphere, especially since at the stroke of midnight Steve will hit a milestone birthday. Sharing a stage with his best friends while raising money for families affected

by cancer seems like the perfect way to celebrate.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit riverscasino.com.



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Hues and Harmony

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guin, music department head. "Faculty and students are looking forward to showcasing performances by a wide variety of musical ensembles beyond the traditional larger band, chorus, and orchestra groups with which the community may be more familiar."

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a variety of musical performances by Hampton's elementary, middle, and high school students.

On March 5, families may also create their own percussion instruments out of everyday materials at the "Found Sounds" drum circle and play them with other community members.

"We will also showcase several of our extra-curricular music ensembles such as the Talbot Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Bands from the Middle School and High School," said Mr. Desguin.

In addition to musical performances, a variety of student artwork will be on display in various areas of the high school. Attendees can anticipate live demonstrations by students at pottery wheels and easels. There will be hands-on art activities available for families to engage in creative art-making together. These offerings are provided to give the community a glimpse into the daily wonders experienced in the art rooms at Hampton.

Families may also choose to pursue a scavenger hunt through the art displays, enjoy a coloring page, draw a mini-artwork for a larger collection of masterpieces, create an origami piece or even screen print their own T-shirt. Hampton art teachers and student volunteers will be on hand to guide the activities.

"The Hues & Harmony event is truly a celebration of our Hampton artists," said Lisa Woods, art department head. "We love seeing students proudly show their artwork to families and friends. It's also a wonderful opportunity for everyone to view artwork made by students in other grades and other schools."

The HTSD art curriculum encourages students to explore ideas through a wide variety of media. Paintings, drawings, prints, and other two-dimensional works will be showcased in the main lobby area. The new library area will feature displays of ceramics, sculptures, and other three-dimensional pieces. After departing from the library, additional art installations can be found near the Busy Bean, which will remain open during the event, where students will also have the opportunity to perform as soloists or in small groups like duets or trios.

"We are excited to utilize the updated spaces at HHS to make the Hues and Harmony event even better," said Woods. "Our goal is to exhibit great artwork that will inspire questions, conversations, and even more creativity!"

MUSIC PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

Hues & Harmony Events are at Hampton High School

Time	Event	Location
6 to 6:25 p.m.	HMS Jazz Band	Cafeteria Near Windows
6:30 to 6:55 p.m.	HHS Jazz Band	Cafeteria Near Windows
7 to 8 p.m.	"Found Sounds" Drum Circle	Create - Cafeteria / Perform - Aux. Gym
7:20 to 7:35 p.m.	Talbot Chamber Orchestra	Freedom Shrine

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

6 to 7 p.m.	Piano Solos	Busy Bean
7 to 7:15 p.m.	Poff Woodwind/Percussion	Busy Bean
7 to 7:20 p.m.	HHS Honors Orchestra	Freedom Shrine
7:30 to 7:50 p.m.	HHS Concert Choir	Cafeteria Near Windows

VISUAL ART EVENTS

Event	Location
Scavenger Hunt	Pick up at Main entry or Busy Bean entry, return to Mrs. Howe at Weaving Station
Pottery Demonstrations by HHS Art Students	Main Lobby
T-Shirt Screen Printing	Cafeteria
Coloring Page	Conceptual Thinking Lab (CTL)
Mine-Masterpieces	Hallway between Cafeteria and Lobby
Weaving Station	Hallway between Cafeteria and Lobby
Origami Talbots	Lobby near Freedom Shrine



Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Medical Debt Relief included in Shapiro's budget proposal

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Recently, Gov. Josh Shapiro addressed members of the legislature, providing us with his budget proposals for fiscal year 2024-25 and including the Medical Debt Relief Program that I authored and championed.

Last year, I introduced the Medical Debt Relief Act (H.B. 78) with state Reps. Donna Bullock, D-Phila.; Tarik Khan, D-Phila.; Bridget Kosierowski, D-Lackawanna, and Nick Pisciotano, D-Allegheny. My legislation, and Gov. Shapiro's proposal, would establish the Medical Debt Relief Program within the Department of Health to

discharge the medical debt of eligible Pennsylvanians by contracting with a medical debt relief coordinator. It would also require hospitals to inform patients of their financial assistance programs and help patients apply when eligible.

While the Medical Debt Relief Act legislation passed in the PA House of Representatives on a bipartisan basis, it has yet to receive a vote in the Senate. Now, with Gov. Shapiro's proposal, we have the opportunity to appropriate \$4 million to alleviate up to \$400 million in medical debt in collections in Pennsylvania.

As an emergency physician, I once treated a woman who delayed breast cancer treatment due to her medical debt. As a result, the cancer spread, and she died. By alleviating medical debt, we ensure patients have access to health care, aid providers with struggling finances, and reduce the financial burdens that affect all of us.

With more than 10% of Pennsylvanians having an average of \$1,473 in medical debt in collections, this burden prevents them from accessing health care, in addition to contributing to financial strains. Alleviating medical debt would be a win for all Pennsylvanians, and I am thrilled to work with Gov. Shapiro to make this a reality.



State Senator LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS 38th Senatorial District



Senator Lindsey Williams will be co-hosting two FREE Paper Shredding Events this spring! If you've been getting a head start on your spring cleaning and clearing out old paperwork, this is the time to safely dispose of it. Protect your identity by shredding documents that contain personal information such as your name, address, phone number, social security number, or bank account information.

There is a limit of two bankers boxes per car at each event (for reference, a bankers box is about the size of a microwave). Only paper will be accepted— please remove all metal fasteners other than staples! Shredding will be performed on site.

Our first event will be with Rep. Emily Kinkead on **Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** at the Ross Community Center, 1000 Ross Municipal Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

The second event will be with Rep. Lindsay Powell on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** at Kiwanis Park, 399 Wetzell Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116.

For more tips on how to protect your identity, stay safe from scams, and more, check out the PA Department of Banking and Securities website at www.dobs.pa.gov. They have great information available for everyone!

To be the first to know about upcoming events, please subscribe to Senator Williams' weekly e-newsletter at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/subscribe or follow us on Facebook at [@SenWilliamsPA](https://www.facebook.com/SenWilliamsPA).

Kind Kid Club *(Continued from page 13)*

Birthdays, kindness notes for pizza boxes at a local shop, and homemade toys and other donations for various animal shelters. Hallway decorations and morning

"Kindness Tunnels"—which welcome students as they enter the building—are additional ways the club encourages kindness.

Marilyn adds, "We've also sponsored school- and sometimes district-wide donation drives: toys for Cuddles for Kids, a gently used book drive for Children's Hospital, animal supplies for local shelters, and a sock collection for Socks with a Mission."

As these youngsters gather to share their talents with those in need, the group remains true to the mission of spreading kindness through a simple message, instilling in its young members the notion that small acts of good can change the world for the better.



First Responders: Officers Mitchell and Thornburg with Officer Thornburg's daughter Stella

Current Events

Night At The Races

Join the Hampton High School musical family for their 4th annual Night at the Races FUNdraiser!

When: Saturday, March 9th, 2024
Hampton Community Center

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Races start at 7:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Litter Clean Up Day in Hampton Township

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Saturday, May 11, 9 am—12 noon, Hampton Community Park

Pints in The Park

May 17th, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd, and September 27th

Firecracker 5K Hosted by Hampton Rotary

Thursday, July 4th, 2024—Save The Date

Spring Plant Sale

Greybrooke Garden Club will host a Spring Plant Sale On May 11th between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at McCandless Crossing on the Town Square Green between Old Navy and Ethan Allen. Featured will be floral hanging baskets and Boston Ferns that make great gifts for Mother's Day. There will be a variety of colorful annuals available for purchase. Children may participate in a fun spring craft workshop and will be able to take their craft project home. Proceeds from this sale support the club's annual donations to conservatory groups and worthy community organizations. For general information about Greybrooke Garden Club, membership and events, visit our website at www.greybrookegardenclub.org.



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Upcoming Events

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The North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild is hosting a spring quilt show

“Let’s Go Crazy,” April 19-21, 2024 at the Ross Township Community Center, located at 1000 Ross Municipal Drive (15237). Hours are 10 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and 12 noon until 4 pm on Sunday. Admission is \$10 and there is free parking.

Quilts of all types and sizes will be on display with an emphasis on items made using the Crazy Quilting technique. This technique lends itself to all kinds of artistic and interesting projects. Additionally there will be a full-size bed quilt raffle, specialty vendors, raffles baskets and a Treasure Chest Room with fabric and other quilting “finds”. We will also have daily Walk and Talk with a Certified Quilt Show Judge sharing insight into what gave the winning quilts their edge. Visit <http://www.npqg.org/> for more information.

Give Your Garden a Face-lift at Shaler Garden Club's Plant Sale

Give your garden a face-lift this spring by shopping at the Shaler Garden Club's 70th annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Kiwanis Park, Wetzel Road, Glenshaw. A variety of hardy perennials from members' yards will be offered at bargain prices, along with herbs, vegetables, houseplants, bulbs, potted arrangements and hanging baskets, perfect for Mother's Day gifts. A basket raffle and bake sale will add to the festivities. Come rain or shine. Proceeds benefit community projects and philanthropic donations of the Shaler Garden Club. For more information, go to www.shalergardenclub.com.

Help Wanted

Hampton Township is hosting a summer employment recruitment event on Wednesday, March 27th from 6-7pm at the Hampton Community Center. Meet staff and learn more about the hiring process and qualifications needed to become a camp counselor, lifeguard, and pool staff! Questions: 412-487-7870 x1370.

The Township of Hampton Department of Community Services is accepting applications for Part-time Facility Manager staff.

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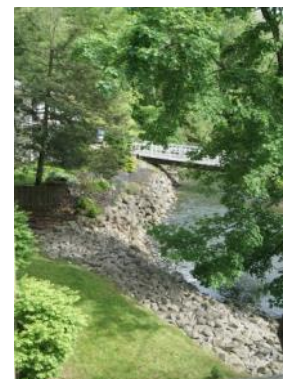
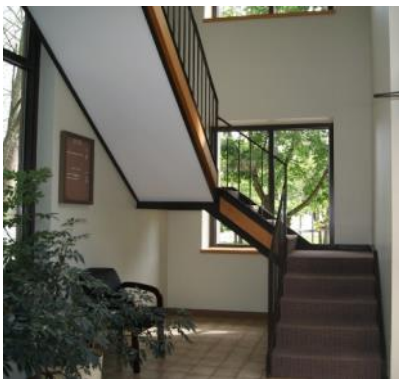


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