

Connecting the Community Through Music

by Gail Scott

There has been a lot of music coming out of Hampton lately, with band students of all ages and their families holding porch concerts at their homes. Hampton Township School District families have been performing porch con-

certs on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. using music to connect us despite the Coronavirus and quarantine. Hampton Middle School orchestra teacher Amy Stepson brought the idea to her colleagues. Wyland Elementary School orchestra and music

teacher Mary Magdic found information on porch concerts taking place along with the entire music departments within the district and worked with Rebecca Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent, to create

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The Farmakis Family

School District Offers Free Meals to All Students

Hampton Township School District is offering free grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for all children. The program started on Wednesday, April 22 and meals are available for pickup at Hampton High School, 2929 McCully Rd., Allison Park, PA., every Monday (food for Monday and Tuesday) and Wednesday (food for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday).

The person eating these meals must be

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Schedule a Lifesaving Donation

by Kristen Lane

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Lions, Tiger and Bears, Oh My!

by Gail Scott

When you take a walk around your neighborhood, you usually see golden retrievers, labradors, and other dogs. That was not the case in The Glades on April 15th when the neighborhood planned a Stuffed Animal Safari for the local kids to enjoy.

Children and families had fun walking on safari and friends participated in a socially distanced walk together. Bright sunshine added enjoyment as stuffed animal teddy bears sat on benches and large gold lions peeked out from behind trees. Neighbors got creative and put masks on some of the bears for fun. Some animals held signs that said "Stay Safe" and other happy greetings. Tigers and colorful dogs were hidden in yards behind trees and furniture and it was a game to try and locate the hidden animals. There were a lot of original ideas, with one yard decorated with a unicorn tree!

Glades resident Erica Kaehly saw the idea on-line and thought it would be a way to get young kids to go outside and take a walk. Erica said, "The neighborhood really came together with the safari idea. Between 60-70 homes participated in hiding animals in their yards and everyone had a lot of fun getting involved."



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Police Log

The Hampton Township Police Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. The twenty-two officers and two civilian clerks take pride in serving the community in a professional and proactive manner. 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 3/19/2020—4/24/2020:

Single Vehicle Accident/DUI Arrest

On March 20, 2020 at 1:22 a.m., Hampton Township Police responded to William Flinn Highway and Clearview Road for a report of a single vehicle accident involving a guide rail. The reporting party also advised dispatch that the operator had gotten out of the vehicle and was in the roadway. Officers arrived on scene and located the vehicle operator. The operator showed visible signs of impairment. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. The involved vehicle had driven off of the roadway, struck a guide-rail, and was hung up over the top of the guide-rail. The vehicle sustained heavy front end damage as a result of the collision and was towed from the scene.

On March 21, 2020 at 12:56 a.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Mount Royal Boulevard for a report of a single vehicle accident involving a utility pole. Upon the officer's arrival, they located the involved vehicle off of the roadway resting against a utility pole. The vehicle operator was observed to display visible signs of impairment. The operator was asked to submit to field sobriety tests, which they were unable to complete as had been explained and demonstrated. The driver was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Motorcycle Accident

On April 24, 2020 at 7:26 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Mount Royal Boulevard, near Tall Timber Drive, for a motorcycle accident involving injuries. Upon the responding officer's arrival, the involved operator was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The accident was said to have occurred when the operator failed to negotiate a bend in the roadway, which resulted in the motorcycle crashing into a ditch and tree. The motorcycle was towed from the scene.

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Successful Season for Forensic Team

Blessed Trinity Academy wrapped up the team portion of the Forensics season on Saturday, March 7th at the Finals Meet which took place at Butler Catholic. BTA had another outstanding season placing 3rd out of 22 teams for the season and 3rd out of 21 teams at the finals meet. All of those who participated received either a 1st or 2nd place award at the meet.



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American Humane Hero Dog Awards

Penny's story starts humbly, as a shelter dog, when she was adopted by the director of Crisis Center North, a domestic violence counseling center in Pittsburgh. One day, when coming to visit the Center with her owner, Penny's destiny became clear. In the waiting room, a young boy stood dejected. He had faced abuse in his home and had been in counseling for months, but he would never open up. That changed when he saw Penny. He ran up to her, petting her, words flying from his mouth about how he didn't like counseling and how it hurt him to talk about what had happened.



Penny stared at him with her kind eyes and listened. It was at this moment her owner had an idea: She told the boy that Penny loved counseling and asked if she could go with him for his session. The boy excitedly agreed, and after it was over, his counselor said that he had made more progress in that hour than he had before in six months. He had begun to heal. Penny had found her calling.

Penny is nominated for the 2020 American Humane Hero Dog Award in the Therapy Dog category! The American Humane Hero Dog Awards is a nationwide competition recognizing the heroes on both end of the leash each year. The category finalists will be honored at the star-studded awards gala in Los Angeles, which will be broadcast nationwide on Hallmark Channel's Hero Dog Awards later this fall.

Vote daily for Penny: herodogawards.org/dog/penny-2/ through May 7. Sponsored by the World Pet Association (WPA) Seven courageous canines will be featured, and only one dog will be awarded the 2020 American Hero Dog title. Voters must be U.S. residents at least 18 years old, and can only use one email address to vote. Multiple votes using different email addresses will be disqualified.



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4723 Pembroke Ct	\$400,000	3012 E Bardonner Rd	\$309,000	4433 Laurel Oak Dr	\$172,328
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A Note from Suzanna:

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Are you looking to make some new friends and discuss mystery books? Try our virtual Murder By The Book Mystery Group! See below for more details. Please know we miss you all and are looking forward to serving you again this summer! Until then, stay, healthy and keep on reading!

Join Murder by the Book—a Mystery Book group for their latest discussion on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing two books—**The Defense** by Steve Cavanagh and **The Snow Killer** by Ross Greenwood. Our hope is you will be able to read one of them—either through Hoopla, Overdrive or Libby. All platforms are offered free through the Hampton Community Library's homepage. Of course, they are available to purchase through Amazon. If you are interested in attending our Zoom meeting please email: hampton@einetwork.net and we will send you the link for the meeting! We hope to see you soon!

Humanitarian Efforts at Allison Park Church

by Gail Scott

Allison Park Church (APC) is partnering with local non-profit Network of Hope to provide "Boxes of Hope" during this time of Covid-19. "Boxes of Hope" provides local families who have been affected by Covid-19 with non-perishable food, supplies, and cleaning products. Volunteers will load boxes into the recipient's vehicles during drive-through distributions.

The distributions will be available at APC's six locations. The Hampton campus on Duncan Avenue will distribute on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am to 1pm. The other five campuses are: Butler, Deer Lakes, Mt. Nebo, North Side, and Ohio River and they will distribute on the second

and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 11 am to 1 pm. Jeff Leake, lead pastor of APC, said, "We want to serve our communities in a very practical way during this time of need."

APC will receive two semi-trailer truck deliveries of food and supplies from two non-profit groups: Feed the Children and Convoy of Hope. They are also accepting donations from local businesses and individuals in the community. "Our fleet of tractor trailers are criss-crossing the nation to deliver food and emergency supplies to families that have been hit hard by the recent crisis," said Hal Donaldson, president of Convoy of Hope. "We're going to get through this, and we're going to do it together."

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All of us share a passion for EMS and the varied challenges it brings every day. Many of our staff live in the communities that we serve as lifelong residents or more recent additions. Two great examples are our Operational Supervisors, Dave and Cindy, who moved into the community 17 & 18 years ago, respectively, to work here, and one of our senior staff, Ray Dietz, who started volunteering at 16 and has now been an employee for 18 years, which – not coincidentally – is how long his dad, George, has volunteered here!

On any given day, we respond to critical illnesses or injuries. Our well-trained clinical staff are prepared to help save a life. While the next call may be for something much less dire, all of our calls require the utmost compassion and empathy—even when maybe the most crucial equipment needed is a pillow, a warm blanket, and a hand to hold. As the Chief, I strive every day to ensure that we're ready for whatever the day may bring.

While we are fortunate to have an amazing staff, the reality is that we cannot do it alone. The communities of Etna, Hampton, and Shaler support us in amazing ways every day. Their police officers respond on our calls and always have our backs. The fire departments – all 9 of them 100% volunteer – work side-by-side with us on many calls to ensure public safety. And “behind the scenes” is our 12-member board of directors, all volunteering their time to support the quality and long-term vision of our organization. Each board member is already busy with their personal and professional lives; however, they serve, and many of them also serve as your local elected officials! Lastly, all the other local municipal leaders, whether elected or employed, who support our organization in more ways than you can imagine, we recognize you. All acknowledged here understands the importance of

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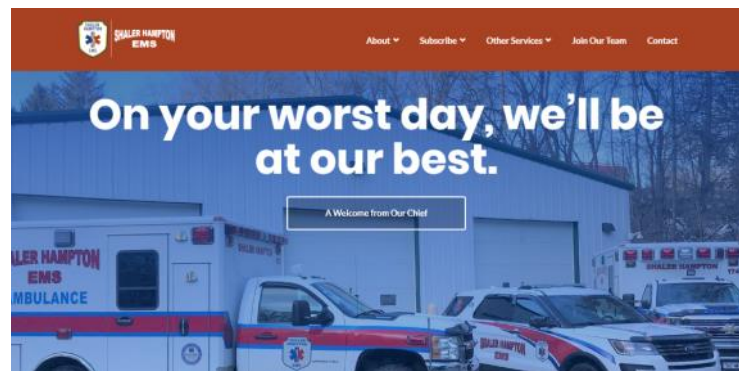
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Creative Writing Students' Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

by Micaela Eberly, HHS Editor of Hamptonian Newspaper

To kick off their poetry writing unit, Hampton's Creative Writing students participated in a Famous Songwriters' Series, three video conferences with professional songwriters. "For every single student who reads poetry, a hundred listen to lyrics," their teacher Mrs. Cupps says. "In general, kids are more immersed in songwriting than they are in poetry, so I wanted to capture that and give them a chance to learn about the inner workings of the songwriting process."



Wens

First, they met with Wens, a newer singer/songwriter who recently released her second EP *Lemoncholy*. When asked how she comes up with songs, the artist shared, "I've been writing songs since fourth grade, and I wrote some really bad songs first. For every good one, there are a hundred awful ones, so you have to be willing to fail to succeed." She also shared how she came up with the name Wens, explaining how she

based it on the character of Wednesday Adams. In a sense, assuming another identity while writing helped her to generate content and get into a creative zone where she isn't limited by having to be what everyone expects her to be.

Jennifer DeCilveo, a producer and songwriter who has been nominated for a Grammy after co-writing "Rise Up" with Andra Day, was the next to meet with the class. DeCilveo has worked with Ben Platt, Anne-Marie, Machine Gun Kelly, Timbaland, and Rhianna, and recently she co-wrote the radio hit "I Love Me" for Demi Lovato. With DeCilveo, students discussed the songwriting process, her work with other artists, which software to use, and even specific tips on how to edit and improve their own songs. "It was very interesting to hear music-making perspective from Jennifer DeCilveo," Griffin Ernyei ('20) said. "I feel like I learned a lot in the Zoom call, and I've been taking her advice and putting it into my own workflow. Hearing a professional's workflow and creative processes is very beneficial to an amateur producer and editor like me."

DeCilveo told about how after she graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in finance, and after working on Wall Street at Microsoft Excel for some time, she realized she was not happy with her life and moved to LA to write music.

Kaden Herchenroether ('23) says, "It was amazing to not only meet with two successful artists, but to ask them questions and receive answers. It has truly broadened my view on the entire singing/ songwriting process and what it takes to get there."

When asked about what comes first in the writing process, DeCilveo explained that many times, the melody and the words just come together naturally, but that it isn't out of nowhere. DeCilveo says that "how you create is a direct reflection of what you consume" and that "everything you've been absorbing over the years, all your past experiences, will become your lens on something." She even took a lyric and played it three different ways, showing that originality is based on "how someone inter-

acts with the instrument." As she wisely said to the students, "There's an endless amount of music in the world, and there is an endless way to interpret it."

The third and final songwriter featured on the series was Hampton graduate Kevin Garrett. He shared some special memories of his teachers at HHS, especially when he raced Mike Palladini down the hall to ask Mrs. Emmett to be his homecoming teacher escort. When asked about "Pray You Catch Me," the leading track on Beyonce's Grammy-nominated album *Lemonade*, Garrett shared that he wrote the song on an electric guitar while at home in Hampton, giving the class a real boost about what they too can be capable of as they sit at home during this shutdown. "No matter what type of creative writing you want to do," he said, "novels, poems, or songs, it's all about being honest. Don't be hesitant to put it all out there. That tends to be the best way to be as unique as possible." He encouraged all of the participants to work on finding their own unique voice and to share it with the world because everyone has a story to tell.

Davis Gindlesperger ('22) said, "I thought it was a really cool experience getting to hear the creative process for making music directly from those that use it. Especially since I've always wanted to make my own music, this actually gave me that little push to start going through with it."

This songwriting series was a fresh, unique opportunity for all students. Those who were songwriters had the opportunity to learn more about their skills, and those who were not songwriters got the chance to learn about a new style of writing.

Kylie Capsambelis ('22) said, "The biggest thing I've taken away, as far as writing advice goes, is that even as a professional you will have bad days, it's just important to stay consistent." Talking with a professional is a once in a lifetime experience for many, and it is a great way to make quarantine more enjoyable. As Kylie commented, "The video calls have definitely been one of the best things I get to do for school, and also one of the best things I get to do in quarantine!"



Happy 8th birthday Chloe Edmonds!

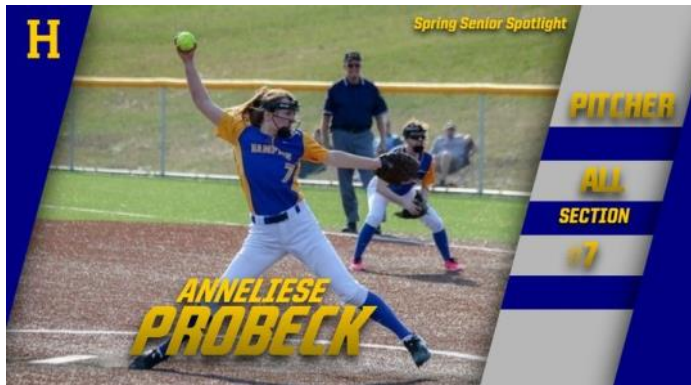
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2020 Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame was created in 2001 to honor those individuals who have brought prestige and pride to the Hampton School District athletic program either as a player, coach or administrator. Nominated athletes must be a graduate of at least five years from Hampton High School. Please visit: www.ht-sd.org for a nomination form due no later than June 1st, 2020.

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Porch Concerts

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this district event. "I spent all afternoon in video conference with elementary band students, and they are so pumped," says elementary band director Sean Desguin. Desguin, who lives in Aspinwall, also performs on his porch, playing "God Bless America" on trumpet and inviting his neighbors to sing along—from a safe distance.

Neighbors are entertained as students practice their music with instruments and some sing songs. Tubas, clarinets, flutes, trumpets, and guitars have been heard in local neighborhoods this month of April. Some families are even getting into the act. The Farmakis family performed outside their Allison Park home on March 31 and KDKA-TV even came out and filmed a short segment for their news coverage. They performed a version of John Denver's "Take Me Home Country Roads" and changed the words to a special "Stay at Home, Safe at Home," version. Son Jackson, 14, and a Hampton High School freshman played guitar. Daughter Esme, 10, a Central Elementary 4th grader, played the cow bells. Their mom Becky played the tambourine and dad, Chris, sang and played the ukelele. They sounded great and they had a fun time performing together. Chris said, "The school district has done a phenomenal job as we moved into remote learning. They have not only focused on academics, but it's clear the teachers, administration and staff have also been

focused on maintaining community involvement, we appreciate that!"

Music education is best taught together because it is inherently about coming together as a group to make music. We cannot do this currently, so porch concerts are the next best thing. If you would like to video your performance and share it on the HTSD sites, email it to communications@ht-sd.org with the subject "Porch Concert". Music connects Hampton! Visit the school districts' Facebook page to watch and listen! #MusicConnectsHampton

Nothing Can Break Lacrosse Camaraderie

Breakfast Call -- Talbot Tax



Hampton Lacrosse Coach, Kelsey Viets, had the Lady Talbots join her for breakfast over Zoom. They are doing their part to stay together but apart! "It was great to see everyone's smile. Stay well Talbots! Now back to the virtual workouts!"

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Senior Drew Scheib signing his letter of intent to Rochester Institute of Technology/RIT for Swimming. Drew will be joining the Tigers in the pool and studying chemical engineering.

Wright Commits to San Francisco State University



Senior Wrestler Zach Wright signing letter of commitment for San Francisco State University. Zach will study exercise science/kinesiology.

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Police Log
Vehicle Accident

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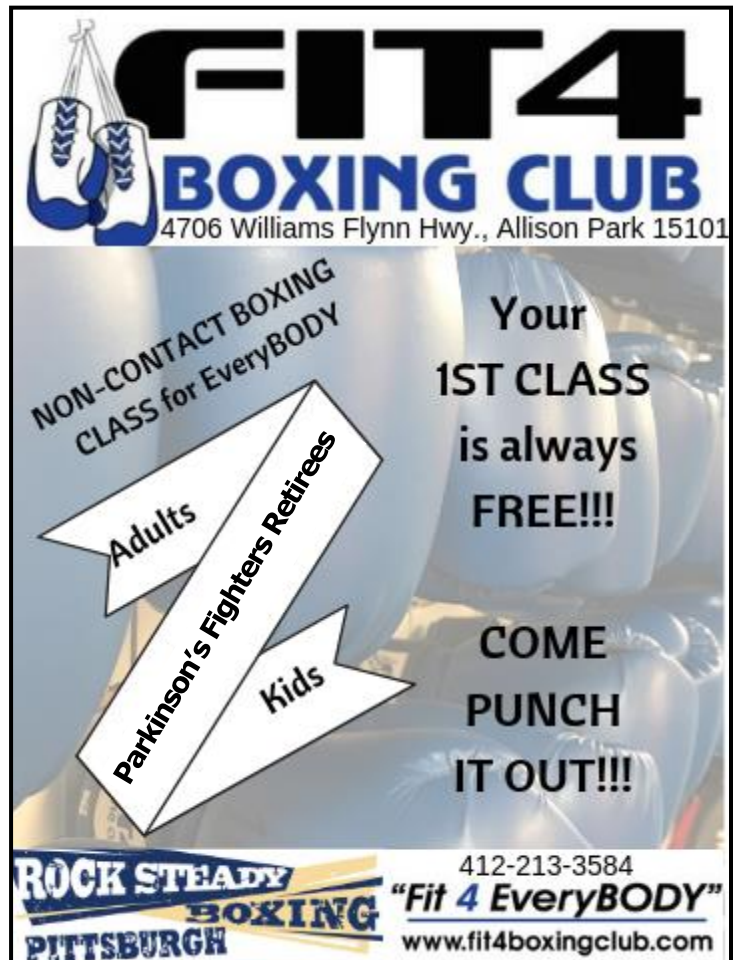
On April 15, 2020 at 6:47 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8 for a vehicle rollover accident. Upon their arrival, they located one vehicle on its roof blocking both southbound lanes of travel. While speaking with the driver, he stated that he lost control on an icy section of roadway, which caused the vehicle to leave the roadway, hit a hillside and roll over. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to extensive damage.

On April 15, 2020 at 4:32 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Mount Royal Boulevard and Trotter Drive for a motor vehicle accident. Upon the officer's arrival, they located two involved vehicles in the roadway. The accident occurred when one vehicle traveled out of its lane of travel and caused a head-on collision. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. One operator was transported to the hospital.

On April 17, 2020 at 8:07 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Ferguson Road, at Mount Royal Boulevard, for a two-vehicle accident with entrapment. Upon the officer's arrival, they located one operator who was unable to exit their vehicle. Hampton Township Fire Department responded and extricated the operator. The accident occurred when one vehicle was traveling east on Ferguson Road and attempted to turn left into a business parking lot. The vehicle turned in front of another vehicle, which was traveling west on Ferguson Road, and the two vehicles collided. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene due to extensive damage, and three occupants were transported to the hospital.

On April 22, 2020 at 11:20 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8 and McNeal Road for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located both heavily damaged vehicles in the roadway, blocking both northbound lanes of travel. The accident was said to have occurred when the oper-

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County Is Asking to Limit Open Fires

The County Health Department and Department of Emergency Services have joined forces to ask residents to “be a good neighbor” and reduce the amount of smoke and air pollution they produce during the COVID-19 crisis.

In most county municipalities (not all so check your municipal ordinances), recreational burning of clean, dry wood in a 3’ x 3’ pile at least 15’ from the property line is legal. However, officials are asking county residents to voluntarily refrain from recreational burning. The Health Department (ACHD) has observed an increase in legal recreational burning with some taking place for extended periods during the day.

Dr. Debra Bogen, Director of the Health Department, notes, “With more people at home due to the pandemic, we have seen a significant increase in recreational burning. The resulting smoke reduces local air quality and for our neighbors and friends with chronic diseases such as asthma or COPD, local burns can trigger the need for more medication, emergency medical visits, and deterioration of the chronic conditions. Please - I ask you all during this crisis to think about the health needs of your neighbors and refrain from all backyard burns.”

The COVID-19 pandemic poses threats to individuals with a history of heart or respiratory illness, and open burning adds to that burden. Smoke can increase an individual’s susceptibility to the virus and can also decrease a COVID-19 infected individual’s ability to fight the virus and worsen their symptoms. It can also result in non-COVID infected individuals having to seek medical attention during this crisis because of respiratory illness.

Both departments have received a significant number of complaints related to open burning. The Health Department (ACHD) has received twice the number of complaints as were received last year during this same time period. Many complaints have been related to trash burning which is prohibited in Allegheny County. While ACHD has inspectors that can respond to complaints, municipalities also have the authority to enforce the open burning rules and, in many cases, can respond more quickly to address the issue.

“Help us help you,” said Chief Matt Brown, Director of Allegheny County Emergency Services. “We are entering the Spring brush and wildfire season which adds to the threat of a controlled burn becoming an uncontrolled burn.”

Just like in other frontline careers, fire departments are adjusting operations to protect their members while still serving our communities. This includes steps to limit training activities, enforcing physical distancing when possible, closing fire stations to the public, and conducting evaluations of members for symptoms. The voluntary ban on burning can assist with those measures.

Particularly during dry and windy conditions, open burning can lead to brush and other types of fires. Firefighters responding to those emergencies are working close to each other, are using personal protective equipment (PPE) that could be reserved for other emergencies and could be responding to other emergencies rather than one that could have been prevented if residents refrain from burning activities.

For more information on the county’s Open Burning Regulations, visit <https://j.mp/2wFVzEU>

Recycle Rama Cancellation

After careful consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to cancel the 2020 Recycle Rama event originally scheduled for May 15th.

The township website has information on recycling or disposing of items. The 2021 Recycle Rama event is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th, 2021. www.hampton-pa.org

Community Center Information

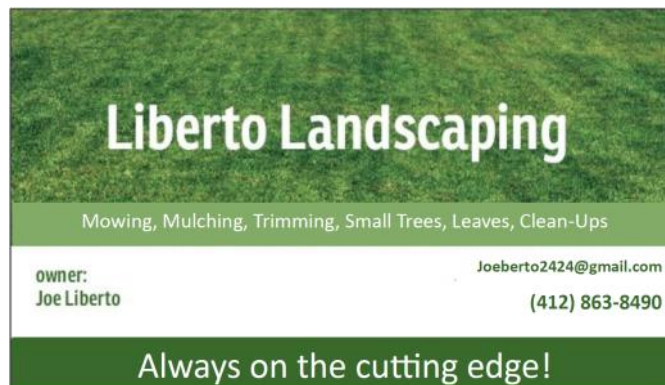
The community center will remain closed until at least June 8, 2020. Please understand this tentative date may change as the ever-changing issue with COVID-19 are realized each day.

At the time of print, the township officials are currently evaluating each summer program that is offered including each summer program including exercise classes, play camp, swim lessons, tennis lessons and recreational drop in programs such as pickleball. Please understand that if and when the state does allow recreational programs to resume, additional guidelines may need to be followed to assure the health and safety of the members, guests, and employees.

Alumna Jenna Lafko Honored at St. Vincent College

Hampton graduate Jenna Lafko, class of 2017, is a junior at St. Vincent College. Lafko plays guard for the Bearcats and was named to D3Hoops.com Great Lakes Second Team All-Region.

Lafko was named the PAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Year earlier in the year and becoming the second player in the program history to win such award.





Happy 13th Birthday to twin sisters: Malissa & Lizzy Kietz



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Police Log

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ator of one vehicle was attempting to proceed into the intersection from McNeal Road while the traffic signal was green. Witnesses stated that another vehicle that was traveling north on Route 8 failed to stop at a steady red light and collided with the other vehicle in the intersection. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and had to be towed from the scene.

On April 24, 2020 at 7:23 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Route 8 and Wildwood Road for a single vehicle accident. The responding officer located the involved vehicle, which had struck a telephone pole. The driver stated that an animal ran into the roadway, which caused the driver to swerve, exit the roadway, and strike a telephone pole. The vehicle sustained heavy front-end damage and had to be towed from the scene.

Attempted Fraud

On April 4, 2020 at 1:31 p.m., a resident from West Hardies Road contacted Hampton Township Police to report two different phone scam attempts. The resi-

dent told officers that they had been receiving phone calls and text messages from three different phone numbers. The unknown actor(s) instructed the resident to purchase \$2,500.00 in Apple gift cards and to send them photographs of the card numbers and receipt. In turn, they stated that they would send the resident a check for \$250,000.00. The resident knew that this was a scam and did not do the task in which she was instructed to do by the unknown actor(s).

The resident also stated that she began receiving texts from an individual that claimed to be from the FBI. They claimed that they had a warrant for her arrest and sent a picture of the resident's house. The resident also knew that this was a scam and wanted to report the suspicious activity to police.

Hazardous Conditions

On March 28, 2020 Hampton Township Police responded to multiple locations throughout the township due to excessive rainfall, which created flooding issues.

On April 8, 2020 during the overnight hours, Hampton Township officers responded to many locations throughout the township for hazardous conditions that were caused by extreme weather conditions. There were high winds and heavy rains that caused many trees to fall on roadways, power-lines, and a residence. end

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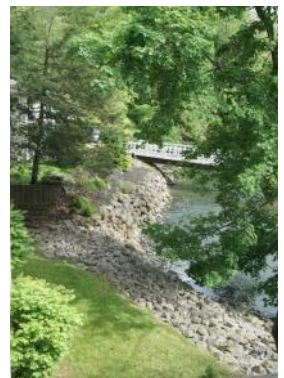


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Monthly Chief's Report

March 2020

Chief Michael Piovesan

Monthly Incident Summary:

Brush Fire	1
CO Alarm No Illness	1
Commercial Fire Alarm	3
Gas Leak	1
Odor / Smell of Burning	1
Public Service Detail	4
Residential Fire Alarm	10
Residential Structure Fire	2
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	5
Vehicle Fire	1
Wires down or on Fire	2

Total Incidents for the Month 31
Total Incidents for 2020 103

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD was dispatched to the report of a brush fire in the 2200 block of Wildwood Rd. Crews arrived to find a large brush fire because of a downed power line. Crews worked for several hours to extinguish the fire.
- NHVFD responded as mutual aid to a residential structure fire in West Deer. Crews spent several hours assisting to extinguish the fire.
- NHVFD responded to several storm related calls on 3/28/20. Crews assisted with tree and wires down as well as several flooded homes and roadways.

New Membership:

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

Easter Bunny took a ride throughout the neighborhoods in Hampton! He kept his social distance.



One of Pittsburgh's most beloved neighbors told us to look for the helpers in difficult times.



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Happy 9th Birthday Ellie Hetrick!

*What our community is doing today has an impact next week and the weeks after.
So please stay on target!*

FREE MEALS *(Continued from page 1)*

18 years old or younger – and that’s the only requirement. They do not have to live in the district, attend a district school, or even be old enough to attend school. The meals include healthy, ready-to-eat items such as sandwiches, fruit, cereal bars, juice, and milk.

The District began offering free, grab-and-go breakfast and lunch after schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Until now, the meals were available only to District students enrolled in the free and reduced price meal program.

The number of participating families has doubled since that debut, said Dr. Michael Loughead, District Superintendent. He strongly suspects the need is much greater than even that, and growing.

“As this situation has gone on, more families are under pressure,” Loughead said. “Families that would not have needed help in February need help now. That’s why we wanted to make this available to everybody.”

There is no income screening for the program. Loughead noted that some families whose income last year would put them above the free- and reduced-price school meal program’s threshold may now be struggling financially.

The District will seek reimbursement from the USDA and the State of Pennsylvania via the Seamless Summer Option program to cover the cost of meals.

Here’s how the free grab-and-go meals program works:

The meals are available for any child aged 18 or younger.

Families must sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/y984ry2a> no later than 6 p.m. the night BEFORE each pick-up day that they wish to receive meals. For example, to participate, sign up by 6 p.m. on the evening before. The meals will be packed and ready for curbside pickup each Monday and Wednesday between 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Hampton High School, 2929 McCully Rd., Allison Park, PA.

- Pick-up will be contactless and social distancing will be observed.

While the North Hills has a strong social safety net, the needs of families have increased so dramatically in such a short period of time that food banks and similar organizations are overwhelmed, Loughead said. “When we found out we could do this, we knew right away that doing so would not only help families with children, but would offer some relief to our community outreach programs as well.”

Pennsylvania House of Representatives



Together with Hampton Township, I am pleased to be co-hosting a Glass Recycling Collection Event from Saturday, June 6th through Thursday, June 11th. A large collection bin will be placed in the Hampton Community Pool parking lot and will be open for residents to drop off glass recyclables from



6 a.m. to sundown each day. We will be accepting glass jugs, bottles, and food jars. Colored glass is acceptable. You are not required to remove labels or lids, but glass should be rinsed clean. For more information on acceptable/non-acceptable glass types, please visit my website at RepMizgorski.com. We thank the Pittsburgh Resource Council for helping us provide this valuable service to residents.

In the interest of public health and to adhere to social distancing recommendations, our District Office located at 4284 William Flinn Hwy, Suite 105 in Allison Park, is temporarily closed to walk-in service; however, we are still available to help you. Business is being conducted by phone and on-line. For assistance with state-government related matters, please call 412-487-6605 or visit RepMizgorski.com. District Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Board members serve only a three-year term, so HAAE is always looking for new faces! Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month and last roughly 90 minutes.

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Blood Drive

shipped to another city.

In March, hundreds of blood drives were cancelled because businesses, schools and places of worship had mandatory shutdowns, and could not host blood drives. Many donors who had planned to donate at those blood drives visited one of Vitalant's 10 donation centers instead. Combined with the fact that hospitals stopped elective surgeries, we had an adequate blood supply.

However, Vitalant needs donors to schedule appointments during the summer. Once surgeries are rescheduled hospitals will have an increased need for blood. Blood has a limited shelf life, so donors are needed on a consistent basis to maintain community blood supply. To find a Vitalant location near you and schedule an appointment, visit vitalant.org, download the Vitalant Pittsburgh smartphone app or call 412.209.7000. For information on donating during the pandemic, visit vitalant.org/COVID-Info.

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People who have recovered from COVID-19 may be able to help critically ill COVID patients by donating convalescent plasma at a Vitalant location. Their plasma contains antibodies that may give patients an extra boost to fight their disease. This is currently the only antibody treatment available to COVID-19 patients. To see if you or someone you know qualifies as a convalescent plasma donor, visit vitalant.org/covidfree for more details.

Parkwood UP Church Blood Drive

Parkwood United Presbyterian Church held a blood drive on Sunday, April 26. The church had 42 scheduled appointments to comply with the social distancing mandate. For a small church drive, their goal was 25 donors. Vitalant was able to collect 28 good collections out of 37 presented. (9 deferrals). The next drive at Parkwood church is scheduled for June 21st from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Luke Fritsch and his wife have been giving blood regularly for the past 28 years. Their daughter Jennifer was born prematurely and weighed just over 2 pounds. Jennifer graduated from Hampton High School in 2011. The family makes it a tradition and are very thankful!

Pictured above left: Luke and Jennifer Fritsch
Above right: Pete Catone



Happy Birthday Greg O'Laughlin



"143 Day"

Saturday, May 23rd

Day of Kindness in Pennsylvania in Honor of Fred Rogers
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Inspired by PA's favorite neighbor—Fred Rogers. Governor Wolf has proclaimed that May 23rd will be known as 143 Day in Pennsylvania, a day where residents are encouraged to share acts of kindness and good deeds towards each other. Mister Rogers regularly used "143" as a special code to mean, "I love you," based on the number of letters in each word.

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Overwhelming Act of Generosity

Army National Guard Veteran Matt Schlegel, the owner of Pasquale's Pizzeria in Allison Park, generously donated hot pizzas to the H.J. Heinz III campus staff at the VA Hospital in Aspinwall. On Monday April 20, Matt personally delivered 36 pizzas at



Owners Matt and Denny Schlegel

11 a.m. 32 more pizzas were delivered at 6 p.m. and he even went above and beyond and had 32 pizzas delivered at 2 a.m. to offer all our Heinz shifts an opportunity for pizza.

The owners Denny and Matt didn't stop! On Easter Sunday, they donated 500 extra large cheese pizzas and finished off

the day with 50 more on top of that! While everyone that came through was in a positive mood, the stories of people being laid off or having a reduction in hours or pay were heartbreaking. However, quite a few drove through just to donate money. \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills were pouring in from the Shaler/Hampton communities! They unexpectedly raised nearly \$1,300 in donations which will be given to the first responders within the community.

Denny and Matt want to thank everyone from the bottom of their hearts.



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Hampton High School had an overall score of 97.71 out of 100. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation rates and college readiness.

“Hampton Township School District is honored to be recognized for the wonderful accomplishments of our hardworking and dedicated students, faculty and staff. While this ranking recognizes our high school everyone in our district has contributed to this outstanding achievement,” said Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughhead.

Hampton High School boasts a 99 percent graduation rate. The school’s comprehensive and diversified curriculum includes college prep, general studies and business programs, 16 Advanced Placement courses, 26 Honors courses and 17 vocational/technical courses. The school’s commitment to deeper learning and innovation has caught the attention of other schools nationwide, which have sought to replicate the success experienced at Hampton.



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Here Comes the Sun

*by Sydney Andrews, HHS Senior Author
& Editor of the Hamptonian*

Whenever people think about “Here

Comes the Sun” by The Beatles, they tend to think about sunrises. Sunrises show the start of the day. A small group of seniors gathered at the Hampton community

soccer field to watch the sunrise on a chilly fall morning in September. The sunrise in this case shows the start to new beginnings and a fresh start.



Row 1(Kneeling) : Nicole Lara, Lindsey Fortes, Sydney Andrews, Ashley Berg, Aly Muir, Emily Felitsky, Emily Berkebile

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