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# **Something Wonderful!**

by Jenn Edmonds

That's a wrap on this years' Hampton High School "muuuuuusical" Something Rotten!. the hilarious musical that pokes fun at musicals. The massive production involved over 100 students and a creative team of eight adults (a fairly small team audience leapt to their feet in applause.

compared to other schools) in capacities ranging from performers to set designers/ builders, prop makers, lighting, wig stylers and orchestra among others.

Even before the curtain call began, the

"It's the best feeling hearing the audience laugh at different moments on stage. We hear (the lines) so often, we forget it's even meant to be funny. It brings us so much joy to hear the audience react," said

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## **Depreciation Lands Museum Celebrates 50 Years**

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Friendship Day at the Depreciation Land's Museum (DLM) traditionally ushers in a new season of activity at the popular living museum on Pioneer Road, but this year's event kicks off something extra special: 2023 marks the museum's 50th year of bringing history to life right here in Hampton. Set for Sunday, May 21, from 1 to 4 p.m., Friendship Day offers free admission, inviting guests to explore the museum and grounds

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### You Are Invited!

Neighborhood Block Party on May 13

The North Hills Community Outreach is hosting its 8th annual block party at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The event is from 1:00-4:00 pm at 1965 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. This family-focused event offers unlimited fun activities for children including games, a kid's auction, dunk tank, balloon artist, caricaturist, face painting, bounce house,

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A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. The remaining December reports will be updated in March. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 2/22/2023—4/24/2023:

#### **Traffic Alert - Route 8 Resurfacing Project**

Beginning Monday, April 24th, PennDOT has contracted with Folino Construction to mill and overlay Route 8, from Wildwood Road in Hampton to Spencer Lane in Shaler. This work is expected to be completed by August/September of this year.

Work will begin at the Wildwood Road intersection, southbound lanes, with inlet work. PennDOT has granted Folino Construction conditional approval to work between 9 am to 6 pm daily in the southbound direction. Any northbound work will be done between 8 am and 3 pm.

The construction schedule may vary throughout the project based on the type of work being done, traffic congestion, etc.

If you travel Route 8, you have noticed recently that this section of Route 8 is in poor condition and resurfacing is needed. Thank you in advance for your patience during this project; it is much appreciated!

#### **Scam Attempt**

On 03/23/2023, a resident called the station to report that he received a phone call from someone claiming to be with Border Patrol Pittsburgh Office. He said the person advised him that they confiscated a drug package intended for him. He said he received a couple of these calls and they want-

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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 are on the 15th of each month.

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# Hampton Recognized as Banner Community for 11th Time

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Once again, Hampton Township has been recognized as a banner community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM). For the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Hampton is among those recognized for distinguishing themselves as model communities through a commitment to effective, efficient, and accountable government principles by implementing recognized best practices in providing services to their constituents. In addition, the Hampton-Shaler Water Authority (HWSA) also has been singled out for commendation, likewise receiving the honor every year it's been open to municipal authorities, which began in 2019/2020.



Township of Hampton Controller Jerry Speakman, Township Council President Carolynn Johnson, and Township Manager Chris Lochner

Municipal Manager Chris Lochner has been involved in the program since it first began, and he is pleased to point out, "We're one of the original seven who met the qualifications from the very start. It's a wonderful distinction to have." With a distinct hint of pride in his voice, Chris adds, "We continue and have continued to receive that distinction annually based



Board member of Hampton Shaler Water Authority Dick Dunlap accepted the award

on what we do on a day to day basis. The great thing is that we do these things simply because we know they're the right things to do."

The awards were presented on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the ALOM Spring Conference at Seven Springs. Dick Dunlap, a board member of the HSWA, says, "The conference was, as usual, very informative and educational. This is the only time all of Allegheny County's many municipalities can get together with representatives from the county to discuss common goals and common problems. There is always a



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beneficial exchange of ideas while meeting officials from other municipalities. It is always well worth the time spent."

Pleased to display the award certificate signed by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, April Winklmann, Executive Director of the HSWA, adds, "[We are] proud of the accomplishments of our staff in providing the best quality drinking water at an affordable price, with the best in customer service and swift, efficient repairs."

Officially established in 1974, ALOM is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster local government in Allegheny County and southwestern PA by educating elected officials, delivering essential resources, and advocating for sound policy and legislation. In short, ALOM aims to help public officials enhance their communities. Clearly, the program is working well in Hampton!

### Library News



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#### It's a Wonder-ful World! Drop-in Storytime!

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 May 25<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Checkmate!

#### Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Activity Room 1

Chess Club is designed to be a casual, instructive opportunity for children in kindergarten through 12th grade to play each other in the game of chess. The emphasis will be on good sportsmanship and building skill level through instruction and play. A brief lesson will be led by the instructor, Benjamin Lin, 2023 PA State 6th Grade Champion, to learn different moves and evaluate level of play. All levels of play are welcome! "Sometimes you will win, sometimes you will lose, but you will always learn!"

#### News and Views! First Fridays! Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

#### 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!

#### Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

The Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson. The Mystery Book Group meets 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, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. The Better Sister, By Alafair Burke

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

#### Intro to Scrapbooking!

#### Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, @ 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. The first hour will be creating a simple page that can get you started scrapbooking or you can take home and frame. Bring 3-4 pictures to get started. If you are a seasoned scrapbooker looking for like minded friends come join us for a morning and scrap to

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Saturday 9am - 3pm

#### Library

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your hearts content! Marie Golio from Creative Memories will be here to share, teach, and support fellow scrapbookers and

No need to register, class will be in the library!

#### Ask a Mortgage Expert! Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Are you looking to purchase your first home? Don't know the difference between a conventional loan, VA or first-time buyer option? What's Fixed vs. Adjustable Rate? What are points? Do I need to be pre-approved? How much do I need to down? Why are there so many questions? Don't be afraid – we have the answers! Drop in the library between 5 -7 p.m. and meet with Steve Goodman, mortgage advisor from Equity Lending Group. Steve will be here to answer all your questions about buying your dream home. Even in today's uncertain housing market, Steve has the answers to your questions!

#### Cooks-N-Books: It's Salad Season! Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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!!

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 sup-

Please note: The library will be closed Saturday May 13th (Recycle Rama) and Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.





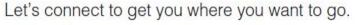
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## Pine Creek Clean-Up

On Saturday morning April 8 the Allison Park Sportsmen gathered a crew of 55 volunteers. They cleaned litter and debris from approximately 10 miles of streams and roads! They collected 14 tires, 1 car battery, and 95 bags of trash in four hours, totaling 220 hours combined!

Thanks to Allison Park Sportsmen's Club, Giant Eagle in Glenshaw, Duncan Donuts, Oakmont Bakery, Pasquale's Pizzeria Allison Park, Hampton and Shaler Townships and all the volunteers!

The Allison Park Sportsman's Club is hosting another event, Dan Wagner memorial Kid's Fishing Tournament.

See page 15 under Current Events for more details.



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# **Musical** (Continued from page 1) Marissa Martinoski, who played Portia.

"Something Rotten! is a titan of a show," said Dan Franklin, show director and producer. There are three or four large ensemble numbers in a typical musical but there are seven in this show. "This is an incredibly high demand in terms of learning choreography for high school performers, but our students were up to the challenge and came to every rehears-

al ready to learn," explained Franklin. HHS senior Brooks Brady, who played Nostradamus, said, "It was especially cool to see the big production and tap numbers come together, since most of us were newer tap dancers. And I have to mention the unbelievable sets and costumes that took thousands of hours to construct."

"The set is such an integral part in telling the story", said HHS junior and Student Artistic Director Lily Stalewski. HHS won the Gene Kelly Award last year for Best Scenic Design (Budget II) for Into the Woods. "It takes a lot of practice and a lot of teamwork," said Stalewski. They begin the process with diagrams, then start building and painting the monstrous 16-foot pieces. Once they build the sets, the crew positions where they will go on stage throughout the show; a process called spiking. Next, they add the actors and practice with them and keep practicing



Stage Managers: Margaret Sager, Emma An, Andrew Wallace

until they get the scene changes done in ten seconds or less. "It's a lot of hard work. It's not for the weak or faint of heart. A lot of blood, sweat and tears go into it", said Stalewski. "I'm really proud of it."

For the 32 students in the cast, 180 costumes were needed. "We don't rent a single one of our costumes. Our Costume Designer, Lesa Demharter, has a fantastically talented and hard-working team of

moms, some of whose kids have graduated, and they make every costume from scratch," said Franklin. The moms are Lora Andrews, Sue Basista, Karen Brienza, Joanne Crouch, Patty Di-Nardi, Nicole Fedell-Willard, Liz Perrone, and Wendy Wolosyn. "Our students look great on stage because of this regularly returning group of moms and I don't think that they get enough recognition for everything that they do to make the spring musicals look so incredible."

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2729 Flat Stone Court	\$774,900	\$549,900	13
4996 Meadow Crest Drive	\$639,000	\$420,000	5
3255 Cramlington Drive	\$610,000	\$397,500	27
5178 Polo Fields	\$539,500	\$305,000	56
2937 Kilcairn Lane	\$337,500	\$289,900	5
2886 Mcneal Road	\$314,900	\$230,000	54
3037 E Hardies Road	\$300,000	\$215,000	209

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## Elementary Students Qualify for World Finals

by Jackie Smith

The Hampton School District can certainly be proud: for the first time in the School's history, the elementary team made the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

Students from all three Hampton elementary schools worked on a pre-defined problem. The team members include: Ethan Barley, Josephine Kurasch, Charles Lamb, Emma Osborn, Joshua Pearl, Edward Sager and Lincoln Verbofsky. Their coaches are: Michael Sager, Head Coach, and Christy Verbofsky and James Kursasch, Assistant Coaches.

The team had to create solutions to the problem; their solutions needed to include a creative performance, costumes, a set and prop construction, all of which had to be done entirely by the kids. Coaches and parents can guide, but they cannot come up with the ideas, build or create any part of the project. Then the team presents their solution to the judges. The teams also compete in a spontaneous problem-solving competition, where they have to come up with a creative solution to a problem without knowing it beforehand.

Hampton's team problem was to create a Rube Goldberg machine -- to over-complicate a simple task. They chose to build a device that folded a t-shirt. They came up with a creative story, using comedic characters and props. When asked how they came up with the idea, Poff 4th grader Edward Sager said, "Everyone hates folding laundry; it seemed like a good idea." Josephine Ku-



L to R: Lincoln Verbofsky, Emma Osborn, Josephine Kurasch, Charles Lamb, Joshua Pearl, Ethan Barley, Edward Sager

rasch, a 3rd grader at Central, added, "We started with brainstorms, crazy ideas that led to hilarious surprises."

Obviously, the judges loved it. They took first place at States, qualifying them to advance to the world final competition at the end of May which will be held in Michigan. According to Joshua Pearl, 4th grader at Wyland, "I am so excited that I'm going to compete with people all around the planet Earth - from different countries like Sweden, Canada, Germany and Poland!"

The kids are looking for *sponsors and donations* to help cover the cost of the registration fee, as well as help the team and their families travel to the competition. If you would like to sponsor or donate to the team, please visit their website: <a href="https://tsdodysseyofthemind.weebly.com">https://tsdodysseyofthemind.weebly.com</a> or donate at the gofundme page: <a href="https://gofund.me/78b49547">https://gofund.me/78b49547</a>.





## **Boys**

The Hampton boys track & field team has put high expectations on themselves. In 2020-21, during the first season after COVID-19, Hampton went 6-0, won the conference title, and advanced to the WPIAL team playoffs. In the next season, they faced the departure of individual WPIAL 400m winner Gage Galuska, sprinter Corey Letterlee, and head coach Derek Brinkley. That didn't stop them from returning back to the WPIAL team playoffs after a 5-1 record. This season, once again, Hampton faced the departure of another standout athlete and coach. Matt DeMatteo, who is competing for Duquesne in track & field, was once a double-digit threat for Hampton, as he regularly won multiple events, including the 300m hurdles and the long jump. Steve Scullio, who coached the Hampton throwers, stepped down to focus on spring football duties after being called up to be the head football coach. With expectations still high, Hampton fell just shy of reaching the WPIAL team playoffs with a 4-2 record. Hampton lost two away meets against Mars and Kiski, but won the rest of their meets by big margins. Although Hampton had failed to meet the goal of returning to the WPIAL team playoffs for a third-straight year, they now set their sights on new goals. Hampton has full focus on the invites in an effort to get more athletes to qualify for the WPIAL individuals. At the Butler Invitational, many Hampton athletes scored in the Top 30 in their events, going against nearly every school in the WPIAL. They included: Ben Sheets (22th in 400m), Jacob Bonnar (11th in

1600m, & 18th in 3200m), Dale Hall (2nd in 3200m), Joey Mayer (12th in 110mH & 11th in 300mH & 11th in Long Jump), Garrett Gess (30th in 300mH), Brock Borgo (10th in Long Jump), and Willy Haselrig (29th in Triple Jump).

#### **Girls**

The Talbots girls are angling to make it back to the WPIAL team playoffs for the first time since 2019. They have all of their state qualifiers returning and are angling for better team success this year. They return Kat Milon, one of the top 400m runners in the WPIAL Class 3A, placing fourth last season as a sophomore, Kevyn Fish, who took seventh in the 3200m as a freshman, and Ava Vietello who is looking to break the school 1600m record. Her personal best time is 5:01.14, only four seconds shy of the Hampton school record of 4:57.42 set by Gina Alm in 2014. Vietello will be attending Division 1 Northeastern University in Boston to run there. Winning all but one meet, Hampton's lone loss was on the road against Kiski. With a short roster at the Butler Invitational, Ava Vitiello (7th in 1600m) and Sophie Shelkey (30th in Triple Jump) placed in the Top 30. Kevyn Fish was inactive for the invite due to illness and Kat Milton was out for an FBLA trip to New York City. Hampton has two more invites in South Fayette and in Pine-Richland before the season closes out. For many it's a chance to qualify for WPIALS, but others have even greater goals on school records or to be a top runner in the state.



# **Inline Hockey**







#### **High School Varsity Team**

The Hampton High School Varsity Inline Hockey team had a very successful season. They ended second in their division – losing in the final playoff game to Bethel Park. The team noticeably improved steadily throughout the season both with individual skills and working together as a team. This was a special group of kids that made the season one to remember.

Pictured: Standing: Andrew Butler, Will Martinowski, Austin Perrucci, John Blough, Colin Hurst, Brandon Pascucci, Ryan Arenth

Kneeling: Joey Pascucci, Enrique Marte, Nate Sanders

# High School HS5 Team (Hampton/Pine-Richland)

The High School HS5 Hampton/Pine Richland team, featuring Owen Redding (standing), Caleb Stevens (not pictured), and Meghan Wilson (kneeling) from Hampton, took 1st Place in their division!

# Middle School MS3 Team (Hampton/Pine-Richland)

The Hampton/Pine Richland Middle School Inline Hockey team had a very astonishing season this year with a record of 12-6. The team battled through many challenges over the course of the season and developed their skills every week. The team learned to work collectively, fight through adversity, and most of all have fun. The team came up one goal short of victory and lost to Canon-Mac in game three of the champion in overtime! Congratulations on a successful season in the PIRHL!

Pictured: Net: Sam Madden, Matt Cavitt

Standing: Jake Balkey, Seth Zwastetzky, Tyler Kennedy,

Carson Slingwine

Kneeling: Wyatt Mizgorski, Shane Fisher, Kieran Ander-

son, Declan Nolan, Jackson Doyle, Ian Saber

Hampton Inline Hockey consists of kids grades 2-12.

If you are interested in registering for the upcoming season or for more information, please contact hamptoninlinehockey@gmail.com

## **Aquinas Academy Students Perform** Cinderella. The Musical

Aguinas Academy of Pittsburgh high school students performed Cinderella, The Musical, written by Michael Mararian, during the evenings of Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1.

Mike Flynn chose this play for the school's thirtyseventh performance under his direction. "This is actually the fifth time I have directed this play. It was first performed at the Hampton Playhouse in New Hampshire in 1990. I directed the play again in 2000 at a school in Massachusetts. And this is the third time I have directed Cinderella at Aguinas Academy. We add something new to each production and this performance had many new additions to a wonderful comic piece of theatre."

The relatively short performance, about an hour and fifteen minutes, is full of catchy songs, human warmth, and good humor.

Lead roles included Nicole Jerich (senior, Cinderella), Ben Tarquinio (senior, Prince), Julia Meland (senior, Fairy Godmother), and Isabella Hite (senior, Stepmother). The musical included opportunities for the Aquinas students to use their singing talents: "Just You Wait" (senior, Gracie Burchill), "You Had a Bad Day" (Clare O'Connell, junior; Brad Moore, freshman; and Lucy Flynn, freshman), "Courier's Rap" (Oliver Flynn, senior and Hunter Harrison, senior), "Something in Your Smile" and "In My



Left to Right: Josh Schlemmer (Bartleby), Julia Meland (Fairy Godmother), Ben Tarquinio (Prince), Nicole Jerich (Cinderella), Veronica Mylott (Stepsister), Annie Austin (Stepsister), and Palma Serrao (Stepsister)

Own Little Corner" (Nicole Jerich, senior), "Stepsister's Lament" (Annie Austin, junior; Veronica Mylott, senior; and Palma Serrao, senior), "Shy" (Isabella Hite, senior), "You Got a Friend in Me" (Ben Tarquinio, senior and Josh Schlemmer, junior), and "Bibbidi, Bobbidi, Boo" (Julia Meland, senior).

Many students contributed help off-stage including: Felicity Koble (freshman, Accompanist), Ashlin Knox (sophomore, Choreography), Marielle Dillner (freshman, Choreography), Mia Russell (senior, Stage Manager), Nick Urban (sophomore,

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#### Cinderella

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Sound), Sam VanVickle (8th grade, Lights), Lara Hainan (freshman, Stage Crew and Set Production Assistant), Nick Cheddar (senior, Stage Crew), Nadine Hokaj (sophomore, Stage Crew, Set Production Assistant, and Costume Assistant), Julia Meland (Costumes, Make-up, and Hair), Veronica Mylott (Make-up and Hair), Clare O'Connell (Set Production Assistant), Lily Santucci (sophomore, Set Production Assis-

tant), and Sarah White (senior, Set Production Assistant).

Adult volunteers included Mrs. Shari Whitico who helped as a Vocal Coach and Accompanist, alumnae Kelly Lynch and Bridget Lynch (Set Production Assistants), and the following Aquinas faculty members: Mrs. Rosemary Meland (Costumes), Mrs. Ellen Kaffenes (Costume Assistant), Mr. Brady Buchanan (Set Production), Ms. Rachel Neikirk (Set Production Assistant), and Mr. CJ Volkwein (Stage Construction).



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#### **Dental Details**

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times a year, as hopefully they did as a younger, healthier person. When you can't brush well, or someone else is brushing for you, gum disease and tooth decay are prevalent.

Red, swollen, bleeding gums are painful, have a bad odor and taste and can be close to causing tooth loss as the bone is not healthy. Gum disease, gingivitis, can affect the heart. Preventative care is so important just like it was when they were younger and able to do a good job themselves.

If flossing could be done, at least once a day, it would be great but definitely brush with a small, soft brush....before bed and after breakfast being the most beneficial time.

In the case of an uncooperative patient use very little toothpaste. Using the correct proper brushing technique is very important.

If you have a question on dental care that you would like answered, please email info@thehamptonnews.com and I will email or call you with the answer.

Best Wishes, Elaine H. Berkowitz, DMD









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## **Current Events**

## Recycle Rama Set for May 13

by Mary-Theresa Watson

From 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 13, the Hampton Community Park and Community Center parking lots will play host to residents looking to dispose of and recycle an array of materials, from electronics and construction materials, to scrap metal, glass, and even bicycles. This popular community event has become a fixture on the township calendar, as many residents look to it as a sort of spring cleaning, but even better!

Due to the expansive nature of Recycle Rama, some areas of the park—including the Alcoa Pavilion, access to the upper orchard and the Community Center and pool parking lots—will be blocked off. The Hampton Community Center will open at noon this day, and all visitors are encouraged to plan ahead to account for the additional traffic. In addition, township fields may not be used until after the event has concluded.

Paper shredding will be available on site courtesy of Representative Robert Mercuri; please note, however, that a limit of two 13-gallon bags or boxes is permitted per car, and document shredding may end before noon if the shredding truck reaches its capacity limit.

While a range of items and materials can be submitted, it is important to note that JVS Electronics will accept only one television per car, and Construction Junction will accept construction materials only if they are in useable condition. Thrivent Bike will be on hand to collect used bikes in repairable condition, but tricycles, scooters, and other ride-on toys will not be accepted. For full lists of items that will not be accepted by the vendors, please follow the instructions on the township website. Extensive details, an event map, and information on additional recycling opportunities also can be found on the township website at www.hampton-pa.org.

# Interested in Other Cultures? Invite an Exchange Student Into Your Home

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 Hampton Rotary President Hal English at 412–486–1923 or <a href="mailto:henglish@nb.net">henglish@nb.net</a> for more information. Background screening is required and the application process requires time. Please apply at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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#### Flea Market & Bake Sale

**Epworth United Methodist Church is hosting a Flea Market and Bake Sale!** 

When: Friday and Saturday May 5 and 6

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Where: 1300 Burchfield Road
Allison Park, PA 15101
Any questions call 412-486-1454

#### **Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table**

Monday May 15 at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker, Lt. Colonel Eric W. Buckland. The topic: "Mosbey's Leadership: The Perfect Man in the Perfect Place." It will be held at the Hampton Township Community Center 1301 McCulley Road, Allison Park. The time is 7 p.m. and the lecture is free to the public.

## A Rare Opportunity!

Would you like your part of Talbot history? Have you ever wanted to frame your uniform jersey or wear it again? Well, wait no more! Come to the Hampton High School Auxiliary Gym on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6p-8p.

You can purchase various uniform items from multiple teams and general Hampton athletic gear. We will be accepting cash and check only.



## **Memorial Day Celebration**

Wear your red, white and blue and join the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m sharp! Rain or shine this event is for the entire family of all ages.

Scouts, the HHS band, and a very patriotic guest speaker, Dr. Elaine Berkowitz will be featured.

Hampton American Legion Post 296 Invites the public to bring any flower cuttings from their yards to leave at the memorial to honor our fallen service members.

You may want to bring a chair or blanket to sit during the ceremony as guests will gather around the flag and memorial at the Hampton Community Center.

# "Spruce Up Your Garden at Shaler Garden Club's Plant Sale"

Add some fresh flowers and plants to spruce up your garden affordably this spring at the Shaler Garden Club's 69<sup>th</sup> annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Kiwanis Park on Wetzel Road, Glenshaw. A variety of hardy perennials from members' gardens will be offered at bargain prices, along with herbs, vegetables, houseplants, bulbs, and potted arrangements for perfect Mother's Day gifts. A basket raffle and a bake sale will add to the fun. Come rain or shine. Proceeds benefit community projects and philanthropic donations of the Shaler Garden Club. For more information, go to www.shalergardenclub.com.

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#### **More Current Events**

**Neighborhood Block Party** (Continued from page 1) delicious food from Wheelfish, and live music featuring The Variety Pack. The festival falls over Mother's Day weekend, and NHCO will celebrate moms by providing individual bouquets with the help from a local florist, Lilac & Fawn.

Rain or shine, the festival will be hosted under large tents. Tickets can be purchased on line at nhco.org/ block or are available at the door the day of the event.



Attendees at last year's event playing a pig race game

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#### Police Log

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ed him to purchase gift cards and they wanted him to give them the numbers on the back.

He was advised that this is a scam and to not contact them in any way.

#### **Auto Accident**

On 03/09/2023, officers were dispatched to the intersection of William Flinn Highway and Talley Cavey Road for a two-vehicle crash. Allegheny County Dispatch advised officers that there were no reported injuries, the vehicles were still on the roadway and the air bags of at least one of the vehicles were deployed. Upon arrival, officers found a Mitsubishi Outlander facing northbound just south of Talley Cavey Road in the center lane of William Flinn Highway. The other vehicle, a Chevy Silverado was in the parking lot of Alpine Pools. The accident was said to have occurred when one vehicle was traveling northbound behind a second vehicle when it stopped suddenly, resulting in a rear-end style accident. One vehicle was towed as a result of damage.

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### **Connecting with the Community**

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Hello Hampton residents! Thank you for this opportunity to let you know what's happening in Harrisburg and what I've been doing in the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

The General Assembly has been holding hearings on the Governor's budget proposal. There is bipartisan consensus that we must develop our workforce and invest in public education. Additionally, I'm proud to have introduced medical debt relief legislation to address a critical issue that affects almost a million Pennsylvanians in all corners of the state.

As a state legislator, I'm entrusted to working for my neighbors and being their voice in state government. One of my favorite ways to do this is by speaking directly with constituents. For the past month I've been doing legislative door knocking in Hampton. This helps me understand the needs of our community and gives me an idea of what to focus on when I'm in Harrisburg.

I also held my first Town Hall Meeting in April. More than 50 members of the community attended, and I spoke with them regarding their concerns and questions about issues like public school funding and gun safety. It was very productive to inform the community of the work I've been doing and addressing their questions. State government is not always easy to understand, so it's great when I can help decode the system.

As always, my staff and I are available to help you with state government-related questions and concerns. You can reach us at 412-348-8028 or by email at

RepVenkat@pahouse.net.

My office is located at 9800B McKnight Road, Suite 130, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

I look forward to seeing you soon!



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# Rob Mercuri

28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania

One of my major focuses in serving our community is improving the education system that in some areas across the



Rob Mercuri

state isn't working for our children. I am excited to be launching a new district council focused on innovating the future of education policy in Pennsylvania for our young people with participation from members of our great community. A ZIP code should not determine the quality of education each individual student receives, as it does for many students in underperforming parts of our state. Even though fixing the problems in our education system will take time and effort, we must take

the first meaningful steps to make progress.

I am a proud member of the House Education Committee for second legislative session in a row and I am focused on making progress. A child's education impacts nearly every aspect of their life so it is our collective responsibility to provide the highest quality of educational opportunity for all. My hope is that the Educating the Future Council will plant the seed of

repair and grow the change we wish to foster. We must be committed to considering the needs of every student every day and give them the absolute best chance for success.

Please join me as my office will also be hosting some upcoming events that I invite you to attend:

Open House, Tuesday, May 9, from 4-6 p.m. at 4411 Gibsonia Road, Suite 2, Gibsonia. Email Zbulter@PAHouseGOP.com to RSVP.

Recycle Rama & Shred Event – Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Hampton Community Center, 31010 McCully Road. Allison Park.

Telephone Town Hall – Tuesday, June 13, at 4 p.m. Dial in 877-229-8493 and use code: 120601.



Winners of the 2023 Rain Barrel Giveway from Hampton Township Drawing:

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The form you need, the MV-44, is available on PennDOT's website at dmva.pa.gov. You can also contact my office to get a copy of the form along with detailed instructions

on the process. We're also happy to help process forms through PennDOT if you prefer to use our office! Please give us a call at 412-364-0469 or email us at <a href="mailto:SenatorLind-seyWilliams@pasenate.com">SenatorLind-seyWilliams@pasenate.com</a> if you have questions or would like help with the process!

We will also be co-hosting a Free Paper Shredding Event on May 20 from 10AM – 12PM with Rep. Emily Kinkead at the Ross Township Community Center, 1000 Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Shredding is limited to 2 boxes per car—paper only please! Time to spring clean your paper files and protect your identity by shredding your old documents!



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#### March 2023 Report—Chief Michael Piovesan

#### **Monthly Incident Summary:**

Commercial Fire Alarm	4
Natural Gas Leak	2
Residential Fire Alarm	6
Residential Structure Fire	1
Smoke outside	2
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	3
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	9
Vehicle Accident with Entrapment	1

Total Incidents for the Month	28
Total Incidents for 2023	116

#### Noteworthy incidents and events:

NHVFD responded two separate motor vehicle accidents that occurred at the same time. Crews responded first to Banks School Road for a reported motor vehicle accident with entrapment on Banks School Road. The first arriving crew was able to quickly gain access to the patient and assisted with debris cleanup. While crews were on scene, a vehicle accident was also reported on S Carterton Drive. 165 Engine was able to clear the first accident to respond to S Carterton Drive. First arriving crews found a vehicle had struck a parked car and rolled onto its roof. The driver had self-extricated and crews assisted with clean up.

NHVFD responded to Winchester Drive for a reported residential structure fire. First arriving crews arrived to find flames through the roof on a one-story residential structure. Peebles VFD Engine was first on scene and initiated suppression and the fire was brought under control within the first hour. Crews remained on scene for an extended period of time to assist the Allegheny County Fire Marshall and perform salvage and overhaul.

#### **New Membership:**

We can always use new members who are interested in fire-fighting, 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.

# Hampton Volunteer Fire #1 is hosting a FLEA MARKET

On Monday, June 5—Saturday, June 10 from 5-10 pm If you have items you'd like to donate (NO CLOTHES OR SHOES), please drop off at:

2536 Duncan Avenue

Any questions call Suzi at 412-487-1696

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## **Upcoming Events**

## **Pool Member Appreciation Day**

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

The fun begins when yo 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.



# The Rotary Club of Hampton Township Presents The Firecracker 5K Tuesday, July 4, 2023

An annual family fun run for the past 17 years. Register for this fun 5K on-line at https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/

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The 5K run takes place at the Hampton Community Center.
We hope to see you there!

# SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS!

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 3-6 pm

#### **Christmas In July at the Outdoor Pool Complex**

The farmer's market and food trucks will be on site in the from 3-7 pm!

Saturday, October 21, 2023

#### **Adult Costume Party**

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Mark your calendar now!

#### **Depreciation Lands**

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as they join in the start of a months-long party commemorating the museum's 50<sup>th</sup> year.

In addition to a full itinerary of Friendship Day events, the day's activities will begin a bit early this year, with an abbreviated Covenanter service scheduled for 12:30 near the church building on the grounds. Following the service, visitors can enter the church to enjoy a slideshow highlighting the history of the Covenanters in Hampton. Deacon's Tavern will have many special items on display, including an original newspaper from 1792 as well as a "Name this Item" table for those looking to stretch their imaginations. Another bit of pioneer life can be found inside the barn where an original Conestoga style Kramer wagon resides along with an original plank from the Butler Plank Road. Self-guided tours of the tranquil DLM cemetery can be undertaken anytime between 1 and 4 p.m.

Among the areas open for exploration will be the Armstrong Log House, the school house, the herb garden, the blacksmith, the mercantile, the Wood Shoppe, and a wigwam; vendors also will be set up throughout the grounds.

For more information on Friendship Day, the DLM 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, or to plan your visit, please call 412-486-0563, visit <a href="www.dlmuseum.org">www.dlmuseum.org</a>, email <a href="mailto:dlm@dlmuseum.org">dlm@dlmuseum.org</a>, or follow The Depreciation Lands Museum on Facebook.



## Help Wanted/Classified

The Township of Hampton Department of Community Services is accepting applications for a **Part-time Facility Manager** for the Community Center.

This is a year-round position and depending on the season, weekly hours can be between 15-25 hours a week. Generally, the Community Center operates seven days/week, Monday-Saturday. Actual operating hours vary by season.

Will be assigned to work a rotating shift schedule which includes weekends, certain holidays, and school breaks. Duties include but are not limited to: overall facility supervision, rental host, rental set-up/tear-down, light custodial duties, service desk operation, and administrative paperwork. Abilities: interpersonal communication, computer skills a must, follow written / verbal guidelines, pass drug test, secure/submit required background clearances.

Seeking a mature, dependable, industrious, and responsible team member. Must be 18 years or older. Progressive hourly pay rate – starting payrate is \$12.00/hour.

### Township Seeks Vendors & Entertainers

The Township of Hampton is accepting applications from vendors for the Farmers Market which is scheduled to begin June 7, 2023. The market, which will take place at the community park in Hampton Township, will operate weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 7 pm. The market is a rain or shine event that continues through October 11, 2023.

Interested vendors and entertainers can obtain an application on the website www.hampton-pa.org (Farmers Market page) or by emailing Bill Ryder at bill.ryder@hampton-pa.org.







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Regardless of what school you attend or even if you are a community member, please sign up under Hampton's team by using this link: https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/pittsburgh/supporting/#hampton or scanning this QR Code! We look forward to walking with you!







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