

# Water Pollution Plant Ground Breaking

*by Mary-Theresa Watson*

**R**ight on cue, the skies over Hampton cleared and the sun peeked out as a team of town council officials and administrators recently broke ground on a project that's been years in the making. Hampton's long-overdue Water Pollution Control Plant upgrade has entered the construction phase after a series of unexpected delays related to the

pandemic and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit process. With the updated facility now officially under construction, Hampton is well on its way to having one of the most modern, technologically advanced water treatment sites in the region, addressing countless concerns from flooding and maintenance to odor control and emergency prepared-

ness.

The facility's plans were presented on September 26<sup>th</sup> at a town council meeting attended by more than 50 Hampton residents. All on hand were provided with details on the history of the plant, why the upgrade is needed, and the planning process. Council president Dr.Carolynn John-

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Pictured above left to right: Julie Fritsch, Rock Kernick, Tony Furgluele, Jerry Speakman, Joe Dougherty, Bethany Blackburn, Carolynn Johnson, Tony Mele, Jim Degnan, Richard Dunlap, Michael Peters, Chris Lochner, Susan Bernet, Rob Omecene, and Joe Gianvito.

## Race For Our Troops

*by Alice McLaughlin*

The 17<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day 5K Race/Walk will be held Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in Hampton Community Park. Operation Troop Appreciation (OTA) provides comfort and support to our active-duty troops.

Known among local runners as the Apple Pie Race, runners enjoy patriotic amenities including apple pies for age group winners; patriotic displays including the American flag suspended from local fire company ladder trucks; entertainment by a professional D.J.

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## Hampton Rotary Club Honored

*by Jackie Smith*

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A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 9/3/2022 - 9/28/2022

**Vehicle Accident/DUI Arrest**

 On 9/13/2022 at 6:36 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the intersection of William Flinn Highway and Anderson Drive for a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries. Upon the responding officer's arrival, they spoke to the operators of the involved vehicles who stated that one vehicle was traveling southbound on William Flinn Highway in the left lane and that there was traffic ahead that was stopped. The driver attempted to stop but was unable to and struck the rear of the other vehicle. While speaking with one of the drivers, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from their person. The individual was also slurring their words and had red bloodshot eyes. The operator of one involved vehicle was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

**Vehicle Accident**

 On 09/06/2022 at 8:41a.m., Hampton Township Police units responded to the intersection of Duncan Avenue and Bryant Road for a report of a vehicle accident involving three vehicles with unknown injuries. Upon arrival, officers contact-

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## Water Plant

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son opened the session along with township manager Chris Lochner and Environmental Services Director Jim Degnan. Welcoming all in attendance, Dr. Johnson pointed out, "By 2015—before the current council was elected—it had become clear that the treatment plant needed to be upgraded. Once our team was in place, we were able to address the issue head-on, and I cannot applaud everyone's efforts strongly enough."

Jeff Marcink, Project Manager at KLH Engineers, Inc., represented the team of engineers who were instrumental in studying the needs and creating workable solutions for the project. Mr. Marcink clearly outlined the project, explaining the steps involved, the considerations undertaken, and the long-range forecast for the new facility. In explaining why the upgrades are needed, he shared photos of the current site, spotlighting deteriorating pipes, rotting cables with exposed wiring, and grits and rags that accumulate and damage the existing system (**spoiler alert: "flushable wipes" are not flushable—every wipe that gets flushed must be removed from the system by hand**). Mechanical pump failures frequently occur, and, given its location on a floodway,

the site floods two to three times per year.

The existing plant was constructed in 1971, and upgrades were undertaken in 1987 and 1991. While a typical waste water treatment plan has a projected lifespan of 30 years, the Hampton plant has hung on thanks to the hard work and ingenuity of a team of workers who, through frugal planning and ingenuity, have kept the plant functioning reliably long past its design life. Although the initial construction cost estimate was completed in 2017—with an estimated price tag of \$45 million—project delays and unprecedented increases in pandemic-related construction costs led to a 31% price increase, bringing the total to \$59 million.

Residents in attendance received clear information on how the upgrade will affect their bi-monthly sewage bills, and most on hand lauded the team who spent countless hours working to create the best, most affordable and efficient solution to a decades-long problem. By financing the project with a 30-year bond instead of a PennVest loan, the Town Council has kept billing increases as low as possible. In full transparency, the evening's presentation clearly outlined how Hampton continues to boast some of the lowest sewage costs in the region, even after factoring in the gradual price increases initiated four years ago as part of the long-term planning goals of this project. The gradual increases were thoughtfully

planned out to enable residents to budget accordingly. While monthly sewage fees have been increasing gradually—shown on bills as a "Sewer Service Charge" that will incrementally rise another \$5 in both 2023 and 2024—consumption rates will remain at their historically low rate of \$3.36/1,000 gallons of water, a rate that has not increased in more than 10 years. By 2024, the total sewer bill, based on an average usage of 5,000 gallons per month, can be expected to come in at approximately \$72 per month.

With a projected completion date sometime in 2025, the upgraded facility will include a new flood wall as well as a raised elevation for the site. Additional improvements will include upgraded screening for grit and solids removal, improved biological processing, and a UV disinfection system that replaces the use of dangerous chlorine gas. Containment and odor-control facilities will help address odor complaints, and the plant will be optimized for future growth, which is vital for emergency situations.

As the planning team put shovels to earth after years of working to improve the community, their smiles made it clear they were thrilled the day had finally come. They've overcome numerous obstacles, addressed unexpected challenges along the way, and, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, managed to work toward a better Hampton Township.

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## Police Log

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ed the operators of all three vehicles. It was reported that the operator of one vehicle was traveling westbound on Duncan Avenue, following behind another vehicle. Officers were told that a third vehicle was traveling eastbound on Duncan Avenue and as they approached the intersection of Bryant Road, it appeared as though the operator attempted to turn left onto Bryant Road, in front of the oncoming vehicle. As this occurred, two vehicles collided. It was reported that the initial collision then caused one of the struck vehicles to spin counterclockwise and collide with a third vehicle. All three vehicles were towed from the scene due to extensive damage. One occupant was transported to the hospital.

 On 9/19/2022 at 5:52p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the intersection of Ferguson Road and Ashland Court for a 3-vehicle accident, with unknown injuries. The first officer to arrive on the scene observed a male lying on the side of the road. Hampton/Shaler EMS arrived shortly after to provide care. There were multiple injuries reported on the scene. The collision was said to have occurred when one vehicle was traveling westbound on Ferguson Road and crossed over the center double yellow line, striking another vehicle, sending it into a spin. At this time, one vehicle continued forward into the opposing lane of travel and struck a third vehicle head-on. One involved vehicle also struck a utility pole. All vehicles were towed from the scene due to substantial damage and multiple occupants were transported to the hospital.

 On 9/26/2022 at 8:27 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Richland Road near West Hardies Road for a single-vehicle accident into a tree with a  
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11:45 a.m.- "Stories and Songs," 12:00 p.m.- "Stay and Play"

*\*times are subject to go longer or shorter*

### Friends and N'at!

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month@ 11:15 a.m.

November 9<sup>th</sup> – Gobble! Gobble! It's Thanksgiving!

This 30-45-minute neurodivergent program is designed to bring everyone of all abilities together to interact, investigate, create and most of all make friends at the library! No registration required!

### Card Club! Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. – 3-3:30 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, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

*Gone for Good*, by Joanna Schaffhausen.

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, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

*The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict.

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

### Cooks-N-Books: Sips and Dips!

Thursday, November 17<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
- 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.

**Holiday Hours:** Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Library and the Community Center will close at 5:00 p.m. The Library will be closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. **Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!**

## Annual Medallion Ball

The Medallion Ball Bishop's Tea was held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at The Pittsburgh Field Club. The event was chaired by Anna Marie Rheingrover.

Bishop David Zubik greeted the candidates and their mothers in a receiving line before addressing the candidates at the formal tea and thanking them for their volunteer service.



Local candidates pictured from the Hampton area with the Bishop are: (sitting) Giulia Mauro, Kayleigh McMann, (standing) Tess Restori, Palma Serrao, and Elisa (Elisebetta) Tolomeo.

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## Lochner Acknowledged for Amazing Milestone

by Jenn Edmonds

Hampton Township has undergone many changes since municipal manager Christopher Lochner was hired in 1986, and he has led the township through all of them. Lochner, a Pittsburgh native, was recently recognized by his peers and awarded the 40 years of Service Award from ICMA (International City Management Association) at their annual conference in Columbus, Ohio. ICMA is a worldwide organization of municipal managers with over 8,000 members.

Lochner's job is like that of a CEO; everything relating to the township reports to and through him and he makes sure that the policies that council decides upon are implemented. As the township changed, Lochner's focus changed.

"When I first came here," Lochner says, "the foundation the township needed internally wasn't here." "There were great employees but there needed to be more focused efforts."

He spent the first 25 years of his tenure building township resources, some of which included construction of the police building, the soccer field, baseball complex, and expansion of the pool, which used to be 1/3 of the size it is today.



Chris Lochner on right receiving his award

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During the past ten years, Lochner's job shifted toward maintenance and a focus on "making the facilities as top-notch as possible in a financially responsible way." The key to Lochner's success is to take a comprehensive planning approach: "Unlike 90% of the municipalities in the state, we do strategic planning on an annual basis. We pick out key subject matters, and do short-term and long-term planning."

Every April, Lochner holds an all-day strategic planning meeting with council members and any experts who are relevant to potential projects. "They do a really great job," Lochner reports, "There are no politics involved in the discussion." This annual event began in 1989 and is a legacy item I'm really proud of. The establishment of the strategic planning process makes effective change possible." Lochner explained that utilizing this process helps to avoid pitfalls because one can see things coming. Once the plans are defined, the implementation program follows.

In what little spare time he has, Lochner enjoys walking in North Park with his wife Janet (retired after 40 years at UPMC) and they have enjoyed being involved with the sports their three children (Erin, Alex and Michael) played growing up. All of their children are Hampton High School graduates.

When asked what he will do when he retires, Lochner quipped, "The first part is to see if I can do it. To do this job you have to live this job."

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# HAEE Reaches the Finish of the 30<sup>TH</sup> Annual Race

by Jackie Smith

The Hampton Alliance for Education Excellence (HAEE) completed the 30th annual race on October 15, 2022, with 330 registered participants!

According to Tom McKelvey, President, HAEE, "It was a great turnout, and the weather was terrific. We can't thank our sponsors, the volunteers, and participants enough for their continued support of this organization. We'd also like to thank the District and the Township for their help with making sure this event was a success."

"We were excited to be able to bring our community and school district together by holding the 30th annual 5K event on a course that highlights the school campus, trails, and community park - it was a special year for HAEE and the new location really highlights the spirit of our event," stated McKelvey.

The overall male winner was Elias Santiago Bradbury with a time of 17 minutes and 53 seconds, and the overall female winner was Elizabeth Perry with a time of 20 minutes and 46 seconds.

Between race registrations and sponsorships, HAEE raised \$20,000. "These monies will continue to support innovative initiatives within the Hampton School District," said McKelvey. "It was a great celebration of 30 years; congratulations to everyone who participated, and we look forward to next year's event!"





## Race for Troops

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(Life of the Party Productions), a performance by the Hampton High School Marching Band Pep Squad; mid-race encouragement and water provided by Boy Scout Troop 195; an All American post-race buffet, with hot dogs, homemade baked beans and fresh fruit; post-race entertainment; complimentary tee shirts and fill-their-own-goody bags. The race is professionally timed and attracts a competitive field of runners and a lively contingent of walkers. Trophies and prizes are awarded to the first place man/woman from the overall field and Masters category. Medals are awarded to the top three (male/female) in

each of 13 age groups. Unique door prizes are awarded. Runners can also compete in the Team Challenge in which five-member teams compete for a team prize.

OTA fulfills wish-list requests of our troops while providing reassurance that their risks and sacrifices are recognized and appreciated. OTA operates with a 100% volunteer staff and attains all its funds through fundraising activities such as the Veterans Day 5K Race.

Participants are protected by the Hampton Township Police Department and the Hampton-Shaler Emergency Medical Service. A physical therapist is on hand for post-race attention and advice. Runners say they are motivated by the knowledge that their efforts will help provide holiday care packages to our active duty troops. Interested runners/walkers are invited to register at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/AllisonPark/OPERATIONTROOPAPPRECIATION5K>. More information about OTA can be found at [www.operationtroopappreciation.org](http://www.operationtroopappreciation.org) or email [Gerardmac977@aol.com](mailto:Gerardmac977@aol.com).



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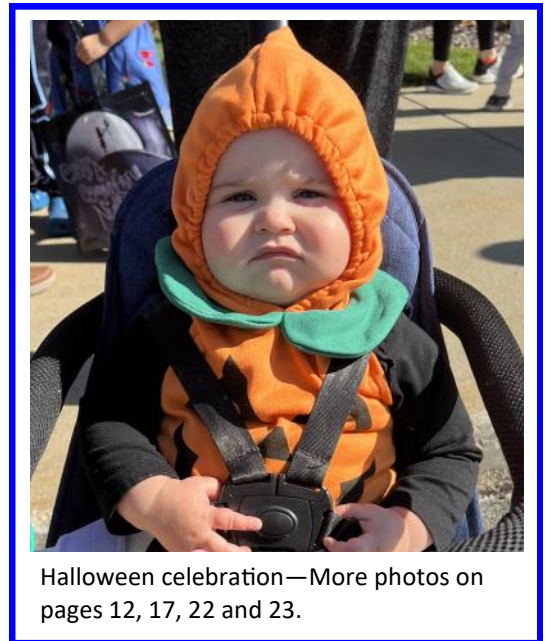
I just wanted to take a quick minute to say THANK YOU for the care packages! It's a great feeling to see my troops get excited seeing me walk in with the packages because they know they're going to get some great goodies. Thank you to all the volunteers and businesses who support me and my Soldiers and others across the globe.

I set up all the items like a little store and the items were gone in about 20mins. It was great to see their faces looking through the items!

Thank you very much for the love and support!

V/R, Matthew P

NOTE: V/R is military shorthand for 'very respectfully' and Matthew P is the unit commander. (We protect the troops' identities partly by not using last names.)



Halloween celebration—More photos on pages 12, 17, 22 and 23.



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4217 Dom Perignon Court	\$569,900	\$550,000	8
4173 Pape Clement Court	\$574,900	\$546,000	55
3941 N Monet	\$499,900	\$492,500	54
5037 Cramlington Court	\$475,000	\$485,000	2
2373 Willow Run Court	\$500,000	\$453,300	20
4682 Vitullo Drive	\$389,900	\$400,819	3
4244 Timberlane Drive	\$379,900	\$379,900	39
5234 Stella Drive	\$389,900	\$349,000	7
2401 W Hardies Road	\$339,900	\$320,000	43
5136 Polo Fields	\$325,000	\$305,000	13
2336 McIntyre Avenue	\$279,900	\$270,000	31
94491 Greengrove Drive	\$219,900	\$215,000	22
4689 Greenwood Drive	\$199,000	\$199,000	85
3078 Meadow Brook Court	\$189,000	\$194,000	3
5085 Harvest Lane	\$179,900	\$175,000	22
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## Local Salon Raises Money for Homeless Animals

by Stephanie Rizzo

Salon 13 is making paw-sitive moves both in and out of the salon. To celebrate 5 years in business, owner Kelsey Galbraith hosted an anniversary event at the salon that was free to the public on Sunday, October 9th. Guests enjoyed live music from the Bleil Brothers, food from Tocayo Food Truck, face painting, beer tasting, raffle baskets and most importantly, meeting adoptable dogs! The event benefitted Paws Across Pittsburgh, a non-profit animal rescue whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome homeless animals.

“We were able to raise over \$2000 in monetary donations, collect an overwhelming amount of supplies and food donations and found two dogs, Rojo and Nora, a new home,” Galbraith said. “We’re making progress towards



our vision and it’s such a fabulous gift to be able to help Paws Across America reach their goals. I loved seeing our community together to celebrate what I’m passionate about: my team, salon and animals.”

To learn more about Paws Across Pittsburgh, visit their website at

<https://www.pawscrosspittsburgh.com>

or to make a donation venmo: @PawsPGH.

## Flour Power is Stirring Up Fun in Hampton

by Stephanie Rizzo

Tasty foods, smiles and energetic attitudes are all the ingredients needed to stir up hands-on discovery at Flour Power Kids Cooking Studios, Hampton's first commercial cooking studio. Walk through the doors, and you'll be greeted by team members with backgrounds in child care and food service ready to whip up a masterpiece. You'll feel right at home, as the location is equipped with a bright, colorful kitchen mirroring one you may actually have at home- the only difference is you're not on clean-up duty!

Amy Knight, franchise owner and operator, was inspired to start Pittsburgh's first Flour Power franchise after serving 20 years on active duty as a naval officer and working at the Veteran's Leadership Program, where she served other veterans experiencing homelessness.



"I was craving a job that didn't feel like work," Knight said. "I'm passionate about my kids, dogs and food, so opening a business that allows me to explore 2 of the 3 was a dream come true. I'm so grateful and proud of the hardworking, dedicated team we've built that make this possible."

Starting this business was not only a power move for Knight, but also for her two daughters who share her love for cooking and exploring new foods. Her publicist, also known as her 4-year-old daughter, has been to nearly every preschool class and always invites her friends and teachers in to show off "her mommy's cooking studio."

"Not only are we having fun and making memories, but we're also teaching important life skills," Knight said. "It's one thing to study fractions and mathematics in a classroom setting, but the real game changer is learning how to apply it to real-life scenarios, like measuring ingredients in the kitchen."

Flour Power sizzles up a variety of weekly classes, birthday parties, events and etiquette classes for preschool-aged children to teens, as well as adult classes, family nights and team building and corporate events. No classes for dogs just yet, but Knight can still get her fill of animals at home with her chocolate lab.

Flour Power is a nut-free and shellfish-free studio and can accommodate many other allergies through substitution. The dishes' difficulty levels

vary based on age group and class, with recipes ranging from customizable pizzas to creating your own candy recipes. Recipes are shared after the class so the kids can replicate them and practice their skills at home.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit

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## Aiden's Army

by Lainy Carslaw

On Sunday, October 2nd, the Hampton community did what it does best—it showed up! The event was a cornhole and softball tournament designed to raise money for “Aiden’s Helping Hands,” a charitable organization started by Aiden Hanna.

Aiden is a sophomore at Hampton High School who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Despite his diagnosis, he could be seen at the event, having fun with his friends and cruising around in a golf cart.

The HAA-hosted event was a huge success, with basket raffles, t-shirts sales, auctions and food sales from the many local businesses that showed up to support Aiden’s efforts to help families in need.

“This month,” his mom, Tracy Hanna, said, “he is gifting winter essentials, groceries, and gas gift cards to assist families in need while here for treatments. He is hoping to assist with bills in the near future.”

The big winners of the day were Aiden’s Army, who took home the win for the softball tournament in which fifteen teams were entered.



Many in Hampton have joined this so-called “Army,” rallying behind Aiden and praying for his healthy recovery. “Aiden is so grateful and thankful to be part of such a great community,” said Tracy.

Other recent events for Aiden included a “Donate at the Gate” fundraiser run by the Fox Chapel Hockey team while playing

Hampton and a t-shirt fundraiser driven by the student council at the high-school. To learn more about Aiden’s Helping Hands and be notified of future



events check his site: [aidenshelpinghands.com](http://aidenshelpinghands.com) You can also hear an interview with Aiden on The Fan’s radio show, “It Hits Different,” [episode 57](#). One thing is clear, Aiden is a giving and strong young man who has a community—an army—behind him.



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## Pumpkins created by talented Hampton residents



## McAwley Seeking National Recognition

by Jenn Edmonds

Last year was a banner year for the Hampton Talbots Varsity Boys soccer team and a year of honors for head coach Matt McAwley. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA)/ National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) recently named McAwley as the Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Coach of the Year for the school year 2021-2022. He was selected from all high school soccer coaches in over 500 soccer programs throughout Pennsylvania and across all competitive classes (1A-4A).

"I was incredibly surprised and honored and very happy to receive an award like that," said McAwley, who is in his eighth year as head coach. He was an assistant coach with Hampton for two years prior to that. McAwley graduated from Hampton in 2009 and played on the Hampton boys soccer team from 2005-2008.

The 2021-2022 team clinched the PIAA Pennsylvania state title with a 1-0 win

over Archbishop Wood in Hershey, PA after winning four state playoff matches. They completed the fall season with a 23-1 record and won the WPIAL 3A title. The Talbots made the playoffs for the seventh straight year under McAwley's leadership.

When asked about his success as a coach, McAwley explained, "I try to bring to the table every year a feeling of to-

getherness. Creating a family atmosphere is very important."

During the off-season, his work doesn't stop there: he examines takeaways every year of what worked and what didn't, takes coaching courses, attends a coaching convention and meets with other coaches. "It's very important for me as a coach," McAwley said, "to broaden my knowledge to have a better impact on the players during the season."

Recognizing the commitment of his players, McAwley shared, "The players are very dedicated in the off-season and rise to the challenge during the season." He further explained how the team members play high-level opponents during the off-season to improve for the next season.

The winning records led to additional coaching accolades. Prior to his recent PA Coach of the Year win, McAwley was named the 3A Section One Coach of the Year and the WPIAL 3A Coach of the Year.

McAwley is now in contention for the NFHS Regional and National Coach of the Year. The winner will be determined in the next several months.



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## Where Are They Now?

### Matthews in Navy Nuclear Program

by Jenn Edmonds

Following his recent 2022 graduation from Hampton High School, Vincent Matthews has another graduation to celebrate. In July, Matthews flew to Great Lakes, Illinois, for ten weeks of basic training in the US Navy and graduated from that training on October 14.



Matthews had the honor of being one of the flag bearers in his graduation as well as two other graduations. His division excelled and won the award for the best division of the class, besting 11 other divisions. The next step for Matthews will be to report to Charleston, SC, where he will begin the first of three intensive trainings in the Navy Nuclear Program. The training is estimated to take 18 months. Once Matthews

completes his training, he will be stationed on an aircraft carrier working to keep the nuclear propulsion systems operational.

### Youth Service Project

Another September service month has come to a close at Jewart's Gymnastics. "This year was different," said coach, Lainy Carslaw, "because I challenged each of our teams to come up with their own service project."

They did not disappoint. Among the 150 competitive athletes, they cleaned up North Park, collected reusable bags for the food bank, cleaned up and made blankets for a pet shelter, served food at a soup kitchen, and although they may have been lacking in skill, but not in heart, attempted to play in Aiden Hanna's Charity Softball Tournament.

They also hosted hundreds of visitors for National Gymnastics Day, which enabled them to send thousands of dollars to The Red Cross, Children's Miracle Network, and The Nature Conservancy.

"This year was extra special," said Carslaw. "Due to a coaching award I earned through Positive Coaching Alliance, my sister and I got to go to Tampa for USA Championships in August and meet the president of USA Gymnastics. "LiLi Leung is making many great changes to our sport and inspiring positivity and strength in our athletes. It was a pleasure to celebrate our sport this year more than ever under her leadership and I am so proud of all of our students!"



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### Police Log

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reported injury. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle, who advised that they were experiencing chest pain. The operator stated that they were traveling south on Richland Road and went around a bend in the roadway when they lost control of their vehicle because it hydroplaned and then went over the hillside and struck a tree head-on. The vehicle sustained moderate damage to the front end and was towed from the scene. The operator was transported to the hospital.

### Water Main Break

On 9/4/2022 at 8:52 a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of North Pioneer Road for a report of a water main break. Upon arrival, the responding officer located the break. Due to the size of the break, the road had to be shut down until repairs were made. Hampton Shaler Water was notified and responded to the scene.

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## N. Hampton Vol. Fire Dept.

September 2022 Monthly Report, Chief Michael Piovesan

### Monthly Incident Summary:

Assist EMS	1
Brush Fire	1
Commercial Fire Alarm	10
Commercial Structure Fire	2
CO Alarm	1
Natural Gas Leak	2
Residential Fire Alarm	4
Residential Structure Fire	4
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	1
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	9
<b>Total Incidents for the Month</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Incidents for 2022</b>	<b>285</b>

### Noteworthy incidents and events:


- NHVFD assisted Richland VFD with a residential structure fire on Packsaddle Trail. First arriving crews arrived to find smoke coming from the garage and were able to quickly locate and extinguish a small fire. NHVFD crews assisted with ventilation and checking for extension of the fire into the house.
- NHVFD assisted police with traffic control at West Hardies and Oak Hill Road. A fully loaded tractor trailer attempted to cross the wooden bridge on Oak Hill Road and became stuck on the guiderail. Crews remained on scene for several hours until a tow company could remove the vehicle.

### 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](http://www.northhamptonvfd.org).

### Police Log

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 On 9/28/2022 at 4:35 a.m., the Hampton Township Police Department was dispatched to the area of Mount Royal Boulevard for a water break. Upon arrival, a large water main break was observed on Mount Royal Boulevard at Locust Lane. Two nearby homes had water from the break entering their property. Hampton Shaler Water was notified of the incident and responded.

### Fraud

 On 09/12/2022 at 1:44 p.m. Hampton Township Police were contacted by a resident regarding fraud. Upon speaking with the reporting party, they explained that they had received a voicemail earlier from Key Bank congratulating them on opening up a new bank account. The resident looked up the proper phone number for Key Bank and spoke to a Branch Manager regarding the phone call. The manager looked into the matter and told the resident that someone had opened up an account utilizing their social security number, address, and name. The resident advised that the account was fraudulent and immediately closed it. The resident was advised to closely monitor their accounts, to notify the three major credit bureaus regarding their social security number being compromised, to visit the Attorney General's web site, as well as FTC.gov regarding identity theft.

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## Current Events

### Community Food Drive

Looking for ways to make a difference this holiday season? Join us for a community food drive on the weekends of November 5-6 and 12-13. Inspired Hearts & Hands, based in Mars, will create meal boxes from your donations and deliver them to local families facing poverty. Each box includes a \$10 ALDI gift card used for fresh ingredients and protein, elements of a holiday meal, and other essential meal items.

Two ways to participate:

- Drop off donations to the Andrews' house at 3130 Mohawk Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044 (drop boxes will be provided)
- Financially sponsor a basket (online)

<http://GiveHope21.givesmart.com>

Items Requested: Instant potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned vegetables, canned soup, gravy (jar/packets), canned chicken/tuna, rice, peanut butter, jelly, etc., pasta and pasta sauce, sweet potatoes, canned cranberries/applesauce, ALDI gift cards. Questions call/text McKenna Andrews at 412-439-0926.

### Hampton Middle School Drama Club Presents:

Disney's **NEWSIES Jr.**

November 17th and 18th at 7 pm

November 19th at 1 pm and 7 pm



### "B.O.B." Concert – Bells, Organ and Brass

Sunday, November 20, 2022, 2:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Sweden Church, 2554 Wildwood Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Concert is part of the newly-established Saints Martha & Mary Parish Concert Series, which will foster a deeper appreciation of sacred music through high-quality concerts that are accessible and free to all attendees; free-will offerings accepted. Visit <https://stsmarthaandmaryparish.org/>

### Annual Mission Mall and Cookie Walk

Saturday, November 19, 9 am - 2 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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### Veterans Breakfast Club

Wednesday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Church at Grove Farm, 49 Duff Road Sewickley, PA 15143

If you'd like to attend one of our monthly breakfasts, join us on a day trip or volunteer, please contact: Betty Karleski, 412-623-9029 Email: [betty@veteransbreakfastclub.org](mailto:betty@veteransbreakfastclub.org).

## Health Workshops

Free health related workshops are coming this fall to the Hampton Community Center. Pre registration required [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org).

On Thursday, November 3 from 6-7p-- BACK PAIN WORKSHOP

Do you have nagging back pain? Do you experience shooting pains, numbness or tingling into your legs? Have you been diagnosed with "Sciatica"? Dr. Eric Stiglmeier would like to invite you to join him for his free Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop. Eric is a Doctor of Physical Therapy with advanced training in spinal diagnosis, treatment and manipulation working out of Hess Physical Therapy. This workshop will cover the many causes of back pain and how each would cause different symptoms. The workshop will also cover how a patient specific, individual treatment approach can rid you of your pain and get you moving again. Call 412-487-7870 with questions.

### Wildwood Golf Club's 9th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Benefitting North Hills Community Outreach. Sunday, November 20th from 10 am to 3 pm. Over 35 Local Vendors. Free admission. Open to the public.

### Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Monday November 21, 7 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park. Jonathon Noyalas will present, "Civil War Artillery." Lecture is free and open to the public. Masks are strongly recommended.

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## Hampton Rotary

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globe, and in ourselves.

The Hampton Rotary Club has been modeling this mission since its inception in 1985, and now the Club has been honored with the 2022 People Helping People Award!

One of the most recent unexpected projects for the Hampton Rotary Club was the repair of the Hampton Township Rachel Carson Bridge on Friday, September 30. After a tree fell and knocked out multiple sections of the railing, several rotary members showed up to make the necessary repairs. The rotary was responsible for building the bridge in 2007, as one of four bridges on the Irma Kost Nature Trail. The Rotary was also responsible for building the fishing pier in the Hampton Township park pond.

The Hampton Rotary has also donated and delivered \$8,000 worth of eggs, butter, milk, and cheese to NHCO's food pantries over 27 occasions last winter and spring. That's 680 dozen eggs, 640 pounds of butter, 700 gallons of milk, and 828 pounds of cheese—all fresh foods that aren't normally distributed at NHCO's food pantries.

"When you add up the cost of the items they provided, it really saved a great deal of burden from a typical grocery store visit for clients," said NHCO Executive Director Tom Baker.

In addition, club members have volunteered at NHCO's garden, assembled toiletry health kits, assisted with coat drives and citrus distributions, delivered Meals on Wheels weekly, and annually awarded scholarships to Hampton High School and A.W. Beattie Career Center students for their academic and technical skill development.

NHCO awarded the club's efforts at the *Corks for The Community* event in August. "Our club members are appreciative of the recognition of the People Helping People award, but more importantly, we hope our efforts can spur other families, businesses, churches and groups to come up with additional creative solutions to help meet the needs of NHCO customers," said Hampton Rotary President Hal English.

THANK YOU to the following Hampton Rotary members; your time, dedication and commitment is reflected in the many projects completed in our community: Rock Kernick, Steve Cupcheck, Cindy Rylands, Roger Eichner, Hal English, Larry Vasko, Bill Shipley and Ron Schmidt.

Additional information regarding Hampton Rotary can be found at [www.https://www.facebook.com/HamptonTownshipRotaryClub](https://www.facebook.com/HamptonTownshipRotaryClub). **The Club is accepting donations for this winter's food drive** where 100% of the donations go to food purchases and delivery. Donations are appreciated, and they can be sent to: Hampton Rotary Club, PO Box 685, Allison Park, PA 15101.



North Hills Community Outreach presented The Hampton Township Rotary Club the "People Helping People" award for their commitment to serving their community through supporting the work of NHCO in 2022.



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## Greater Than Half of Aquinas Academy Class of 2022 Earned AP Scholar Awards

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The awardees achieved one of three levels: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, and AP Scholar with Distinction.

The AP Scholar award was earned by Katelyn Buchanan (2022), Samuel Buchanan (2023), Gracie Burchill (2023), Olivia Carr (2022), Michael Duer (2022), Liam Ellis (2023), Elizabeth Hardy (2022), Michael Lukasik (2022), Megan Maloney (2022), Jillian Mercer (2022), Anna Myron (2022), Sejal Sharma (2022), and Sarah White (2023). The AP Scholar award is "granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams."

AP Scholar with Honor was awarded to Patricia Blume (2022), Maryam BouSamra (2023), Maylee Clerici (2022), Maria Figucia (2022), Steven Giacobbe (2022), Sabrina Knox (2022), Emma Queen (2022), and Nicholas Tarquinio (2022). The AP Scholar with Honor award is "granted to students who receive an

average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams."

AP Scholar with Distinction was awarded to Nathan Anthony (2022), Joseph "Theo" Austin (2022), Helayna Baer (2022), Robert Crooks (2022), Andrew D'Angelo (2022), Samuel Everson (2022), John Griffith (2022), Emilia Kartsonas (2022), Anna Keeverline (2022), Alica Lenartova (2022), and Zachary Sibenac (2022). The AP Scholar with Distinction award is "granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams."



AP Scholar photo: from left to right: Maryam BouSamra, Samuel Buchanan, Sarah White, Liam Ellis, Gracie Burchill

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## Upcoming Events

### Save the Date for Al's Bike Drive

Al's Bike Drive is underway! The annual event is spearheaded by Al Todd, his family, and an army of volunteers. The bike drive supports the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. The goal for this year's bike drive is 1000 bicycles, including ten adaptive bikes for children with disabilities. Community members can help support the program by purchasing a bike, making a monetary donation or volunteering, all of which can be done at [www.alsbikedrive.com](http://www.alsbikedrive.com). Volunteers are needed to help load, transport and distribute bikes. The delivery date for the bikes is Thursday, December 8th at 9am at the Walmart in Richland.

### Hampton Band Association Holiday Extravaganza

Get a head start on your holiday shopping and baking at Hampton High School on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The HBA's biggest fundraiser of the year, this festive event will have something for everyone! More information will be coming soon at [hamptonbands.org](http://hamptonbands.org). Interested in being a vendor? Email Jen at [extravanzavendors@hamptonbands.org](mailto:extravanzavendors@hamptonbands.org).

### Fireworks, Food Trucks and Festive Fun for All Ages!

Santa Claus will be coming to our Township on December 1st at 7:00 pm with the help of the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments! Fireworks will begin at 7:00 pm and Santa and Rudolph will arrive to the Community Center after the fireworks!

Join us this evening at the Hampton Community Center & Park for festive fun with your family, neighbors and

friends! Complimentary photos with Santa, compliments of Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate, and a festive fireworks display are just a few of this year's event activities! Food trucks will be available before the event, beginning at 6:30 pm. If you or someone you know operates a food truck and would like to be part of this year's event please email Melanie Martino at [melanie.martino@hampton-pa.org](mailto:melanie.martino@hampton-pa.org) for information!

#### Elf on the Shelf Search:

Happy the Elf will be joining us once again at the Community Center for the holiday season! Happy the Elf will be hiding in different places throughout the Community Center November 28th - December 23rd.

Elf on the Shelf Search papers will be available at the Community Center Service Desk beginning on November 28th. The dates that Happy will be changing his hiding spot are noted on the search paper. After you have found Happy, the Community Center desk staff will stamp your search paper. Be sure to keep your paper for each visit to the Community Center and collect all four stamps! Participants with all four stamps will be entered to win a prize.

#### Santa's Mailbox at the Community Center:

Santa's Mailbox will be returning to the Community Center just in time for our Holiday event! Please feel free to stop by with your children for them to "mail" their letter to the North Pole!

This year our mailbox is located at the entrance of the Community Center, across from the Library, in front of the Administrative Offices.



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