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Homecoming 2023

by Jenn Edmonds

Homecoming is a celebration typically filled with food, fun, friends, and football and this year was no exception. The perfect fall weather was the backdrop to the 20th annual Talbot Tailgate, held on September 29. This was the most well-

attended tailgate in Hampton history. The students, families, and community came together to visit 28-club run booths filled with food, games, and prizes and Hampton spirit. Tailgate-goers could play games and even try their hand at dunking a falcon! All

of the booths are fundraisers for the Hampton clubs, sports teams and PTO's, and kids and adults alike enjoyed having fun treats from the Kona Ice truck and Bruster's ice cream truck. One of the high-

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Photo by Madia Photography

The candidates for queen were Kathleen Milon, Kiley Vande Geest, Meghan Murray, Margaret Hamlin, Brooklyn Eastly, Elena Herchenroether, Adanna Smith, Elena Rossetti, McKenna Andrews, and Tiffany Habib. The king candidates were Andrew Kaehly, Isaac Thatcher, Dale Hall, Jacob Bonnar, Brady Andrews, Hayden List, Dominic Johanson, Robert Coll, Joshua Worobij and Shane Noone.

Fire Departments Set to Merge

by Mary-Theresa Watson

As of January 8, 2024, Hampton Township's two volunteer fire departments will officially merge and begin operations as a single entity to be led and commanded by unified administrative and operational officers. For many years, the township has been home to two volunteer companies, each with its own organizational and operational

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HAAE 5K Race

An Institution in the Community

by Erica Kaehly, HAAE Board Member

In a remarkable display of community, unity and a commitment to educational excellence, the 31st Annual Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAAE) 5K unfolded under the early morning skies, leaving a heartwarming impact that resonates with every Hampton resident in some way.

This year's event, held on October 7th, garnered resounding success, raising over \$20,000. The generous contributions from cash donors and gift bas-

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Annual Halloween Parade

by Jenn Edmonds

Fall was in the air at the annual Hampton Township Halloween parade. It was a chilly start to the festive day as Hampton residents gathered at the Community Center on October 21 for fun, food and activities with some new additions to the celebration this year.

Prior to the parade, patrons could memorialize their costumes and be silly in the free photo booth inside the Community Center or purchase pizza from Pasquale's. A couple of the many highlights of the day were the annual pumpkin carving contest and a hayride through a "haunted" trail to the upper orchard. Organized and operated by the Hampton Township Department of Public Works, the passengers spied spooky ghosts hanging from trees, a port-a-john with skeletons inside and other eerie figures on their journey.

Township police, fire, and EMS had their vehicles on display for the children to see and led the costume parade. The parade procession had creative costumes including Barbie, dragons, Pinnocchio, Ninja Turtles, and Elmo and just about anything else you could imagine.

The winners for Overall Group/Family Costume were the Zhikharev family for their portrayal of a sleeping Snow White, the Evil

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As *The Hampton News* continues to strive to bring you informative and interesting stories, we welcome feedback, ideas and submissions. We are always happy to hear from you and want to help keep the neighbors connected! The deadline for submissions is on the 15th of each month.

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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 9/30/2023—10/23/2023:

House Fire

On 09/30/2023, HTP was dispatched to Greenfield Road for a smoke alarm. Police officers and fire units entered the residence, which was filling with white smoke at the time of arrival. Contact was made with an adult male and three children who were evacuated from the building. There were no injuries. The fire was started by a 3D printer that was left running overnight.

Hazardous Conditions

On 10/17/2023, HTP was dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and Clearview Road for a report of a branch in the roadway blocking traffic. William Flinn Highway was observed to clear; however, there was a tree on wires and branches on the roadway of Harts Run Road near Clearview Road. County dispatch notified Duquesne Light of the tree on wires and a wire down on the roadway. Duquesne Light arrived on the scene and removed the tree and wire. The roadway was then reopened.

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lights of the tailgate is having the opportunity to meet the Talbot dog mascot winners from each school and vote for



2023 Homecoming Queen Adanna Smith crowned by 2022 Queen Molly Burnett.

greet with some petting and belly rubs and the Hampton community voted for their pawsome favorite with donations that benefitted HAEE (Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence). This year's winner Piper Campbell (from Wyland Elementary) was announced at half-time and the 2-year-old German Shepherd and her family George, Joy, Regan (5th grade), and Quinn (3rd grade) took the field to accept the distinction of Honorary Talbot 2023. While on the field, Piper put on a show for the people in the stadium. Piper was featured on the cover of the October 2023 issue of *The Hampton News*. "We were so proud to honor Wyland Elementary and to represent the 2023 honorary Talbot of Hampton. We had a wonderful experience. The crowd was spectacular! We loved every bit of it," said Joy Campbell.

Homecoming isn't complete without acknowledging the court and the crowning of the king and queen. The candidates for queen were McKenna Andrews, Brooklyn Eastly, Tiffany Habib, Margaret Hamlin, Elena Herchenroether, Kathleen Milon, Meghan Murray, Elena Rossetti, Adanna Smith, and Kiley Vande Geest. The candidates for king included Brady Andrews, Jacob Bonnar, Robert Coll, Dale Hall, Dominic Johanson, Andrew Kaehly, Hayden List, Shane Noone, Isaac Thatcher, and Joshua Worobij. Molly Burnett (2022 queen) returned to the field to crown this year's queen, Adanna Smith. King Brady Andrews was

crowned by Adam Larson (2021 king, current student at Duquesne University) who graciously stepped in because the 2022 king, Kai Suyama, was not able to return home from school in Boston. "To be selected by my class as queen was one of the most special moments in my life. It was awesome to have one of my besties, Molly Burnett, crown me at the game. It made it all the more special," said Smith.

The Hampton High School Marching Band performed their field show "No Storm Lasts Forever," which portrays a

the overall winner of the honorary Hampton Talbot.

Voting for the honorary Talbot takes place in the form of donations. The winning dog from each school did a meet and



2023 King and Queen: Brady Andrews and Adanna Smith

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group of sea voyagers who endure dangerous conditions. The Hampton High School football team fought hard but ultimately fell to Connellsville 28-26. One of the highlights was Brock Borgo's 202 yards rushing ending with a touchdown. After the Homecoming game, the team remained undefeated in the WPIAL's Class 4A Greater Allegheny Conference.

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Thanksgiving Closings!

Wednesday, November 22nd the library will close at **5PM**.

The Library will be **CLOSED Thursday, November 23rd through Sunday, November 26th**.

We hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!

What a Wonder-Fall 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 Nov. 30th 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*

Tech Help Saturday! Saturday, November 4th

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Are you having problems with your phone, apps suddenly appear or disappear, emails go into deep space, your tablet won't play the audio book you downloaded from Hoopla, don't know how to bring up pictures that were sent to you? This is the time for you! Students from Hampton High School will be here to help you solve minor issues.

This is a first come, first serve basis.



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Checkmate! Thursday, November 9th

6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in Activity Room 1

Chess Club is designed to be an 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!" Registration is appreciated, please call the library @ 412-684-1098.

Project Scrapbook! Monday, November 20th

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Are you new to scrapbooking or maybe got away from it and looking for a reboot?

Stop by even if you only have an hour! If you are a seasoned scrapbooker looking for like-minded friends come join us and scrap to your hearts content! Marie Golio from Creative Memories will be here to share, teach, and support fellow scrapbookers and their goals! No need to register, class will be in the library!

Card Club! Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Adults! 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. 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Thursday Murder Club, by Richard Osman.

The Mystery Book Group meets in 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. 17th @ 1:00 p.m. Remarkably Bright Creatures, by Shelby Van Pelt.

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: We're on a Roll - Casseroles!

Thursday, Nov. 16th, 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.

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Cooking, Eating and Making Friends

by Tracy Weigel

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for people who love to cook and make new friends! The group was founded by Suzanna Krispli, Director of the Hampton Community Library, who originally wanted to help feature local businesses and bring exposure to the library. The first group meetings were held at Piccolo Vinnie's, at what was then called Coventry Square. Suzanna loves food and people; hence, the group was established and is still running strong 15 years later! "No experience or culinary expertise is required. All you need is a desire to share recipes, food and camaraderie! Anyone can join!" Says Suzanna.

The fourth Thursday of most months (excluding December, July and August), the group meets in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Suzanna selects each month's theme for the year. Past themes include Food Network stars, ethnic dishes, regional specialties, and cooking with a particular food. Each member checks out a cookbook or magazine from the library, chooses a recipe and cooks that dish to bring to the group the evening of the discussion. They also bring a copy of the recipe to share.

Says Suzanna, "We are a family. We have seen each other through weddings, break-ups, births, grandchildren, friends passing, people moving away, good times and bad. We even met during the pandemic through Zoom discussing the foods we were making, bread recipes we were trying etc. These ladies can cook up a storm and bring life to the program and I am eternally grateful for their friendship and food!"

Nancy Connolly is a longtime member. "I describe the program as an excuse to eat delicious food and socialize, and that's precisely what we do! Yet it also allows us to experiment with new recipes and perhaps cook with ingredients we normally would not have otherwise used, resulting in learning and expanding our food experiences."

The group's members include a variety of women, from those who have cooked extensively for their families and friends over the years, to younger women who are attuned to what is new in the culinary world, such as vegan cooking. Occasionally, men will join the group, "and boy, do they like to show off their cooking skills!" says Nancy.

Another member shares her experience with the group. "I really enjoy the monthly meetings. We have a variety of cooks/bakers that attend with different experience levels. The themes that Suzanna chooses make it challenging at times, but that is half of the fun. One of our themes was a mystery ingre-

redient. I recall using sauerkraut in my cookie recipe to mimic coconut and no one figured it out, but everyone thought that it was very good! I like the fact that I have the opportunity to try different recipes without going to the expense and effort to make them. I then select those that I like to add to my recipe box."

This is a fun group of people expanding their culinary horizons and making friends by connecting through food. Says Nancy, "Join us! Step outside your comfort zone, enjoy good food, have fun and learn at the same time!"



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Medallion Ball



Left to right: Mary Theresa Porter, Alexandra Taylor and Elena Rossetti.

The Medallion Ball Bishop's Tea was held on Sunday October 1, 2023 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.

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3020 Marie Drive	\$444,000	\$425,000	33
2548 Red Oak Court	\$399,900	\$395,000	15
3036 McCully Road	\$395,000	\$323,250	17
4001 Buckboard Trail	\$275,000	\$250,000	6
2583 Stone Chip Drive	\$250,000	\$242,500	21
4302 Hemlock Circle	\$220,000	\$220,000	41
5106 Hardt Road	\$180,000	\$180,000	326
2778 Wildwood Road	\$179,900	\$150,000	141

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Continued Success

by Jenn Edmonds

The girls tennis team has been on an upswing over the last four years and have worked their way into one of the best teams in school history. They ended the regular season with a record of 13-6. This is the first time the team has made it to the semi-finals where they secured a third-place finish in the WPIAL Class 2A Championships on October 18. The WPIAL win qualified the team for the PIAA state Championships. Their valiant journey to states ended with a loss to Cathedral Prep in the first round of the tournament on October 24. Coach Grant McKinney said, "As freshmen this group of seniors won ZERO matches. We were 0-11. Their hard work over 4 years is a huge accomplishment."

The accolades for this team continue. Hampton Junior Grace Stitt finished 4th in WPIAL Section 3 AA for Singles, almost qualifying for states. Seniors Laniya Ward and Greta Hamlin have an outstanding record of 14-2 as a doubles team and the remaining seniors Emma Spiess, Samantha Jones, Addie Hastings, Melanie Malloy, and Elena Herchenroether have all had



strong performances for the team. Coach McKinney gives a lot of the credit for the success of the team to his assistant coach Milt Squiller. "He worked with the girls throughout the year to develop their skills and coached the JV team to a record of 11-2. The JV was one of the best in Pittsburgh and pushes the varsity team to be even better."

Coach McKinney, in his 15th year as coach, describes the team. "The talent of the team is embodied by Grace Stitt. The grit and drive of the team is embodied by Sam Jones. The mental toughness is Emma Spiess. The depth in talent is attributed to Abigail Anderson, Laniya Ward and Greta Hamlin. The quiet confidence is McKenna Restori. The joy and heart of the team come from Elena Herchenroether, Melanie Malloy, and Addie Hastings. All 10 girls have made it a privilege to coach this historic team. They care about each other. They have fun together playing a game they love and competing at a high level. This is the best girls' tennis team I have ever coached and I would believe one of the best in school history."

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Jewart Athletes Give Back to the Community

Fall is a busy time at Jewart's Gymnastics in Hampton. Not only are the gymnasts putting their routines together, setting their competition schedule, and learning new skills, they are also hosting a variety of charitable fundraisers.

On September 11th, they gathered to make over 70 care packages for HEARTH and Foster Love. They collected hundreds of canned goods, jackets and shoes to donate. They made thank you cards for those who have helped them along the way and hung bird feeders.

Just five days later, they welcomed the community into the gym for National Gymnastics Day. Each visitor got to test their

physical and mental fitness by attempting challenges throughout the gym.

And on October 7th, they hosted a Cornhole Tournament with over 40 teams competing for prizes.

The three events combined brought in over \$4,000. They plan to split the funds between Aiden's Helping Hands, The Children's Miracle Network, the selected charity of USA Gymnastics, Red Cross and Americares. A portion will also go back to their Parent's Club that supported and helped host the events.

"I am so proud of my team," said coach, Lainy Carslaw. "I love these events and how they bring our team and community together. I just hope they make a lasting impact and that these kids go on to live a life of service and giving back."




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HAEE Race

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kets, alongside the dedication of over 300 racers and numerous volunteers, have solidified the HAEE 5K's position as an institution within the community.

Tom McKelvey, HAEE board president expressed, "This community event has become one of the most anticipated traditions in Hampton. The success of this event reaffirms that in Hampton, education is not just a priority; it's a collective passion."



The HAEE 5K has become a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives, and the Portrait of a Talbot was on full display. This year's event showcased the power of collaboration, as student volunteers and several local businesses rallied under the cover of darkness to contribute to this momentous occasion. The pre-race ambiance was set with a touch of grandeur as the talented Hampton Middle School Band took center stage, performing the national anthem, adding a profound layer of patriotic spirit to the event. As further proof of the Hampton community's dedication to excellence, this year's coveted Alliance Cup was claimed by Wyland Elementary School.

This year's race would not have been as resoundingly successful without the unwavering support of dedicated donors: Straight A Student (donation of \$2500+): Babst Calland Attorneys at Law, Honor Roll level (\$1250 donation) Integrated Periodontics & Dental Implants, Cashdollar and Associated, Sherwood

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Click this QR code to learn more about becoming a board member, or to let HAEE know how to make next year's race even better!



Race Results: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/116061#resultSetId-412013;perpage:100>

Fire Departments

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leadership. North Hampton VFD owns two buildings, one on North Pioneer Road and one on Wildwood Road Ext., and Hampton VFD #1 owns one building on Duncan Ave. With the merger, all three firehouses will remain in operation but will function as one department.


North Hampton VFD President John Schwend explains, "We have been working behind the scenes for nearly five years to create joint bylaws and joint standard operating guidelines as well as to ensure the legal and financial aspects of the merger are completed in an appropriate manner. In addition, multiple committees have been formed, comprised of members of each fire department, to ensure continuity of operations during the merger process."

A dedicated, seven-person committee—made up of three members of each VFD along with Township Manager Chris Lochner—has spearheaded the process, painstakingly working to facilitate the merger to exacting standards. Earlier this year, a vote was taken to officially adopt the merger plan, accept the bylaws and guidelines, and determine the official merger date. Once the departments merge, a fire chief and other officers will be elected. From there, operational and leadership details will be determined by the officials.


John explains, "The unified operation will reduce redundancies in equipment, streamline administrative and operational leadership, and, most importantly, it will properly position the emergency services of Hampton Township for the future."

Police Log


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 On 10/23/2023, HTP and Hampton Fire were dispatched by Allegheny County Emergency Services to the area of Gibson Road for a report of an unknown fluid on the roadway. Upon arrival, an unknown fluid was observed in the northbound lane of Gibson Road from W. Hardies Road to Elgro Road. The fluid did not appear to be making the roadway slick or hazardous at the time. Sgt. Kirsopp notified the Hampton Township Road Department to respond to the scene to evaluate the roadway. The road department responded and covered the unknown fluid with an oil-dry product.

Disabled Vehicle

 On 10/3/2023, HTP was dispatched by Allegheny County Emergency Service to Ferguson Road for a disabled Port Authority bus blocking a lane of traffic in front of Orion Personal Care Home. Port Authority officers were also dispatched to the scene for traffic control. Traffic control was provided until the bus was moved from the roadway to Allison Park Plaza.

DUI Arrest


 On 10/13/2023, an officer was driving south on Middle Road when a vehicle was observed driving over the solid white road line. The vehicle then appeared to nearly strike a guard rail. For these reasons, the vehicle was stopped. Upon contacting the operator, the driver showed visible signs of impairment and was unable to perform field sobriety testing. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.


 On 10/14/2023, Hampton units were dispatched to the area of Big Rock Road and Hemlock Drive for a single-vehicle rollover accident. Upon arrival, fire and EMS units were on scene and both occupants were out of the vehicle.

The operator of the vehicle stated that she had two drinks earlier that evening and there was an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person.

It was determined that the driver struck a large rock/boulder on the right side of the road and continued to drive over a stop sign. The vehicle rolled over in the process. Criminal charges pending.

Vehicle Accident

 On 10/10/2023, HTP was dispatched to the intersection of Mount Royal Boulevard and Sample Road for a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries and vehicles off the roadway. One operator stated that they were attempting to make a left-hand turn from Sample Road onto Mount Royal Boulevard. The driver stated that they were not familiar with the area and assumed there was a stop sign that controlled every direction of the intersection. The vehicle pulled out in front of Unit #2, subsequently causing the collision. One vehicle sustained light damage and the second was able to be driven away from the scene.

 On 10/11/2023, HTP was dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and Craighead Road for a report of a two-vehicle accident with unknown injuries. Upon arrival, the responding

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officer confirmed there were no injuries and only one vehicle was directly involved in a crash. The accident was said to have happened when one vehicle approached the intersection of Craighead Road and William Flinn Highway and did not stop at the stop sign. The vehicle then continued to make a right-hand turn onto William Flinn Highway, which caused a second vehicle to swerve into the left-hand lane to avoid the collision. As a result of avoiding the collision with the at-fault vehicle, the second vehicle swerved back to the right and was unable to regain control, which resulted in the car going over the curb and into a large light pole on the right-hand side of the roadway. The second vehicle sustained severe damage and needed to be towed from the scene. No injuries were reported. There was damage to a PennDOT-owned utility pole. Hampton Fire Department was dispatched to the scene for containment due to fluids from the vehicle on the roadway. end

Library

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Home Business 101!

A New Snack and Learn Program from PNC!
Thursday, November 9th 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join our friends from PNC as they help you navigate the waters of having your own business. This session will include a step by step guide to help you decide if a home business is the right choice, how to create a business plan, what kind of business account you might need, financing options, growing your business and so much more. Registration is appreciated but not necessary. Please call the library to register.

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, November 3rd and December 1st @ 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.

Please visit us during the following times:

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed.

2023 HAEE Race Day Winners



American Legion Post 296

Are you a Hampton resident who honorably served on active duty during the Gulf War (August 2, 1990 through the present)? Did you serve honorably and live in Hampton between the wars? Between Korea and Vietnam or between Vietnam and the Gulf War?

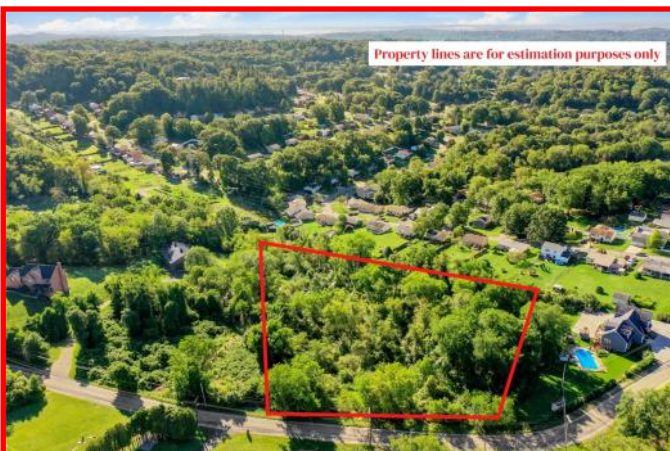
Email your information to be on a Gulf War Veterans plaque to:

www.hampton-pa.org/HamptonGulfWarVeteran.

Do not delay!

We anticipate accepting names until November 11, 2023 so that the preparation and presentation of names can occur on Memorial Day 2024.

REMINDER: Anyone may buy a commemorative paving brick to honor a service member. The brick can be inscribed with the service member's name, branch of service and years of service to celebrate and remember any service member. Proceeds from the sale of bricks will be used for the continued maintenance of this memorial. This is to be a lasting reminder of the Hampton residents that served their country. Please call the Hampton Township office at 412-486-0400 for brick information.



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Halloween Parade

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Queen and dwarfs. Ivan Zhikharev led the family project and was one of the dwarfs, mom Jessica was the evil queen, 9-year-old Jules was Snow White and 7-year-old Aleks was also a dwarf. Ivan recreated Snow White's glass coffin with a Radio Flyer wagon and a platform on top for "Snow White" to be able to lie down. The glass that he planned to use didn't come in time so he had to change the plan at the last minute and use plexiglass that would make it easy for "Snow White" to get in and out. The family lives near the Community Center so they turned heads as they walked to and from the event wheeling Snow White in her glass coffin. The Zhikharev family was a previous winner in 2021

for their Pirate Ship costume.

Some members of Hampton Council joined the fun with their coordinated Star Wars themed costumes (Carolynn Johnson, Bethany Blackburn and her dog Morris, and Jerry Speakman), and some of the Township staff and their families dressed in a Wizard of Oz theme.

After the parade, prizes were given for best costumes, the pumpkin carving contest, and a Build a Bear raffle. All of the participants received cookies, candy bags, and water. A special thank you to Susan Bernet, Assistant Township Manager, for baking all of the cookies. *More photos on page 18 and 19*



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New Look Coming To Hampton Township EAT'N PARK

Extensive Restaurant Remodel Creates Job Opportunities

The Hampton Township Eat'n Park will soon unveil a fresh new look following the most extensive remodel the restaurant has seen since opening in 1981. Located on Route 8 in Gibsonia, the restaurant is seeking to hire more than 30 new team members before the renovation is complete later this fall.

The remodeled restaurant space is designed to optimize the guest and team member experience for dine-in and takeout. The renovation also includes the installation of Eat'n Park's 50th pickup window, adding to the multiple convenient takeout options available for guests.

In addition to the pickup window, guests can expect to see an updated lobby that enhances the takeout and bakery experience, added seating with more options for larger parties, a new and more accessible soup, salad, and fruit bar, and updated finishes, fixtures, décor, and colors that honor Eat'n Park's history while celebrating the future.

Team members can also expect to see enhancements behind the scenes, with an improved, more efficient kitchen layout and a larger area designated for takeout preparations.

The newly remodeled space will allow the restaurant to serve additional guests while creating more employment opportunities. Eat'n Park is seeking new smiling faces for all positions, including servers, greeters, cooks, dishwashers, bussers, takeout team members, and buffet team members.

All positions offer flexible schedules and can be full or part-time. No experience is needed, and on-the-job training

will be provided. Benefits include free meals, employer paid time off, health insurance, and 401k contributions in a great work environment.

Interested applicants are invited to attend one of three open interview days hosted at the restaurant: October 30, November 16, and November 27 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. They can also visit enpsmiles.com and select "Gibsonia" as the city to view all available positions at the Hampton Township Eat'n Park.

"We cannot wait for the Hampton community to experience this incredible remodeled restaurant and to welcome so many team members who share our commitment to creating smiles," said Eat'n Park District Manager Chris Edwards. "We are looking forward to providing the best possible guest and team member experience in this new space."

Eat'n Park anticipates construction will be complete by the end of November, following a two-week closure from approximately November 5 – 19. While the Hampton Township restaurant is closed, guests are welcome to visit the nearby Shaler, Butler, and McKnight Road Eat'n Park locations.

About Eat'n Park Restaurants

Since 1949, Eat'n Park Restaurants has been a family-owned restaurant chain, serving guests across Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. At the heart of Eat'n Park are more than 8,000 team members committed to providing friendly, attentive service and supporting a growing number of community initiatives, including an annual fundraising campaign that has generated over \$11 million for children's hospitals. Eat'n Park also donates almost half a million Smiley Cookies – the brand's iconic symbol – every year to support community events and fundraisers.

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Celebrating a Milestone

18th Annual Veterans Day 5K

The 18th annual Operation Troop Appreciation Veterans Day 5K Race/Walk will be held in Hampton Community Park on Sunday, November 5th and will feature an array of unique amenities. Participants will enjoy special awards and prizes including apple pies for the first place finishers in each of 13 age groups, custom made plaques and running store gift cards, complimentary t-shirts, unique door prizes and a post-race all-American buffet.

A professional disc jockey will entertain participants before and after the race, and on-course entertainment will include a performance by Hampton High School's famous Pep Band. Patriotic displays will be prominent on the course, and the event will have the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 195 as well as the Hampton Township Police Department, Shaler-Hampton EMS and local volunteer fire companies.

Proceeds from the race will be used to provide holiday care packages for our active-duty troops stationed around the world.

Operation Troop Appreciation began its mission of providing care and support to our active-duty troops early in 2004 when a small group of volunteers mobilized to provide Under Armor® t-shirts, personal hygiene supplies, snacks and other necessities to a local National Guard Unit of 38 soldiers. This one simple project quickly grew into a national organization.

On July 1, 2004, Operation Troop Appreciation was established as a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, with federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status serving troops by providing 'wish list' items to units around the world. In 2014 OTA expanded its efforts to veterans returning from deployment through its 'Welcome Home' project, a veteran support program. 'Welcome Home' has provided services to over 5,000 veterans and their families. Race Director Alice McLaughlin says she is proud of the work done by the all-volunteer organization. "But none of this would have occurred without the generosity and assistance we received from friends such as those who support and participate in fundraising events like the Veterans Day 5K. This milestone (serving 200,000 troops) would not have been possible without them."

Kora Strong Pizza

Celebrate World Pizza Makers Day

Join Caliente Pizza and Draft House in November for a delicious journey of hope, strength, and community as they proudly present the extraordinary Kora Strong's Pizza. Caliente teamed up with Make-A-Wish and the indomitable Pittsburgh Steelers defensive tackle, Larry Ogunjobi, to create a one-of-a-kind culinary masterpiece alongside this superhero, Kora.

Kora is a remarkable 8 year old who

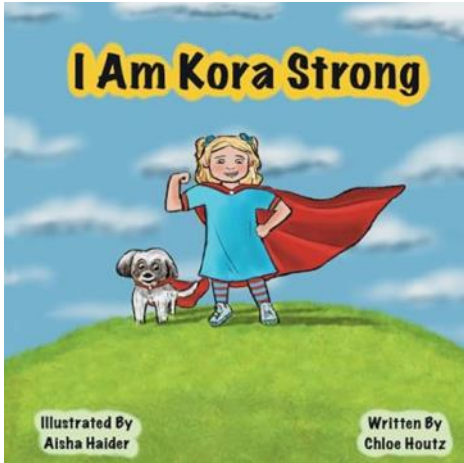
faced her diagnosis of cystinosis with unparalleled courage and determination. Kora has triumphed over life's challenges, emerging as a true warrior. She embodies the spirit of resilience, and we are proud to proclaim her as "Kora Strong."

Kora's Kreation consists of Caliente's Brooklyn style thin crust with a garlic butter base, spinach, cherry tomatoes, olives, roasted chicken and mozzarella, provolone and feta cheeses, and after baking, finished with a balsamic drizzle. Available in XL size for just \$24!

But that's not all! Caliente is on a mission to give back and make dreams come true! For every Kora Strong's Pizza sold, \$10 will be donated to Make-A-Wish. Together, our community can be a part of something magical, helping grant the wishes of children

battling critical illnesses!

In addition to helping raise money for Make-A-Wish with the sales of Kora's pizza, Caliente is selling her book, "I Am Kora Strong". You can support this amazing little girl by buying a copy of her book at Caliente or on Amazon for just \$10.



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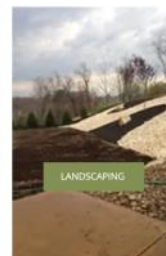
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Enchanted Lights Holiday Light Show

Looking for a festive way to celebrate the holiday season? Join us for a spectacular holiday walk-through light show opening November 24th and running weekends through January 5th!

This outdoor event features a dazzling display of twinkling lights, festive decorations, and delightful surprises that's sure to fill you with holiday cheer! Enjoy hot chocolate and roast s'mores around the campfires with friends and family, all while being ensconced in a tapestry of shimmering lights.

The Krischke family, owners of *Three Rivers Paintball* and hosts of the annual Halloween event *Zombies of the Corn* (now in its 11th year!), will be utilizing their 70-acre wooded property located just outside of Cranberry to premier this magical holiday event beginning late November. "We are so excited to launch Enchanted Lights! We've been planning and building for over a year, so finally sharing it with our guests will mean a lot," says Alex Krischke. "I've grown up helping produce events with my parents, and I've learned so much from them. This is a dream I've had for years, and I'm hopeful that it will become my stamp on the family legacy."

Parking is \$5 and all proceeds will go to "The LightHouse Foundation" and "Cross Your Paws Dog Rescue".

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday event! Ticket purchases can be made at www.EnchantedLightsPittsburgh.com.



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Current Events

Middle School Musical

SpongeBob the Musical—Youth Edition
November 16, 17, 18 at 7 pm
Plus an added matinee on November 18 at 1:00 pm
Tickets available at the door or at <http://www.showtix4you.com/events/24609>

High School Fall Play

PUFFS—November 9, 10, 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.

Hampton Heroes

Monday, November 6 at 10 a.m. at Fridley Field is the Hampton Heroes presentation, and open to the public.

Event at Depreciation Lands Museum

Threads of Heritage:

Uncovering the History of Quilts in America
Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 pm

Join Kimberly Chaffee, professional genealogist and social historian, as she unveils the captivating journey of quilts in America leading up to the Civil War. Explore the intricate tapestry of fabrics, patterns and quilt types that mirror the times.

Learn To Skate at North Park

Ages 5-Adult

Our Learn to Skate lessons begin November 21 for 4 weeks and the second session starts January 2 for 4 weeks. All ages welcome 5-adult.

Lessons are also offered for preschool kids ages 3-5 on Tuesday mornings. Registration is online through Allegheny County parks and recreation.

An annual Ice Show is scheduled for March 2!

Our North Park Skating Team has 18 members and scheduled to compete in several competitions throughout PA.

Night At The Races Fundraiser

Hampton Ice Hockey has teamed up with Hampton Golf this year to sponsor a fun evening of food, raffles, and of course, racing!

Please join us for A Night at the Races, Saturday, November 11th at 5:30 pm at the North Hampton Volunteer Firehall, 5149 N. Pioneer Rd. Gibsonia PA.

The cost is \$35 per person which includes buffet dinner, water, soda, and beer. BYOB.

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. The deadline to purchase tickets is November 3.

For registration and additional information, please visit the Hampton Ice Hockey website at:

Hamptonicehockey.sportngin.com.

THE EVENT IS 21 AND OVER ONLY!

Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

"The Attack and Defense of Cemetery Ridge, July 2, 1863" presented by Scott Mingus. Monday, November 20 at 7 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park. Lecture is free and open to the public.

Aquinas Academy 2023 AP Scholars

Seventeen of Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's current students and graduates of the Class of 2023 earned AP Scholar Awards for their achievements on AP Exams during their high school years. Ten of the awardees are alumni of the Class of 2023. An additional six students are seniors of the Class of 2024 and one is in eleventh grade.

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 Clara Yuo (2025), Seraphina Myron (2024), Alexandra Taylor (2024), Nicole Jerich (2023), and Thomas Quinn (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 Anne Austin (2024), Chase Harrison (2024), Joshua Schlemmer (2024), Samuel Buchanan (2023), Liam Ellis (2023), and Julia Meland (2023). 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 Benjamin Everson (2024), Maryam Bou Samra (2023), Cecilia Burchill (2023), JohnPaul Calvino (2023), Benjamin Tarquinio (2023), and Sarah White (2023). 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."



Left to Right: Chase Harrison, Alexandra Taylor, Seraphina Myron, Josh Schlemmer, Anne Marie Austin, Clara Yuo, and Benjamin Everson.

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Upcoming Events

Township Holiday Party

Fireworks, Food Trucks and Festive Fun for All Ages!
Santa Claus is coming to our Township on December 7th at 7:00 pm with the help of the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments!

Fireworks begin at 7:00 p.m. and Santa and Rudolph will arrive at 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!

Hot Bunz food truck, Old School Italian Sandwich Shop and Stuntpig will be available in the Community Center parking lot, prior to the event, beginning at 6:30 pm. Food Trucks will be available until 8:30 pm this evening.

Premier Dance Academy will put on a festive performance outdoors at 6:45 pm followed by a welcome speech from Council and our fireworks display. Upon the fireworks conclusion, Santa and Rudolph will arrive!

Stop in the Community Center Great Rooms to visit our vendors Mazzotta Winery and Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery, who will serve beverages and samples to keep everyone's spirits bright this evening!

Please note in the instance of inclement weather, food trucks may not be available.

Happy the Elf will join 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 27th - December 22nd.

"Elf on the Shelf Search" papers will be available at the Community Center Service Desk beginning on November 27th. 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.

Please turn in your completed search paper to the Community Center Service Desk on or before December 22nd! Winners will be contacted on Wednesday, January 3rd. The Elf on the Shelf Search is designed for young children; however participants of all ages who are young at heart are welcome to participate!

Please remember: we want Happy to be with us all season long, so when you find him, please do not touch him; we would not want Happy to lose his magic!



Santa is Coming to your Neighborhood



Santa Claus will begin his neighborhood tour at the Hampton Community Park on Saturday, December 16th at 9 a.m. and then travel throughout the Township compliments of the Hampton & North Hampton Fire Departments!

For everyone's convenience we have a Santa Tracker for people to view the tentative time Santa will be in or around your neighborhood. Check the township website: www.hampton-pa.org to view Santa's route.

Everyone will once again be able to view where Santa has already traveled to! Follow the Santa Tracker on December 16th to check where Santa is on his route.

Please understand that these times are TENTATIVE and may not be exact.

While Santa wishes he could visit every Township street we have done our very best to try to include as many streets and areas throughout the Township as we could.

If you are visiting an area where Santa will be, please make sure that your vehicle is not parked in any turn around areas such as cul-de-sacs or anywhere that would prohibit a firetruck from driving by. Santa will remain on the firetrucks the entire time of the tour.

If you do notice your street or neighborhood on the route, and you would like to see Santa, please feel free to join us in the Hampton Community Park this day at 9:00 am. Santa will be driving through the Community Park before he heads off to the neighborhoods!

We would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments for providing Santa his transportation and helping coordinate this event!

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Christmas Concert to Benefit Local Food Bank

When the University of Notre Dame Glee Club and Symphony bring their Christmas benefit concert to Heinz Hall next month, audience members from Hampton might recognize the principal oboe and English horn player as one of their own: HHS Class of 2020 graduate Sarah Watson will be among the 100+ performers on stage at the famed venue on Monday, December 18. As the university's winter break begins, the group will take their festive show to several cities, beginning in Chicago and continuing on to Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and New York. The family friendly program will feature selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* as well as traditional and contemporary Christmas music, sing-along carols, and several popular holiday tunes. The concert is a benefit for the Feeding America non-profit charity, and all proceeds from merchandise sales and a collection will be directed to a local food bank.

Now in her senior year at Saint Mary's



College, sister school to Notre Dame, Sarah has been playing with the ND Symphony Orchestra since her freshman year. This is the group's first tour since the pandemic began, and all of the performers are excited to hit the road right after their final exams.

"I've dreamed of playing at Heinz Hall my whole life," Sarah says, "and it means so much to be able to share that dream and my hometown with this amazing group of musicians and friends. Our annual Christmas concert is such a fun show," she continues, "we hope everyone loves it as much as we do!"

Tickets cost \$15, with discounts available for seniors and students. They can be purchased online

at www.pittsburghsymphony.org, at the Heinz Hall box office, or by phone at 412-392-4900.

Letters to Santa

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!

The mailbox is located at the entrance of the Community Center, across from the Library, in front of the administrative offices.

16th Annual Bike Drive

Al's Bike Drive is celebrating 16 years of providing new bicycles to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots! When: Thursday, December 7th Time: 9 a.m.

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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
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Updates for Hampton Township Residents

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

As your state representative, I continue to work for you in Hampton Township and Harrisburg. That's why I voted for House Bill 1219, sponsored by Rep. Tim Briggs, that provided relief to hardworking taxpayers.

H.B. 1219 would invest \$1 billion in our economy, allow Pennsylvanians to claim an Earned Income Tax Credit against their Personal Income Tax, expand the Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit, accelerate the Corporate Net Income Tax reduction, increase the Net Op-

erating Loss deduction, and so much more. The bill would also increase investments in the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund, public transportation such as Pittsburgh Regional Transit, and the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program.

Additionally, H.B. 1219 increases the Film Product Tax Credit's limit from \$100 million to \$150 million, which would make the film industry in Pittsburgh and across Pennsylvania more competitive with other states. In the last 30 years, more than 120 productions have been filmed right here in Allegheny County, including major blockbusters and Oscar-winning films.

By passing this fiscally responsible legislation, we may continue to support hardworking Pennsylvanians, provide relief for taxpayers, and keep Pennsylvania open for business.

Here at home, I'm hosting an Open House in celebration of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, Sunday, Nov. 12, 4:30-6:30 at my district office, 9800B McKnight Rd., Suite 130, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. While there, we'll discuss state services available to you, legislative issues, and more. We will also collect non-perishable food to donate to North Hills Community Outreach's food pantry. Register online at www.RepVenkat.com or call my office at 412-348-8028. I hope I'll see you there!



State Representative Rob Mercuri

28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania

Time to Work TOGETHER for the People of PA

by Rep. Rob Mercuri (R-Allegheny)



When House majority Democrats called us back into session in October, I was hopeful we would finally complete the long-overdue state budget process

and make progress on some of our other pressing issues.

Instead, we left the Capitol on Oct. 5 having accomplished nothing good for the people of Pennsylvania. I voted "no" on each measure.

The House majority attempted to force through major changes to the state's election system at a late-night meeting with little public notice or time for members to review the proposal. While the bill ultimately failed, it could be brought up again. We need to work together on policies that boost the security and integrity of our elections, not those that further erode them.

The House majority circumvented the constitutional requirement of a two-thirds vote to approve funding for four state-related universities – Pitt, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln. Rather than rubber-stamping this funding, we should be taking a closer look at how these universities spend taxpayer dollars.

The House majority also advanced a Fiscal Code bill that spends \$2 billion more than what we have and again failed to support life-line scholarships for kids in failing school districts. We need to spend responsibly and take a true common sense approach to providing educational options for all PA students.

It is past time we come together to work for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

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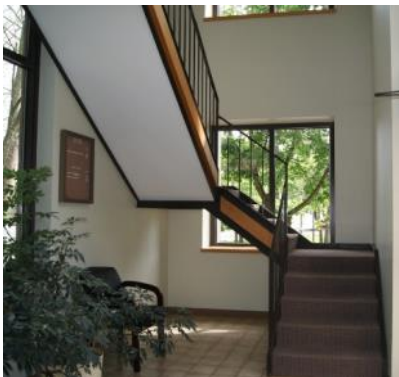
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