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Honorary Talbot 2023

by Nicole Mishko

The Honorary Talbot Mascot was a tail-wagging good time this year! One hundred and seven dogs competed within the district for their chance

to be the winner. An initial, three-day voting round occurred at Poff, Central, Wyland, and Hampton Middle School, where students “voted by pen-

nies” (nickels, dimes, and quarters, too!) to select their school’s Top Dog. This year,

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Honorary Talbot Piper with her family George, Joy, Regan (5th grade) and Quinn (3rd grade) Campbell

Rare Perfect Score on AP Research Exam

by Zach D’Amico

Hampton Township School District celebrates HHS senior Justine Sullivan for achieving a perfect score on a college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in May 2023. Justine was one of only 357 students in the world to attain every possible point on the AP Research Exam.

“We are proud that Justine earned a perfect score on the AP Research Exam,

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New Municipal Manager Welcomed to Hampton

by Mary-Theresa Watson

While Hampton Township residents and administrators have been preparing to bid a grateful farewell to long-time Municipal Manager Chris Lochner, who will retire in early 2024, Hampton Town Council conducted a conscientious and purposeful search for his replacement. Early last month, the search ended as council members unanimously appointed Oakmont native Ryan R. Jeroski to the role of Municipal Manager. Ryan will

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Digging for a Faster Tomorrow

by Jenn Edmonds

You may have noticed some digging in yards around Hampton. Consolidated Communications is laying fiber cable in our area to provide new high speed internet service available through Fidium. This project is taking place nationwide and they are in the process of completing the fiber installation in the Allison Park and Gibsonia areas. Internet speeds up to 2 gigs will be available and it will have symmetrical upload and download speeds. You can check online to see if service is currently available at your address or pre-order service for when it is available.



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Police Information

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

A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 8/7/2023—8/27/2023:

DUI Task Forces to Conduct Roving DUI Detail

 The HTPD participated in the Western Alliance Team/North Hills DUI Task Force detail the week of September 18th. Roving DUI checks will include all state roads between Blawnox Borough and Richland Township.

 The North Hills DUI Task Force conducted DUI detail during the week of September 18th 2023. The North Hills DUI Task Force includes police from the communities of Blawnox Borough, Bradford Woods Borough, Etna Borough, Hampton Twp, Indiana Twp, Marshall Twp, O'Hara Twp, Pine Twp, Richland Twp, Ross Twp, Shaler Twp, West Deer Twp, McCandless Twp, West View Borough and Millvale Borough. This is the 27th year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 252 check points/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2223 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested,

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Free Library Earns Scouts Their Bronze Award

by Jennifer Berke

Hampton Girl Scout Troop #30825 earned their Bronze Awards on Tuesday, September 26 by installing a Little Free Library at the Carnegie pavilion/playground at North Park. The girls were inspired by Mrs. Beth Casey, the librarian at Central Elementary School, who installed a Little Free Library at Hartwood Acres last year. Many of the girls in the troop love books and they thought that this would be a great way to give back to the community.

The girls, who are currently in 6th grade in Hampton and Shaler, worked together to write a proposal to install the Little Free Library in Hampton Community Park. Hampton Township turned down the girls' proposal as they did not want a second library in the park. The Hampton Township Community Library is inside the Hampton Community Center, which is on the park grounds. The girls persevered and submitted their proposal to North Park instead. The rangers at North Park were happy to have them install their Little Free Library there and gave the girls a long list of possible locations to put the library. After visiting all the possible spots the rangers suggested, the girls unanimously voted to install their Little Free Library at the Carnegie pavilion. They love this spot because in addition to the pavilion, there is a playground, several sports fields, and several hiking trails nearby so they

are hoping that their library will serve lots of people. In addition to building the library and stocking it with books, the girls made lots of motivational bookmarks that they put inside the library for people to take.

The girls paid for the building materials and Little Free Library charter 100% with money raised selling Girl Scout cookies. They would like to thank the community members for their support of the scouts and for their unending love of Girl Scout cookies!

Below pictured left to right: Veda L., Gianna F., Mikayla B., Cali C., Paizley S., Carley H., Sonja M., Harper W., and Mary Jeanne K.



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Openings and Closings in October!

Saturday, October 7th the library will be opening at **11:30 a.m.**, due to the HAEE Race in the morning. Please note, the roads leading into the park will be closed 30 minutes before the start of the race at 9 a.m. The library will be **CLOSED Saturday, October 21st** for the Halloween parade sponsored by Dept. of Community Services. There will be **no access** to the Community Center parking lots or circle that morning in preparation for the parade. On **Tuesday, October 31st**, the library will close at **5:00 p.m.** before Halloween trick or treating begins (6 p.m.-8 p.m.).

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*

Checkmate! Thursdays, October 12th, and 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.

Help! My Phone Ate My Email!

**Saturdays, October 7th and October 14th
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Are you having problems with your phone, apps suddenly appearing or disappearing, emails going into deep space, your tablet won't play the audio book you downloaded from Hoopla, or you 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 on a first come, first serve basis.

You've Got Mail! A Cardmaking Class

**Thursday, October 12th and November 9th
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the library.**

Dropping off for dance class or have someone learning in Chess Club? Stop in the library and make 3 cards for the fall holidays! Cost is \$5.00 for materials. Maria Golio from Creative Memories will be here to teach you the ins and out of cardmaking. Not interested in making cards but would rather scrapbook? Feel free to bring a small project to work on and finish those scrapbooks before the end of the year!

Project Scrapbook!

**Mondays, October 16th and November 20th
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Are you new to scrapbooking or maybe got away from it and are 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!

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Card Club!

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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, Oct. 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

***A Flicker in the Dark*, by Stacy Willingham.**

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, Oct. 20th @ 1:00 p.m.

***All the Broken Pieces*, by John Boyne.**

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: Pasta Time!

Thursday, Oct. 26th, 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.

News and Views! First Fridays!

**Fridays, October 6th, November 3rd,
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:

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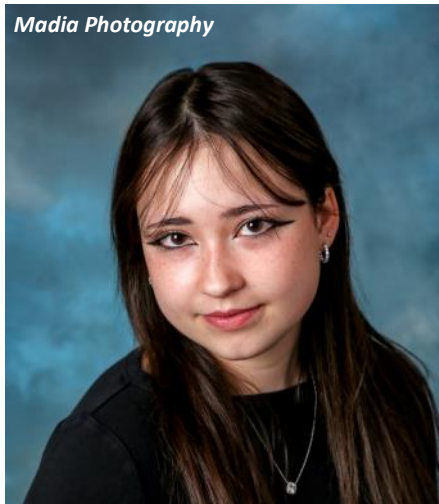


Perfect Score

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and we hope that the research skills she has developed over the past two years with the help of her teachers, Mrs. Roos and Mr. Halter, will support her in her future endeavors," said Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina, HHS Principal.

The AP Research Exam comprises a 4,000-5,000-word paper and a 15-20-minute presentation with oral defense questions. Justine's research paper, titled "Election Theory: Alternative Voting Methods in the Pennsylvania 2022 Senate Election," is available to view at www.ht-sd.org. She plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in data science, with hopes of either joining a research team or designing an independent study in the future.



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4724 Lucy Drive	\$490,000	\$505,000	10
3004 Shawnee Court	\$455,000	\$465,000	21
2380 Delo Drive	\$439,900	\$450,000	8
2342 California Drive	\$375,000	\$406,000	7
5129 Leroy Drive	\$375,000	\$385,000	3
4118 Lee Court	\$375,000	\$370,000	42
2742 W Bardonner Road	\$309,900	\$347,000	26
2925 Elston Lane	\$319,990	\$325,000	4
2847 McCully Road	\$249,900	\$249,900	8
2804 Drake Court	\$235,000	\$230,000	33

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Hire an exterminator to spray for insects inside and outside your home or get a home product and do it yourself. (Bugs will be looking for a heat source when the weather gets colder and are more likely to be attracted to your home in the coming months). Clean rain gutters and downspouts for drainage or moisture problems, on average twice per year. HVAC and furnace filters need to be changed every three months (average; more if you have pets, use fireplace, allergen sensitivities, etc), so doing this quarterly will help set a schedule.

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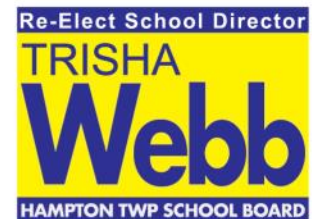
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The Top Five



Trisha Webb



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New Township Manager

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officially begin his tenure in Hampton on November 6, and for the three months leading up to Chris's retirement on February 2, 2024, Ryan will shadow his predecessor. Throughout this bridging process, Ryan will become familiar with the township, its inner workings, and the impressive, dedicated team members who work tirelessly for Hampton.

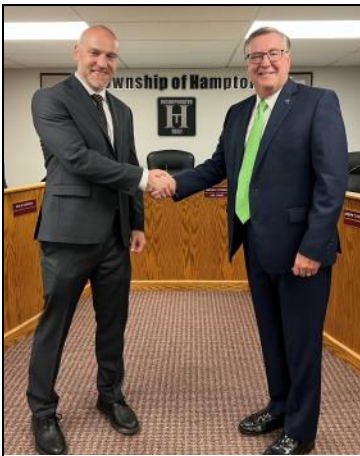
With a long history of public service, Ryan comes to Hampton following a successful seven-year stint as Assistant Township Manager in Peters Township. A graduate of Westminster College and the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of

Public and International Affairs, he first entered the public-service sector with GVF, a nonprofit transportation management association in the Philadelphia area. He later moved back home where he served as Assistant Manager/Secretary for the Borough of Oakmont. In 2016, he began his work in Peters Township, where he worked tirelessly to make a difference, performing an exhaustive range of roles from chief financial officer to working on project manage-

ment, grant writing, and policy development. A nature lover at heart who enjoys outdoor activities and volunteers with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Ryan also proudly served as liaison to the Environmental Quality Board and was a member of the team that oversaw the design and construction of Rolling Hills Park, a 98-acre community park offering a range of recreational facilities and programs.

As he enters this next stage of his career in the public-service sector, Ryan is ready to work with and for the residents of Hampton Township.

"Over the next few months," he says with a smile, "I'm looking forward to working with Chris Lochner and [Assistant Township Manager] Susan Bernet, and getting the opportunity to learn from their experiences in Hampton. The Township has a very professional staff, and I'm excited to work with them as well. Chris, his team, Township Council, and the residents," he continues, "did a great job developing practical Comprehensive and Parks and Recreation Plans that have a great vision for the future of Hampton. I cannot wait to work with everyone there to implement the visions established in those plans."



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HAEE 5K From the Perspective of a Past Winner

by Erica Kaehly

Lace up your shoes for the annual HAEE race on October 7, 2023. As we prepare for this year's race, we look back on one of last year's top finishers, Josh Wukitch. "I decided to sign up for last year's HAEE 5k race because of my love for running, and to support the educational programs that it helps fund." Josh was number 1 in his age group, 12-14, last year. Fortunately, and unfortunately, Josh is on the high school cross country team this year. This would give him great practice all fall for the race, but the cross country team prohibits the members from running in races outside the school's competitions. "I have run the HAEE 5k six times. I started the first year I moved in, and only didn't run during 2020 due to Covid 19. I earned awards five out of six times," Wukitch told us. Not only is he a big supporter of the race, the race has awarded him back, for five years. We are sad that Josh won't be competing this year, but it does allow for other runners in his age group to achieve that gold medal. Last year was the first year the course changed from Hartwood Acres to around the Hampton community center. Josh said that the course around the community center was "challenging due to its several hills and varying terrain," much like the old Hartwood course. HAEE helps fund grants for projects that keep our students competitive. Josh stated that, much like the race, he loves "how competitive, yet supportive everyone is in the Hampton community." So, come fill Josh's super fast running shoes, and register now at hamptonalliance.org for just \$30 towards your community. See page 18 for additional HAEE race information.

Hampton Athletic Department Teams up with Food Bank

Food insecurity in our community remains elevated due to economic uncertainty and inflation. Currently, 1 in 10 individuals and 1 in 8 children in our region face hunger. By joining the WPIAL-wide effort to fight food insecurity, together we can ensure that our neighbors have enough food to lead happy, healthy lives. The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank has challenged the Hampton athletic department to raise \$1,000 which doubled previous years funds of \$500. Last year, the collection provided up to 74,500 meals for our neighbors facing food insecurity.

We are hoping to exceed that goal in 2023 with your help! A "jug" will be passed around at high school sporting events. Donations can also be made online at <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/2wapcllffd/team/926119/>. For every \$1 donated, the food bank can provide up to three meals for the children, families and seniors they serve across southwestern PA. Thank you for your continued support!



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Hampton 10U Boys Soccer

The Hampton boys soccer beat the Twin-Boro in the semifinals 4-3 in a penalty kick shootout. They also beat Montour 5-4 in the finals in a penalty kick shootout. Congrats Hampton on a 5-0 win in the Plum Kickoff Classic!

Back Row: Coach Josh Stachel, Jackson Lynch, Charlie Lamb, Cole Bishop, Julian Williams, Parker Stachel, Coach Will Lamb
Front Row: Colton Wetherill, Matteo Brocca-Cofano, Carter Eckels, Blake Mytinger, Quinn McKee



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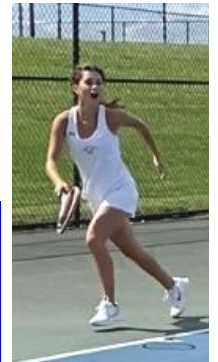
Hampton Golf Team Celebrated Golf Senior Night

The WPIAL golf team playoffs begin with semifinal matches on October 10th. Look for a recap of the season in the fall edition of *Hampton Magazine*.

Seniors pictured with coaches Kel Wheeler and Bruce Steckel not in order: Samantha Shaughnessy, Peter Kramer, Tyler Schmitt, Avish Vyas, Matthew Erka, James Elk, Andrew Bagnato, Gavin Hamlin and Robert Coll.

Young Athlete Made Her Way In Tennis

Junior Grace Stitt won the WPIAL Section 3, AA Singles Champion for Hampton on September 14!



Grace Stitt

Hampton Girls Tennis remaining schedule:

Monday, October 2 at 3:30 pm
vs. Butler at Hampton Courts

Girls Varsity Doubles Championships:

Wednesday, October 4, at TBD
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Girls Varsity Match

Wednesday, October 4, at 3:30 pm
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A recap of tennis and all fall sports will be in the fall edition of *Hampton Magazine*.

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2023 Hall of Fame Inductions with an Added Bonus

by Tracy Weigel

As part of Hampton's recent Homecoming festivities, five new inductees were announced for the Hampton Hall of Fame. It was an evening of excitement, pride, and celebration and even included the first time children of a current HOF member were inducted themselves.

Brothers Severino (HHS 2015) and Dante (HHS 2016) DiBucci were honored to join their father Ralph (HHS 1977), in the Hall who was part of the 2008 induction class for football and wrestling.

Severino DiBucci graduated from Ohio University with degrees in both marketing and finance. He now lives in Dallas and works for Fisher Investments. While attending Hampton High School, he was a scholar athlete and WPIAL Sportsmanship recipient, a football team captain, defensive MVP, part of the Greater Allegheny AAA Football Conference Champions team, first-team All-Conference (middle linebacker) All-Conference (offensive guard), and made the Fab 22 All-Star football team in 2014. He was also a standout in lacrosse, earning accolades including team MVP, All-WPIAL midfielder, and All-Section midfielder in 2015. Seve

was a member of two WPIAL division champions in lacrosse in 2012 and 2015. "I always envisioned when I was younger that it would be pretty cool to be on the same wall as my dad in the Hampton Hall of Fame. And here we are," said Seve.

Dante DiBucci also graduated from Ohio University, with an engineering degree. He lives in Pittsburgh and works for Harsco Environmental Engineering. His achievements in Hampton include six varsity letters, football team captain designation in 2015 and 2016, and being named a senior scholar. During his junior year, he was part of the Greater Allegheny Conference Championship football team and as a senior, he earned first-team All-Conference (center and nose guard), and was team MVP and offensive MVP. He was named to the Fabulous 22 Football All-Stars Team in 2015. Dante was also a star in lacrosse. He was a team captain and team MVP, and was a member of the

division champion team in both 2015 and 2016. In 2016 the team was also WPIAL champions. In his senior year Dante was All-Section (attack), and 2016 All-WPIAL (attack).

Said Ralph DiBucci, "It was a great night for our family. Seeing the boys on the field brought back a lot of wonderful memories. Donna and I are very proud of their journey and excited for their futures. Many thanks to their team-



Left to right: Dante, father Ralph and Seve DiBucci

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Hooping Good Fun

by Katie Matecka

The Hoopa-Palooza event went off without a hitch on Sunday, August 27th, 2023 at the Kraus & Drake Pavilions in Hampton Community Park. The fundraiser was filled with raffles, face painting, music, food trucks, hoop competitions and Hampton merchandise available for purchase.

The hoop competitions was geared for residents of students grade K-6 and although this purpose was to raise funds for the non-profit organization, it was also to spread awareness of the organization.

Founded in 2019, the Hampton Basketball Association is still fairly new and with the pandemic hitting in 2020, recruitment was difficult, but the interest was there. We hope to make this an annual event. The Hoopa-Palooza date is set for next year on August 25, 2024.



Honorary Talbot

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all proceeds from the in-school voting went to the PTO of the school where the donations took place. The winners from each school were: Central Elementary: Grace, owned by the Klink family; Poff Elementary: Riley, owned by the Vickers family; Wyland Elementary: Piper, owned by the Campbell family; and middle school: Bruce Pickett, owned by the Veverka family.

Voting restarted at the 2023 Hampton Talbot Tailgate between these four winners. Piper, a 2 year old German Sheperd, received the most donations and has been bestowed the title of 2023 Honorary Hampton Talbot Mascot! The community voted to distribute this year's tailgate funds to the Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAAE). Over \$6,400 was raised for the building PTO's and HAAE this year – a special thank you to all the families that participated and to all those who supported the contest by making donations. Congratulations to Piper and her family George, Joy, Regan (5th grade) and Quinn (3rd grade) Campbell!



Runners up left to right: Grace, Bruce Pickett, and Riley

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Two-Vehicle Accident

On 08/27/2023, the HTPD was dispatched to the intersection of Middle Rd. and Fox Run Rd. for a report of a two vehicle accident with no injuries reported and no tows needed. Upon arrival, contact was made with all parties involved and confirmed that there were no injuries.

The accident was said to have happened as Unit #1 was traveling south on Middle Rd. when he forgot about the new stop sign

at the intersection and was unable to stop in time and struck Unit #2 in the rear. Both vehicles sustained minor damage and were able to be driven from the scene.

Hazardous Condition

On 8/25/2023, the HTPD was dispatched to Shamrock Drive for a tree that had fallen into a residence. Allegheny County dispatch advised that five individuals were still inside the residence but were not in danger. Upon HPD arrival, contact was made with a resident who advised that a tree fell onto the roof above his bed. An officer observed damage to the interior bedroom ceiling where it appeared that a large tree had penetrated the roof. All occupants were advised to stay downstairs away from the area. Fire units arrived on scene and evaluated the structure. The residents were advised that due to the uncertainty of the structural damage that they may want to stay elsewhere. The residents were asked if they wanted the Red Cross to be notified for possible assistance, but they denied.

On 8/23/2023, the HTPD was dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway at Harts Run Road for a tree down blocking the roadway. The tree was blocking the south bound curb lane of William Flinn Highway at Castletown Square. PennDot was requested and responded to remove the tree.

Two-Vehicle Accident

On 8/16/23, HTPD was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident on Route 8. The accident was said to have happened when Unit #1 changed lanes from the left lane to the curb lane and Unit #2 was unable to stop and thus hit the rear end of Unit #1. Both vehicles sustained moderate damages.

On 8/22/23, HTPD units responded to the area of 4761 William Flinn Hwy. for a report of a vehicle accident involving one vehicle that struck a utility pole. Upon arrival, it was discovered that there were two vehicles involved. The passenger of Unit #2 was complaining of chest pain and of a laceration to his right hand and was transported to U.P.M.C. Passavant Hospital for further treatment.

The accident was said to have happened when the driver of Unit #1 was making a left turn out of the Citizen's Bank parking lot to travel northbound on William Flinn Hwy. As the driver drove out of the bank, he struck Unit #2, who was traveling southbound, causing the other driver to lose control of their vehicle and strike a utility pole.

Unit #1 sustained front end damage and was towed from the scene by Zang's Auto. Unit #2 sustained passenger side damage and heavy front-end damage and was also removed from the scene by Zang's Auto.

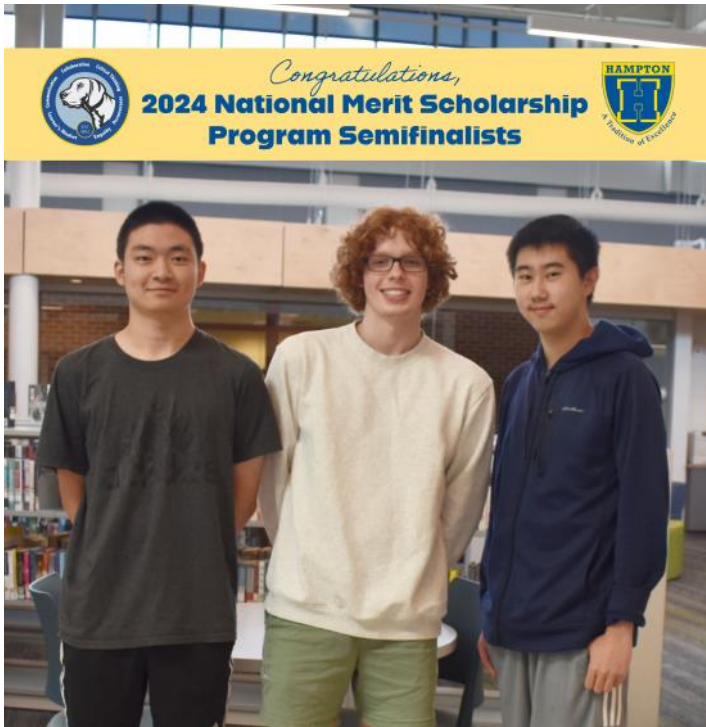
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National Merit Scholarship Program

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Depreciation Lands Museum

Lantern Tours 2023

Saturday, October 21, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

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Witches of the World

Yes folks. It is the time of the year to begin thinking of ghosts and goblins, witches and wizards. And that gets us to the topic of this year's Lantern Tours, Witches of the World. Join the villagers of Tally Cavey on the evening of October 21 for a lantern lit tour of the museum where you will be treated to tales of witches and witchcraft from several areas around the world. Wrap up your evening with cookies and beverages in the tavern. Guided walking tours depart every 10 minutes from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and are limited to a group size of 15. The tours are appropriate for visitors 7 and older. Admission: Adults \$12 Children under 12 \$5

You must purchase tickets online at www.dlmuseum.org. Questions call 412-486-0563.

Upcoming 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.

The Hydref—a Fall Festival & Market Faire

Saturday, October 7th from 11 am to 4 pm, Rain or Shine

Join us for an unforgettable day as we transport you back to the 18th century at the annual Hydref Market Faire!

Explore the historic village and meet skilled craftspeople, reenactors, and 18th-century "sutlers" offering authentic goods. Enjoy live period music, mouthwatering food, and delightful activities for the children. Savor traditional soup and ham sandwiches at Deacon's Tavern while local musicians serenade you with live period music throughout the day! Bring the whole family to experience Talley Cavey residents at home and work and enjoy the faire. Special activities await our younger visitors! See you there! Admission: \$5 Adult - \$3 Children- DLM Members Free



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Annual Community Halloween Celebration

The annual Hampton Halloween event will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from **11 am - 1 pm*** in the Hampton Community Park.

Join us this day for a costume contest for children 10 years of age and under, candy, cookies and treats for all!

Additional activities this day include a haunted hayride through the upper orchard of the park, a Build-A-Bear raffle and a photo booth. Also, don't forget to visit the Township's First Responders this day! Township police officers, Hampton and North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments and Shaler Hampton EMS will be here!

NEW FOR THIS YEAR: Pasquale's Pizza will be here from 11 am until the beginning of the parade selling pizza! Pizza slices (pepperoni or cheese) will be available for purchase for \$3 per slice.

Pre-registration is required for this event to better prepare supplies for the amount of attendees.

Registration is open now until Thursday, October 12th at www.hampton-pa.org.

Please plan accordingly - walk-in registration will no longer be available for this community event.

Due to the ever growing popularity of our family-friendly holiday events, please note that the Community Park will be closed to the general public this day to accommodate for additional traffic and ensure the safety of all of our event guests. Pavilions, sports fields including the soccer fields, and access to the upper orchard will be unavailable until the event concludes. The Community Center parking lots will also be unavailable to use until the event concludes. The Community Center will remain open during this event; however the event will be held outdoors, rain or shine! Register on line at www.hampton-pa.org.

**Please note the time change of this event. The event was previously advertised from 1 - 3 pm in the annual Township Community Events postcard mailer.*

Pet Costume Contest

BACK FOR 2023! The Township will be hosting an online costume contest for pets! Residents will be able to submit their furry friend in their fiercest costumes and people will be able to vote for their favorite pet costume through our website!

Registration will be available as of October 2nd and voting will begin October 23rd. Register your pet at www.hampton-pa.org. Deadline to register is October 23rd.

How to vote:

To cast your vote simply click on the pet participant you think has the best costume.

On mobile devices a thumbs up icon will appear on the bottom left corner. Click this icon to cast your vote!

On desktop devices a thumbs up icon will appear on the top right corner of the enlarged photo. Click the icon to cast your vote!

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Pumpkin Carving Contest

by Matt Hahn

This year we will once again be hosting a community pumpkin carving contest in October! We cannot believe how creative everyone is each year with the awesome pumpkins they submit to our contest!

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are welcomed as long as they are not fake (no foam or craft pumpkins). All pumpkins entered must be already carved or painted prior to dropping off outside of the Community Center.

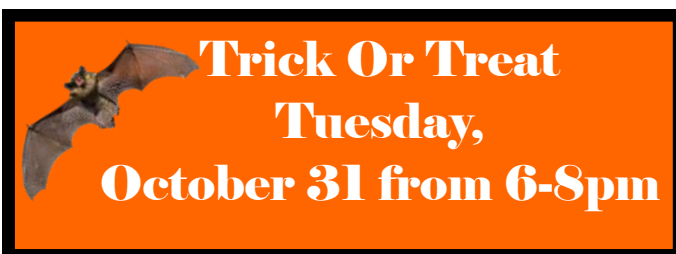
Online registration for this activity will begin October 2nd at www.hampton-pa.org.

Your contest number will print on your registration receipt. This is the number you must place on your pumpkin to be judged. Pumpkin judging will take place Friday, October 20th.

We cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with this year!

Adult Halloween Party

Due to the lack of volunteers and sign ups for the Adult Halloween event that was scheduled for October 21st the Hampton Community Association decided to postpone the event until hopefully next year.



Current Events

Allegheny County Parks Foundation Presents Two Fall Programs:

Park 'til Dark

Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 am—5:30 pm

Park 'til Dark at North Park offers something for everyone! Join the Allegheny County Parks Foundation from sunup to sundown as we partner with our friends across the county to host free, family friendly activities outdoors throughout the day on October 14th.

Activities include: Volunteer Tree Planting, Fall Foliage Hike, Family Fishing, Tour & Kids Crafts at the Arboretum, Mushroom Exploration, Discovery Archery Course, Love the Loop Challenge, Meditation and more! All activities are free but registration is required.

From 12:00-4:00 we will host the Park 'til Dark Marketplace drop-in zone, which will feature local artists, food, crafts, music and much more!

Pour at the Park

A fundraiser to support the Allegheny County Parks Foundation and its mission to improve, conserve and restore the nine Allegheny County Parks. The event is on October 14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lodge. Visit: www.pouratthepark.com for more information.

- What to Expect: Beer, Cider, Seltzers, Wine, Spirits and Nonalcoholic Beverage Tastings + Local Food Tastings + Take-Home Stainless Steel Tasting Cup + Live Entertainment + Ticket raffle for fabulous baskets valued at \$250 to \$500 each + Family friendly (please leave your furry friends at home) with Coach Dave's Kids Camp, will create an "Ultimate Sports Zone" from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for kids ages 6-15. They can test their sports skills - see how fast they can run, test their football tossing accuracy, plus more! Children 5 and under are free.

Pet Costume Contest

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Additional Information:

Registration begins October 2nd! We will be accepting online forms for this contest through Monday, October 23rd and posting all of the pet participants on our webpage. Anyone can vote for their favorite pet costume through noon on October 30th and the winner will be announced that day.

Please understand this is an **ONLINE** costume contest, not an in-person event. Your photo may include the pet owner if you choose!

While anyone can participate, you must be a resident of the Township of Hampton to win a prize.

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Current Events

Hampton High School Media Center Needs Your Support!

Hurry and Vote

by Josh Hensler

The AIA Pittsburgh 2023 People's Choice Award is open for voting, but hurry, voting ends soon. The Design Pittsburgh People's Choice Award is your opportunity to weigh in on some of the recently designed (or redesigned) places and spaces in our community. Architecture is a part of our daily environment and we want to hear from you what good design means to you.

DRAW Collective worked with partners from Hampton Township School District and is up for an award for the new Media Center.

<https://aiapgh.org/events/design-pittsburgh/pca-design-pgh/hampton-high-school-renovations-new-media-center/>

REGISTER NOW for the HAEE 5K

(Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence)

The 31st Annual HAEE 5K/1.5mile is set for October 7th at Hampton Community Center! Registration begins at 7a.m., and the race begins at 9 a.m. Go to

<http://www.hamptonalliance.org/> to register.

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Custom awards will be given to the top male/female runners in each age category: 10 & Under, 12-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. And, of course, we always want to know who will win the Alliance Cup!

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Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Holidays with Cranberry Men's Chorus

by Jenn Edmonds

What do you get when you bring together a group of men between 20-80 years old, from all walks of life and one common talent? The Cranberry Men's Chorus, of course. The acapella chorus is comprised of almost 40 singers who didn't quit their day jobs; educators, engineers, chiropractors, photographers, Santa's helpers and more who all have a genuine love of singing and are like a family.

They sing songs from the 50's through the 90's in various harmonies. Prior to the pandemic, the group sang old barbershop songs. Director Ron Brooks used the time during the pandemic as an opportunity to reevaluate and shift the focus to more current music that resonated with the men in the chorus as well as with their audiences. His dream came to reality in the Flashback Soundtrack concert in late September. It included music from El-



Trouble Clef quartet is David Brooks, Ben Smith (Hampton graduate), Charlie Lisella & Noah Steiner

ton John, the Beach Boys, The Eagles, Elvis, Billy Joel and more.

Hampton resident Paul Kulik, a chorus member, said, "I heard about Flashback Soundtrack and was immediately intrigued. This is a fantastic concept; my era of music and all of the songs were familiar. The music was challenging, but under Ron's direction, not only the 4-part harmony, but 5 and 6-part became a regular addition to our repertoire."

"The music reinvigorated our chorus. We sink our hearts into it and love it and the audience loves it. There

was such a huge response on every song. It was so cool," said Ron Brooks. Brooks explained that the chorus rehearses every Monday night at 7 pm at Dutilh United Methodist Church in Cranberry and all are welcome to join this no audition group. There has been an influx of young people (in their 20's), like Hampton High School graduate Ben Smith, that helped to bring new energy to the group.

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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Updates for Hampton Township Residents

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

As your state representative, I will always prioritize the safety of our community. When I heard concerns about a sexually violent predator living in close proximity to a school in the Hampton Township School District, I introduced legislation (H.B. 77) that would prohibit sexually violent predators from residing within 2,500 feet of a daycare center or public, private, or parochial

school. I am pleased to report that the PA House Judiciary Committee recently held a hearing on this important legislation. I will continue to work to advance this legislation and protect the welfare of our children in the Hampton Township School District and across Pennsylvania.

I also continue to focus on how to make our health care system more affordable and accessible. When I learned that Cigna utilized computer algorithms to deny more than 300,000 claims with human reviewers only spending an average of 1.2 seconds to review those decisions, I knew I had a duty to change this practice in Pennsylvania. I introduced a bill (H.B. 1663) that would require disclosure of A.I. algorithms in health care claim systems, define such algorithms to subject them to current laws and regulations related to clinical evidence, and require health care professionals to review claims prior to their decision to deny. With the use of A.I. increasing, we must address this issue so people don't face further unnecessary barriers to accessing health care or paying their bills.

I'll be discussing these issues and more during my Tele Town Hall on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. I'll call you in advance, then if you're available, connect you to the call. If you have any questions, contact my office at 412-348-8028.



State Senator LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS 38th Senatorial District



Suite 405, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) until October 6th. Costumes will be distributed to families in need through the North Hills Community Outreach Coat Closet. Please help to make a local child's Halloween special this year when you're going through your outgrown costumes!

As we head into fall and cooler temperatures, it's a great time to look back on this summer's "Birds and More Nature Walk" with the Audubon



Society of Western PA at their Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Despite it being one of the hottest days of this summer, we enjoyed a short morning walk at the Nature Reserve on Dorseyville Road and saw quite a few birds—even a warbler! The Audubon Society hosts regular walks and activities for people of all ages and ability levels, so if you couldn't make it to our event, check out their website at <http://aswp.org/events> to find one that fits your schedule. We'll be looking to partner with them again in the spring, but hopefully we'll pick a cooler morning!

Our annual Senior Resource Fair with Rep. Emily Kinkead is back! Join us on Thursday, October 26th from 10:00 am – Noon at the Ross Community Center, 1000 Ross Municipal Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. We'll have vendors from state and local government and local non-profits available to answer your questions and provide resources on a variety of services available to seniors and their families. We will also have pharmacies available to administer updated vaccines on site. We hope to see you there!

If you'd like to keep up with events and news from my office in between issues of The Hampton News, you can subscribe to my weekly e-newsletter at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/subscribe. We welcome your phone calls at 412-364-0469, your emails at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com, or having you stopping by the office at 5000 McKnight Road, Suite 405 (right next to Half Price Books). We look forward to seeing you soon!

Speaking of fall, you still have a few days left to donate new or gently used Halloween costumes for our Halloween Costume Drive! We'll be accepting donations at our McKnight Road office (5000 McKnight Road,

Cranberry Chorus

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"I expected it to be a lot of older men and older songs, but to my surprise, it was way more than that," explained Smith. Smith wanted to join a choir and after joining the St. Richard's church choir, he was invited by a current member to join the Cranberry Men's Chorus. He thought, "This is too good to be true!" and had always wanted to join a barbershop group. Not only did Smith join the chorus, he also became part of a quartet called Trouble Clef, within the chorus. The quartet performed "Mr. Blue Sky" during the September concert. "We did our best, everyone nailing their lines and notes, and we were greeted with

wonderful applause," said Smith.

You can see the Cranberry Men's Chorus perform Christmas music on November 18 at noon at Hosanna Industries, Quality Gardens in Valencia, December 4 at Dutilh United Methodist Church in Cranberry and December 14 and Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Gibsonia. Visit <https://www.cranberrymenschorus.com/> for information or to view their concerts. If you would like to join the chorus, you can show up at rehearsal on Monday nights or email cranberrymenschorus@gmail.com.



State Representative
Rob Mercuri
 28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania



Innovating the future of education in Pennsylvania is a top priority of mine this term and impacts all of us. Working to ensure our next generation of students has the access required by our state constitution to the highest quality education could not be more

important and timelier. Every parent knows this well and the pandemic put our students and our educational system further behind.

Throughout the pandemic, student proficiency levels steadily declined in reading, science, and math across the Commonwealth and especially in lower income districts. Additionally, a Commonwealth Court ruling recently declared our system of public education unconstitutional in providing a rigorous and thorough education for all students. Given this backdrop, we need to make bold and systemic changes in order to prepare each student for success. I know each family in our region shares this priority.

Recently, I held a community breakfast with education in mind. We hosted dozens of constituents who care about the

future of our region, along with Gregg Behr, from the Grable Foundation, and Udi Akolkar, a student from Pine Richland to share their perspectives on education. We had a robust conversation about inspiring the next generation through innovation in education. I am so grateful to all who came out for my fourth Community Breakfast. A big thank you to our breakfast sponsors and everyone who participated.

I see a hopeful future for our region. Having such a great turnout for this important discussion shows how invested we all are about this issue. We have an incredible opportunity during this session to make tangible changes regarding many of our educational challenges. We have the chance to renew our vision for public education, to broaden it to include family participation at home and in faith-based settings. And our work with the 2030 commission to design the future of education in PA is promising.

I am working hard in Harrisburg with my colleagues to create the change needed to let our kids thrive. I am happy so many of you came out for the discussion. Together, we will be a part of building the future of education in PA. We can inspire the next generation to be better than our own and to do great things in this life. We must reclaim their prosperous future! Thank you for reading and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Hall of Fame

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mates, coaches and teachers, all of whom have had a big role in this honor.”

Joe Raimondi (HHS 2010) was a three-sport standout for Hampton in football, wrestling, and lacrosse! He was named to the first team WPIAL defensive linemen and offensive tackle lineup in 2009, the year he was also an all-conference player. His wrestling career saw him become a two-time section wrestling champion in 2009 and 2010. Joe also won the WPIAL heavy-weight silver medalist and was a PIAA state qualifier in 2009. The wrestling team named him MVP in both 2008 and 2009. Joe was a valued member of the Hampton Lacrosse WPIAL champions team in 2009 as well. In his senior year, he won the United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athletic Award. Following graduation, he attended Columbia University. Joe currently lives in South Carolina where he does consulting work.

Elaina Balouris Tabb (HHS 2010) said she was honored to be inducted into the Hampton Hall of Fame. Elaina and her husband Brian attended the ceremony with their newborn daughter, Kalliopi, named after a Greek saint. While at Hampton, Elaina received eight varsity



Mary Alice Hennessey, Dante DiBucci, Elaina Balouris Tabb and daughter Kalliopi, Joe Raimondi, Seve DiBucci

letters – four each in cross country and track and field. As a senior, she won the WPIAL bronze medal in 3,200-meter run. Elaina was a WPIAL and PIAA qualifier four times each as a member of the cross country team, and served as team captain in 2010. She was a four-time WPIAL and PIAA qualifier for track and field as well, and a PIAA medalist 6th place in the 3200 meter run in 2010. Elaina was a previous HHS record holder in the one-mile run, and is the current school record holder in 3200 meter run, which she set in 2010. She was a Division 1 All-American while in college and has represented the U.S. on five continents as a distance runner! Elaina earned her degree at College of William & Mary and now teaches math and coaches cross country at Oakland Catholic.

Mary Alice Hennessey was inducted to the Hall of Fame as a contributor. Mary Alice served on the Hampton Township School Board for 12 years (2007-2019). As chair of the Facilities Committee, she oversaw the Fridley Field renovations and the building of the Talbot baseball field. Mary Alice was an active member of the football, baseball, basketball and swimming boosters and was president of Hampton High School PTO for four years. She was also the co-founder of the Hampton Homecoming Talbot Tailgate. Mary Alice attended Penn State University.

Alfred Midgley and Dan Sciulli for Hampton Township Council



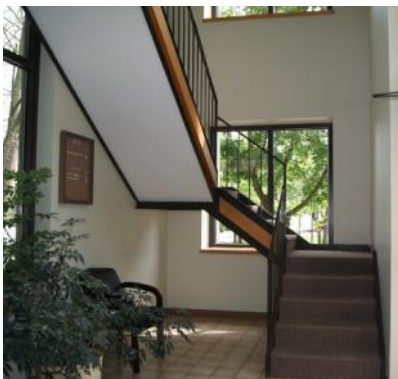
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