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Under Gray Skies, A Sundae Celebration Shines

by Laurie Rizzo

Despite a bit of moody weather, Hampton Township brought the community together for a delightful Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 20, from 1–3 p.m. at the Hampton Swimming Pool. Sponsored by Bruster's Ice Cream in Gibsonia, the event

was a celebration of summer fun, featuring generous scoops of vanilla ice cream for children—and eventually, a sweet surprise for the adults as well.

While gray skies hovered above, the turnout was bright: nearly 100 children

lined up for their treat. As the afternoon unfolded, an unexpected announcement echoed through the intercom inviting adults to visit the concession stand for leftover ice cream sundaes. Among the

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Staff working the concession stand during the ice cream social in Sunday, July 20—left to right: Teresa Grimm, Michael Belch, Aidan Shumaker, Carly Colonna, Ian Itle, Shreyas Chalikonda, and Teagan Turcsanyi

Hampton Man Earns Coveted Role of Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide

by Mary-Theresa Watson

In June, Hampton resident Jeff Becker learned that he had aced “the hardest test in history” to join the elite ranks of Licensed Battlefield Guides (LBG) at Gettysburg National Military Park, the site of the three-day battle known as the turning point of the Civil War.

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Allison Park Sportsmen's Club

by Laurie Rizzo

If you love the outdoors, value conservation, and want to make a real impact in your community, the Allison Park Sportsmen's Club is calling your name.

Founded on a commitment to preserving Western Pennsylvania's natural resources, our club brings together outdoor enthusi-

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Police Information

The Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) 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 6/8/2025—7/13/2025:

Single Vehicle Accident – DUI Arrest

On 6/30/25, HTPD and Units were dispatched to Harts Run Rd, at Clearview, for a single vehicle accident, with the vehicle crashing into a tree. Upon arrival, Hampton Fire Units advised that the vehicle also struck a gas line, which was leaking. People's Gas was notified. The operator showed signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Two Vehicle Accident

On 7/1/2025, HTPD were dispatched to West Hardies Road, at Banks School Road, for a two-vehicle collision. Both vehicles were towed and Hampton Fire provided containment services at the scene.

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As *The Hampton News* continues its mission to bring you informative and engaging stories, we welcome your feedback, ideas, and submissions. Your voice helps keep our community connected, and we always love hearing from you!

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, so be sure to send in your stories, announcements, and insights.

We also encourage you to support this month's advertisers, whose contributions make this publication possible. And most importantly, remember to support local businesses—they are the heart of our community!

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When Music Becomes Medicine

by Laurie Rizzo

When words fall short, music steps in. That's the guiding spirit behind *Guitars for Vets*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to supporting U.S. military veterans struggling with PTSD and other service-related trauma. Through the simple yet transformative power of guitar instruction and community, this program provides veterans with 10 free lessons—followed by the gift of a brand-new guitar, complete with strings, picks, a tuner, and a capo.



Local volunteer and instructor Glenn Ca-wood has helped eight veterans find their rhythm in the program. Before the pandemic, he was a steady presence at the VA Hospital in Aspinwall. Though COVID paused his volunteer efforts, Glenn returned, continuing to champion the healing effects of music.

"Music is therapy for veterans," Glenn says. "Several suffer from PTSD, and the music helps."

His journey with Guitars for Vets began at a Tommy Emmanuel concert at the Byham Theater—where he discovered the organization at a lobby booth and immediately felt called to serve.

Glenn remains dedicated to this cause. Veterans interested in enrolling should reach out to their nearest chapter, as each facility may have a unique admission process.

Donations are appreciated and to learn more, visit www.guitars4vets.org or contact Glenn at 724-244-4563.

Let's keep spreading the word—because every chord played brings us closer to healing.

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Library News



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We're almost finished Coloring Our World! Hampton Community Library's Summer Reading Program is ending soon! All tickets must be earned and entered for prizes by Saturday, August 9th. Winners will be announced on August 13th. Thank you to everyone who participated in this summer's program.

Chess 101

Aug. 2nd, 9th and 16th (all Saturdays) @ 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Luke Martin, a seasoned Queen's Gambit lead youth instructor, will be teaching this program. The class is designed for beginners and advanced beginners. The program includes interactive lessons and practice games, to help users improve their skills step by step. Whether you're completely new to chess or just want to sharpen your basics, this program provides a fun and easy way to start playing. Ages 5-12. Registration Appreciated!

Color Our World with Stories!

Tuesdays, Now through August 12th @ 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Now through August 14th @ 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

This short, sweet story time will get your summer days started off with exciting stories, favorite songs, cheerful puppets and a bubble dance party! Stay and play after. Geared to ages 3 and

up, but all are welcome! Please note, this will be the same storytime each day.

Rainbow Lab Adventures!

Tuesdays, Now through August 12th @ 1:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

Get your creativity wheels spinning! Explore the colorful world of art and science together! Things will get messy; please dress appropriately. This program will be held outside at the Rotary Pavilion at Hampton Community Park (this is the pavilion closest to the police station/municipal building/soccer fields).

Registration appreciated, These STEAM projects are designed for ages 8-12. Please note: In case of thunderous weather please call the library to see whether a similar program will be held inside.

Library Bingo!

Thursdays, Now through August 14th @ 1:00 p.m.-3:30p.m.

There was a library that had an awesome program, and Bingo was its name-oh! Wear your lucky socks and get ready for a rip-roarin' afternoon of fun. (There might even be prizes.) Bingo will be played in Great Room B of the Community Center. All ages are welcome!

Rainbow Road Racers

Wednesday, August 6th @ 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Great Room A

Join us for a night of racing with everyone's favorite racer – Mario! Calling all racers ages 6 -12, get your carts and start your en-

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gines for our first ever tournament! Racers will be split into brackets and time permitting, have a chance to practice race. Road courses will be chosen at random. Games will be played on Nintendo Switch. Switch controllers are not necessary, but if you have one feel free to bring it! **Space is limited; registration is required! Walk-ins are welcome to observe but will not be permitted to play. This is NOT a drop-off program; adult caregivers must remain at the center during the tournament.**

Murder by the Book!

A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The Mystery Book Group meets at the Grubbs Pavilion (above/behind the pool) in the summer.

Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join!

August 20th: *I Think I was Murdered*, by Colleen Coble.

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Fridays, 1:00 p.m.

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!

August 15th: *The 14th Colony*, by Steve Berry.

Save the Dates:

Dungeons and Dragons Pick-Up Games!

Sat., Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th and Nov. 15th. 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m.

Join our skilled team of Dungeon Masters for an exciting DnD pick-up games. Experienced players, newbies and curious fans welcome! Ages 11 -17 (adult caregivers may play alongside if space allows.) Character leveling starts at 1:00 p.m. with game play approximately 1.5 hours. Use our dice and characters or BYO.

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th 1:00 p.m. in the library.

Join our long-running, thought-provoking discussion group where neighbors come together to explore current local and national issues in a friendly, open setting. Led by longtime journalist and author Gerry K. Smith, the salon offers a welcoming space for lively dialogue and diverse perspectives. New members are always welcome!

Cooks-N-Books: Picnic Favorites!

Thursday, September 25th, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Love food, friends, and fun conversation? Join *Cooks-n-Books*, our welcoming cookbook and food discussion group for anyone who enjoys cooking (or just eating!). This month, we're dishing on summer picnic favorites—what did you try, make, or sip in the sunshine? Bring your dish to share. No experience needed—just

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Sportsmen's Club

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- **Protect What You Love:** Help safeguard local wildlife habitats, watersheds, and green spaces for future generations.
- **Learn and Grow:** Exchange knowledge with experts and fellow members—gain new skills, insights, and inspiration.
- **Build Community:** Connect with others who share your interests, values, and love for the outdoors.
- **Have Fun with Purpose:** From educational workshops to community clean-up days and friendly competitions, there's always something meaningful—and enjoyable—on the calendar.

Whether you're looking to give back, learn more, or simply share the joy of conservation, joining APSMC is a step toward making a lasting difference.

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USAF Veteran Reflects on Service

by Mary-Theresa Watson

After spending nearly five years as a young cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, Mark McFarland enlisted in the US Air Force in 1955. He completed his basic training and spent the next four years stateside, working in Radar Maintenance at the height of the Cold War. Mark was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, where he received an education in electronics. He then spent a few months at Osceola Air Force Station in Wisconsin—a location that remains close to his heart, as it's where he met his wife—while his ultimate destination, Grand Rapids Air Force Station in Minnesota, was under construction. Though



Mark remains humble about his role in Radar Maintenance, the systems in use at the time were invaluable to the country's air defense, particularly as the Cold War saw the nation on constant alert. He explains, "During the Cold War, we were going back and forth with [the Soviet Union], so we had radar every 300 miles all across the United States."

Four years later, Mark completed his service, had started a family, and returned to his hometown of Pittsburgh. Thanks to his electronics education in the Air Force, he was able to secure a job with General Electric and later with UPS. Looking back, the 87-year-old Hampton Fields resident credits the Air Force with helping him build a happy and successful life.

Library *(Continued from page 5)*
your appetite for good food and good company!

We meet in the Adult Lounge inside the Hampton Community Center.

Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

Summer Hours!

Summer hours extend through Labor Day.

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

Tuesday and Thursday:

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

Wednesday: **11:30 a.m.** – 7:30 p.m. *ends August 20th!

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours:

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Labor Day Weekend: Saturday, August 30th – Monday, Sept. 1st.

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Summer Snowballs & Swim Trunks

On Wednesday, July 23rd, Hampton Pool transformed into a winter wonderland during its beloved Christmas in July celebration. From 4–6 p.m., families enjoyed a sunny twist on holiday magic with water games, festive cheer, and a very special guest.

There was a spirited snowball toss, where participants tested their aim by tossing snowballs into a floating hula hoop held by lifeguards in the pool. Laughter echoed across the water as kids and adults alike tried their hand at this playful challenge to win a popsicle.

Adding to the merriment, Santa Claus traded his sleigh for swim trunks and spent two full hours delighting children with personal visits. He chatted about Christmas wishes, jingled his iconic bells, and brought smiles to every face in line—which stayed steady until the final minute.

Program, Event, and Marketing Coordinator Matthew Hahn received feedback from pool members who shared how much they enjoy the tradition. “It’s a highlight of our summer,” many told him—proof that even in July, the spirit of the season is alive and well at Hampton Pool.

This annual celebration continues to be a heartwarming reminder that holiday joy doesn’t need snow—just a splash of creativity and a community that comes together to make memories.



Nine-year-old Greta Bartoletti beams beside Santa, savoring her favorite part of the Christmas in July celebration—singing carols with an ice cream in hand. Thanks to her sister's snowball contest win, Greta enjoyed a bonus treat, making the day extra sweet!



Ice Cream

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lucky recipients were Crissy Synan and Sandi Hartman, who beamed with delight at the chance to indulge. “We were excited when the announcement came over the intercom that there were leftovers,” they shared.

The Township supplied a rainbow of toppings, turning simple scoops into custom creations. Favorites included Hershey’s chocolate syrup, Reese’s Pieces, M&M’s, whipped topping, and colorful sprinkles—bringing smiles to every age group.

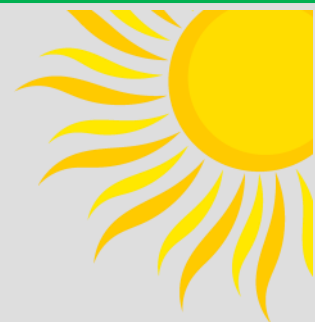
The sweet generosity didn’t end Sunday. Additional sundaes were served the following day, ensuring that no treat went to waste and that the summer spirit lingered just a little longer.



Crissy Synan and Sandi Hartman enjoying their treat!

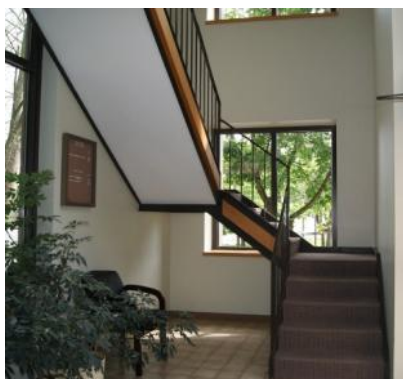


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Saturday, August 16
Fox Chapel at HOME 10 a.m.
Friday, August 22 University Prep
Cupples Stadium AWAY
Friday, August 29 Armstrong River
Hawks AWAY
Friday, September 5, Shaler Area
AWAY
Friday, September 12, Upper St. Clair
AWAY
Friday, September 19, Chartiers Valley
HOME
(Military & First Responders Night)
Friday, September 26, McKeesport
AWAY
Friday, October 3, Indiana Area
HOME (Homecoming & Hall of Fame)
Friday, October 10, Knoch HOME
Friday, October 17, Mars AWAY
Friday, October 24, West Mifflin
HOME (Senior Night)

All games start at 7 p.m. except
Saturday, August 16

Hampton Rotary 5K Race

Winners Top 3 females:

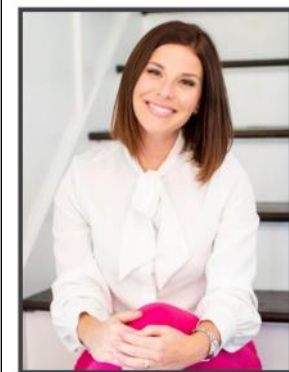
Ava Spagnolli
Emily Dansak
Anna Dansak

Winners Top 3 males:

Chris Belch
Ethan Eymmer
Michael Belch



Rotary Members: Kneeling left to right: Emily Murphy, Hal English. Standing: Roger Eichner, Greg Stein, Dan Sciulli, Ryan Jeroski, Cindy Rylands, Club President and Race Director Rock Kernick, Bill Shipley, Steve Cupcheck, Ron Schmidt and Chris Lochner



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Community Relations Event

On 6/26/25, SRO Officer Carl Good, participated in a community relations event at the Goddard School on Wildwood Road. As part of a show-and-tell activity, children were given the opportunity to see the inside of a police patrol unit. The event was educational and interactive, with participants ranging in age from 1 to 7 years old.

Alarm Activation

On 7/13/25, the HTPD were dispatched to California Dr. for a report of an alarm activation for natural gas. Upon arrival, contact was made with the homeowner outside of the residence who stated that an alarm next to his furnace was going off. Hampton Fire and Elfinwild Fire units arrived on scene and determined that there was a smell of natural gas in the garage and ventilated the residence. Peoples Gas responded to the scene.

Water Main Break

On 7/10/25, the HTPD were dispatched to the area of Mt. Royal Blvd and Craighead Rd. for a report of a water main break. Officers arrived on scene and confirmed that there was an actual break on Mt. Royal Blvd, and they assisted with shutting down Mt. Royal Blvd until the Hampton Shaler Water Authority took control of the scene.

Solicitation Permit

Representatives for Moxie Pest Control will be canvassing the township for the next few weeks. Sales representatives have been provided with the no-solicitation list for residents who have requested not to be contacted by door-to-door solicitors. Each sales representative must have their ID clearly displayed so the homeowner can see their permit. If any resident experiences any issues with solicitors, they are advised to contact the Hampton Police Department.

Traffic Alert

Harts Run Road Closure Began July 23, 2025
Harts Run Road, between Rosanna Drive and Woodland Road, closed as of Wednesday, July 23rd. The purpose of this closure is to construct a new wall along the streamside of the roadway. This closure is expected to last 30 days, weather permitting.

Harts Run Road is a PennDOT owned and maintained roadway. The company contracted by PennDOT for this project is A. Liberoni, Inc.

North Hills DUI Task Force

North Hills DUI Task Force conducted DUI enforcement detail during the weekend of July 25th-July 27th, 2025.

The North Hills DUI Task Force includes police from the communities of Blawnox Borough, Bradford Woods Borough, Etna Borough, Hampton Township, Indiana Township, Marshall Township, O'Hara Township, Pine Township, Richland Township, Ross Township, Shaler Township, West Deer Township, McCandless Township, West View Borough, Millvale Borough, Franklin Park Borough and Reserve Township.

This is the twenty-ninth year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date, 265 check points/roving patrols have been conducted. There have been 2283 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 1074 have been arrested.

The purpose of the North Hills DUI Task Force is to save lives on the roadways and reduce injuries. Sobriety checkpoints are a proactive visual. For additional information contact DUI Project Coordinators Sgt. Robert J. Petosky or Sgt. Thomas J. Trocki at the West Deer Twp Police Department.

Phone: 724-265-1100 or Email: nhdtf@westdeertownship.com

The North Hills DUI Task Force reminds all drivers over the age of 21 to be responsible and NEVER operate a motor vehicle while impaired. Read carefully all instruction labels on prescriptions or over the counter medications and make arrangements prior to consuming alcohol for a designated driver. Don't risk arrest, injury or death.

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Plant With a Purpose Garden Club

by Laurie Rizzo

What started as a springtime spark inside the halls of UPMC Hampton Fields Retirement Community has grown into a flavorful tradition. Lifestyle Engagement Coordinator June Gravitte spearheaded a “pizza garden” alongside residents, sowing more than just seeds — they’ve cultivated connection and collaboration within the community.

San Marzano tomatoes, fragrant basil, and earthy oregano were carefully selected for their starring role on Pizza Night. With guidance from June, residents began by starting seedlings indoors, nurturing them until the northeastern side of the building was blessed with full sunlight and ready for planting.

Members from the Shaler Garden Club were originally scheduled to host a floral craft, but the idea pivoted to assist with planting. They eagerly accepted, returning to help weed and prepare the plots. Their flexibility and continued support have made the initiative blossom in every sense.

What once was a simple idea has become a shared story rooted in community spirit and culinary anticipation. As the chefs in the kitchen prepare to transform garden harvests into golden, herb-topped slices of pizza, it’s clear that the real magic comes from the hands that planted — and the hearts that gathered.

The garden’s bounty isn’t limited to dinner plates. On August 8, June will host a homemade basil citrus soapmaking

workshop, showcasing another creative way to celebrate and extend the garden’s gifts. Residents will explore the art of infusing herbal beauty into daily care, connecting the vibrancy of summer basil to a fresh, fragrant take on sustainability.



Residents and members of the Shaler Garden Club came together indoors planting the seeds to start the pizza garden.

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4531 Bucktail Drive	\$375,000	\$400,000	6
5055 Cashlie Court	\$349,900	\$349,900	6
4610 School Drive	\$335,000	\$335,000	2
2931 Kilcairn Lane	\$325,000	\$325,000	9
5142 Polo Fields Drive	\$329,000	\$306,000	8
2448 Oak Hill Road	\$275,400	\$285,000	36
2366 California Drive	\$310,000	\$283,201	53
3094 Meadow Brook	\$264,900	\$258,000	6
4408 Laurel Oak Drive	\$248,000	\$248,000	123
4518 Bucktail Drive	\$247,500	\$240,000	25
2600 Locust Lane	\$230,000	\$230,000	36
3143 Camberly Drive	\$219,000	\$215,000	40
3095 Camberly Drive	\$210,000	\$207,000	32
3131 Cheltenham Court	\$170,000	\$176,500	10
3036 McNeal Road	\$164,900	\$163,000	204
2697 Ginger Lane	\$110,000	\$100,000	125

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Typically August is another hot weather month which makes an excellent time for deep cleaning inside your home to freshen up for fall.

Deep clean carpets (either by hiring a carpet cleaning service or buying / renting a carpet cleaning vacuum).

Clean fridge and freezer coils, clean and empty drip trays.

Replace washers in any interior or exterior faucets.

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Independence Day Celebration at the Park



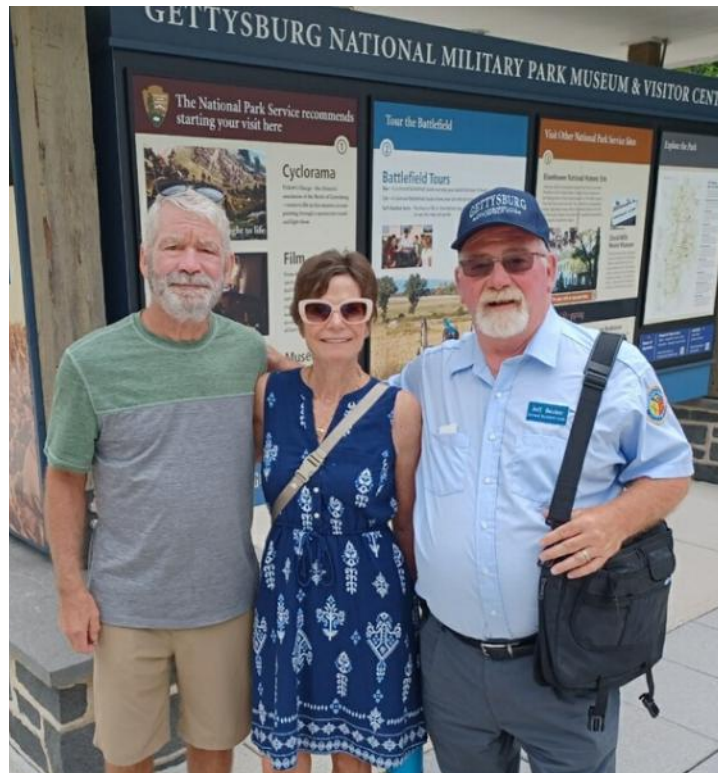
Battlefield Guide

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Becoming an LBG is a daunting task, with Civil War buffs studying for years in hopes of becoming certified. Historically, about 90% of candidates fail the rigorous, four-tier exam, with most never getting past the written portion, while others stumble in later tiers. Of the 158 hopeful history buffs who took the written test in December, just 20 passed, and only 17 reached the final tier. In order, the other tiers include a panel interview, a field practicum, and an on-site mock tour with senior LBGs. Since the era of licensed guiding began in 1915, only 604 other people have passed the exam (in fact, more humans have traveled in space), and Jeff is pleased to call himself LBG number 605.

Jeff's LBG journey began ten years ago after watching battlefield programming and reading the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Killer Angels*, which depicts the days leading up to and including the Battle of Gettysburg. In 2017, Jeff traveled with his family to Gettysburg where they took a four-hour tour with LBG Bill Trelease. From there, Jeff says, "I was hooked and thought, 'I can do this.' Bill guided me, and then I met LBG Mike Rupert from Shaler. Together they became my mentors." Jeff spent the next eight years studying, and he took numerous trips to the battlefield, touring with different guides. In June 2024, he took a tour with a dozen aspiring LBGs and soon after became "study buddies" with another member of the group.

As an official LBG, Jeff hosted his first tour in mid-July, and he's been happily busy ever since. For more information or to schedule a tour, please email Jeff at jsbecker5757@outlook.com.



Exploring Gettysburg, one story at a time: Lisa Schmidt and her son share a memorable afternoon with tour guide Jeff Becker, whose depth of knowledge and storytelling brought new insight to a history they've toured many times before. A day filled with discovery, connection, and the enduring legacy of Gettysburg.

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Current Events

Hartwood Acres Summer Music Lineup

Enjoy free live music under the open sky at the Allegheny County Summer Concert Series! Shows kick off at 7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted), with no tickets required. Arrive early to explore a variety of local food trucks, plus refreshments from Hop Farm Brewing and Black Dog Winery, available starting at 6:00 pm. Rain or shine, performances will take place at the open-air amphitheater with no covered seating.

08/03 - Nick Lowe & Los Straitjackets: a rock 'n' roll dream team full of retro cool

08/10 - KT Tunstall: Grammy-nominated hitmaker and loop-pedal wizard

08/17 - Smash Mouth: 90's favorites with mega-hits like "All Star" and "Walkin' on the Sun"

08/31 - Monty Alexander: Jamaican jazz pioneer known for fusing bebop and reggae

PERMITTED ITEMS:

- Folding Chairs
- Outside food and drinks
- Popup tents and umbrellas may be used for shade prior to the concert, but they must be taken down before the performance begins.
- Dogs are permitted, but they must remain on leashes at all times and be up-to-date on all vaccinations and licensing. Owners must clean up after their dogs.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Charcoal grills
- Fire lanterns
- Drones

Depreciation Lands Museum

Sunday, August 17th Wool Waulking Event: Experience the old ways of finishing woolen cloth with your own hands. 1pm-4pm. Admission: Adult \$5, Children \$3, Members always free.

Sunday, August 24th - Second Annual Scavenger Hunt - Join us at the museum from 1pm-4pm for an adventure through history. Can you find the hidden object tucked away somewhere in our 18th century village? Perfect for kids ages 8-12. Complete the hunt and win a small prize. Admission: Adult \$5, Children \$3, Members always free.

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

The round table celebrates our 25th Anniversary and James Hessler presents "The Trial of Dan Sickles." Monday, August 18 at 6 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 3200 Lochner Way, Allison Park. Presentation is free and open to the public.

Help Students Start the Year Right:

Back-to-School Supply Collection Is Underway!

Every child deserves the chance to begin the school year with confidence, equipped with the tools they need for success. North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) is making that possible through its Back-to-School Supplies Collection, running now until August 10.

NHCO is calling on the community to donate essential school supplies for students in need throughout northern Allegheny County. Last year, 787 students received donations, allowing them to start the school year prepared. This year, with your support, NHCO hopes to assist even more children.

How You Can Help

You can donate school supplies at any of NHCO's 3 locations:

Main Office – 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

Greenstone United Methodist Church –
939 California Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Millvale Community Center –
416 Lincoln Ave., 2nd floor, Millvale, PA 15209

Donations are accepted Monday–Friday, 9 AM–4 PM, with additional drop-off availability at the Allison Park location.

Items Needed:

Pens and Pencils
Pencil Boxes and Sharpeners
Markers, Highlighters, and Colored Pencils
Notebooks, Loose-Leaf Paper, Binders, and Pocket Folders
Rulers, Scissors, Erasers, and Glue Sticks
New Backpacks
TI Graphing Calculators
24-Packs of Crayons

For added convenience, donors can order from NHCO's Amazon Wishlist, ensuring supplies are delivered directly to the organization.

Why It Matters

School supplies are more than just materials—they empower students to focus on learning rather than worrying about their basic needs. With the support of generous donors, NHCO continues to foster self-sufficiency and dignity for local families.

Let's come together to make this year's collection even more impactful! Visit NHCO.org/sharing-project-donations to learn more and join the effort. Together, we can help students step into the classroom prepared and confident!

Farmer's Market

Wednesdays (Last Day October 8th)
3:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
Community Center Parking Lot



Township Movie Night

Friday, August 8 at 8:45 p.m.
Community Park Soccer Fields

Pints In The Park

August 8, September 12.
Hampton Park



Pool Member Appreciation Day

Wednesday, August 13 4-6 p.m. Community Pool

Turtley Slow Marks One-Year Anniversary with Creative Celebration for a Cause

5475 William Flinn Highway,
Gibsonia, PA 15044
Sunday, September 7 • 10 AM–6 PM

On September 7, Turtley Slow invites the community to join in celebrating one year of creativity, connection, and craft. The studio is marking its first anniversary with an all-day event designed to uplift artists of all ages and support its inspiring mission: bringing accessible arts and crafts education to the region.

From Studio Roots to Nonprofit Dreams

Turtley Slow is currently transitioning into a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit. All proceeds from this event will go directly toward operating costs, helping sustain and expand their inclusive programming. Founders Jessie Dlutowski and Nicole Storey have poured heart and vision into building a space where art is approachable, affordable, and deeply community-centered.

Event Highlights

Whether you're an artist, collector, curious crafter, or simply looking for a vibrant Sunday outing, here's what's in store:

- *Handcrafted Artisan Craft Show*—showcasing regional makers and their creations
- *Adult & Kids Art Show*—spotlighting work from emerging and seasoned talents alike
- *Silent Auction*—featuring locally donated goods and art pieces
- *Workshops & Demos*—hands-on experiences for every skill level

Registration Details

Want to showcase or create? Be sure to sign up by *August 15*:

- Vendor Table: \$30
- Adult Art Show Entry: \$15
- Kids Art Show Entry: \$5

Workshop Fee: \$45 Register online at www.Turtleyslow.com

Questions? Reach out to Nicole at

Nicole.storey@turtleyslow.com

2nd Annual Restaurant Week – Coming This September

by Amanda Lukas

Hampton Restaurant Week is back again! We heard from many residents and restaurant owners that last year's inaugural Restaurant Week was a great success, and we hope that this year will be even better. Hampton Restaurant Week 2025 will be held September 8th through September 14th. The goal of this event is to

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Restaurant Week *(Continued from page 16)*

promote the local restaurants that we are so grateful to have in our community and give residents the opportunity to try some great food at great prices. We know that many of you would like to see more restaurants come to Hampton, and Township staff would like to see that too. By creating a community where restaurants are successful, it will encourage more to open here. And the good news is that we already have many great restaurants in Hampton that would love to serve you. We hope that you will show your support to your local eateries during this year's Hampton Restaurant Week. Each of the restaurants below has offered a special or discounted menu item for the duration of Restaurant Week. You just need to ask for the "Restaurant Week Special" any time between September 8th – September 14th to get the deal listed below. We hope you'll join us!

This year's participating restaurants include:

The Wine Cave: Mahi-Mahi - \$25.00

Three Little Birds Café & Juice Bar: Soup and ½ sandwich special - \$11.50

K-Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar – Black 'n' Pink Roll - \$10.00 (limit one per transaction)

Mineo's Pizza House: Veal Parmigiana with linguine and garlic bread - \$23.00

A Fare to Remember

(take-out only - dishes need to be heated):

Mom's Hot Chicken Goodness – half order for \$18, full order for \$35

Sissy's Shepherd Pie – half order for \$20, full order for \$39

Vocelli Pizza: Large 1 topping traditional crust pizza - \$8.99 (limit one per transaction)

Crispy Cones: Ice Cream Cup - \$3.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dog Swim Day Saturday, September 6
11 a.m.—1 p.m. Community Pool

Halloween Parade
Saturday, October 25, 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Trick Or Treat
Friday, October 31—Please turn on your porch light if you plan on handing out candy 6:00—8:00 p.m.

For additional information on these events,
visit www.hampton-pa.org

~SAVE THE DATE~

Saturday, October 11—Pour at the Park in North Park
(Tickets go on sale August 11)

Sunday, October 12—HAEE 5K Run / Walk in Hampton Park

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CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS DELUZIO
— Pennsylvania's 17th District —



An Update from Congressman Chris Deluzio

No More Getting Ripped Off by the Airlines

I spend a lot of time in airports and on planes as part of my work traveling down to Washington, I know how much of a pain in the neck it is when a flight gets delayed. Believe me I know how much it stinks if you're traveling with your kids and the airline hits you with a delay! Even worse is when the airline rips us off and skimps on the refund. It happens A LOT, and I know we're all sick of it.

I'm fighting back against the airline industry's corporate power and co-sponsoring new bipartisan legislation to toughen the rules for when airlines have to offer a cash refund for a delayed flight.

The [Time is Money Act](#) makes a simple change that will help a lot of people. This bill would force the airlines to offer a refund for [delays](#) 2+ hours for a domestic flight and 5+ hours for an international flight.

This would mean **more people get the refund they're owed** when the airline screws up. And hopefully it will be a strong incentive for the airline industry to plan better.

We get on airplanes for some of the most important things

in our lives—a family vacation that you've saved up for, visiting out-of-town relatives, and more. The airline industry shouldn't be able to ruin our plans and just write it off as 'the cost of doing business.' Legislation like the *Time is Money Act* will help. Let's get it done.

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio, Member of Congress

Raise a Glass for the Parks: Pour at the Park Returns in October

North Park Lodge Saturday, October 11, 2025

VIP Admission: 5:00–9:00 PM General Admission: 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale starting August 11 at pouratthepark.com.

Fall's favorite fundraiser is back! Pour at the Park, proudly presented by Peoples Gas, returns to North Park Lodge for an evening of sips, songs, and sustainability—all to support the Allegheny County Parks Foundation and the nine cherished parks it serves.

The day kicks off at 1:00 p.m. with a community tree planting, inviting attendees to dig in and grow something lasting. Then the lodge opens its doors to a lively tasting experience featuring local beer, wine, spirits, and nonalcoholic beverages, alongside delicious fare from regional food trucks.

Catch live music by the Alter Egos, browse raffle baskets bursting with surprises, and watch the kids dive into engaging discovery activities led by Coach Dave of CDG Sports. Whether you're a connoisseur or a curious first-timer, there's a ticket for every kind of guest:

- VIP – Early access, exclusive tastings, and more
- General Admission
- Designated Driver

Children's Ticket – Includes activities; *Kids under 5 are free!*

Best of all, Pour at the Park is a proudly Zero Waste event, making your good time even better for the planet.

Be sure to snag early bird discounts the week of August 11—and mark your calendars for a perfect October evening in North Park.

Celebrating Freedom!





Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Progress on my bills to strengthen health care, boost public safety, and protect Pennsylvanians

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

The best ideas for legislation start right here at home. Guided by my door-knocking sessions, meetings, and conversations with all of you, I have introduced new bills – including many bipartisan measures – to improve health care and make life safer and more prosperous for Pennsylvanians.

I'm incredibly proud that HB 865, my bill to expand the Military Family Education Program, was passed unanimously by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. This legislation clarifies that the education benefit is renewable each time a Guard member renews their service obligation for an additional term.

Additionally, the House has passed my legislation to:

- Make restaurants safer for more than 1.3 million Pennsylvanians with food allergies by requiring employee information posters, an allergen menu statement and other safety measures (HB 77).

- Ensure patients and their families are better informed about hospital-based financial assistance programs and how to access them (HB 79).
- Help combat the opioid crisis through development of a public education poster explaining how to recognize and respond to signs of an opioid overdose (HB 269).
- Protect consumers by barring financial institutions from charging fees to customers who request paper account statements (HB 81).
- Ensure patients with hearing, speech, and language-related disorders have access to treatment services – despite a shortage of professionals in these fields – by enabling Pennsylvania to join the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (HB 80).

These bills are currently awaiting consideration or being considered in the state Senate. I will be pushing for passage of these bills as they work their way to the Governor's desk. You can read more about my legislative efforts and other news affecting our district by visiting by webpage at www.RepVenkat.com.



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Help keep your identity safe while reducing paper clutter in your home this fall at Senator Lindsey Williams' FREE paper shredding event on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Hampton Community Center!

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office staff will unload documents from cars and the materials will be immediately shredded on-site. Bags and boxes will be returned to the car after they are emptied. All you have to do is drive through and we will handle the rest!

We will also be collecting new and gently used Halloween costumes for our annual Costume Drive. Help make a local kid's holiday a special spooky one by donating costumes that your family has outgrown. Pass along the holiday magic (and make space in your storage at the same time!).

For more information, please visit SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/ events or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/subscribe.



Jeremy Shaffer



When We Work Together, Pennsylvanians Win

So often in Washington, and in Harrisburg, we see the headlines of Republicans vs. Democrats, gridlock and partisanship. I've always believed in working across the aisle to get things done for the people of Pennsylvania.

We're seeing the good that happens when we work in a bipartisan manner right now. Legislation I cosponsored is moving forward to create a "click to cancel" rule. House Bill 1299 would give you an easy way to quickly cancel unwanted subscriptions online instead of having to speak with a customer service representative and listen to lengthy sales pitches.

The bill would also strengthen the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection to require companies to:

- Provide a notification before each automatic renewal.
- Be transparent about renewal terms.
- Allow subscribers to cancel their subscription services exclusively online if they initially subscribed over the Internet.
- Provide a clear and concise explanation of the price that will be charged after a free trial ends and the deadline by which a consumer must cancel to avoid being charged.

It's frustrating when companies make it easy to sign up but make cancelling confusing and time-consuming. House Bill 1299 would restore balance and make sure the cancellation process is just as easy and accessible as the sign-up. This bill is awaiting consideration by the Senate, but I'm hopeful they will act quickly so we can get this law on the books.

In Hampton Township, I'm hosting a Seniors for Safe Driving course for drivers who want a refresher on safe driving techniques. The class is on Wednesday, September 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hampton Township Community Center (3101 McCully Road, Allison Park). Drivers who complete the course will receive a certification to give to their insurance companies to receive a discount good for three years. Call Seniors for Safe Driving at 1-800-559-4880 to register.

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- **Art Show:** Adult show \$15 / piece;
Kids Show \$5 / piece
- **Workshops:** \$45

Register Online

Visit www.Turtleyslow.com to register

Questions?

Email Nicole.storey@turtleyslow.com

All Proceeds Benefit Turtley Slow's Operating Costs

We're in the process of converting our studio into a nonprofit 501(c)(3), and this event will help support our operating costs — so we can keep bringing accessible arts and crafts education to the Gibsonia community.



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