

NORTHAMPTON *Township*



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Chairman's Letter

Dear Residents

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I'm pleased to share this Fall Edition of the Northampton Township Newsletter. The Township answers hundreds of questions every day from residents to assist them with the many facets of their daily lives. To further educate Township residents, this edition of the newsletter contains Frequently Asked Questions that can be used as a reference tool in the future should you need Township assistance.

In addition to the day-to-day services provided by our Township employees, the Board of Supervisors work diligently to chart the future course of the Township. Through comprehensive planning, adoption of local ordinances and the establishment of budgetary parameters, the Board has the privilege of actively leading the Township organization with policy issues. We have been very successful in obtaining nearly \$17 million in state grants to fund critical infrastructure projects throughout the community that include traffic signal improvements, sidewalk connections, bridge replacements, roadway realignments, and the redevelopment of our commercial areas. Grants will also fund improvements to the Township's park system that include a trail connection to Municipal Park from New Road, an all-Inclusive Playground in Municipal Park, interior park trails and much needed parking lot improvements and expansion at the Civic Center.

The Board of Supervisors has also made road paving and maintenance a top priority. Even though the Township has paved more roads in the last five (5) years than were paved in the previous 10 years combined, while utilizing both Township tax dollars and Liquid Fuel funds from the state, it is necessary for the Township to increase its efforts to fund road improvements. With over one hundred eighty (180) miles of roads maintained by the Township, I'm working with my fellow Board members to develop a long-range, multiple year paving program to increase the number of roads we pave in the coming years.

I am also pleased to report significant accomplishments with Northampton's Emergency Services agencies. First, earlier this summer, the Northampton Township Police Department moved into a new building that will provide them with state-of-the-art facilities for decades to come. In addition, we congratulated the Department for receiving the distinguished honor of Accreditation from Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Only ten (10%) percent of the twelve hundred (1,200) police departments in Pennsylvania have obtained this designation. Congratulations to Chief Mike Clark and the entire Department on obtaining this achievement. Lastly, I would like to thank our volunteer Fire Chief Adam Selisker for his leadership in planning for new fire department facilities that will allow for proper administrative offices and much needed bunk-in and locker room facilities. As the fire department transitions to a combination volunteer/career organization, having the proper updated facilities remains a high priority for the Board.

As Chairman, I'm honored to be working with the Board of Supervisors and our Township Administration, and I'm proud of the work we have done to improve the quality of life for our residents and hope to continue these efforts in future years!

Sincerely,

Barry Moore, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day) • Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) • Friday, November 29 (Day after Thanksgiving)
December the Administration Department will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) through Wednesday, January 1, 2020. The building will reopen on Thursday, January 2. • Monday, January 20, 2020 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

PUBLIC WORKS FAQ'S:

Why don't you mow my basin every week, I mow my lawn weekly?

We have 85 basins, 16 traffic islands and 24 intersections for the clear sight triangles, we try to mow all of this on a 2 to 3 weeks turn around until the township is completely done. Sometimes this is not possible due to weather.

Why aren't you patching my potholes?

We patch potholes on Township Road and not State Highways. We have 176 miles of Township Roads to maintain. Within Northampton Township there are 30 miles of State Highway. You can call the State for a pothole repair at 215-345-6060 or go to their website www.penndot.gov to report any problem with their roads.

Public Works is no longer allowed to pick up dead deer. For local roads call the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 1-800-228-0791. The Pennsylvania Game Commission will only pick up the dead deer if it is in the street. They will not go onto private property. Please have the location of the animal closest to the nearest house address available.

For dead deer found on the following State Roads: Almshouse Road, Bustleton Pike, Holland Road, Jacksonville Road, Newtown-Richboro Road, Second Street Pike, Bridgetown Pike, Bristol Road, Buck Road, Churchville Lane, Old Bristol Road, and Worthington Mill Road contact PennDot at 215-345-6060.

Can you remove a tree that fell and it is blocking the road?

Call the police department or the public works department. If the tree belongs to a homeowner, the public works department will clear the roadway then place tree limbs, debris, etc. on homeowner property, the homeowner is responsible. They need to get in touch with a landscaper to clear the remaining portion of tree off their property.

Why don't you clean the storm water inlet in front of my home regularly.

We have 5,765 storm water inlets to maintain within the township. We do our best after each heavy rainstorm to keep them clear of debris.

BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT FAQ'S:

1. Is a "Use and Occupancy Certificate" required for a residential resale?

No. The Township does not conduct an inspection or require a certificate for the resale of residential property.

2. Is a business license required from the Zoning Department?

No. The Zoning Department has no involvement with business licensing. Please contact your tax professional for applicable requirements based on your particular circumstances.

3. What are the requirements to construct a shed on my property?

Generally, a shed that is 180 square feet and less can be constructed behind the rear of the house at a setback of 7 feet from the property line. The maximum height is 12 feet. Sheds that exceed these requirements must be located within the building envelope for your particular zoning district. Please call us for details.

4. What are the requirements to construct a fence on my property?

Generally, a fence can be constructed in the side and rear of the property, not in the front yard. The maximum fence height is six (6) feet. Fences cannot be constructed in easements. Corner lots and pool fences have special requirements. Please call us for details.

5. Can I run a business from my home?

Maybe. Home-based businesses have many requirements. As a result, given the unique nature of each business, please contact our department to discuss your particular circumstances.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883.



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Fire Department News

Adam M. Selisker- Fire Chief

2019 FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

The Fire Department invites all residents to stop by any of the Township fire stations on Friday October 11, 2019 from 7-9PM. Come see the Northampton equipment, learn important fire safety tips and meet your firefighters and fire police officers. Free beverages and snacks will be served.



FAQ'S

1. When should I call 911 for a fire?

Immediately! Anytime you see, smell or suspect a fire call 911. Do not delay. We do not mind responding. Better safe than sorry and there is never a problem for making a good intent call.

2. How do I dispose of fireplace or wood stove ashes?

Ashes should be placed in a metal can with a secure lid outside the residence and away from the house or outbuildings. Ashes stay hot for over 7 days. Never dispose of them in a paper bag or box.

3. How often should I replace my Smoke Detectors or Carbon Monoxide Detector?

Smoke detectors should be replaced after 10 years and Carbon Monoxide detectors after 5 years. Both should have a manufactured date stamped on the back.

4. Are the Northampton firefighters paid?

Northampton Fire Department has a combination of volunteer firefighters and career firefighters. As it becomes more difficult to attract and maintain volunteers, additional career firefighters will be hired to ensure quick emergency response.

5. How do I become a volunteer firefighter?

Stop by any of the Northampton Township fire stations on Monday nights at 7PM or contact Deputy Fire Chief Rob Holmes at (215) 357-8277 for details.

Fire Marshal - Did you know?

- The Fire Marshal's office is located at 55 Township Road in the Township Administration building. 215-357-6800.
- The Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcement of the townships fire prevention code.
- The Fire Marshal is responsible for the investigation of all fires which occur within Northampton Township.
- The Fire Marshal serves as the Townships Emergency Management Coordinator.

The Fire Marshal is available for consultation with residents regarding fire safety in their homes.

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Have you ever wondered what the library is like “after hours”? Wonder no more! Join your friends and neighbors at the Free Library of Northampton Township’s third annual Fall FundFest on Friday, October 18th from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Tickets are \$50.00 and proceeds from the evening help the library meet its 2019 fundraising goals.

This year’s theme is Rock’n’Read, and the stacks will be jumping to the live music of the band “Electric Beach”. You can sip wine and enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres in our familiar library setting, but it will be transformed into a place rocking with the beat wherever you turn. Be amazed and astounded with Mentalist Jesse Dameron as he traverses the crowd—see if you can figure out how he does it!

The rockin’ good time continues with a Photo Booth (remember those?) that allows you to capture the memorable evening the old-fashioned way with a photo in hand. Raffle baskets line the reference stacks with raffle tickets going for 25 tickets for \$20.00. Take your chance at winning a wonderful basket of goodies from local business sponsors and supporters.

Supporting our library means supporting the Northampton Township community. Throughout the year, we provide the latest in books and movies, access to valuable online resources, educational and enriching programs for all ages, and so much more. The library is an invaluable piece of our community, providing access and services to all who come through our doors.

Now that you know what the library is like “after hours” what is stopping you? Mark your calendars for this year’s Rock ‘n’ Read, and support your library! Tickets are available online and in the library. Ages 21+

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Police Department

Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation:

On July 16, 2019, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission unanimously voted to accredit the Northampton Township Police Department. The State Accreditation is an achievement realized by just 10 percent of the state's 1,200 police departments. On July 24, 2019, Chief William Daly of the Horsham Township Police Department and a member of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission presented the award to the Township at its monthly Supervisors meeting. To earn the Accreditation, the department underwent an extensive evaluation that included a review of its facility and an examination of all of its policies, procedures and guidelines to insure that they meet the state's standards. To complete this process the department assigned Detective Joseph Rosowski as its Accreditation Manager. The Commission noted that the work of Detective Rosowski on the project showed great diligence and attention to detail. The State Accreditation lasts for only three years at which time the department will have to submit to another thorough examination of all of its procedures and guidelines.



New Police Station Update:



On August 2, 2019, the Northampton Township Police Department moved its Headquarters to a new location at 111 Township Road in Richboro. The new building is just one hundred yards south of the old building located on the site of the former Northampton Municipal Authority's office building. One of the reasons for the move was that the Department had outgrown its current location. The original building constructed in the early 1970's was designed for twenty-six officers and now with a complement of forty -four officers' and ten civilian employees, the facilities were very crowded. There was not enough room to store evidence and equipment or parking for police vehicles. It was at this point that the Board of Supervisors decided to correct the overcrowding and find a new home for the department.

The process to design the new building began in 2015 with the selection of an architect. The firm selected was Phillips and Donovan Architects of Bedminster, Pa. After numerous meetings with the Architect, the Township and the Police Department, a design was developed and the process to build the new Police Headquarters building began. In order to build the new Headquarters funding was

necessary. The Township was able to obtain a bond to pay for some of the cost however additional funding was necessary. To meet this need the Township was able to obtain an additional two million dollars from the State of Pennsylvania under a grant. It was State Senator Tommy Tomlinson along with State Representative Wendi Thomas and former State Representative Scott Petri who provided the assistance to obtain the additional funding.

When you look at the new building, one of the first things you notice is the size of the building. The older building was 7,000 square feet in size. The new building is 26,000 square feet in size. It includes all new state of the art technology throughout the building, larger evidence rooms and storage garages, a full-size training room and meeting room. Larger locker rooms for the officers and a fitness room for physical training. There is a newly enclosed sally port for transferring prisoners safely and securely into and out of the processing areas. The new squad room has cubicles which each officer uses to complete paperwork that cannot be done in the patrol unit. The building also has its own firearms range that the officers can use to complete all mandatory training while staying in the Township.

On behalf of the entire Police Department, I want to personally thank the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors, the Administration, the residents of Northampton Township and Senator Tomlinson and Representative Thomas for making this new facility a reality.

Chief Michael B. Clark
Northampton Township Police Department

Police Department FAQ'S:

- Q. Where is the Northampton Township Police Department located?**
A. The Police Department is located at 111 Township Road Richboro, Pa. 18954.
- Q. What are the hours of operation of the Police Department?**
A. We are one of the few police departments in Bucks County that are open twenty four (24) hours a day and seven (7) days a week.
- Q. How to obtain a copy of an accident report?**
A. There are two ways to receive the report. The first is to go on line at crashdocs.org and receive the completed reports at your home. The second way to obtain the report is to come to our Headquarters and pick up the form. Please call to make sure the report is completed.

- Q. How to obtain a copy of an incident report?**
A. You can stop into Headquarters fill out a request form/right to know form and you will be notified when completed.
- Q. How to I obtain a solicitation permit?**
A. Applications can be picked up at Police Headquarters. Once the application is completed a background check will be conducted on all applicants. If approved, a photo will be taken for identification purposes for our residents.
- Q. Do I have to call 911 for all emergencies?**
A. The answer is no. 911 is for crimes or emergencies in progress. Any other call for police service should be to 215-357-8700.

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*A rental attendant will be on site for all rentals to assure that everything goes as planned for your celebration or event.

Call the Center Director for additional information at: 215-357-8199



Senior Center FAQ'S:

Q. Where is the Senior Center and how do I contact them?

We are located at 165 Township Road, Richboro, PA. Just across the street from the Northampton Free Library. Our phone number is: 215-357-8199.

Q. What are the Senior Centers hours of operation?

We are open Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.
Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

Q. How old do you have to be to join the center?

You must be 55 years of age to become a member.

Q. Is there a membership fee?

Yes, our membership fee is \$25 per year. Our year runs from July 1st through June 30th.

Q. What types of programs & classes are offered at the Senior Center?

We offer a variety of classes and activities including art classes, exercise programs, trips, yoga, dancing, and cards. Please download our monthly calendar for a complete listing of classes/activities at www.northamptontownship.com and choose senior center services under departments.

Tax Collector's FAQ'S

Where is the Tax Office located?

815 Bustleton Pike, Richboro, PA. We just celebrated one year at this location.

What is the Tax office's mailing address:

P.O. Box 643, Richboro, PA 18954

Can we pay in person?

You may pay in person with a check or money order via a drop box on the side of the building or inside during business hours at 815 Bustleton Pike Richboro, PA 18954

What are your hours of operation?

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

We are closed all legal county holidays and the week of Memorial Day

Which taxes do I pay to your office?

At the Northampton tax office, we are responsible for collecting taxes for three taxing authorities:

1. Council Rock School District - Real Estate & Northampton Township Occupational (OCC)
2. Northampton Township- Real Estate & Refuse Fee
3. Bucks County – Real Estate

How do I change the mailing address for my real estate tax bill?

The Bucks County Board of Assessments (215-348-6219) will be happy to assist you. Simply write them a letter addressed to: Bucks County Board of Assessments, 55 E. Court Street Doylestown, PA 18901.

Who Collects the Earned Income Tax?

Keystone Collection Group (866-539-1100) is contracted to collect the 1% Earned Income Tax (EIT). Most people have their EIT withheld from their paycheck. You should make sure that your employer has the correct political sub division (PSD) code and that the PSD code on your W-2 matches that of Council Rock; the PSD code for Council Rock is 090603.

How do I change the name on my deed?

The Bucks County Recorder of Deeds (215-348-6209) can assist you. They will need your request in writing and for you to provide proper legal documentation. These items should be sent to: Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, 55 E. Court Street Doylestown, PA 18901. Please get professional advice first.

How do I pay unpaid taxes from previous years?

G.H. Harris Associates Inc. (570-639-5005) is the delinquent tax collector for OCC taxes.

Bucks County tax claim (215-348-6274) collects the county and township school and real estate taxes.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent

Vincent Deon, CPTC
Northampton Township Tax Collector
215-357-1343
VincentDeon@twptax.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD AND COMMISSIONS FOR 2020:

The Northampton Township Board of Supervisors is seeking residents who may be interested in serving on various boards and commissions. Boards and commissions provide a vital service to the Township and the Board of Supervisors.

Citizens wishing to serve must complete an application. Applications are due in the Township Administration office by October 16, 2019. The Board of Supervisors will interview interested applicants in October and November and appoint candidates for these vacancies during its January 6, 2020 Re-organization meeting.

Applications are currently being accepted for the following boards and commissions:

Blighted Property Committee	Library Board	Veterans Advisory Commission
Building Code Board of Appeals	Parks & Recreation Board	Zoning Hearing Board
Historical Commission	Planning Commission	

Visit the "Boards, Commissions & Committees" page for the duties of the various boards and commissions. To fill out an application, view the "Documents" section of website at www.northamptontownship.com. To submit an application, or obtain more information, contact Lisa Russo at 215-357-6800 x201, or via email at lrusso@nhtwp.org.

2019 WALL OF HONOR CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Northampton Township Wall of Honor is an award to recognize individuals who have made lasting contributions to the community and have contributed to the quality of life for the residents of Northampton Township, Bucks County PA. The objective of the Wall of Honor Program is to see that individuals who have made such contributions to the community are recognized.

To be considered for this award, nominees: must have been a resident during the time of community service, contribution or accomplishment; must have participated as a volunteer in activities and/or accomplishments that benefited or have had a positive impact on the lives of the residents of Northampton Township; demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, community spirit and would be considered a role model.

The Northampton Township is now accepting nominations for the Wall of Honor Award.

- 1) To nominate an individual for this honor, a nomination form must be completed and submitted to the Wall of Honor Committee for review. The committee is made up of 7 individuals who represent the diversity of the community.
- 2) Nominations will be called each year and accepted up until November 30 each year.
- 3) All new nominations will be reviewed and voted on by the committee no later than March 31.
- 4) The person who submitted the nomination will be notified shortly after the vote is finalized. Notification to the recipient's family will be planned out accordingly.
- 5) The number of recipients will be limited to a maximum of two per year; there may be years when no individuals are nominated and/or no nominees are selected to receive this award

Additional Information

Nominations must be forwarded to Northampton Township Wall of Honor Committee, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Township website www.northamptontownship.com The nomination must be postmarked no later than November 30 to be accepted for the next calendar year.



PennState Extension

What to do if you Find the Spotted Lanternfly on your Property

The invasive spotted lanternfly has been found in southeastern counties in Pennsylvania. We are trying to eradicate this potential pest. **There is a quarantine order in place that prohibits movement of any living life stage of this insect to areas outside of the quarantine area. To find information about identifying the spotted lanternfly, current information about where it is known to exist, quarantine order and compliance go to:**

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



“BATTLE OF THE HAMPTONS” FOOD DRIVE 2019

This year the challenge was for each of the three participating townships of Northampton, Lower Southampton and Upper Southampton to collect the highest percentage of pounds of food over their total from last year. Lower Southampton won the challenge with 3,032 pounds, a 180% increase over 2018, which was donated to Assumption BVM. Upper Southampton collected 7,012 pounds which is 113% more than last year. And **Northampton collected 7,635 pounds** of non-perishables, 2,200 pounds more than last year for a total increase of 40%. (Don't fret Northampton! We already had a big number from last year and we still have the biggest number of total pounds.

This year, we had challenges within The Challenge which helped us come out on top in total poundage. Chairman Barry Moore won the Board members challenge issued by Dr. Kim Rose, who also asked her Seniors exercise class to donate. Jen Fean had a “Color War” contest at the summer camp which divided the camp kids into two groups to see which color team would donate the most canned goods. Chief Clark and his officers once again had their highly successful “Fill the Van” campaign at the Acme, and the Fire Company held a “Fill the Firetruck” collection at the Richboro fire station. The Police Benevolent Association generously gave \$250 toward food purchases. Library, Senior Center, Administration, and the pool staff and members also filled their collection bins multiple times. And two of our younger residents, James Cauley and Max Lelli, found creative ways to collect donations, James by having a lemonade stand and Max by asking for canned goods instead of gifts at his birthday party. Northampton's future looks very bright with two such caring and compassionate young men as residents.

Everyone did a fantastic job and I'd like to thank all the Northampton employees and residents who gave so generously to this worthy project. And of course congratulations to Lower Southampton Township and Upper Southampton Township for continuing to support the Battle of the Hamptons. Great job, everyone! See you next year.

“Teamwork makes the dream work!”



The fourth annual Battle of the Hamptons community food drive was a roaring success with collections from residents and staff at the three Townships totaling over 17,600 pounds of food for Assumption BVM and Jesus Focus Ministry at Bethanna food pantries!





FREE LIBRARY *of Northampton Township*

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FIVE FUN FAMILY FALL EVENTS

Grins & Grins Comedy Show

Thursday October 24 at 7:00pm

The Grins & Grins Comedy Show is a fast-paced variety show that incorporates magic, ventriloquism, whip-cracking, “daring” feats of balance, circus skills and more to create a family-friendly show that is WAAAY more than just another juggling act!

Family event! No registration.

Barn Center Traveling Story Time - with live animals!

Monday October 28 at 11:00am: *Rumble in the Jungle*

Hear a fun rhyming story about jungle friends and meet a tropical animal!

AND

Tuesday November 5 at 11:00am: *Verdi*

Hear a story about a snake who does not want to grow up and meet a real snake!

Ages 2-6. No registration.



Trick or Treat at the Library

Thursday, October 31. All day. All ages.

Come dressed in costume and trick or treat throughout the library!

Stone Soup

Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 pm. All Ages.

Join us for the telling of the story “Stone Soup” about a community that works together to help all those in need. Then stay for a bowl of chicken noodle soup and bread.

Please bring a canned item to be donated to the local food pantry.

Ugly Sweater Party! Featuring music by Silly Joe Sings!

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm.

Music, refreshments, and prizes for best sweaters!

Children & adults are all encouraged to come dressed in their best ugly holiday sweater.

Get creative and make something unique - the crazier, the better!

(Ugly Sweater not required - you can still join in the fun!)

FAQS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE FREE LIBRARY OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

The Library has something for everyone—Books, DVDs, audio books and children’s books galore. The library has also gone digital with access to ebooks and digital audio. Stream Free movies with Kanopy—an on-demand video streaming service. Bonjour--learn a new language with Mango Languages a free online language learning tool. All you need is your library card and PIN!

Need a location to meet with your group? The library has meeting room space. It is free if you are a nonprofit organization, and there is an hourly fee if you are a business. Call to check on availability—dates go fast.

Did you know that our Librarians help students complete their coursework by serving as proctors for online exams? There is a fee of \$10.00 for Northampton Township residents and non-residents have a fee of \$20.00.

“Books are an everlasting joy”—Purchase a book in memory of a loved one or celebrate your grandchild’s birthday with a “Birthday Book”. For the cost of a book (\$25.00 minimum) the library will purchase a book of your choice or select one for you. A small bookplate is placed inside the book commemorating the loved one and the donor. Say it with books!

The library needs you!! Your monetary donations during our Annual Appeal or on the National Day of Giving and your support of the Fall Fund-Fest on October 18th truly make all the difference. Thank You for your continued support.

Remember to support the Free Library of Northampton Township on the National Day of Giving on Tuesday, December 3rd.
www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org

AUTUMN IS AWESOME AT THE LIBRARY

Fred Miller presents his newest lecture-in-song with "Cantare!—the Italian Presence in American Popular Song".

Saturday, October 12th at 2:00pm No registration.

Historical Reenactor Michael Jesberger presents "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and the Hessians"

Thursday, October 17th at 7:00pm

In this program, one of America's oldest and beloved short story is explored. Mr. Jesberger explains the connections to actual events that occurred in the Hudson Valley of New York during the American Revolution. No registration.

Opioid Awareness and Narcan Training

Monday, October 21st at 6:30pm

The Narcan is provided through a grant funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services. Along with the Narcan training, attendees will also learn critical response instructions for an overdose. Additional information is provided by representatives from local community organizations that are on the front lines of fighting the opioid crisis. No registration.

"Is it Winter Blues or is it Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)" presented by Doylestown Health Connections

Thursday, November 7th at 7:00pm

.More than just the winter blues—it could be Seasonal Affective Disorder and don't suffer alone. Learn about what treatments are available. This is a PA Forward program for Health Information Literacy. No registration.

"Home Disasters 101"

Saturday, November 9th at 2:00pm.

Beth Allen, the Hip Chick, returns to help you survive a multitude of home disasters. Water, fire, gas, wind, rain, and ice can wreak havoc on your home with costly and even deadly results. Obtain tips on how to implement proactive measures and avoid home disasters. No registration.

Female Spies of World War II.

Saturday, November 9th at 2:00pm.

Presented by Alisa Dupuy. Ms. Dupuy portrays the British spymaster Vera Atkins, and be amazed she expounds upon the many American women who served their country as Allied spies. No registration.

"Know Your Medicare Options"

Monday, November 11th at 6:30pm.

Approaching 65 years of age and confused about Medicare? Learn how Medicare works. This is a PA Forward program for Information Literacy. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

ARCHIVES – FALL 2019

The Northampton Township Archives are located inside the Free Library of Northampton Township.

The Archive's collections are searchable online! A link to the Archives Catalog can be found on the Archives webpage: <http://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/archives>

The Archives is currently working on building its collection of materials and items pertaining to life in Northampton Township in the latter half of the 20th century. If you have photographs, documents, news articles, or other information relevant to Northampton Township from that time period, please contact the archives by emailing archivist@nhtwp.com or by calling and leaving a message at 215-357-3050 extension 207. You can also find @nhtarchives on Facebook.

If you wish to visit the Archives, call the reference desk and ask for Sarah to make an appointment.



"WE WANT YOUR STUFF"

Did you live in Northampton Twp. in the 60's, 70's 80's? Do you have photos, newspapers, school yearbooks or real-estate brochures that show our community in days gone past? In partnership with the Northampton Township Historic Commission, Northampton Township would like to feature these items in the display case inside the Township building. Items may be brought to the Northampton Archives, located in the Northampton Township Library, for assessment.

Call the Archivist Custodian, Sarah Fetzer, at 215-357-3050 ext. 207 with any questions.

MORE LIBRARY EVENTS

Fairy Tale STEAM *3rd Wednesday of the Month at 4:30 pm.*

For Grades k-2

October 16 - Little Red Riding Hood

November 20 - Rapunzel

December 18 - Gingerbread Man

Hear the story and then participate in fun STEAM projects. No registration.

Dream Catcher - Art and History Workshop

Tuesday, November 12 at 4:30 pm. For Grades 3-5

For National American Indian Heritage Month, we will discuss this native tradition and its meaning. Make a Dream Catcher using washi tape, yarn, and feathers - with Anita Thompson.

Registration is required and begins on October 15.

Read to the Dogs

1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 am. October - May.

For grades k-6.

Choose a book and read to our Nor'Wester Reader Therapy Dogs. No registration.

Lego Club

4th Saturday of the month from 12:00-2:00 pm. September - May (no session in December). All ages. We provide the Lego's you provide the imagination. No registration.

Twilight Tales

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

November 5 - All About Dogs

December 3 - Winter Wonderland

Family story time for kids of all ages. Stories, songs and bedtime snack. No registration.

On My Own Preschool Story Time

Mondays at 11:00am or 2:00pm November 18 - December 16

This story time is designed to allow preschoolers to attend on their own while parents are close by. For ages 3 - 5. Registration is required and begins on October 28.

Baby Jamboree

Wednesdays at 10:30am September 11 - November 20

30 minutes of simple stories, rhymes, songs & BUBBLES! For babies up to 18 months. No registration.

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30am September 12 - November 21

Stories, songs & a craft for toddlers ages 19 months - 36 months and a caregiver. No registration.

Stay & Play

Mondays at 10:00am November 18 - December 16. For ages 2-6.

Make a play date at the library! Enjoy our toys and socialize with other parents. No registration.

Doodle Days - Dress for a Mess!

2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30. For ages 2-6.

October 9 - Tie Dye Butterfly

November 13 - Play Doh Play

No registration.

Planning and Zoning Corner. .

The following is multi-part series on the planning and zoning process. In each issue, we will focus on a particular area in order to better help you understand the documents, process, and terms that guide planning and zoning in Northampton Township. This month we will focus on the Northampton Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

What is the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance?

As discussed in a previous edition, the Zoning Ordinance outlines setbacks, minimum lot areas, lot coverage requirements, permitted uses, parking requirements, and other criteria. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance contains more specific design standards, such as the following:

- street design requirements, including cartway and paving width
- sidewalk design standards
- lighting requirements
- grading, drainage, and erosion and sediment control
- parking lot design requirements
- administrative provisions related to processing subdivision and land development applications

Unlike variance requests from the Zoning Ordinance which go before the Zoning Hearing Board, waiver requests from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance go before the Board of Supervisors.

If you have any questions or require more detailed information, feel free to contact Mike Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning, at 215-357-6800 x214. He will be happy to answer any questions.

Next Issue: Planning Commission



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Are Your Downspouts or Sump Pumps Connected to the Sanitary Sewer System?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS

Q: WHAT IS A DOWNSPOUT?

A: A downspout is a pipe that is connected to the rain gutter of your home. The pipe may be improperly connected to your sanitary sewer service. When it rains or when the snow on your roof melts, the water travels down the gutters into the downspouts and finally into the sanitary sewer main in the street.



Q: WHY IS HAVING YOUR DOWNSPOUTS CONNECTED A PROBLEM?

A: Discharging rain water to a sanitary sewer through downspouts violates state and federal laws required by the Clean Water Act of 1977, and contributes to increased cost of stormwater that the Authority has to unnecessarily convey and treat each year. Stormwater from downspouts greatly contributes to this increased wastewater flow. Because the Authority system is not designed to handle this amount of flow, the wastewater is not treated properly and adds to the potential of discharging pollutants to the environment.

Q: HOW DO I DISCONNECT MY DOWNSPOUTS?

A: Disconnecting your downspouts is very easy and inexpensive. It can be done by disconnecting your rain gutter from the downspout and then connecting it to a downspout extension. A downspout extension can also provide water to landscaping that would not normally receive rain water due to overhangs. Downspout extensions can be purchased at any hardware or home and garden store.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I DECIDE TO NOT DISCONNECT MY DOWNSPOUTS OR SUMP PUMPS?

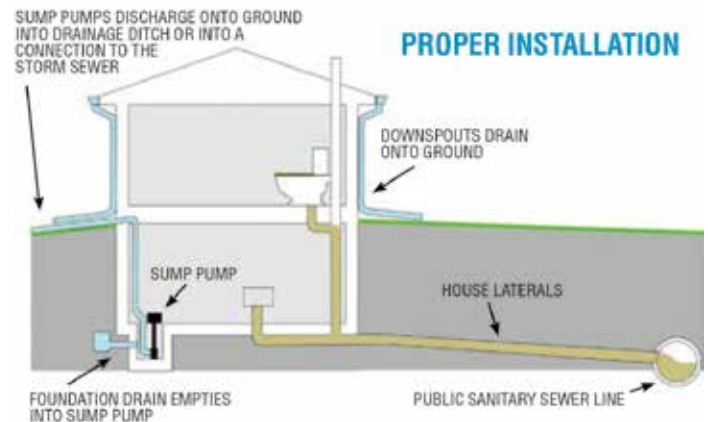
A: Pursuant to Northampton Township Ordinance No 492, a violation is punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 per day.

Q: WHAT IS THE REASON FOR REGULATION?

A: Wastewater is the discharge from toilets, sinks, showers, bathtubs, dishwashers and washing machines. People produce wastewater. It must be treated. Wastewater is removed through the sanitary sewer system. Sanitary sewers carry it to a treatment facility. Groundwater or storm water is water from rain or snow, which seeps into the soil. When soil becomes saturated, ground water seeps into basements. Sump pumps are commonly used to remove this water. Sump pumps must not be connected to sanitary sewers, but rather must be connected to a storm sewer or discharged onto lawns.

Q: WHY?

A: When sump pumps or downspouts discharge into sanitary sewer, flooding often is the result. Sanitary sewers are not designed to handle the extra volume rain runoff and sump pumps add. This extra volume overloads the design capacity of the system. Wastewater needs to be treated. Groundwater from sump pumps or downspouts does not. When the volume of wastewater is increased by the addition of groundwater from sump pumps, the Authority's and ultimately the home and business owners' treatment cost increase significantly and unnecessarily. On March 12, 2004, Northampton Township passed Ordinance No. 492, which prohibits sump pumps from being connected to sanitary sewers. A violation is punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 per day.



Q: WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY SUMP PUMP OR DOWNSPOUTS ARE CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER?

A: Reroute the pipe so that it discharges onto your lawn or into a nearby storm sewer. If you have questions, or need assistance or advice about how to bring your sump pump into compliance with the law, contact the Municipal Authority at 215-357-8515.

Q: IF I ASK FOR HELP, WILL I BE SUBJECT TO THE FINE?

A: No, as long as you take immediate steps to disconnect your sump pump or downspouts from the sanitary sewer. Our main mission is to eliminate those connections.

Q: ARE WE THE ONLY TOWNSHIP HAVING THIS PROBLEM?

A: No. All communities are dealing with the same issues. We are seeking your assistance in promoting environmental responsibility.



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- ~ **All Memberships valid through March 31, 2021**
- ~ **Unlimited Greens Fees 7 days a week with all annual memberships!**
- ~ **Add unlimited carts for \$1000 per person**
- ~ **Access to all Club Tournaments**
- ~ **Offer valid for new or existing members!**



It's been one year since Northampton Township purchased the Northampton Valley Country Club so we thought we would provide a brief year in review:

- Rounds of golf are up by 7%
- Greens fee / cart fee revenue is up by 6%
- Membership revenue is up 15%
- Pro shop revenue is up 11%
- Grille Room revenue is up 27%
- Grille Room revenue has already exceeded the prior year total (Jan through December 2018)
- Banquets are projected to earn \$2.2m in revenue.

For more information or a tour of our facilities, please call
(215) 355-2234 www.nvcc.com

NVCC FAQ'S

1. Do I need to be a member to play golf at the country club?
 - a. No – while we do offer annual memberships, the golf course is open to public play!
2. How do I schedule a tee time?
 - a. You can call 215.355.2234, visit us online at www.nvcc.com, or stop by the pro shop at 299 Newtown-Richboro Road
3. Do you offer golf leagues?
 - a. We have evening golf leagues that start at 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and run from April through August (each night is a different league). Contact the pro shop for more information on how to get involved!
4. Is there a restaurant that is open to the public?
 - a. The Bar and Grille is open daily until 7:00 pm from April until November with breakfast available during the summer starting at 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. During the winter months it remains open but days and hours may vary depending on conditions. Please check with the pro shop before coming out – 215.355.2234
5. What types of special events are held at the country club?
 - a. There are two banquet rooms and a Bar and Grille that are available for events of all kinds – Weddings, Golf Outings, Bar / Bat Mitzvahs, Communion parties, Sweet Sixteens, Corporate Events and more. If you have a reason to celebrate, contact the banquet department!

State of Recycling - July 2019

RECYCLING UPDATE - TWO YEARS AFTER CHINA'S WTO ANNOUNCEMENT

July marks two years since China announced to the World Trade Organization (WTO) that it would ban imports of mixed paper and plastics beginning on January 1, 2018. While some industry leaders thought that it would be a fleeting action, others saw global change to recycling as imminent.

So – two years later, where are we?

CURRENT RECYCLING TRENDS – A 2019 SNAPSHOT

Not only did China implement its bans, they also announced a series of additional policy changes that have adversely affected market conditions for recycling.

- **Global market demand impacted by China's policy changes.** By banning materials, reducing import quotas and increasing quality specifications for all imports of recyclables, China's policies created a ripple effect, impacting global supply and demand for recyclables, and increasing material recovery facility (MRF) operating costs.
- **Commodity values are impacted.** Without China as an end market, global supply exceeds demand. As a result, commodity values are the lowest in over a decade, which has resulted in increases to the cost of recycling for our customers. While PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastics pricing have remained fairly stable, paper prices have fallen dramatically. Since paper makes up almost 60% of the material that we process at our single-stream MRFs, paper pricing plays an important role in the health of our programs. Mixed Paper has fallen from \$88/ton in 2017 to a charge of \$(5-20) ton today in many parts of the country. Even cardboard prices are the lowest that we've ever seen. At the extreme end of the scale, the value of cardboard in the Pacific Northwest was \$170/ton two years ago and is \$15/ton today. **The average commodity price for all recyclables sold from all our MRFs is roughly 70% less than the average two years ago.**

IMPACT ON THE COST OF RECYCLING

Recycling costs have increased across the globe for collectors, processors and recycling customers, driving long-term changes in the industry.

- **Reframing recycling contracts.** For years, recycling processors have carried the risk of commodity price swings and material stream changes. However, given the extreme and consistent downturn with current market conditions, new contract language ensures that processors are paid for the cost of processing first, then they share remaining commodity revenues.
- **Improving long-term sustainability of recycling.** While cost increases and contract changes are part of a difficult transition and transfer of risk, they improve the long-term sustainability of recycling.

IMPROVING RECYCLING: WE ARE INCREASING QUALITY ONE CUSTOMER AT A TIME

Recyclables are commodities, and **recycling** is about creating a valuable feedstock to manufacture new products and goods with a reduced environmental impact. Recycling plays an important

and fundamental role in the growth of thriving economies.



- **Reducing inbound contamination.** Current market conditions have created the necessity and opportunity to continually work with customers to help them recycle correctly. WM developed the **Recycle Often. Recycle Right.**SM program (www.rorr.com) to help customers know how to recycle.
- **Responsible Recycling.** We continue to move our recyclables to end markets for manufacture into new products and packaging.
- **Plastics to domestic markets.** We made a commitment to sell all of our residential plastics to domestic markets. We partner with sustainable domestic outlets that need recycled material to support their goals as well.
- **Recycling success.** Our education efforts are making a difference. They have helped reduce contamination levels at our MRFs from 25% to under 20% today.

CITIES ARE CONTINUING TO RECYCLE

While there has been quite a bit of news about cities ending programs, few cities have dropped their programs altogether – and most have been smaller communities. However, cities are carefully reviewing the economics of recycling as costs are increasing. Some are collecting less frequently or reducing the menu of recyclables they collect to reduce their costs.

Residents want to recycle! Cities are hearing from their residents that they want to recycle. Current conditions are creating an understanding of the value of recycling in communities across the country.

OPPORTUNITY FROM CRISIS: WE ARE INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

WM is not waiting for markets to improve. We are investing in the future of recycling, and in new technologies:

- **Waste Management is investing in the future of recycling.** With over a billion dollars already invested in our recycling infrastructure, we invested over \$100M in 2018, will invest over \$100M this year, and expect to invest comparable amounts in the coming years. We are investing in our recycling infrastructure for the future.
- **WM has announced three new multi-million facilities so far this year.** We are not only building new facilities, we are also upgrading our existing facilities to handle more material, more efficiently.
- **We have over 100 installations of new technologies in process this year – from optical sorting to robotics to A-I technologies.** Our “recycling facility of the future” is under construction near Chicago and will open at the end of the year, paving the way for the next generation of recycling.

The recycling industry is resilient and adaptable. We believe the current market conditions for recyclables are temporary. Despite the ups and downs of commodities markets and the complexities of international trade, recycling is about commerce and long-term

DID YOU KNOW?

How can I dispose of my mattress & box spring?

Mattress & box spring are a set and can be placed curbside as your one bulk item on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. Mattress & box spring must be bagged & sealed in a plastic mattress bag when placed to the curb.

Can I dispose of bamboo with my yard waste?

Bamboo cannot be disposed of with your yard waste. Please put the bamboo in plastic bags or trash cans and put it to the curb on your regular trash collection day. Please remember, each household is limited to twelve (12) bags or cans of trash and your bamboo counts towards the twelve can limit.

Can I put my television & old electronics to the curb for trash pickup?

Pennsylvania State law requires that televisions, computers & monitors be recycled and prohibits disposal as trash. Visit the website, www.buckscounty.org/recycle for a list of useful company names that will help dispose of electronics.

What are the holidays throughout the year that J. P. Mascaro DOES NOT pick up my trash?

The holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day. If your scheduled collection day is on a holiday then collection will occur the next day. This will affect collection in all areas of the Township for the rest of the week. Example: Monday, Memorial Day, Monday collection will occur Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday and Thursday collection on Friday.

Is the Northampton Township Administration Building opened every day?

The Northampton Township Administration Building is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are closed on these holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve.

How can I receive news and announcements about Northampton Township?

Visit our website at www.northamptontownship.com and click on the Resources link at the top of the page, then click on Alerts and sign up for the email Alerts.

Does J. P. Mascaro pick up yard waste all year long?

April 1st through December 15th unlimited yard waste will be collected and taken to the composting facility the day following collection of trash/recycling. Always use biodegradable 30-gallon paper bags or trash containers that do not weigh more than 50 pounds. Tree branches & shrubbery must be no more than 36 inches long and less than 3 inches in diameter, they must be bundles and tied, taped or put in biodegradable bags. Branches & shrubbery cannot extend over the top of the can or bag.

December 16th to March 31st, yard waste is collected the same day as trash and limited to five (5) containers. Cans may be used and plastic bags may be used during this time. These five (5) containers count towards the twelve (12) can limit.

When do I put my Christmas tree to the curb for pick up?

Christmas trees should be placed curbside the third week in January. The week of January 20th, 2020, the day after your regular pick up. Example, Monday is your regular trash day, Tuesday your Christmas tree will be picked up. Please don't put your Christmas tree to the curb before that date it will not be picked up.

I just moved to Northampton Township, do you provide trash cans & recycling toter?

Northampton Township DOES NOT provide trash cans for residents. Each household is limited to twelve (12) bags or cans (trash containers must be 32 gallons or smaller). The township does provide each resident with one (1), 64 gallon green recyclable toter. Collection of trash starts at 6 am, we ask that you put your trash to the curb after 6:30 pm the night before.

How do I dispose of old prescriptions and over-the-counter medications?

You may dispose of all medications in the secure drug disposal box located in the police station lobby. The police station lobby is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How do I register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot?

All voter issues and questions are handled by the Bucks County Board of Elections, phone 215-348-6154 or <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/CommunityServices/BoardofElections> Most forms are available online, or you may pick up voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications at the Township Administration Building; you will still need to submit the completed form to the Board of Elections.



FAQ'S

1. What does the Parks & Recreation Department offer?

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of activities for people of all ages. Classes and workshops include but are not limited to sports, fitness, art, dance, cooking, first aid, babysitting, etc. Special events and bus trips are scheduled throughout the year. A preschool program from September to June prepares preschoolers for a lifetime of learning. Camps for ages 3 thru 13 are held at the Recreation Center and a number of Council Rock schools for 6-8 week sessions. Weekly specialty camps also keep children busy all summer long. A summer concert series provides entertainment for young and old alike.

In addition to the many programs tickets to local attractions, movie theaters and ski resorts are sold at a discount.

The park system has a variety of amenities including ball fields, special designed Miracle League fields, playgrounds, picnic pavilions, amphitheater, tennis and basketball courts, walking trails and a swim club.

2. How can I find out what is offered?

The Parks and Recreation website, www.northamptonrec.com, lists all the programs, special events and services offered. In addition to the website which is updated regularly, information is available in the Parks and Recreation brochure which is mailed to all township residences four (4) times a year.

3. How do I register for a program?

Registration can be made in person at the Recreation Office, 55 Township Road or the Recreation Center, 345 Newtown-Richboro Road, by mail, over the phone or online at the Parks and Recreation website www.northamptonrec.com. The website is easily navigable but in the event assistance is needed the Parks and Recreation Staff can help with a simple phone call.

4. What are the phone numbers of the Parks and Recreation Department?

All Parks and Recreation Staff can be reached at 215-357-6800 ext. 249 including those at the Recreation Center. The direct line to the Recreation Center is 215-357-5396.

5. What are the hours of the Parks & Recreation Office and the Recreation Center?

The Parks and Recreation Office is located within the Township Administration Building and has the same hours as the other departments housed in the Township Administration building which is 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

The Recreation Center hours vary depending on activities and events scheduled. Full-time staff handle general business from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Hours are extended throughout the evening and weekends to accommodate the programs, workshops and special events scheduled. Since the Recreation Center is home to Camp Adventure in the summer, the center is closed to other business until evening programs take place.

6. Where are programs held?

Most classes are held at the Recreation Center. However, classes are scheduled at other facilities including the James E. Kinney Senior Center, Maureen M. Welch Elementary School, Northampton Valley Swim Club, Township Parks as well as privately owned facilities.

7. Where are the Township Parks and Recreation facilities located?

The Recreation Complex consisting of the Recreation Center, Civic Center 1 & 2 Parks is located at 345 Newtown – Richboro Road in Richboro. The Civic Center serves as home to Council Rock Soccer Association, Northampton Indians Football Association, and the Northampton Baseball League. The Municipal Park is located behind the Maureen M. Welch Elementary in Churchville, PA on Hatboro Road and serves as the home to Northampton Girls Softball Program, the Township's Summer Concert Series and the Garden of Remembrance. Hampton Estates Park located at 150 Saint Leonard's Road serves as the home to the Council Rock Holland Baseball League. Big Meadow Park located on Stoney Ford Road has additional fields for the sports programs and Pheasant Run located on Quail and Chapel Drive in Holland is open space that backs up to the Churchville Reservoir. Lastly, Northampton Swim Club which is used primarily for the summer camps, the Northampton Swim Team and a Monday thru Friday membership is located within the Northampton Valley Country Club grounds off of Harmony Drive and Newtown-Richboro Rd in Richboro.

8. Are there any facilities I can rent for a party, picnic or event?

The Recreation Center rooms and gymnasium can be rented out for birthday parties or sports activities if scheduling allows. The Municipal Park has picnic pavilions that are perfect for summer picnics, bar-b-ques, and outdoor birthday parties. The Swim Club also is available for private rentals.

9. I have an idea for a program, what do I do?

The Parks and Recreation Staff is always looking for new ideas and/or new instructors. If you have an idea, or special skill and knowledge and want to share it with the community we want to hear from you. A simple phone call to 215-357-5396 will get the process started.

BOO! BOO! BOO! BOO!

The 43rd Annual Halloween Happening

FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
Northampton Recreation Center, 345 Newtown-Richboro Road, Richboro

11:00 AM.....COSTUME REGISTRATION
11:15 AMENTERTAINMENT – Silly Joe
12:00 PMCOSTUME PARADE begins by age category
12:30 PMFriendly Fortune Teller, Balloons, Spooky Science, Face Painting, Pumpkin Patch, Games & more!
Parade costumes are judged in the following categories:
2 YEARS AND YOUNGER AGES 3-5 AGES 6-8 AGES 9-12 FAMILY GROUP

Trophies presented to the top 3 winners in each category.

FREE TREAT BAGS for the first 300 children 12 yrs. & under

Food will be available for purchase - Proceeds benefit the **NORTHAMPTON LION'S CLUB**

Visit the website at: www.northamptonrec.com



BOOK & BEDTIME with Mrs. Claus

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation and the Free Library of Northampton have invited a special guest to share the Spirit of the Season! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite bedtime pal for a visit with Mrs. Claus at the Northampton Free Library. Mrs. Claus will read you a special bedtime story and give you some inside information on how all those toys are made inside Santa's Workshop. Be sure to bring your list as the elves will deliver it to Santa by Reindeer Express! And a "special guest" is scheduled to arrive, if we're lucky!

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11** or **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Free Library of Northampton, Township & Upper Holland Road- Richboro

AGE: 2-12 yrs. (young children must be accompanied by an adult)

FEE: \$12.00 per child *Northampton Resident Child*,
 \$15.00 per child – all Non-resident Children



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OR CALL
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Price includes a take-home craft & photo.



PARKS AND RECREATION 2019 DISCOUNTED TICKET PROGRAM



Tickets are available at the Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro. Monday thru Friday 8:45 am to 4:15 pm. Pay by cash, credit card or check (Northampton Township residents ONLY) For more information and ticket availability call the Parks and Recreation Office at 215-357-6800 ext 249. Purchase your tickets early as supplies may be limited. Prices are subject to change. All sales are final.

ATTRACTION	GATE PRICE	SALE PRICE	YOUR SAVINGS
ADVENTURE AQUARIUM (CAMDEN)			
Child (2-12 years)	\$ 25.58	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.58
Adult (13 & older)	\$ 34.11	\$ 24.00	\$ 10.11
AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM			
Child 6-17 years)	\$ 21.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 5.00
Adult (18 & older)	\$ 13.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00
BALTIMORE AQUARIUM			
Child (3-11 years)	\$ 29.95	\$ 21.00	\$ 8.95
Adult (12 & older)	\$ 39.95	\$ 33.00	\$ 6.95
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BUTTERFLY GARDEN OF REMBRANCE



Butterfly Garden of Remembrance: This tranquil memory garden is located at the Northampton Municipal Park, 281 Hatboro Rd., Churchville, near the amphitheater. The Butterfly Garden is a space of peace and comfort where you can memorialize and honor a loved one with a customized brick or garden donation. The Garden is supported in partnership with the Northampton Township Business & Professional Association. For further information or inquiries, visit: www.northamptonrec.com or call 215-357-6800 ext. 256

LOCAL CHARITY AND NON-PROFIT PHOTO SHOWCASE

~ SEND A PHOTO AND GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE GOOD WORK YOU PROVIDE ~

Northampton Township Parks & Recreation would like to highlight local non-profits and charities that help to make our community thrive. Involvement, commitment, and volunteerism are ways to increase awareness of those in need. As a backbone in many local communities, these organizations work tirelessly to make Northampton Township a better place for everyone and their amazing work deserves to be celebrated.



- Photos must be taken in Northampton Township and the charity/ non-profit entrants must be headquartered in the Township (Churchville, Holland, Ivyland & Richboro)
- Photos and details should be emailed to bsatterley@nhtwp.org with a notation "Photo Showcase" in the subject line.

For many charities, photographs are a vital way to convey the important work that they do. Submit a photo showing how your charity is making a difference in our community. Entries should depict how that organization helps to connect people with a cause while providing inspiration to promote awareness. Photo submissions should be accompanied by a 2-3 sentence charity overview, along with a website link where residents can find out more info, how to volunteer or join your cause.

Entrant photos, description, and website link will be highlighted bi-weekly starting in November on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page: [Facebook.com/NorthamptonRec](https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonRec). You will be notified when your charity will be highlighted so you can like/share with Facebook friends. A compilation list of local organizations will be made available as a community link on the Parks and Recreation website.

Questions? Call 215-357-6800 ext. 256 or visit: northamptonrec.com

A different charity/ non-profit will be displayed on the P&R Facebook page giving the public an opportunity to see their work in action and obtain more information on the good works that they offer.

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- Only one submission per charity/ non-profit will be accepted.
- You may send up to 3 photos to be displayed *
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- Closing date for submissions is Thursday, October 31, 2019.

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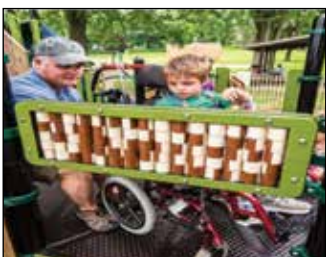


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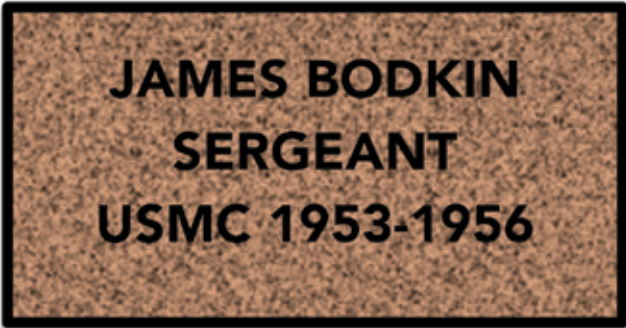
If you would like to make a donation to support the purchase and installation of new equipment so that children can play together without experiencing physical or social barriers visit the website at www.mlnorthampton.com or mail a check to:

Miracle League of Northampton Township PA P.O. Box 453 Richboro, PA 18954-0453.

For more information contact Nancy Opalka, Director of Parks and Recreation at nopalka@nhtwp.org or 215-357-6800.



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Historic Commission

Congratulations to the Northampton Township Police Department on relocating into a new home after almost 45 years at their previous headquarters. Those of us at a certain age can remember the original Township building utilized for approximately 20 years which for the first time consolidated all functions of local government at one location. Continuing with our series on a "Decade of Change the 1950's" we will examine the origins of the first Northampton Township Administration Building.

The Township throughout its history had never owned any buildings or land, most of their concerns were in maintaining the local roads and equipment was primarily stored in local barns. There was not Township Police and without Zoning ordinances no need to issue building permits, inspect construction work or plan for future growth, etc.

Records prior to 1932 are unavailable but it was known by then most Supervisors meetings were held at the Spread Eagle Inn in Richboro. There was usually only one meeting per month "open" to the public as required by the Second Class Township Code. Sometime during the 1930s the Township also started utilizing sheds or small garages for equipment storage in the rear of the Spread Eagle Inn's property. Rent was very cheap at approximately \$100 per year because the Spread Eagle Inn maintained a close affiliation with the Republican Party dominant in local politics at this time.

Most meetings were short and sparsely attended by local residents. Business conducted usually consisted of the Roadmaster's Report on road maintenance the previous month, Tax Collector's written tally of monies collected, and approval for any bills accrued to date. Ironically the Roadmaster during this period (paid per hour) was usually one of the Supervisors (paid per meeting). Some meetings were even held at the Supervisor's private residence and after dealing with major issues utilized the local firehouse in Richboro.

The Spread Eagle Inn at the corner of Second Street Pike and Almshouse Road still remains in Richboro recognizable by its Mansard roof. Relocated years ago from its close proximity to the roadway. It is used for alternative purposes currently. Originally there was a small barn or large Multi-purpose shed along Second Street Pike to the south. It was used partially for horses early in the 20th century but

with cars supplanting animals the barn was demolished in 1940. The owners of the Spread Eagle Inn started construction on a cinder block building but the new building was not finished until 1945, because of the material shortage during the war.

This building was rented in the late 1940s and early 1950s serving a number of tenants. It was utilized as a photography studio for a while and also a dealer in lawn equipment. The Township rented the building in 1956 for their meetings and shortly thereafter, required all ancillary groups such as the Planning Commission to use this central location. The main portion of the building did have a second floor which possibly was rented out to a local real estate firm.

In 1959 Northampton Township issued \$55,000 of General Obligation Bonds allocating \$25,000 towards purchasing this building and the balance after the construction of a road for the new Churchville Elementary School. The following year a wing extending from the main building was modified with 12' garage doors so Township trucks could be kept at this location. The "wing" was eventually turned into offices after completion of the Township Garage in 1968. The first garage bay became the Building Inspector's office, second Secretary-Treasurer (equal to present Township Manager), and third the newly formed Municipal Authority.

The front entrance to the building held the main meeting room (small by today's standards). The Police Department was housed in the rear of the building and a new "Roadmaster" hired in 1960 lived on the second floor until his death in 1966. There was a basement under the main building and for a time was used by State workers waiting to plow snow. Years later there were still old couches and chairs utilized by these men.

After the Roadmaster's death, the Township Police Department expanded into the second floor. Expanding with the growing population. They soon outgrew the ailing old headquarters and followed the Highway Department to a new building on Township Road. The building was sold shortly thereafter, converted to commercial purposes in the 1970s demolished in 1985 and the property currently part of the Tru-Mark Credit Union.



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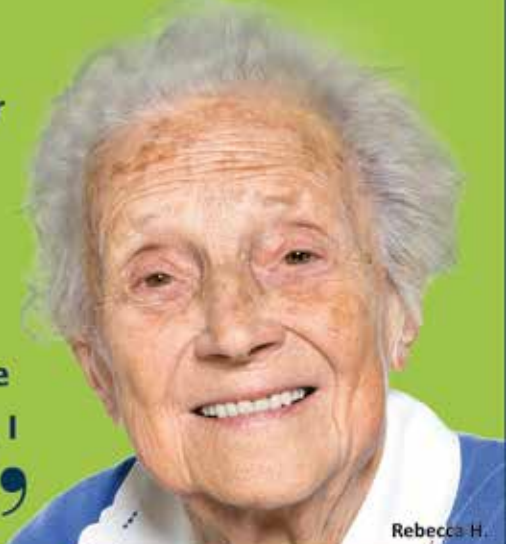

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