

NORTHAMPTON

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BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Northampton Township Welcomes Spring

Hello Everyone,

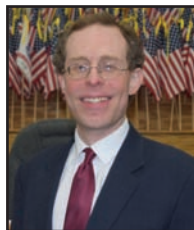
We hope you are enjoying the spring weather that is upon us as you read another new edition of our newsletter. There are lot of interesting articles and pertinent information in this edition that will update you on what you need to know for the next couple of months.

Specifically, meet one of our newest replacement officers in the Police Department; learn about Emerald Ash Borer and its devastating effects to ash trees; stay updated with planning for emergencies; and learn more about our history with another stellar article from our Historical Commission. We hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter, and if you have any follow up questions please contact the Township at 215-357-6800.

All the best,

Larry Weinstein, Chairman

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Administration Building Holiday Closing

The administration building will be closed on the following dates:
Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) and Monday, July 4 (Independence Day)



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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Appointments & Information

215.364.4141 | DoylestownHealth.org

Doylestown Health
Primary Care

As part of Doylestown Health, Doylestown Health Physicians are an employed, multi-specialty physician group including providers from primary care, cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, breast surgery, neurology and more.

Administration

MAILBOX DAMAGE DURING SNOW REMOVAL

We all know the aggravation that settles in during the winter season. As snow begins to accumulate, the risk for damage to properties and vehicles increase. Although most accidents can be avoided, one thing municipalities struggle with is the accidental damage to residential mailboxes. We know it's a concern: we had more than 130 mailboxes damaged in this past season's big storm. However, mailboxes may be damaged during snow clearing operations even under the best of conditions.

Mailboxes and posts in good condition generally withstand the force of snow plowed against them. In most cases, damage occurs during the process because aged posts are unable to withstand the force of heavy or wet snow pushed against them from snow clearing operations. So, it happens. Here's what you need to know though when an accident like this occurs during the next winter storm:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- All mailbox damage must be reported within 48 hours of an incident by contacting the Public Works Department at 215-355-3433. Upon notification, the Department will inspect and report its findings and any corrective action to the property owner.
- If a mailbox and/or mailbox post is damaged as a result of direct contact with a snowplow, our policy is to repair or replace installed mailboxes at a cost not to exceed \$60 for both the mailbox and post. If necessary, a temporary repair and/or replacement mailbox will be provided until permanent repairs can be made.
- Repairs will be made in accordance with the design standards of the United States Postal Service for minimum height and setback.

We understand some of our residents have mailboxes that have been purchased at a price point higher than the \$60 potential reimbursement. Although we would like to correct every situation to its previous state, sometimes we cannot fix every mailbox. So, whether a mailbox is one price or another, the reimbursement, if necessary, will remain at \$60 per mailbox and post. We apologize for any inconvenience this brings to our residents.

OTHER NOTES

Turf damage may also occur within the right-of-way area during plowing operations where curbs have not been installed. Any reported damage will be investigated by the Public Works Department, and any required corrective action will be addressed in the spring season by repairing the damage and spreading grass seed. The Township will not be responsible for landscaping including boulders, shrubs and trees placed in the right of way.



Administration

RECYCLING - TOTES BIN DISTRIBUTION



We encourage you to put your address on your totes.

In 2012 Northampton Township partnered with Lower and Upper Southampton Township to contract collection services to J.P. Mascaro and Sons. As part of that agreement, each household received one 64-gallon toter with each township's name on it to encourage recycling in the community.

Although we have been generous since that time with providing residents with additional totes as needed, our supply is limited at this point and we can no longer give additional totes to households. There are exceptions, though:

WHAT DO I DO IF MY TOTE IS LOST OR STOLEN?

Report the incident to the Administration Department at 215-357-6800. When you have finished filing an incident report, our Public Works Department will contact you and organize a date to drop one off at your residence.

WHAT DO I DO IF I MOVE OUT OF THE TOWNSHIP?

All totes are the property of the Township and are not to be removed from the property. If you move, please leave the bins behind so the next resident can have the opportunity to recycle.

I AM A NEW RESIDENT AND NOTICED MY TOTE WASN'T LEFT BEHIND BY THE PREVIOUS OWNERS. WHAT DO I DO?

Contact the Public Works Department at 215-355-3433.

James E. Kinney Senior Center

FREE ADMISSION **SPRING FLING SHOPPING EVENT** **GIFT BASKETS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 • 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Northampton Township
JAMES E. KINNEY SENIOR CENTER, 165 TOWNSHIP ROAD, RICHBORO, PA

Join us for this great shopping event. Just in time for Mother's Day, teacher gifts or your favorite grad or special Dad! There will be over 50 vendors with a variety of handcrafted jewelry, scarves, totes, home décor, candles, baked goods and much more!

~Food and drinks available for purchase~

A special thank you to our sponsors:



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165 Township Road, Richboro ~ Call the Center Director at: 215-357-8199

Administration



SCOOP THE POOP

DOGS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Why?

Pet Waste is more than smelly and unsightly: it is a health risk to pets, creeks, lakes and people, especially children. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and grassy areas are immediately flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, making the water unfit for irrigation, recreation or other uses. These bacteria and viruses can pose health risks to humans, such as Campylobacteriosis and Salmonellosis. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will speed up the growth of nuisance algae in lakes and rivers.

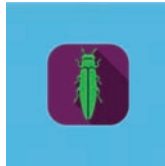
To report an illicit discharge to the storm water collection system or to a stream, creek or river, please call 215-355-3433.

WHAT IS EMERALD ASH BORER?

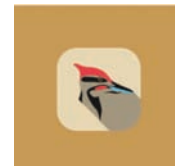


Emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire, is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia. Emerald ash borer feeds exclusively on ash trees in North America. Tens of millions of ash trees have been lost to this pest, which usually kills ash trees within 3 to 4 years of infestation.

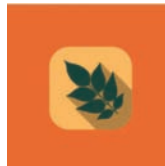
WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT EAB:



Adult Beetles are metallic green and about 1/2-inch long.



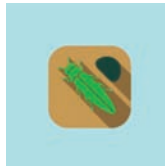
Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; heavy woodpecker damage on ash trees may be a sign of infestation.



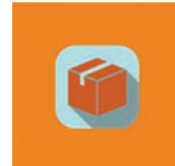
It attacks only ash trees (Fraxinus spp.)



Firewood cannot be moved in many areas because of the EAB quarantine.



Adults leave a D-shaped exit hole in the bark when they emerge in spring.



It probably came from Asia in wood packing material.

If you think you have EAB, contact the PA Department of Agriculture at 866-253-7189.

Tax Collector



Bob Borkowski

If you want to take advantage of the 2% discount period, the Tax Office will have **extended hours** for the municipal and county tax bill payments that are due on April 30.

Our extended hours include:

Wednesday, April 27 - 8:30 AM – 7 PM

Friday, April 29 - 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

We e-mail periodic reminders to residents about important tax information and dates. If you are interested in these reminders, e-mail me with your e-mail address.

Contact Information: Bob Borkowski

Phone: (215) 357-1343

Email:

bobborkowski167@gmail.com

Website:

<http://northamptontaxcollector.wordpress.com/>

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Police Department

CHIEF CLARK'S SAFETY TIPS

TURN SIGNALS

A new study by the Society of Automotive Engineers indicates the failure to use a turn signal results in more than twice the number of accidents that are caused by distracted driving. The study finds drivers across the country don't use their turn signal nearly half of the time when changing lanes, and people fail to signal a quarter of the time when making a turn. In all, creating a violation approximately 750 billion times a year.

So, please don't forget to use your turn signals!



SPRING AND SUMMER SAFETY AT HOME

We spend a large amount of time outside of our homes during the spring and summer months. We work on our lawns, gardens, host barbecues or maybe just relax at the pool. It is during these times that we sometimes forget to close our doors or leave windows open in the home. Open garage doors, in particular are used by individuals to enter the garage and then possibly the home to remove your valuable items. So please help us to reduce crime in our Township by securing your homes when you are outside.

Spring and summer is also the time that we also see an increase in contractor fraud. Remember selling a service or product in our Township requires a permit. The "quick driveway seal scam," the "repair the rain gutters" or "damaged siding" is a common way for criminals to access your property. They normally work in pairs and when one is speaking to you the other is attempting to enter your home. Please be aware of these scams and call the police department to report these individuals or if you have any concerns on solicitors.



Officer Kevin Stroup

Officer Kevin Stroup grew up in Southampton, PA. and is a graduate of William Tennent High School in Warminster. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia Police Academy and was a Philadelphia Police Officer for three years. Officer Stroup will be assigned to the Field Training Program and upon completion be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.



TOWNSHIP TIDBIT:

Northampton Township was still very much a farming community as late as 1932. There were only 18.4 miles of paved roads compared to 49 miles of dirt roads!

Building & Codes



Roof replacement is one of the most common projects related to home ownership. Although it may seem uncomplicated from a construction standpoint, there are several requirements to take into consideration.

First, if going over an existing roof, only one layer of shingles is permitted under the new layer. On the other hand, if the existing roof is being stripped down to the sheathing, ice barrier protection must be installed. This is accomplished through an ice and water shield twenty-four inches up from the exterior wall or two layers of underlayment cemented together. Roofing must also be installed per the manufacturer's specifications.

In Northampton Township, a permit is required to replace your roof. As with all projects, homeowners should coordinate with their contractors regarding who will submit the necessary forms to our office. For your protection, homeowners should also verify that your contractor is registered with the State Attorney General through

the Pennsylvania Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883. We'll be happy to answer any questions.



Fire Marshal's Office

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Northampton Township is susceptible to a variety of events both man made, and natural which can affect our community. These include hurricanes, tornados, winter ice, and snow storms, severe thunderstorms as well as hazardous materials incidents, and acts of terrorism. Many of these events can create situations which will disrupt your lives. Therefore it is important for you to have plans which address communications with your family, as well as a disaster supply kit in your home.

ReadyNotifyPA

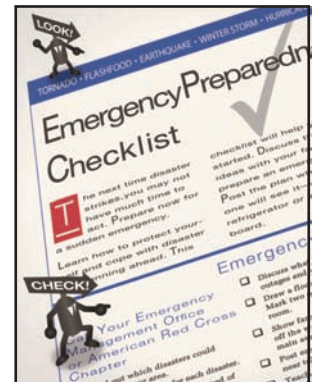
You can also register with ReadyNotifyPA to receive important emergency communications from Northampton Township and Bucks County at www.readynotifyPA.org.

EVACUATION PLAN

It's a good time to make a family communications plan that includes an evacuation plan and coordinates with school, work, and community communications plans. Practice this plan with your family.

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

It's also a good time to create a disaster supplies kit for your home. The kit should include enough supplies for each family member for four days. Remember to check your kit every six months. If you have special needs assess them before the event, and make the appropriate plans.



Additional information is available by contacting the Northampton Township Office of the Fire Marshal at 215-357-6800 or visiting the FEMA website at www.fema.gov or www.redcross.org.

Ordinance Corner



Our full Code of Ordinances can be found at www.northamptontownship.com

§13-104. False Alarms; Registration of Alarm Systems

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, including, but not limited to, an owner or lessee of any building in which a fire, holdup or burglar alarm has been installed:

- To cause, suffer, allow or permit the accidental or purposeful transmission of a false alarm signal from any public or private place to the Police Department or Fire Company.
- To cause, suffer, allow or permit to be made any report or request for police or fire service or assistance by any means of communication wherein the situation, condition, incident or emergency did not and does not exist.
- To fail to register with the Police Department an alarm system, to include, but not be limited to, burglary, robbery and fire, within 24 hours of the installation. Registration is to include the name, address and telephone number of the subscriber and of the installer and the name, address and telephone number of at least one person who has the knowledge and means to reset the alarm.

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Veterans Advisory Commission creates community awareness for the issues faced by today's veterans and active-duty military members within Northampton Township. The commission provides support to veterans and military families by developing methods of recognizing the service of its veterans and resident military and provides a forum for veterans to provide feedback on the issues that affect their lives.

For those veterans and active duty service members that have returned home safely, the community appreciates and honors your selfless devotion to duty and sacrifices made for your proud country. For those members that are currently deployed, we stand in support of your families and eagerly await your return.

The Veterans Advisory Commission undertakes certain duties and responsibilities in connection with advising the Board of Supervisors on issues faced by resident veterans and active-duty personnel along with providing support to veterans and families in the community. Commission related programs include, managing the Township's Patriots Flag Program, Memorial Day ceremony, Flag Day ceremony, Veterans Day ceremony, and other patriotic programs. Additional suggestions in support of veterans are welcomed and open for careful consideration. All special requests will be sent to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the purposes of this Commission.

WELCOME HOME TRANSITION FOR RETURNING SERVICE MEMBERS

The following checklist will help with your transition upon returning home:

1. Receive your DD 214: Have your DD 214 recorded in the County Recorder's Office for free. Safeguard all your records. You will need them again in the future!
2. Visit your County Director of Veterans Affairs or Accredited Service Organization Representative for free.
3. Take a copy of all your records with you for your appointment, Service, Medical Records, Personnel Files, Dental Records. Have your County Director of Affairs or Accredited Veterans Service Officer review your records and advise you on the benefits you qualify for.
4. File for disabilities through an accredited Veterans Service Officer.
5. Fill out VA form 10-10 EZ for VA Healthcare Benefits.
6. Go to your local VA to turn in Form 10-10 EZ and schedule an appointment.
7. You qualify for 5 years of free healthcare through the VA from your separation date.
8. When you are ready to buy a home, inform your lender you are a Veteran and that you are interested in using the VA Home Loan.
9. Provide a copy of your DD 214, Disabled veterans have the funding fee waived, you can include the down payment in the loan.
10. Visit your local Career Link Office, ask to speak with the veterans employment representative, get help finding a job, attend classes to help in your search for employment, military skills that may be used in civilian life are identified.
11. Visit colleges you are interested in The GI Bill, will help with payments for school, so ask to speak with the veterans representative on campus, always identify yourself as a Veteran and inquire about Yellow Ribbon funding in addition to GI Bill payments for college, many non-traditional programs are included in the Post 9-11 GI Bill for those that qualify.



Veterans Advisory Commission
Administration Building
55 Township Road
Richboro, PA 18954
Phone: 215-357-6800

**U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs**
1-800-827-1000



Free Library of Northampton Township

Children's Programs: Register by Calling 215-357-3050 or online at northhamptontownshiplibrary.org

SPRING 2016

Say it with Books!

Memorial Books are thoughtful, tangible ways to celebrate the memory of a loved one. Honor Books may mark a special occasion (birthday, wedding or anniversary), glory in an achievement (graduation, new job), or just say "I love you" to an exceptional person or pet. Books are then placed on our shelves with a lovely book plate. Ask at the Reference Desk for details.



Poetry Readings

April is Poetry Month and the library is celebrating with two award-winning Bucks County Poet Laureates on Thursday April 21 at 7 PM. Lynn Levin has published six works of poetry and teaches at Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania. Bill Wunder is the author of three poetry collections. Join both as they read special poems from their works. No registration necessary.

Neill Hartley presents the Spirit of Lindbergh



On Saturday May 14 at 2 PM, get caught up in the Spirit of Lindbergh, as actor, Neill Hartley, portrays "Lucky Lindy and transports you on his historic flight across the

Atlantic. Experience firsthand the journey that riveted the world and transformed aviation. No registration necessary.

Chef Kristi Emery Presents "Dinner on the Light Side"

Discover light and healthy meals for those warm summer evenings on Thursday, May 19 at 7 PM. Attendees will be treated to taste samplings and given a recipe packet with instructions. Seating is limited--please call the Reference Desk to register. The local business, Moore Energy, is pleased to sponsor this library program.

Norm Rubin presents the History of the Catskills: The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt.

The Catskills were transformed in the early twentieth century from wilderness to a major vacation spot for European immigrants, especially those from Russia. Join Mr. Rubin on Saturday, June 11 at 2 PM as he chronicles this transformation and relates the performing arts industry that thrived in this area for decades. Many television and movie stars got their start right in his grandfather's hotel. Enjoy the memories. No registration necessary.

"Civics for Grownups" What Were They Thinking: The Constitution & Bill of Rights (Session 1)

Get ready for the year ahead in American politics and government with the first of a four-part series on Thursday, June 16 at 7 PM. Review separation of powers, checks and balances and other issues connected to the U.S. Constitution. This is a perfect series for high school students and anyone interested in our political system.



Dave Deluca presents his Star Spangled Songbook

Celebrate America with the wonders of its music with accomplished singer Dave Deluca on Saturday July 9 at 2:00 PM.

Children's Programs

Dog Days at the Library

Saturdays, April 2 and May 7 at 11 AM

For kids in preschool - 6th grade.

The Nor'wester Readers will be bringing their tail wagging therapy dogs to the library.

Pick out a book, take a seat and read to these wonderful dogs. The first Saturday of each month October through May.

No registration necessary, just drop in!



4-H Robotics Club

April 7 at 7 PM and continuing the 1st Thursday of every month.

For Ages 10 and up.

Call for more information.



Toddler Playgroup

Fridays, April 8 and May 13 at 11 AM

For moms, dads, grandparents, and their toddlers. Come and play at the library! Meet new friends and enjoy some fun social time.

No registration necessary, just drop in!

Lego Club

Saturday April 23 and May 28 at noon

Fun for the whole family!

Build your own creations with our Lego's.

No registration necessary.

Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation

Monday, May 23 at 7 PM

For grades 8 and up

Would you like to volunteer this summer and earn LINC's hours? We have openings in several areas. Assist in children's programs, help with Summer Reading sign up, Chalk the Walk, and more.

Registration begins April 18.



Starry Nights Family Story Program

Thursday, May 26 at 7 PM

For ages 2-6

Join us for stories and crafts and bedtime snacks.

Registration begins April 28.



SWIMMING... IT DOES EVERY BODY GOOD! JOIN NORTHAMPTON SWIM CLUB...

Located at Northampton Valley Country Club, Harmony Drive & Newtown-Richboro Roads

Are you looking for a relaxed family atmosphere where you can enjoy a dip in the pool and fun in the sun weekdays while keeping your weekends free for trips to the shore, the mountains, or to attend your favorite activities?

Join today for swimming, special holiday picnics, poolside pizza and ice cream parties and much more!

- Swim Team available - Ages 5-18 - Call to Register
- MEMBERSHIP... Monday through Friday only. No weekend swimming.
- Family is a husband and/or wife and dependent children under age 21, residing at the same address on a permanent basis.
- One caregiver age 18 or over may be added to family membership.
- Children under 14 may join only with another family member who is 21 or older.
- Children 14 and older are required to provide proof of age to join as a single member. Parental signature required granting permission for 14 to 18 year olds to attend the swim club alone.
- No charge for children under 2, however, the child's information is needed to process the membership.
- Senior rate is available for individuals age 62 and over, or couples both age 62.
- Age determined as of first day of the season, May 30, 2016.



SWIM LESSONS

Two week sessions are held 6/20-6/30, 7/5-7/14, 7/18-7/28, 8/8-8/18

Visit www.northamptonrec.com for more information

Residents: Single = \$230 * Family of 2 = \$440 * Family of 3 = \$565 * Family of 4 = \$645
* Additional Members = \$50 each *

Senior Single = \$145 * Senior Couple = \$245. Non-residents are welcome to join for just \$30 more!

BucksFit 5K Run, 1K Fun Run

You can Run...You can Walk...You can DO IT!

Whether you are a seasoned pro, a first time runner or walker, this race has it all covered. Start your program now and you'll be ready for April!

- **The BucksFit 5K Run** - same rules, same run, same fun for all ages. Awards for Top runners - Male & Female, Child and School categories in 5K receive cash value gift cards.
- **1K Fun Run/Walk** - go at your own pace, no timing or pressure, just great exercise. No awards given out, but your registration includes a t-shirt and refreshments.

WHEN: Sunday, April 24, 2016 (Rain or Shine)

WHERE: Northampton Municipal Park Playground Pavilion
park entrance 281 Hatboro Rd, Churchville

TIME: 5K Run - 8:30 AM • 1K Fun Run - 8:45 AM

REGISTRATION: northamptonrec.com. or Day of reg. starts at 7:15 AM

FEES: Register early and get the discount!

5K / 1K PRE-RACE thru 4/23:

Grades K - 6: \$ 12.00
14 yrs. - Adult: \$ 22.00

RACE DAY : 4/24

Grades K - 6: \$ 15.00
14 yrs. - Adult: \$ 25.00

Price include t-shirts, while supplies last, awards and light refreshments.

Special thanks
to Sponsors:



ENCHANTED GARDEN TEA PARTY

Girls, invite your favorite Mom, Grandparent or special someone for a delightful Garden-themed Tea party. Young ladies and their guests will enjoy enchanting stories, activities and a fairy garden display centered around a spring garden theme. There may even be a sprinkle of fairy dust! Tea, beverages, delicious finger foods and mini-desserts will be served. Photos will be taken for a memorable keepsake. All are encouraged to "dress for tea." A lasting memory for any mother, grandmother or special someone and their child! (Child supervision is the responsibility of an attending parent/guardian)

Popular
Event, so
Register
Early!



PLACE: Free Library of Northampton,
25 Upper Holland Road
DATE: Saturday, May 7, 2016
TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 PM
AGES: 5 yrs. thru Adult
PRICE: \$15 per person (Residents)
\$18 per person- (Non-Residents)
*Registrations will be taken on a
first come, first serve basis.
Seating is limited.

For info, please call 215-357-6800 ext. 256. Register at the Northampton Parks and Recreation or online at: www.northamptonrec.com.

Parks & Recreation



HOP ON BOARD WITH NORTHAMPTON PARKS & RECREATION AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!

All trips depart from the Northampton Twp. Admin. Bldg., 55 Township Rd., Richboro. **Details at: www.northamptonrec.com**

Note: Senior, ERS, any discounts or coupons do not apply on P&R trips. Trips need to be confirmed at least one month in advance...Register Early

Register ONLINE at NORTHAMPTONREC.COM or call Parks & Recreation 215-357-6800 ext. 249.

WILMINGTON & WESTERN RAILROAD Tour & DuPont's Hagley Museum & Estate

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, May 25
DEPART: 8:30 A.M.
COST: \$ 91.00 per person includes 1.5 hour railroad tour, luncheon and Brandywine Tour of the Hagley Museum & Estate, bus & gratuity



VICTORIAN, OCEAN GROVE, NJ By Land & By Sea

WHEN: MONDAY, July 11
DEPART: 9:00 A.M.
COST: \$ 47.00 per person includes guided tour of historic Ocean Grove, admission to the Centennial Cottage, Great Auditorium, camp tent, bus & gratuity.



HISTORIC GETTYSBURG Museum, Battlefield and more

WHEN: TUESDAY, June 21
DEPART: 7:30 A.M.
COST: \$ 89.00 per person - includes Welcome Center, Museum, narrated Battlefield bus tour, lunch buffet at General Pickett's Inn, tour of the Jennie Wade House, transportation & driver gratuity) *All children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or other adult.



911 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM, New York City

WHEN: MONDAY, August 1
DEPART: 8:00 A.M.
COST: \$118.00.00 per person includes 911 Ground Zero Memorial, admission and tour of the 911 Museum, 3 course lunch, transportation and bus gratuity.



Northampton Township Parks & Recreation presents: 2016 SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF SUMMER Concerts & more!

Location: Northampton Municipal Park Ampitheater
off Hatboro Road, Churchville

**Admission
is FREE!**

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**
Proceeds benefit
the Northampton
Twp. Lions Club.

JUNE 1 – 6:30pm Wed. **JAZZ BANDS of Council Rock**

JUNE 16* **STAR GAZING - BucksMont Astronomical Asso.** Public star gazing. *Weather dependent. Info on web.

JUNE 23 **DOYLESTOWN HEAT** – Big Band and Swing sounds

JUNE 30 **Mike Mettaglia & MIDNIGHT SHIFT-** Rockabilly Boogie that will get you up off your feet!

JULY 7 **PETER PAN THEATER & MAGIC SHOW** - A bit of magic and the tale of a boy that won't grow up!

JULY 14 **NORTHAMPTON'S GOT TALENT** – Enjoy the talent of local children & vote for your favorites.

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Days: Mon – Friday

Dates: July 11 thru July 15

Time: 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Class #2639 **Min: 4 Max: 10**

Instructor: Dana Beifeld, Certified Art Teacher

Location: Rolling Hills Elementary



CREEPY CRAWLY CRITTER CRAFTS (ages 3 – 5)

This creepy crawly class will explore the world of bugs! Each class will start with a short circle time where the participants will learn about the many different bugs – most in their own backyard! Then, a variety of art materials will be used to create the critters we learn about!

Days: Mon – Friday

Dates: July 25 thru July 29

Time: 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Class #2640 **Min: 4 Max: 10**

Instructor: Dana Beifeld, Certified Art Teacher

Location: Rolling Hills Elementary



YOUNG ACTOR'S GUILD MUSICAL THEATER: WILLY WONKA KIDS

(ages 7 & Up) The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the

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Class #2635

Audition Night: June 20th at 7 pm at the Recreation Center – must register prior to audition night. Auditions are for all roles. All participants must audition.

Performance: July 24 @ 7:00 pm (free to public)

Days: Mon – Thurs. 9 AM – 4 PM July 20 – July 23
Fri Noon – 6:30 PM July 24

Fee: \$275

Location: Rolling Hills Elementary



YOUNG ACTOR'S GUILD MUSICAL THEATER: HONK, JR

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Class #2636

Audition Night: Tuesday, July 12 at 7 pm at the Recreation Center – must register prior to audition night. Auditions are for all roles. All participants must audition.

Performance: August 12 @ 7:00 pm (free to public)

Days: Mon – Thurs. 9 AM – 4 PM August 8 – August 11
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Fee: \$275

Location: Rolling Hills Elementary

SUMMER CAMP

Specialty Camps



TENNIS CAMP

Registrants will warm up and stretch, work on drills and stroke production, play games, compete and work on drills, participate in match play and work on footwork.

WEEKS OFFERED:

June 20 – 24
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July 18 – 22
July 25 – 29
August 8 – 12
August 15 – 19

Class #2629
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(Ages 8 – 12 | 9am to 12pm)

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June 20 - 24 Class #2646
ERS: \$199 R: \$215 NR: \$230

Engineering Olympiad

(Ages 8 – 12 | 12:30pm to 3:30pm)

Who has the strength to be a world-class athlete? In this camp, students will separate into counties and will compete against opposing counties in various tests of mental and creative strength. The students will earn “medals” throughout the week and will endeavor to become the next great team of Olympians. In this camp, students will build sail boats (mechanical), hovering levitrons (electrical) and more!

June 20 - 24 Class #2647
ERS: \$199 R: \$215 NR: \$230



HAMPTON DANCE CAMP (AGES 4 – 10)

Learn short, fun routines as you experience creative dance: ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap, and acrobatics. Please wear comfortable, light weight clothing. Dance clothes and shoes welcome, but not necessary. Please pack a small snack and water bottle.

M – F 9 AM – Noon

June 27 thru July 1

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ERS: \$100 R: \$110 NR: 125

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Instructor: Kelli Robbins



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July 11 thru July 14 Class #2637

Fee: ERS: \$325 R: \$335 NR: \$350

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Location: Rolling Hills Elementary



Register for any Specialty Camp during the week of June 20 - 24 and take advantage of Extended Hours for your convenience! (Ages 6 - 14)

AM Extended Hours: 7:30 - 9:00 AM \$25

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USA MULTI SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 5 – 11)

The US Sports Institute's flagship Total Play Multi Sports camp is the original multi sports camp where your child has the opportunity to play over 15 different sports from around the world in one fun packed week! All activities will allow children to develop control, accuracy, co-ordination and timing. Inspired by the fun and relaxed atmosphere, your child will have the opportunity to thrive on the sports field. Variety, activity and enjoyment stand as key attributes to developing a healthy lifestyle. Each sport will be delivered as a series of progressive games and scrimmages designed to enhance knowledge, skill and character on the playing field.

M – F June 20 – 24

½ Day Ages 5 – 11 9 AM – 12:30 PM

Class #2683

½ Day Ages 5 – 11 1 – 4 PM

Class #2684

Full Day Ages 5 – 11 9 AM – 4 PM

Class #2685

½ Day AM • ERS: \$165 • R: \$181 • NR: \$198

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Full Day • ERS: \$195 • R: \$214 • NR: \$234

BRICKS 4 KIDZ GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY CAMP

Inspired by NASA and Star Wars, this class is packed with models that will make your child's creative juices BLAST OFF! Each week we will build models similar to Star Wars themed space vehicles, such as Tie Fighters, using Lego bricks and motors. Imaginations can soar as concepts such as the science behind launching things into orbit and how to calculate G-Force are explored. Through the use of challenges, like “The Solar System Dash” to explain gravitational pull, and creative play, students will put what they learn into action. All participants will make a custom mini figure to take home and the end of the program. Don't miss this adventure!

M – F 9 AM – Noon June 20 – 24 Class #2666
ERS: 195 R: 215 NR: 235



BRICKS 4 KIDZ MINING AND CRAFTING CAMP

Minecraft is a game about placing blocks to build anything you can imagine. At night monsters come out, make sure to build a shelter before that happens. Experience the world of Minecraft with LEGO® bricks in this fun camp. Kids will start by crafting their shelters and some of the mobs, critters and tools using LEGO® bricks. Students will face new challenges each day, building models and crafting key elements from the popular Minecraft game.

M – F 1 PM – 4 PM June 20 – 24
Class #2667 ERS: 195 R: 215 NR: 235

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS OF NORTHAMPTON

This article is based on the book, *A History of Northampton Township*, written by Virginia ‘Ginny’ Briggs Geyer. After moving into the township in 1964, Ginny became interested in preserving and celebrating Northampton Township’s history and began what would be a lifelong passion for historical research and writing. Ginny was an active public servant, serving on the board of many Northampton historical groups for decades. She was a member of the 1972 Committee for the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Northampton Township, as well as a founding member of Northampton Township Historical Society and the Northampton Township Historical Commission.

Besides researching and writing *A History of Northampton Township* in 1972, Ginny also researched all the original land grants and patents from William Penn until the year 1800 in Northampton Township, publishing a map. In 1985, she was on the Northampton Township Historical Study Commission, which published, *The Winds of Change: A Pictorial History of Northampton Township*. Ginny passed away on January 11, 2016 leaving Northampton Township a legacy of invaluable historical records that represent decades of research, and the Northampton Township Historical Commission wants to take this time to honor her memory.



Forest Grove School, Class of Circa 1900.



Jacksonville School, Class of 1903.



Pleasant Plains School, Class of 1906. Teacher Ella Bennet.



Rocksville School, Circa 1910.

The earliest settlers of Northampton were mainly farmers that faced many hardships upon their arrival. Trees needed to be felled and crops planted; houses and barns built; animals cared for; crops picked, processed and preserved; and cloth woven and sewn. While they might have brought with them a high value for education, these pioneers required the labor of their children to make their farms succeed. These children would have received their education at home as time allowed. As populations increased and communities became more settled, churches were established and with them schools.

Early schooling in the Province of Pennsylvania was entrusted to religious and private organizations. In 1776, a law was enacted requiring that a school be located within each town. There was a paid teacher, and families were charged for each student. In 1790, a law was passed for the education of the poor without a fee. Early Northampton Township “School Bills,” dating to the period from 1806 to 1828, indicate that the County covered the costs of the teachers for students unable to pay for lessons. In the winter the fee was 4 cents per day per student, and in summer it was 3 cents per day. This included “quills and ink.”

Each semester lasted only a few months; quite often the school session was two months in the winter, taught by a man, and two months in the summer, taught by a woman. Children generally walked several miles to school. Most boys attended the winter session, then worked in the fields during the summer. The younger children and older girls attended school in the summer, helping with food preserving at home in the fall and sewing and weaving in the winter. They learned the 3Rs, including enough arithmetic to keep farm accounts and make change in the shops. It became increasingly important to be able to read. Church bulletins and newspapers become available, so one could keep abreast of the news and letters kept one connected to family and friends from elsewhere.

The first recorded property for a school in Northampton Township was in 1737. Robert Heaton, a miller by trade, sold for 10 shillings a 40 foot square tract of land fronting on the road “leading from the Falls to Philadelphia [present-day Bridgetown Pike] . . . for the convenience and to the intent that a meeting house for public worship and a school house for the education of the youth may be both erected.” The school was built, but no further records of the meeting house were found. The schoolhouse known as the **Pleasantville School**, which now stands on this Bridgetown Pike property (present 5 Bridgetown Pike), was probably built in 1850, replacing the earlier school. The school closed in the early 1920s and the property was sold in 1924. As was the case with many of the township’s one-room schools, it was later converted to a private residence.

The only other eighteenth-century school for which a record has been found was built sometime after 1752 in Richboro. In that year, an acre of ground was purchased by the Dutch Reformed Church. A church was erected, a graveyard laid out, and soon afterward a school was built all within the area now encompassed by the graveyard stone walls of the present-day Addisville Cemetery. Records show that in 1821, the **Dutch Reformed Church School** was torn down and a new school was built just outside the cemetery after the church membership moved to the new North and South Reformed Church in Churchville. The church members, however, were to “have the privilege of Catekising and holding lectures . . . in said schoolhouse, but not to interfere with the schoolhouse.” The new school stood until 1872, at which time it was demolished to make way for the Addisville Chapel to be built in its place.

By the early 1800’s other school houses began to appear within the township. Over the next 60 years a total of 11 one-room schools are known to have been erected. In 1800, a lease for 99 years was granted by Hugh Edems to Garret Vanartsdalen and Robert Mearns for a 30-foot square school lot on Jacksonville Road near Almshouse Road. The **Jacksonville School** (685 Jacksonville Road) was erected on this lot, which the school board formally purchased in 1857. In 1819, the inhabitants of Northampton appointed several men “to establish and erect a school for the education of youth of their neighborhood” at the intersection of Buck Road and East Holland Road. This school was known as the **East Holland School** (1096 Buck Road).

In 1838, the **Forest Grove** or Bull Town School (1608 Hatboro Road) was built on Hatboro Road near Sackettsford Road. The ground for the **Groveland School** on Newtown-Richboro Road was purchased in 1849 and the building erected the following year. Records show that this school was closed in 1920 and sold for \$600.00 to a private owner (817 Newtown-Richboro Road). A one-room school formerly located on **Pulinski Road** was erected in 1849 on ground purchased for \$50. Classes were held for 15-20 years, before the property was sold in 1872 to a private owner. The **Rocksville School** (240 Holland Road) was built by the first half of the nineteenth century; the **Fairview School** (279 Bustleton Pike), north of Churchville on Bustleton Pike in 1868; and the **Pleasant Plains School** (813 New Road) in 1871.

In 1860, property was purchased on Second Street Pike at the present Davis Pontiac Site and the one-room **Richboro Elementary School** was erected. Two years later, the roof was raised to make the school into a two story building and in 1896, a two-year High School was begun in that building. This school was closed in 1913 when the new **Richboro School** building was erected near the center of Richboro, north of Almshouse Road. The original school building later became the first Richboro Firehouse and then an appliance store.

Following the building of the new Richboro School, the era of the township’s one-room school buildings came to an end. The majority of Northampton’s early schools were closed during the first two decades of the twentieth century and by the late 1920s all pupils attended the central school in Richboro. We are very fortunate to have the majority of these one-room schools still in existence thanks to the efforts of previous and present day owners.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Virginia Geyer’s *History of Northampton Township*, the property *Map of Northampton Township in 1800*, or the *Winds of Change: A Pictorial History of Northampton Township*, please visit the Northampton Township Library or the Northampton Township Archives located within the Library.



Rocksville School, Class of 1908.



First Richboro School, 1908.



Groveland School, 1917. Adeline Roxroth was the teacher and earned \$40 - \$50 per month.



Pleasant Plains School, 1935.

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