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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:
 Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29 (Thanksgiving)
 Tuesday, December 24 through Tuesday, December 31 (Christmas)



2024 Board of Supervisors

Tax Collector's Corner

County & Township Bills are mailed March 1st.

- **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 2% Discount - pay by April 30th.**
- **FACE amount due date JUNE 30th.**
- **10% PENALTY applied from July 1st until December 31st.**

CRSD TAX Bills & Occupation Tax Bills are mailed July 1st.

- **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 2% Discount - pay by August 31st.**
- **FACE amount due date OCTOBER 31st.**
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Chairman's Message

A big THANK YOU to all who attended the grand opening and dedication of our new Fire Stations in Richboro and Holland! The community turnout was impressive and the event exemplifies your Board of Supervisors' efforts to enhance public safety in our Township. We have been working for over a decade to address the critical shortage of volunteer firefighters in Northampton. The lack of volunteer firefighters is a national crisis, and we were not immune to this challenge.

Deputy Chief Harvey Boyer of the State Fire Commissioner's Office said it best during the ceremony when he stated, *"By having paid career firefighters, you're saving the time of dispatch and getting to the fire faster. It's going to make a tremendous difference in this community"*.

Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad Chief Jason Dowd reported a 30% decrease in response time for ambulance service in the Holland section of the Township by having a dedicated paramedic unit in Station 73. The Fire Department is also reporting significant improvements in response time. **Fire trucks and ambulances are getting to your emergency faster.**

In addition, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Administration to increase the number of police officers on our force to enhance public safety, including a dedicated School Resource Officer at Holland Middle School. We now have two dedicated police officers working in our schools to better protect our children.

We are very proud of our first responders, including our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel who keep us safe every day.

Finally, we look forward to the sixth year in a row of resurfacing 10 miles of our 182-mile township road system, and thank the men and women of our Public Works Department for the superb job they do each year.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and a safe and joyful holiday season. See you in 2025!

Adam

FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT...

Water Heater Replacement

A permit is required for the replacement of water heaters, which must be installed by a registered plumbing contractor. Although many people think that they are a simple piece of equipment, they can be dangerous if installed improperly. In conjunction with the plumbing code, the manufacturer's installation instructions must be used for a safe and efficient installation.

Items to be made aware of include the following:

- A pressure-temperature relief valve with discharge piping of ¾" minimum is required. The discharge pipe must terminate in a safe and visible place, not terminate directly to the outdoors. A shut-off valve on the cold side to the water heater is recommended to be replaced and be a full port type valve.
- If the unit is oil or gas fired, combustion air must be adequate for efficient use. The vent or flue connector pipe is required to be screwed together at all joints and have the proper clearances to combustibles. An emergency shut-off switch should be installed at the top of the basement stairs or away from the water heater. Oil-fired water heaters connected to a common flue connector with the oil-fired furnace must have a relay that allows only one appliance to be running at a time.
- If installed above the floor level or above another floor, water heaters must have a safety pan with a drain pipe terminating to a safe dispersal area that can be readily seen.
- An expansion tank is required to be installed on the cold inlet side.

As you can see, water heaters appear to be a simple piece of equipment, but must be installed properly to ensure your safety. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Building Department at 215-355-3883.

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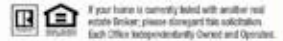


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Would you like to share insight on historic preservation, Parks and Recreation, or have a say in your local community?

Northampton Township is seeking volunteers for ten advisory boards.

Serving is a great way for residents to stay updated about the topics of greatest interest. Volunteers can take pride in helping to shape their community.

For information on what duties these Boards, Commissions, & Committees perform, go to www.northamptontownship.com. Select the Board and Commissions tab under the Government heading. An application can also be found there. You may also stop by the Township Administration Building at 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA. Monday – Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm to pick up or drop off an application. All applications should be submitted to the attention of Lisa Russo at the above address or via email at lrusso@nhtwp.org. All applications are due by November 15th of the current year and are kept on file for one year from the date of receipt. Appointments to Boards and Commissions are made in January of the following year.



Here is an overview of the openings.

Blighted Property Commission

- Comprised of 5 members
- (1) Vacancy for a one-year term ending 12/31/2025.
- Meets as needed

Board of Appeals

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy for a 5-year term ending 12/31/2029.
- Meets as needed.

Historic Commission

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2025. (2) Vacancies to fill a term until 2029.
- Meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held in the Archivist Room of the Library, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Library Board

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2026. (3) Vacancies to fill a term until 2027.
- Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held in the May-Sweeney Board Room at Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority Board

- Comprised of 5 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2029.
- Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. as needed in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Parks and Recreation Board

- Comprised of 5 members
- (2) Vacancies to fill a term until 2029.
- Meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as needed in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Planning Commission

- Comprised of 5 members and two alternates
- (2) Vacancies to fill a term until 2028.
- Meets the first and second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm as needed in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Veterans Advisory Commission

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2025. (2) Vacancies to fill a term until 2027
- Meets on the third Monday of each Month at 7:00 pm, as needed, all meetings are held at the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Wall of Honor

- Comprised of 7 members
- (1) Vacancy for a 2-year term
- Meets as needed

Zoning Hearing Board

- Comprised of 3 members and 2 alternates
- (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2027, (2) Alternate Vacancies to fill terms until 2027
- Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month as needed at 6:00 pm in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.



Northampton Township Police Department

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New Police Officer - John Urban

Officer John Urban #104 grew up in Northampton Township, Bucks County. He is a graduate of Council Rock High School South and the Public Safety Program at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, where he completed Firefighter and EMT training. John began his journey into public safety as a Volunteer Junior Member of the Northampton Township Fire Department at age 15. After high school, he attended United States Army Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and completed Combat Medic Training at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

John began his law enforcement career in 2023 after graduating from the Philadelphia Police Academy and was sworn in as a Philadelphia Police Officer. On July 15, 2024, he was sworn in as a Northampton Township Police Officer.

One of Officer Urban's favorite things about Northampton Township is the welcoming community and the many places to spend time with family and friends. He also remarked, "It's been a great honor to serve this community in every way I can, first as a firefighter and now as a police officer." Officer Urban #104 will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division once he completes the Field Training Officer Program.



New Police Officer - Kyle Bobbs

Officer Kyle Bobbs #105 grew up in Levittown, PA and is a graduate of Harry S. Truman High school, Class of 2015.

In 2017, Officer Bobbs moved to North Carolina with his wife, Marissa where he attended the Pitt County Community College Police Academy. After graduating from the Police Academy, Officer Bobbs worked for two Police Departments: The City of Greenville Police Department and the Wake Forrest Police Department.

In 2021, Officer Bobbs and his wife were expecting their first daughter and decided to move back to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. Most recently, Officer Bobbs was employed by the University of Pennsylvania Police Department, until he was hired by the Northampton Township Police Department in August of 2024. Officer Bobbs' free time is often spent barbecuing, cleaning his truck and spending as much time as he can with his wife and 2 daughters.

One of Officer Bobbs favorite things about Northampton Township is the community-oriented atmosphere, beautiful farmland and awesome co-workers.

Officer Bobbs #105 will be assigned to the uniform patrol division once he completes the field training program



Second Officer assigned to SRO Program

Officer Bob Wehrmann is a new School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Council Rock School District. Officer Wehrmann has been a police officer for over 20 years - 17 of which have been with the Northampton Township Police Department, where he also serves as the department's Wellness/Fitness Coordinator.

Prior to law enforcement, Bob served in the United States Marine Corps. Officer Wehrmann holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bucks County Community College and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from St Joseph's University.

Officer Wehrmann is married to his wife of 20 years, Jessica, with whom he has four children. His hobbies include fitness, archery, comic books, and watching movies/tv.

Officer Wehrmann is primarily assigned to the Holland Middle School, but will also be regularly visiting all six elementary schools within Northampton Township.

Retirement News...

Sergeant Stephen Kingsdorf, badge 26, retired from the police department after 41 years of dedicated service. Steve was hired as a dispatcher in 1983, became a police officer in 1988 and promoted to sergeant in 2017. He was an original member of our Quality of Life Unit and it's first supervisor. As the QOL Supervisor he expanded our departments social media outreach, expanded the DEA Drug Takeback Program, strengthened our Traffic Safety Program and worked tirelessly on our annual food drive. Sgt. Kingsdorf was a strong proponent of mental health programs while on and off duty. He was a CIT Task Force Coordinator who promoted Crisis Intervention Training county-wide. Steve is also a strong advocate for blood donation. The police department wishes Steve health and happiness in his retirement.





NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



Cold Weather Fire Safety

As we move through the cold days and colder nights of the winter months many residents utilize wood stoves or fireplaces. In addition to inspecting and cleaning your chimney annually, ash disposal from these operations must be done safely. Fireplace and stove ashes can remain hot for two weeks or more. Ashes should be stored in a covered metal container outside your home away from the house. Never ever store them inside your house or garage, or in a container next to your home!

Space heaters need space and proper electric supply. If you use an electric space heater plug it into a properly sized electrical receptacle. Avoid the use of extension cords unless properly sized to handle the heater. Never use multitap or power strips for these units. Maintain adequate clearance from your heater to combustibles as specified in the manufactures instructions. Frozen pipes are a pain, and inconvenient at the least. Never thaw your pipes with a torch, as this can lead to a fire. Hairdryers can be utilized with caution; however, it is best to slowly thaw a frozen pipe with warm air. Additional information is available by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at 215-357-6800



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- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
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Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn.

Or..., rake it and leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring.

Rake it...or leave it. It's that easy.

Winter tips for keeping our Waterways Protected

What is the purpose of using a De-icer?

To remove ice of course...

Actually de-icers are meant to only be used in an amount to loosen ice.

Which of the following can *safely* be used as a de-icer?

- Windshield Washer Fluid
- Calcium Chloride (CaCl)
- Sodium Chloride (NaCl)
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Wood Ashes
- Wood Chips
- Baking Soda
- Rock Salt
- Kitty Litter
- Vinegar
- Gravel

None!

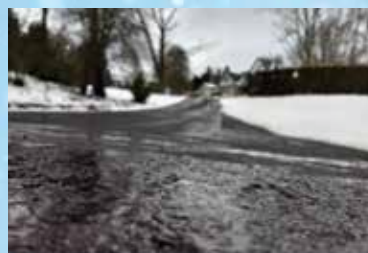


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All of the above items impact our waterways.

Shovel snow early and often / Use all products sparingly.

BE SAFE!

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Activity and Class Information

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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Ready to Dink and Rally? Parks and Recreation Announces New Pickleball Courts!

Plan also includes Basketball Court and Hockey Rink Restoration

Get ready Northampton Township! Exciting changes are coming to the Municipal Park as we expand and improve our park facilities. On November 11, 2024, demolition began on two of the existing basketball courts to make way for new pickleball courts. This project has been in the works for two years, as the Parks and Recreation Board Members and the Township Administration, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works Departments have worked together to meet the growing demand for this rapidly popularizing sport. The wait is over—pickleball is coming to Northampton!

In place of two basketball courts, we will be adding six dedicated pickleball courts, conveniently located opposite the Miracle League Playground at New and Hatboro Roads. This will give our residents more options to engage in outdoor recreation, while maintaining our popular basketball facilities. Our ball players will be happy to see that the two remaining basketball courts will be completely restored, providing a fresh, updated space for players. Additionally, we're planning a full repair of the park's hockey rink, making it safer and more enjoyable for everyone who uses it.

Our Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to offer these amenities to the community. Pickleball has become a favorite activity for people of all ages, and these new courts will provide more opportunities to stay active and connect with neighbors. The updated basketball courts and hockey rink will also ensure that these beloved facilities continue to serve the community at their best.

We take pride in keeping our parks not only beautiful but also relevant to the community's needs. The addition of pickleball courts, along with the restoration of the basketball courts and rink, aligns with our promise to promote lifelong sports, encourage outdoor activity, and support healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages.

The full project is set to be completed sometime this summer. While construction is active, the courts and the hockey rink will be closed to ensure the safety of our residents and the efficiency of the project. We appreciate your patience and look forward to welcoming everyone to the improved park facilities next summer!



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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Did you know our Parks and Recreation Department hosts **over 100 programs and classes** for children and adults every year? Our most popular activities from 2024 included our summer camp and preschool programs, as well as our sports leagues for tennis, pickleball, floor hockey, and volleyball. From fitness classes and educational workshops to sports and creative arts, there's something for everyone in our community. Plus, we host **exciting special events** throughout the year that bring neighbors together and celebrate all that Northampton Township has to offer!

Stay connected and never miss out on the fun! **Follow us on social media** to keep up with the latest events, activities, and announcements. We can't wait to see you there!



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Northampton Township Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Unite

In July 2024, the Northampton Township Senior Center officially merged with the Parks and Recreation Department, marking the start of an exciting new era! Parks and Recreation is committed to providing additional wellness, socialization, and enrichment opportunities to the center. The Senior Center can soon expect to see new programs, additional staff, and extended building hours. To learn more, visit the James E. Kinney Senior Center at 165 Township Road or explore their website at <https://www.northamptonsc.com/>.

Register for Programs at MyRec

Northampton Township's Parks & Recreation Department provides many services, programs, and facilities for all ages. With beautiful parks and a recreation center that's open year-round, we offer plenty of opportunities to enjoy and engage with the community.

- **Year-round fitness classes and wellness programs** for all ages and abilities
- **Exciting youth and adult programs**, from arts and crafts to sports leagues and summer camps
- **Community events** that bring neighbors together to celebrate and enjoy township life
- **Facility rentals** for gatherings, events, and special occasions
- **Access to 11 parks**, featuring playgrounds, sports fields, picnic areas, and walking trails

Sign up on MyRec to stay connected with everything happening at Parks & Recreation! Register for activities, rent facilities, and subscribe to receive the latest information about our programs at <http://www.northamptonrec.com/>



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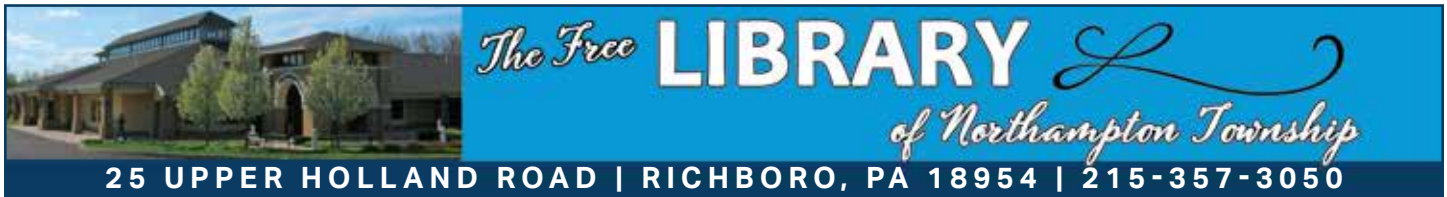
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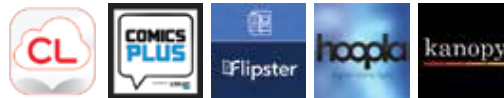
FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

Did you know Free Library of Northampton Township offers a large number of FREE online resources accessible with your library card?



The library, along with a few other libraries in the county, offers the app Libby for e-books for download. It's compatible with all Apple and Android phones and tablets, black-and-white Kindle e-readers (Paperwhite and Oasis).

Other available apps for digital media include cloudLibrary for e-books and audiobooks; ComicsPlus for comics, graphic novels, and manga; Flipster for magazines; Hoopla for e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels, streaming movies, music, TV shows; and Kanopy for movies.



These apps can all be found in your App Store on your device and on the library's website:
<https://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/downloads-streaming/>.

The library also offers a large number of other FREE online learning resources from its website:
<https://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/research-learning/>.

All can be accessed at the library and most can be accessed at home.

These learning resources include LinkedIn Learning, Mango Languages, ABC Mouse, Brainfuse Help and BrainFuse Job Now, Free Drivers' Ed Practice Tests, and PA Power Library.



For newspaper and investment information try the following: Consumer Reports, The Economist, Investors Business Daily, Morningstar, Newsbank, New York Times, Power Library, Value Line, and the Wall Street Journal.



For history and genealogy, check out Ancestry Library Edition, FamilySearch, Heritage Quest, MyHeritage Library Edition, and PA Photos and Documents.



And for fun, try out Creativebug and Novelist!

Creativebug is an online art and craft resource filled with downloadable patterns and templates, recipes, photo galleries, forums, and online classes on a variety of art and craft projects.

Novelist is a great resource for readers at any age wanting to find their next read based on their favorite author, title, subject, or keyword. Reading Lists are also available for any genre and age.



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Free Library of Northampton Township continues to provide adult programs to maintain our Gold Star status. We have the following upcoming adult programs at the library:

Saturday, November 2 | 1:00 PM

What's It Worth? Antiques Roadshow

Author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio show host Mike Ivankovich will introduce you to *"What Determines Value"*...and reveal what your antiques, collectibles, and personal treasures are really worth today. Each registered attendee is invited to bring in 1-2 items for Mike to appraise in a public setting.

Monday, November 4 | 6:00 PM

The Way of Peace and the Iroquois Confederacy

The Iroquois Confederacy was also known as the "League of Peace" and Power." Founded hundreds of years ago, the Confederacy first consisted of five tribes: the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga and Seneca tribes, known as the Five Nations. A Sixth Nation, the Tuscarora, was added in the early 1700's. The Peacemaker, who brought The Great Law of Peace, united these warring nations to form the Haudenosaunee, the People of the Longhouse. This representative form of government not only inspired the US Constitution but continues to be relevant today. Learn the story of the Great Peacemaker and the symbols reminders of the Way of Peace. Christine Applegate of the Museum of Indian Culture will return to present this program.

Wednesday, November 6 | 6:00 PM

Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Learn about Ancestry Library, a free database accessible at the library at this one-hour beginner class. We'll learn about the available records on Ancestry, how to search for ancestors, examine search results, use the different record collections, and where to find records not available on Ancestry. This is a basic, introductory group class.

Saturday, November 9 | 1:00 PM

Alisa Dupuy Presents Harvest Traditions and Thanksgiving

Alisa Dupuy will present Harvest Traditions and Thanksgiving as part of our monthly Second Saturday programs sponsored by the Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township.

Tuesday, November 12 @ 6:00 PM

Free Library of Northampton Township and Newtown Bookshop present: An Evening with Lauren Grodstein

Visiting author, Lauren Grodstein, will be discussing her new book *"We Must Not Think of Ourselves."* Each ticket price includes a new copy of her book.

Reserve your seat by contacting Newtown Bookshop for tickets at: <https://www.newtownbookshop.com>

Monday, November 18 | 6:00 PM

Bucks County's Unique Habitats

The Heritage Conservancy returns to the library again this year to talk about Bucks County's unique habitats like the Quakertown Swamp.

Saturday, December 7 | 1:00 PM

Your Children Don't Want It: What Can You Do? 15 Tips

We hear it every day. *"My Children Don't Want It. What Can I Do?"* In this session, author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio show host Mike Ivankovich will give you 15 Tip & Strategies designed not only to help you deal with your "stuff," but hopefully help you make some good money when selling it.

Saturday, February 8 | 1:00 PM

Mary Roth Presents Enchanting Appalachia (Snow date: February 15)

Folk singer, songwriter, radio host, and educator Mary Roth will present Enchanting Appalachia. She will perform old folk tunes on her Celtic Bouzuki and Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer and then provide a lecture.

Saturday, March 8 | 1:00 PM

Mike Jesberger Presents The Irish in the Civil War

At the time of the 1860 U.S. Census, 1.5 million Irish were living in the country, many coming for relief from the Irish Potato Famine. Approximately 150,000 fought with the Union and 20,000 fought with the Confederacy. Historical reenactor and lecturer Mike Jesberger will discuss the "Sons of the Erin" and their major roll in the American Civil War.

Saturday, March 22 | 1:00 PM

Bucks County Artifacts with Jim Bongiovanni of Pennsylvania Historical Recovery Services

Jim Bongiovanni of Pennsylvania Historical Recovery Services will discuss what PHRS does, and share stories of the artifacts that he and his colleagues have recovered, adventures they have had, and the sites they have recovered artifacts from that date back into the late 1600's.

Artifacts will be on display for you to view, as well as a Q&A after the presentation.

All artifacts that PHRS recovers are documented and handed over to the property owner or historical society.

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ADULT PROGRAMMING CONTINUED

Wednesday, March 26 | 1:00 PM

Pysanky Egg Workshop

Curator of the Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center at Manor College, Chrystyna Prokopovych, will present a pysanky egg workshop. She will provide a history of pysanky, design symbolism, and a demonstration of writing pysanky before attendees can participate in writing their own. All supplies will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing since dyes and wax will be used. The program is limited to 25 registered attendees.

Tuesday Morning Matinee Movies

Tuesday, November 12 | 10:00 AM

The Boys in the Boat (Rated PG13, Runtime 123 minutes)

Additional Special Showing for early birds!

You're invited to join us at 9:00 AM for a show before the show!

The Boys of '36 (2016 Documentary) (Not Rated, Runtime 53 minutes)

PBS first aired The Boys of '36 in 2016. Narrated by actor Oliver Platt, the film recounts the story of the nine University of Washington rowers who found glory at the 1936 Olympics, using archival footage as well as interviews with surviving family members of the crew.

Tuesday, December 3 | 10:00 AM

Ordinary Angels (Rated PG, Runtime 118 minutes)

Tuesday, December 17 | 10:00 AM

I Heard the Bells (Rated PG, Runtime 110 minutes)

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and calendar: <https://calendar.buckslib.org/calendar?cid=3891&t=m&d=0000-00-00&cal=3891&cm=2285&inc=0>



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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ARCHIVES

The Northampton Township Archives continues to expand its resources to the community. Last winter, the Archives was given a fresh coat of paint and this year it received additional shelving units, processing space, and archival supplies for the collection. Thanks to Public Works, gallery tracking was installed to allow for changing of the framed items in the collection on display. The Archives also received a deaccessioned computer from the library to allow visitors to research the collection and freely scan family photographs or documents.

Before:



After:



This past summer, the Northampton Township Historical Commission and Archives distributed a mailing to property owners of older homes for our historic home plaque program. So far, we have sold 56 plaques. If you received a letter and are still interested in purchasing a plaque, please submit a completed form to the Northampton Township Archives so staff can contact the manufacturer.



This year, the Archives received over 20 donations of materials to add to the collection, about a ¼ of the entire collection. Staff also spent time with longtime residents Jack Kay, Jim Briggs, Barbara Solly, Dennis and Pat Getty, and Susan Wiegand Nelson to record oral histories of their experiences in the community.

If you'd like to record your experiences, share your family's history, or donate items to the Archives, we have open hours below.

The Archives is open weekly

Monday 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Alternating Saturdays 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

By appointment via email or phone archivist@nhtwp.org or 215.357.3050 x 114

You can always check our online catalog: <https://northamptonbucksarchives.libraryhost.com/>

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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ARCHIVES CONTINUED

On this day, in history...

November 15, 1763: Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon began surveying the line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, now known as the Mason-Dixon line.

December 12, 1787: Pennsylvania becomes the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

December 14, 1722: Bucks County approved the petition submitted by local landowners to establish Northampton as a township.

December 15, 1791: The first U.S. law school was established at the University of Pennsylvania.

January 1, 1781: 1,500 soldiers of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment under General Anthony Wayne, rebel against the Continental Army's winter camp in Morristown, New Jersey as part of the Pennsylvania Mutiny of 1781.

February 15, 1799: The first U.S. printed ballots were authorized in Pennsylvania for the state's elections. Previously, votes were documented through vocal voting or public ballots where voters would place their name below a candidate's.

ELAINE KINNEY'S RETIREMENT

Elaine Kinney joined the Free Library of Northampton Township staff on July 30, 1999 as a part-time Circulation Clerk and Bookkeeper. At that time the library was one-third the size it is today! Through the years, the library has grown and Elaine's responsibilities and contributions to the library and the community at large grew along with it.

In addition to the general tasks of a Circulation Clerk position, Elaine kept track of all of the library's financial transactions regarding purchases, fines, lost & damaged items, donations, book sale monies for Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township and more.

For many years Elaine managed the annual luncheon held for our volunteers each year in April. Through this venture, she eventually became our Volunteer Coordinator. Elaine interviewed, trained, scheduled and supervised our many volunteers. She also created and fine-tuned all of the forms and policies regarding the program. The job could be complicated and trying at times but Elaine's patience, kindness and commitment made this a very successful endeavor!

As an employee, Elaine had a very positive attitude and was equally respectful to co-workers and customers at all times. She maintained an admirable level of professionalism at all times and was well-liked by our patrons and her co-workers! Elaine was a joy to work with and a true asset to our library family. She will be missed by us all! With hugs and our very best wishes, we say Congratulations to her on her retirement and wish her fun, love and adventure as she begins this new journey!



A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS:

Our goal at the Public Works Department during the winter season is to make all Township-owned roads safe and accessible to the public. The cooperation and assistance of our residents is key to an effective winter storm operation. Due to many variables that are inherent in Pennsylvania weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different efforts and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal, or ice control strategy.

- Shoveling snow to the right-hand side of your driveway will reduce the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway by a plow. It is recommended, if possible, that homeowners shovel after the Township has plowed their road.
- Mailboxes are rarely *hit* by plows, but may be damaged by the weight of the plowed snow. We ask that homeowners ensure that their mailboxes are firmly attached to the post and that the post is sturdy enough to withstand the weight of the plowed snow. Residents should also be sure that the mailbox area is clear for mail delivery.
- If you believe that your street was missed during a snow clearing effort, call **(215) 355-3433**.

PUBLIC WORKS FAQs:

How do I report pot holes for patching?

For Township Roads, please call (215) 355-3433 to report pot hole location.

For any problem on the **State Highways**, please call **PennDOT** at 215-345-6060, or **Submit a Concern on their website: www.penndot.gov**

Who do I contact to remove dead deer?

We are no longer allowed to pick up dead deer. Please call the Police Non-Emergency # (215) 357-8700 and they will refer the request to the PA Game Commission or PennDOT.

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

If the tree belongs to the homeowner, we will clear the roadway and place the tree limbs, debris, etc. on the homeowner's property. The homeowner is responsible for contacting a landscaper to remove the tree debris from their property.

What is the mowing schedule for the Township basins?

We try to mow the 85 basins, 16 traffic islands, and the clear sight triangles on a 2 to 3-week turnaround schedule, however sometimes it is delayed due to the weather.

How do I report a Street Light that is not working, or a Street Sign that is damaged?

Call (215) 355-3433 with the exact location of the Street Light and the Pole # if applicable (this can be found on the Pole tag).

For damaged Traffic signs call (215) 355-3433 with *the exact location* of the sign.

More information can be found on the Northampton Township's Website @ www.northamptontownship.com/departments/public-works



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Northampton Township Snow Removal Policy

OBJECTIVE: It is the goal and intent of Northampton Township to provide timely, efficient, and cost-effective winter maintenance, snow removal, and ice control on the roadways of the municipality. This objective is assigned to the Public Works Department.

PROCEDURE: Due to many variables that are inherent in Pennsylvania weather, each storm and/or weather event may require slightly different efforts and/or emphasis on any number of maintenance tasks, which together, determine the overall winter maintenance, snow removal, or ice control strategy.

LEVEL OF SERVICE: It is not possible to maintain snow and ice-free roads during a storm. It is the intention of Northampton Township to provide practical, safe access along city streets during winter storms. The Public Works Department shall plow all **priority** roads first, to provide the basic transportation system for public safety, schools, high volume streets, steep grades, etc. following a snowstorm of 3" or greater. Lower priority streets (inner subdivision streets), will be plowed next, areas that are prone to wind and drifting snow will receive priority. The remaining township streets, dead ends, and cul-de-sacs are plowed last, traffic lanes only. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed 1 pass in and 1 pass out providing no cars are parked in the roadway. All operational decisions regarding pre-salting, scheduling, or equipment operators and private contractors shall be based upon these goals.

It is the policy of Northampton Township, to have the operating crews of the Public Works Department begin snow removal operations upon accumulation of two inches of snowfall. The Supervisor may, after consultation with the Public Works Director, at his/her discretion based upon weather information reports, elect to not remove snow until greater or lesser accumulations occur. During nights and weekends, the Police Department shall notify the Supervisor or his/her on-call designee that road conditions warrant mobilization of snow removal or ice control activity.

HOW SNOW PLOWING WORKS: Northampton has roughly 42 snow plow trucks. Plowing will begin on the main, priority roads (following an accumulation of 3" or greater snowfall), followed by inner subdivision streets. Cul-de-sacs and dead-ends streets are the last priority; however, we will strive to get to them as soon as possible. We will aim to have the main roads cleared within 24 hours of the end of any storm, and the inner subdivision streets, dead-end streets, and cul-de-sacs within 72 hours.

The snowplows are designed to push the snow from the centerline of the road to the edge of the road. This sometimes creates a problem with blocking driveways and mailboxes. Please be aware that it is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow from in front of their driveway and mailbox to ensure mail delivery.

Also, no snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited in the public ways, and include the following:

1. Pushing or carrying and depositing snow or ice on a public right-of-way or sidewalk.
2. The blowing of snow or ice into a pedestrian or vehicle travel lane.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is not the position of Northampton Township to maintain a bare pavement policy or to provide snow and ice removal on every city street during or after every snowstorm. Therefore, after periods in which the movement of traffic has occurred, snowplows are not as effective for totally clearing packed snow or icy roadways, except to remove loose material on top.

The Public Works Office is open Monday – Friday (excluding holidays) from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and can be reached at 215-357-6800.





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