

# NORTHAMPTON *Township*



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## Chairman's Message - 2020 Let's Go!

Dear Residents

Every year, Pennsylvania municipalities are required to formally reorganize the board officers, make appointments for professional services, and fill vacancies on volunteer boards and committees for the coming year.

On January 6, 2020, the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors met and by unanimous vote I was selected to serve as Board Chairman for 2020. Thank you to my fellow Board members for their support and confidence. I look forward to working with all of you, and all the residents of our Township to keep Northampton moving in a positive direction.

Let's take a look at things to come.

This year, the Township is completing the preliminary engineering and design work for the Iron Works Creek Sidewalk project near Tanyard Road and Second Street Pike. with construction fully funded by a Pennsylvania TAP Grant, this \$1MM project is expected to be completed this year and is part of the sidewalk enhancement initiative in the Richboro Master Plan.

Also, the Township will be expanding hours of service for our career fire fighters. Through a \$900,000 Federal Grant received in 2019, the Township will hire five new career fire fighters and expand the service coverage from five days per week to seven days a week, including holidays, 12 hours per day. This continues the Township's commitment to providing a combination volunteer and career fire service to Northampton Township residents 24 hours per day.

The Township will be making intersection and traffic signal improvements at Jacksonville & Almshouse Road. The Township spent \$40,000 for design plans, and through the help of the Bucks County Planning Commission, PennDOT has agreed to fully fund the project cost and include it as part of the Commonwealth's TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan). The total cost is \$1.5M and construction is expected to start in 2021.

The Board has heard from many of our residents about the importance of having dedicated walking and biking trails in our township. Another

project that will be completed this year is the construction of the New Road Trail. The trail will run along Maureen Welch Elementary School and connect to Municipal Park. The Township received a \$237,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to construct the trail and a small parking lot on New Road The Township's investment match for this project is \$40,000.

The last project to highlight is the construction of an All-Inclusive Playground in our Municipal Park on Hatboro Road. Partnering with the Miracle League, the Township received two grants totaling \$320,000. The playground is designed for people of all ages and abilities.

In 2020, we welcome our new Police Chief Steve LeCompte. Chief LeCompte has served our community for more than 30 years, working as a Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and recently Acting Chief. Best of luck Steve!

Lastly, we look forward to the United States Census this spring. The Census counts every living person in all 50 states, District of Columbia and 5 U.S. Territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The accuracy of the Census is very important to our Township. Many grants and other forms of funding such as Emergency Services, Roads and Education are directly related to our population. Please remember to provide a full count. Don't forget the college students!

Our community has a lot to look forward to in 2020. The Board of Supervisors and Township Administration work very hard to keep Northampton Township a great place to live. I look forward to serving as Chairman for the Board of Supervisors and serving you.

Sincerely,

Adam M. Selisker  
Chairman, Northampton Township Board of Supervisors

*PS: I hope to see you for the dedication of our new police station on March 28, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm! Details on page 11.*



## 2020 Census

Census results have an impact on planning and funding for health clinics and highways, fire departments and disaster response, education programs such as Head Start and college tuition assistance, and so much more.

## What We Will Send in the Mail

On or between these dates you'll receive:

- **March 12-20:** An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
- **March 16-24:** A reminder letter.

If you haven't responded yet:

- **March 26-April 3:** A reminder postcard.
- **April 8-16:** A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
- **April 20-27:** A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

## Ways To Respond

Once you receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census, there are three ways to respond: online, by phone, or by mail. Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

- **95% of households** will receive their census invitation in the mail.
- **Almost 5% of households** will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).
- **Less than 1% of households** will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person. (This is separate from our follow-up efforts; census takers will visit all households that were invited to respond on their own and haven't.)



*Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.*

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

### Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire (or to respond by phone).
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

### Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

## Questions Asked

Responding to the 2020 Census is easy. Learn more about the questions that are asked and how your answers will be used.



## Spread the Word

Everyone can play a part in ensuring a complete and accurate count in 2020.

## Impact in Your Community

A new school to ease overcrowded classrooms. A new road to ease overcrowded commutes. There are many ways the 2020 Census can shape your community. The results, collected once a decade, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.



## 2020 Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

## Ready to Apply?

Take the next step toward joining our team! Complete your application today by visiting <https://recruitment.2020census.gov/>.

## Thank You For Your Service!



### Cathy Walls retires after 30 Years of Township service!

The Northampton Township Board of Supervisors would like to recognize the retirement of **Cathy Walls**, a long-time employee of the Public Works Department. Cathy, a valued Administrative Assistant for over 30 years, has seen the Department grow tremendously.

During her tenure the Township has more than tripled in road miles, employees, and responsibilities. Having worked with three Department Directors during that time, Cathy was also fond of "her boys," the Public Works Crew.

Through countless snow storms and several hurricanes, Cathy was always here to accomplish the demands of the office. Between answering the numerous phone calls and handling the concerns of the Township residents, she also put her accounting degree to the test by posting millions of dollars in accounts payable!

We hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement with your husband Harry!

### Lynne Tomlinson retires after 30 Years of Township service!

After 30 years of exceptional service, the Township of Northampton would like to recognize the retirement of Director of Human Resources, **Lynne Tomlinson**. During her tenure, Lynne has at some point and time assisted nearly every Township Employee. With her open-door policy, willingness to help, and graceful manner, she offered a warm welcome and comfortable work environment. To those closest to her, she is an honest, knowledgeable, dedicated, hardworking Friend who always took the time for those who needed her.

In her position, Lynne also was able to reach out and help the community around her. One of her biggest accomplishments in this area was to establish the Annual "Battle of the Hamptons" food drive that benefits local food pantries. Last year the drive collected a total of 17,000 pounds of food! The drive ran for several years and will continue to run because of her humble efforts.

Employees like Lynne do not come around often, and the Township was fortunate to have her for so long. The impressions she made on the people around her and the department she molded will surely last another 30 years. Thank you, Lynne for all your years of service.



### Chief Michael B. Clark retires after 47 years of service to the Northampton Township Police Department.

Chief Clark served in the United States Marine Corp. from 1970 – 1976. While in the Marine Corp he joined the Northampton Township Police Department in 1973. He received an Associate of Arts degree from Bucks County Community College in 1976 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Trenton State University in 1980. The Chief is also a graduate of numerous supervisory/command schools including Northwestern University Police Staff and Command School.

During Chief Clark's career he held the ranks of sergeant, swat team commander, detective sergeant, lieutenant, and finally chief in August of 2013.

The Chief's retirement party was held at the Northampton Country Club. His service was recognized by: Congressman Fitzpatrick, PA State Senator Tommy Tomlinson, PA State Representative Wendi Thomas, Township Manager Robert Pellegrino and the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors.

On December 30, 2019 at 1130 hours Chief Clark signed off police radio for the last time.

### A Message from the Code Enforcement Department

Section 21-114.1. of the Northampton Township Code makes it unlawful to place any obstruction in any street, including, but not limited to, dumpsters, trailers, and PODS. Not only are they a danger to motorists and pedestrians, but they also impact snow plow operations in the winter.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Failure to comply could result in fines. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Department at 215-355-3883.

#### HOW CAN I RECEIVE NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP?

Visit our website at [www.northamptontownship.com](http://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.

#### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The administration building will be closed on:

**Monday, February 17th**  
in observation of Presidents' Day

**Friday, April 10th**  
for Good Friday

**Monday, May 25th**  
for Memorial Day

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE

Northampton Township, along with Upper & Lower Southampton Townships, is a member of the Southwestern Bucks County Solid Waste Committee (SWBSWC). Established over twenty (20) years ago, SWBSWC solicits proposals for residential trash & recycling collection services. These proposals result in four (4) different contracts. The first contract is with J.P. Mascaro & Sons to collect residential trash, recycling, and yard waste materials. Another contract is with Wheelabrator Technologies to receive and dispose of residential trash. The other two contracts are with Waste Management to receive and process recycling and yard waste materials.

When trash and recycling is collected curbside by Mascaro, they transport the trash to Wheelabrator's facility in Morrisville, PA, and deliver recycling and yard waste materials to Waste Management facilities in Philadelphia and Falls Township for processing.

Earlier this year, Mascaro wrongly distributed a flyer saying additional materials could now be accepted into the recycling process. These materials are called flexible plastics. This flyer was sent out in error.

**Please disregard the flyer and do not include flexible plastic items in your recycling carts.** They cannot be processed at the Waste Management Facility and will increase the amount of contamination in the recycling stream. This will increase the cost to dispose of recycling materials and could increase the trash fee charged by the Township for these services. Please continue to practice single stream recycling.

We apologize for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused. Please call J.P. Mascaro at 484-250-4686 if you have any questions.



### It's Simple – No Plastic Bags.

Waste Management wants to help you reduce recycling contamination. An impactful, straightforward solution to eliminate one of the biggest contaminants is ensuring there are no plastic bags and bagged recyclables in your recycling.

Looking to go bag-free at home? It's just as easy – visit our Get Started page to learn how to set up your household for recycling success.

**When recycling clean and dry bottles, cans, paper and cardboard, there's no need for a plastic bag.**

### Why Are Plastic Bags So Problematic?

Plastic bags become wrapped around sorting equipment, requiring all machinery to be shut down. Workers must climb into the machinery to cut plastic bags out of gears and screens. This delays the sorting of recyclables to end markets to make new products.

### It's Easier than You Think to Recycle Without Using Plastic Bags

- Work with your janitorial staff to develop processes to collect recyclables without using plastic bags or liners.
- Engage your employees and let them know why you're eliminating plastic bags – remind them that all recyclables should be clean and dry so there's no need for plastic bags.
- Make sure all containers are properly labeled – acceptable materials typically include bottles, cans, paper and cardboard. Visit Resources for Business on [Recycle Often. Recycle Right.](#) to download bin labels.
- Visit the No Plastic Bags Resources page on [Recycle Often. Recycle Right.](#) Scroll down to download several tools and resources to help your business and employees recycle right every day.

Place clean, dry materials in recycling container.



Consolidate smaller recycling containers into a larger, liner-free container.



Dump recyclables loose into your outdoor collection bin.



Double check recycling bin to make sure it's free from contaminants; no plastic bags or liners and all recyclables are loose in the bin.



### Going Bag-Free Just Makes Sense!

- ✓ It's the right thing for the environment.
- ✓ If you are recycling right and your recyclables are clean and dry, there's no need to use a plastic bag as a liner.
- ✓ It reduces your costs - no more money spent on plastic bags or liners.
- ✓ It's faster and more efficient for your janitorial team - no more time spent replacing bags or liners each day.
- ✓ It will help your business reduce recycling contamination.

**For more tools and resources to help you recycle right, visit [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](#)**

## COLLECTION DAYS ARE ONCE A WEEK

### **Important information about your Trash, Bulk, Recycling, and Yard Waste collection:**

- One (1) time per week collection
- Holiday Schedule: skips one day (See Below)
- Trash and Recycling and Bulk item on the same service day
- Green Carts: Single-stream recycling collection only!
- Yard waste collection is the day following collection of Trash/Recycling

### Household Trash Collection

Trash will be collected once a week depending on where you live. Each household is limited to twelve (12) bags or cans of trash per collection. Collection starts at 6 am, so put trash to the curb the night before, or plan accordingly. Use plastic or metal trash cans or plastic trash bags. All Trash should be bagged, please do not put out trash in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or containers smaller than 20 gallons or larger than 32 gallons. These cause litter!

### Holiday Schedule

If scheduled collection day is 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 (for that week only). **Holidays:** New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

### Bulk Item Collection

All residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside for collection per week. These items can include furniture, carpets, appliances and tree limbs or trunks larger than 3" in diameter (cannot be longer than 36") certain restrictions apply. Carpets and padding must be cut into 3-foot widths, rolled, tied or taped. Windows, mirrors, glass panels in doors, etc., must be taped in a crisscross pattern to prevent breakage. Only 10 rolls of carpet/padding per pick up. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and humidifiers contain Freon, which is considered hazardous; you must call to schedule a pick up, **1-800-432-1616**. There is no charge for this service.

### Disposal of Household Paints

**Latex paint:** Let paint dry in can. Adding kitty litter or a commercial drying agent will speed up the drying process. When paint is dry, double bag the can before putting it in the trash. Leaking paint will damage our trucks and stain your street.

**Oil based paint:** is hazardous waste and will not be collected. Call Bucks County Planning Commission (**215-345-3400**) for drop off locations and dates.

### Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

#### **December 16 to March 31**

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 only during this time.

#### **APRIL 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15**

Unlimited yard waste will be collected and taken to a 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 when full. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Tree branches and shrubbery must be no more than 36 inches long and less than 3 inches in diameter. They must be bundled and tied, taped or put in biodegradable bags. Branches or shrubbery cannot extend over the top of the can or bag. **Christmas Tree Collection:** Christmas Trees should be placed curbside the third week in January the day after your regular pick up, to be collected as yard waste and recycled. After that Christmas Trees will be collected as a bulk item.

## Disposal of Bamboo

Bamboo is not accepted at our compost facility and must be disposed of with your regular trash. Bamboo cannot be disposed of with your yard waste. Please put the bamboo in plastic garbage 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 toward the twelve can limit.

## Movable Street Basketball Hoops



Movable street basketball hoops are not allowed in the street and curb areas. Garbage trucks and snow plows inadvertently hit these objects when operating. Please remove all objects to the curb right of way or turn the basketball hoop so that the rim does not hang over the street where a truck bed can hit it. The operator's focus is on the task at hand and the curb; because of the size, weight, and noise of the truck; operators are often unaware that they have hit anything.



Not only does this damage the rim of the basketball hoop; it also does severe damage to the truck. The Township is not responsible when these items are hit.

## 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?

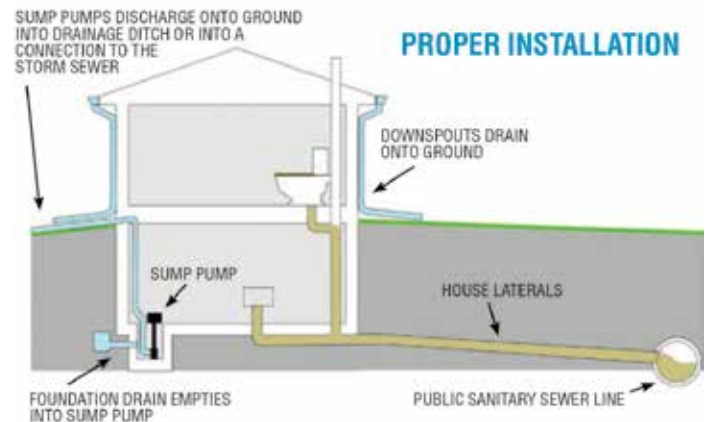
A: Pursuant to Northampton Township Ordinance No 492, a violation is punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 per day.

#### 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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## A History of Roads by James M. Briggs



Holmes Map of 1681, showing earliest land grants in Northampton Township area

We have been looking at how the expanding population in the 1950s impacted the local government in Northampton Township. The Township for the first time in its history consolidated all of its operations at a central location in Richboro. In future articles, we will examine various separate functions of government and how they were affected. But we will begin with one of the government's primary requirements since the Roman Times – the need for “improved” public roads.

Most people know William Penn established the counties of Southeastern Pennsylvania from a grant by the King of England in 1681. But there were scattered settlements along the Delaware River prior to Penn. The earliest road laid out in Bucks County circa 1677 enlarged an existing Native American path making it “passable for horses and carts”. Portions of this road became Route 13 in the 20th century.

William Penn insisted that a proprietor (owner of the ground) from his land grant first compensate the Native American occupants before it was occupied. Penn formalized his own purchase in 1683 for lands between the Pennpack and Neshaminy Creeks. This area contained what would become the municipalities of Lower Bucks County with Northampton and Warwick Townships eventually along its northern borders.

Penn's property was first surveyed shortly after the King's grant in 1681 and the lands which would become Northampton Township had already been divided among 16 of his wealthiest friends. (See Holmes Map). Curiously the straight property lines closely equate to some of the major roads in the Township; Almshouse Road, Second Street Pike, and Bustleton Pike. Most of those first properties were never

settled and the proprietors would be viewed today as little more than land speculators.

The Northampton area was originally referred to as the “adjacents of Southampton” and next surveyed in 1703-1708. The number of proprietors had increased to over 30, but most were not original to the time of William Penn approximately 25 years earlier. There were some roads close to Northampton established by the 18th Century. Philadelphia Road (Second Street Pike) was officially started in 1693 and extended a few years later to Southampton. At roughly the same time the “Kings Road” in 1693 was built from what is currently Langhorne to Feasterville eventually becoming Bridgetown Pike. A portion of which is still the southern border for the Township.

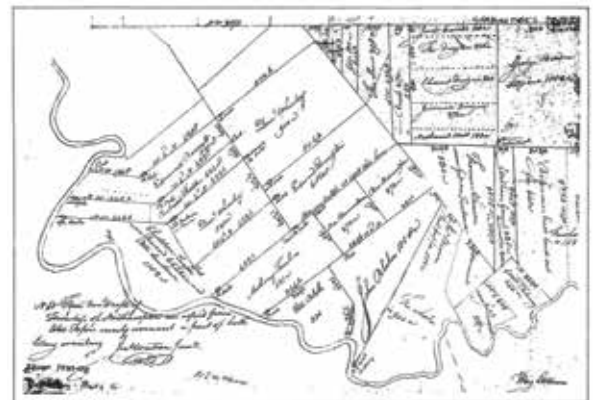
During this period most local roads in this area were little more than farm lanes, and property owners could fence those areas at their choosing. Many of the land disputes were settled in Quarter Sessions Court and by 1709 some property owners from this area wrote a letter to the court. They complained that roads were cutting their properties into “narrow and irregular pieces”. On December 11, 1722, 21 proprietors of the approximately 40 settlements asked to be “granted as a district Township to be called North Hampton.” Permission was granted in five days and a Supervisor of Roads appointed in July 1723.

Many of these early roads are difficult to place because they had different names for various portions or changed names with adjacent property transfers. We know the road from Southampton was extended in the early 1700s through what is now Richboro, to Newtown, and ultimately Yardley. Bristol Road in 1724 was extended from the Holland area along the township border, Bustleton Pike from Feasterville and Jacksonville Road from Warminster. So many roads were added the Township needed a second road supervisor in 1745. The upper portion of Second Street Pike called the “Middle Road” was chartered in 1753. This connected to Wrightstown Township on the first bridge in this area “Chain Bridge” started after 1748.

Early roads were established by simply laying out the location, clearing the trees, and removing stumps. This was acceptable for pedestrians or to travel on horseback. But this was inadequate for the increasing requirements of handling commerce on heavy wagons. By the early 1800's many of the roads were improved and maintained by private toll companies. Some of our local roads required tolls until Pennsylvania began assuming control of the major roads in the 1930s. There were still in the 1950s three old toll houses remaining in the area. My parents had a replica of an original toll schedule ranging from .24 cents for a wagon to .02 cents for a pedestrian and people going to church.

A comparison of maps from the 1800 era and a modern one from 1948 show general differences in the Township roadways. The newer map had “County” numbers for identification purposes and the farms were generally smaller because of mechanization advantages. Almshouse Road (called Poorhouse Road until the 1950s) originally did not continue straight into Richboro until cut through after 1812. The largest changes to the road system during this period were created by the construction of the Churchville Reservoir and the consolidation of farms due to the creation of the Tyler Estate (now the State Park).

The next article will continue the examination of the roads in Northampton as they were impacted by the technological changes of the 20th century. Much of the early history roads in the Township was compiled by Virginia B. Geyer to whom I am indebted.



John Cutler's survey of "adjacents of Southampton," 1703-1708. (Library of Bucks Co. Historical Library, Doylestown, Pa.)



# Northampton Township Volunteer Fire Company

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## If We Can't See Your House Numbers, We Can't Find Your House!

### Message from Fire Chief, Adam M. Selisker

Have you checked the visibility of your address lately? Here's a test. Drive down your street and see how quickly you can see and read your street address. How about your neighbors? If you can't see it quickly, neither can emergency services. This could cause dangerous delays. Here are the address requirements as found in the Northampton Township Code. These codes, as well as all other Township codes can be found on our website: [www.northamptontownship.com](http://www.northamptontownship.com)

**Remember, we can't help you if we can't find you!**

### §4-104. Numbering Requirements.

1. The owner, occupant or lessee of each and every structure which now fronts or which may hereafter front upon any public or private street or highway within the Township of Northampton who has been assigned a street number prior to the effective date of this Part shall, at his own expense, within 60 days after the effective date of this Part, cause the authorized and assigned number of such structure to be permanently and conspicuously placed in accordance with the specifications set forth herein. Any owner who has not been assigned a number prior to the effective date of this Part shall, within 60 days after notice of assignment of such number, comply with the requirements of this Section.
2. **Specifications. Street numbers shall be: A. In Arabic numerals. B. A minimum height of 4 inches with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch, except as provided in subsection .3 of this Section. [Ord. 561] C. Placed upon a mailbox, post or other type of man-made fixture of substantial nature, excluding curbs at the vehicular entrance to the premises. D. Sufficiently legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing and uniformity so as to be clearly visible from the street.**
3. **Placing Numbers on a Building.** If the posting of the assigned building number under subsection .2 would not be feasible or practical, then regulations may be satisfied if the owner, occupant or lessee shall provide the Arabic numbers as required by these §4-104 Township of Northampton §4-105 4-4 regulations mounted in a secure fashion upon the front wall or porch of the building so as to be clearly visible from the street, at least 60 inches above ground level and so placed that trees, shrubs and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street upon which the building fronts. When such a number is placed on a building, the minimum height of the Arabic numbers shall be 4 inches in height. [Ord. 561]
4. **Occupancy Permits.** Any structure erected, repaired, altered or modified after the effective date of this Part shall have the occupancy permit withheld until the assigned street number is affixed to said structure in accordance with this Part. (Ord. 231, 9/25/1985; as amended by Ord. 561, 4/25/2012)



## From The Office of the Fire Marshal

The Northampton Township office of the Fire Marshal Urges all residents who utilize wood burning appliances, or fireplaces to dispose of all ashes properly. Ashes from stoves, and fire places can remain hot and capable of igniting a fire for two weeks after removal from the stove or fireplace. Ashes should be placed in a metal container equipped with a lid, wetted, and stored outside away from your home or combustibles. Ashes should never be stored inside your home, or garage.

The Northampton Township Fire Department Needs your help. During the winter months we ask you to clear snow from your local fire hydrant. Adopt the plug closest to your home, and keep it clear of snow all winter long.

Can we find you? Township ordinances require that all assigned street numbers be displayed prominently on your home, or mailbox. Please make sure that your address is posted, and clearly visible from the street. We thank you for your cooperation.

# Police Department

## Police Building Open House

The Northampton Township Police Department will be hosting an **Open House** at our new police building on March 28, 2020 from 10:00am – Noon. Members of our community are invited to visit our new police building located at 111 Township Rd. Richboro, PA. Officers will be available to provide tours and answer questions.



## Coffee with a Cop

The Northampton Township Police Department will host a **Coffee with a Cop** event on March 26, 2020 from 10:00am – Noon at the Northampton Free Library located at 25 Upper Holland Rd. Richboro, Pa. Meet with Chief Steven LeCompte and officers over a good cup of coffee. Questions will be answered, and issues will be discussed in a relaxed atmosphere.



## Planning and Zoning Corner...



The following is a 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 Planning Commission**.

### What is the Planning Commission?

The Northampton Township Planning Commission consists of seven (7) members who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. They are an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the following:

- Subdivision and land development applications
- Conditional use applications
- Comprehensive planning
- Zoning and subdivision ordinance amendments
- General land use and planning matters within the Township

Please be advised that the Planning Commission meetings are televised on the Township Cable Channel. The regular meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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.



## 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**.
- **10% PENALTY** applied from November 1st until December 31st.

**"Please call us to assist your neighbors and family members who may need help processing their payments to ensure the avoidance of penalties."**

Thank you,

*Vincent*

Vincent Deon, Northampton Tax Collector



Please use separate checks for each tax bill - **SORRY NO CASH**

Mortgage companies pay your Escrowed taxes within the discount period. If you are concerned, please forward your tax bill to them.

*Vincent*



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Richboro, PA 18954  
215-357-1343  
FAX 215- 357- 0784

### OFFICE HOURS:

- Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30am – 4:30pm, Fri.: 8:30am – 12pm
- Extra End Of Discount Hours: Fri. April 24th 8:30am – 4:30pm Wed. April 29th 8:30 – 7pm
- CLOSED: May 25th - June 1st, July 2nd - 6th, June 15th - 19th, December 24th - 29th
- CLOSED COUNTY HOLIDAYS, Election Days



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## Health and Wellness Initiative Planned - Helping You to Live a Healthy Life

Northampton Township provides residents with an abundance of health and wellness programs. This commitment is evidenced by not only the quality programs offered year-round by the Free Library of Northampton Township, the James E. Kinney Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation Department but by the township owned facilities that house these programs. Over the past four decades, each department has grown and flourished. Each strives to address many important topics that impact our daily lives. One of those topics is health and wellness. Although the three departments play different roles in the community, they share the goal of helping Northampton Township residents enjoy life and live their best lives possible.

With the assistance of a Community Health grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, awarded to the

Library, the Township has been afforded the unique opportunity for the three departments, (the Library, the Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation Department) to work together to provide the residents of Northampton Township with a series of programs and events. This Health and Wellness Initiative will feature workshops offered by Doylestown Health educators, which are outlined on page 17 of this newsletter. In addition, residents will have the opportunity, during the week of April 6th to participate in free trial exercise and fitness classes offered by Parks and Recreation and the Senior Center.

Mark your calendar as this initiative will culminate with two community wide events; a Health and Wellness Festival, on Sunday May 31st and a Kids Yoga Festival on National Family Fitness Day Saturday June 13th. Watch for more details!



### NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP OFFERS FREE TRIAL EXERCISE CLASSES APRIL 6 – APRIL 9!

LOOKING FOR A GREAT EXERCISE PROGRAM THAT IS JUST THE RIGHT "FIT?"

Join us from April 6 – April 9th and try one or all of the exercise classes listed below that Northampton Township offers!

Registration is encouraged but not required. Those who pre-register will receive a free gift. After attending a free trial class all participants will receive a voucher for 10% off to use towards the fee of a full session!

Visit [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com) for complete class details! We can't wait to see you!

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION	CLASS CODE
<b>Monday, April 6</b>	9:30 – 10:30 AM	Total Body Fitness AM	Recreation Center	FTTBA46
Monday	10 – 11 AM	Chair Fit	Recreation Center	FTCF46
Monday	Noon – 1 PM	Yoga for Seniors	Library	FTYS46
Monday	1 – 2 PM	Seniortoise	Library	FTSR46
Monday	6 – 7 PM	Total Body PM	Recreation Center	FTTBP46
Monday	7:30 – 8:30 PM	Gentle Yoga	Library	FTGY46
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	9:30 – 10:30 AM	Body by Barre	Recreation Center	FTBB47
Tuesday	10 – 11 AM	Tai Chi	Library	FTTC47
Tuesday	11 AM – Noon	Aerobics for Seniors	Library	FTAS47
Tuesday	Noon – 1 PM	Senior Dance	Library	FTSD47
Tuesday	6:15 – 7:15 PM	Zumba	Recreation Center	FTZ47
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	6:30 – 8 PM	Yoga for Beginners	Library	FTYB48
<b>Thursday, April 9</b>	9 – 10 AM	Yoga	Recreation Center	FTYA48
Thursday	10 – 11 AM	Pilates	Recreation Center	FTP48
Thursday	10:30 – 11:30 AM	Seniortoise	Recreation Center	FTSR48
Thursday	6:15 – 7:15 PM	Zumba 20-20-20	Recreation Center	FTZ49
Thursday	6:30 – 7:30 PM	PM Tai Chi	Library	FTTCP49
Thursday	7:30 – 8:30 PM	Pilates PM	Library	FTPP49



# FREE LIBRARY *of Northampton Township*

25 UPPER HOLLAND ROAD | RICHBORO, PA 18954 | 215-357-3050

HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-9:00pm | Friday: 1:00pm-5:00pm | Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm | Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

## PRESCHOOL EVENTS

### On My Own Preschool Story Time

*Mondays at 11:00am OR 2:00pm*

*March 23 - April 27*

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 March 2nd.*



### Baby Jamboree

*Wednesdays at 10:30am. Now - April 15*

30 minutes of simple stories, rhymes, songs & BUBBLES!

For babies up to 18 months. No registration.

### Toddler Time

*Thursdays at 10:30am Now - April 16*

Stories, songs & a craft for toddlers ages 19 months - 36 months and a caregiver.

No registration.

### Barn Nature Center Traveling Story Time - with live animals!

*Monday March 2 at 11:00am: The Little Tree*

A story about a tree who learns to let go and grow! Meet a tree-dwelling animal!

*Monday March 9 at 11:00am: Little Skink's Tail*

A story about a small lizard who's tail falls off! Meet a lizard with the ability to drop its tail!

*Monday March 16 at 11:00am: Night Animals*

Story of Possum who is afraid of things that go bump in the night. Meet a nocturnal animal!

Ages 2-6. No registration.

### Stay & Play

*Mondays at 10:00am March 23 - April 27.*

Make a play date at the library! Enjoy our toys and socialize with other parents.

For ages 2-6. No registration.

### Doodle Days - Dress for a Mess!

*2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30.*

March 11 - Make Your Own Play-Doh

April 8 - Shape Painting

May 13 - Play-Doh Play Time

For ages 2-6. No registration.



### Lolly & Yoyo

*Thursdays April 23, 30 and May 7 at 11:00am.*

Lively musical entertainment with singing, dancing and lots of fun. For Ages 2-6. No registration.

### Music Fun with Dayle

*Monday May 4 and Monday May 18 at 11:00.*

High energy music program with singing, dancing, games & musical instruments.

For ages 2-6. No registration.

## SCHOOL AGE EVENTS

### Crafternoon

*3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:45 pm.*

March 17 - Sock Bunny; April 21 - Rainbow Tape Resist;

May 19 - Sun catcher

For grades k-2 (no preschoolers please) *Register for each week individually beginning now.*

### Nature STEAM

*3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:45 pm.*

March 18 - Owls; April 15 - Butterflies; May 20 - Baby Chicks

Hear a story and then participate in art and/or science activities.

For grades k-2. No registration.

### Kids Compute

*4th Tuesday of the month at 4:45 pm.*

March 24 - Circuits; April 28 - Makey Makey;

May 26 - Hour of Code

For grades 3-6. *Register for all events beginning now.*

### Recycled Picasso Portraits

*Thursday March 26 at 7:00pm. With Anita Thompson.*

Using cardboard, newspapers and magazines kids will create a portrait.

For Grades 3-6. *Registration is required and begins on March 5.*

### Earth Day Plarn Project

*Wednesday, April 22 at 4:30-6:30pm.*

Reuse plastic bags to weave mats for the AIM mission to donate to local homeless shelters.

For grades 2-6. No registration.

### Read to the Dogs

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

Choose a book and read to our Nor'Wester Reader Therapy Dogs. For grades k-6. No registration.

## TEEN EVENTS

### Graffiti Art Workshop

Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm.

Inspired by graffiti artists, participants will use markers and colored pencils to create their name in bubble shaped letters on a brick wall background. With Anita Thompson.

For grades 7 and up. Registration is required and begins on February 5.

### Earth Day Plarn Project

Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30pm.

Reuse plastic bags to weave useful mats to donate to local homeless shelters.

AIM is a local mission that provides these mats to the homeless in Philadelphia.

For grades 7 and up. No registration.

### Summer Teen Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in volunteering and earning LINCS hours over the summer, this is the place to be!

For AGES 13-17. No registration.

## FAMILY EVENTS

### Dr. Seuss Birthday Party!

Monday, March 2 from 6:00-8:00pm. All ages

Join us in making Ooblick and Truffula Trees.

We will share our favorite Dr. Seuss story and end the night with party hats & Birthday cake.

Registration is required and begins now.

### Pi Day Party!

Saturday, March 14 from 12:00-2:00pm. All ages

Celebrate this mathematical holiday with some Pi activities and some delicious pie to eat!

No Registration.



### Leprechauns in the Library

Tuesday, March 17. All Day. All Ages

Oh those silly leprechauns are loose in the library. Find them all to receive a prize!

No registration.

### Charya Indian Dance

Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm. All ages

Charya is a lively and enchanting dance style. This unique dance uses facial expressions and hand movements to tell a story. Enjoy this colorful production and then meet & speak with performers.

Registration is required and begins on March 17.

### May the 4th be with You

Monday, May 4 at 7:00pm. All Ages

Will the force be with you? Come to the library to find out!

Refreshments for all. No registration.

### Lego Club

4th Saturday of the month from 12:00-2:00 pm. Now - May. All ages.

We provide the Lego's you provide the imagination. No registration.

## MORE LIBRARY EVENTS

Join **Jessica Gershenfeld of the YWCA on every Tuesday in March - March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at 6:30pm for a series of programs related to Career Development.**

Each week covers a different topic such as Job Search Strategies, Resume Writing, Cover Letter Writing, Interview Techniques and Mock Interviews. Registration required—go to library's website.

Lights, Camera, Action... **Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults on select Tuesday mornings each month at 10:30am.** The lights will dim for an intimate showing of current movies. A variety of film genres are selected in order to appeal to many tastes. Now through June. Bring a friend and spend a delightful morning. No registration. Please check the library's website for dates and movie titles.



Ken Serfass returns to the library and reprises his role as General Ulysses S. Grant in a new program on **Saturday, March 14th at 2:00pm entitled: "The Surrender of Lee in 1865."** Learn about this famous meeting of two great generals that changed the course of American History. No registration.

Ever look up at a starlit sky and ever wonder if we are alone? Norm Rubin is here on **Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm to help answer such a question with his program "Space Travel and the Possibility of Extraterrestrials."** No registration.

In order to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, the library presents an afternoon with a suffragette. **Saturday, March 21st at 3:00pm, the actor Carol Spacht will become Dora Lewis, Philadelphia Suffragist for the National Women's Party.** Learn about the differing viewpoints toward suffrage, and how Dora's involvement in the National Women's Party was crucial as Alice Paul's local, loyal supporter. No registration.



Laughter late at night after a hard day is very welcome. Perhaps that is why the late night television thrives. Steve Pollock returns to the library with another great informational program **“The History of Late Night Television” on Saturday, April 11th at 2:00pm.** No registration.

Approaching 65 years of age and confused about Medicare? Are you worried you will make wrong health coverage choices? Then attend **“Know Your Medicare Options” on Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm.** Learn how Medicare works and what it covers, what Part “D” is, and the difference between Medicare and Medicare Advantage. This is a PA Forward program. Registration is recommended—go to the library’s website.



Encounters with ticks are all too common in Pennsylvania, and with ticks comes the real threat of debilitating Lyme Disease. Evelyn Throne, the founder of the Bucks County Lyme Disease Support Group, suffers from this chronic condition. **On Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm, she shares with you her extensive knowledge of Lyme Disease,** and how to prevent Lyme from happening to you. No registration.

**Ed Eisen** has seen it all over the last 50 years, and he is happy to share his wild ride in the presentation **“Front Row Seat” on Saturday, May 9th at 2:00pm.** During his tenure as a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, he has met the famous and the infamous, and does he has stories to tell. He truly did have a “front row seat” while interviewing Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Theresa and many more. An enjoyable afternoon. No registration.

Who hasn’t laughed at the phenomenal work by the late comedian, Robin Williams—Mork & Mindy and Mrs. Doubtfire come instantly to mind. **On Thursday, May 21st at 7:00pm, Norm Rubin expounds upon Robin Williams’ life and craft in “Robin Williams, Man of Comedy.”** No registration.

The incomparable **Fred Miller returns to the library on Saturday, June 13th at 2:00pm with another engaging “lecture-in-song.”** No registration.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE

Looking to improve your and your families overall health and wellness! Mark your calendar for the following programs brought to you by the Free Library of Northampton Township and a Community Health Grant from the PA Department of Human Services. Registration is required for all programs listed below. Visit the Library’s website at [northamptontownshiplibrary.org](http://northamptontownshiplibrary.org). Take the First Step Toward a Happy, Healthier YOU!

- Monday, March 9th at 4:30pm, join Doylestown Health’s “Food Investigators”.** This is a program for kids 4th grade through 6th grade accompanied by an adult. Learn how to make healthy food choices by deciphering ingredient lists, evaluating nutrition facts, and understanding food marketing. A hands-on activity is planned and a light snack is provided.
- Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00pm join “Eating on the Go.”** With today’s busy world, one is often eating on the run, and sometimes nutrition suffers. Don’t let this happen to you. Doylestown Health educators will show you how to prepare meals that are fast, simple and nutritious with the workshop
- Tuesday, April 7th at 1:00pm, join a physical therapist from Doylestown Health’s Orthopedic Institute for the program “Are You at Risk of Falling?”** Learn the risk factors for a fall and how to avoid them with a fall prevention program. After the lecture there will be time for questions.
- Saturday, April 18th from 10:00am-1:00pm** Feeling forgetful, then join Cheri Kline, a registered nurse and Maureen Riley, director of Life Enrichment at Doylestown Health, for this **Memory Workshop.** These professionals will review the difference between forgetfulness and memory impairment such as dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Learn about the factors that affect memory and how to reduce your impairment risk. This presentation is appropriate for those concerned about one’s own or a loved one’s memory loss.
- Thursday, May 7th at 7:00pm, Doylestown Health presents a program “What is Medical Marijuana?”** Much is reported in the media about medical marijuana and its properties, but learn from health professionals if it is a wise choice.
- Monday May 11th from 4:00pm-6:30pm participate in a 15-Minute Health Screening by Doylestown Health.** Take advantage of a stress-free health screening that provides results in less than 15 minutes. A finger prick tells you about your glucose level, total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, Triglycerides and body fat. Walk away with a snapshot of your health. An appointment is required—please sign up for a time slot at the Reference Desk beginning April 15th.
- Sunday May 31st – Health and Wellness Festival**

## James E. Kinney Senior Center

### Rental Room Available at the Northampton Township James E. Kinney Senior Center 165 Township Road – Richboro, PA 18954

Is family coming to town and you don't have room to host the dinner in your home? Do you need a larger room to hold your next workshop or business meeting? Are you looking for a perfect spot for a party, bridal or baby shower or get together? The **Northampton James E. Kinney Senior Center** is available here to help you! We are ready to make your next event a huge success!



Our Bright 3,000 sq. foot room with seating up to 200 people depending on the type of event. Retractable partitions allow for smaller room size if needed. There is a separate rental entrance for this section of the building. 6' long tables and chairs are provided.

*\*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*



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# SPRING FLING SHOPPING EVENT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 2020**  
**5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**HOSTED BY THE JAMES E. KINNEY SENIOR CENTER**  
**165 TOWNSHIP ROAD – RICHBORO, PA**  
**215-357-8199**

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!

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Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM • Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

#### Our activities include . . .

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerobics</li> <li>• Art Studio</li> <li>• Bereavement Support Group</li> <li>• Billiards</li> <li>• Bingo</li> <li>• Bocce (Spring &amp; Summer)</li> <li>• Book Club</li> <li>• Bridge</li> <li>• Canasta</li> <li>• Card Games</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Yoga</li> <li>• Coloring Club</li> <li>• Cribbage</li> <li>• Darts</li> <li>• Gentle Yoga</li> <li>• Golf (Spring &amp; Summer)</li> <li>• Indoor Shuffleboard</li> <li>• Jazz/Line Dance</li> <li>• Luncheons</li> <li>• Luv 2 Dance Class</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mah Jongg</li> <li>• Meetings/Programs</li> <li>• Mindful Meditation</li> <li>• Pinochle</li> <li>• Poker Club</li> <li>• Scrabble</li> <li>• Seniorcise</li> <li>• Spanish Classes</li> <li>• Stained Glass</li> <li>• Table Tennis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tai Chi</li> <li>• Tap Time</li> <li>• Trips</li> <li>• Watercolors</li> <li>• Wood Carving</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• Yoga</li> </ul> |
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**The center always welcomes new members. For a membership fee of \$25 per year, anyone age 55 or better can be a part of the "best bargain in town." For more information stop by the center for a tour or call (215) 357-8199.**

# Parks and Recreation

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

For details look for the Spring Parks & Recreation brochure, coming soon to your mailbox, call Parks & Recreation 215-357-6800 ext. 256 or visit [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com).

### FEB.29 – MARCH 8

**Philadelphia Flower Show tickets.**  
On sale at the P&R office. \$33 - Adults

### APRIL

*April 1, Wednesday*

**Hearing and Vision Screening** for preschoolers.

*April 4, Saturday*

**Bunny Hunt "Egg Venture"** – registration now available

*April 17, Friday*

**Miracle League Golf Outing**

*April 20, Monday*

**Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills – "Sherlock Homes Returns"**

\$99 pp incl. Luncheon, theater, trans. and gratuities. Register soon as spots fill quickly.

*April 25, Saturday*

**Earth Day** at Core Creek Park

### MAY

*May 8, Friday*

**Miracle League Designer Bag Bingo**

*May 29, Friday*

**Star Gazing**

*May 30, Saturday*

**Community Yard Sale** - \$10 per household.

Register online or forms are available at the Twp. Admin. Bldg. Participate to sell your treasures or follow the map as a buyer for lots of great bargains.

*May 31, Sunday*

**Health and Wellness Festival**

Northampton Library. Look for further details online at [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com)

### JUNE

*Thursdays, June 4 – Aug. 6 (except 7/2)*

**Sights and Sounds of Summer Concerts**

FREE, 7 pm. Held at the Northampton Municipal Park amphitheater. A complete lineup of bands, dates and info can be found online at [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com)

*June 4*

**Concert: Council Rock Middle and High School Jazz Bands.** 6:30 pm.

*June 11*

**Concert: A Touch of Blues**

*June 13*

**Kids Yoga Festival** - Municipal Park - details to follow

### MARCH 2021

**Join Parks and Recreation on a Colette Tour to Italy.**

Visit Rome, Florence, Venice and more with excursions, meals and transportation included. Watch for details in the Spring Parks and Recreation brochure and on the Recreation website [Northamptonrec.com](http://Northamptonrec.com)

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# Parks and Recreation Employment Opportunities



## HOW WILL YOU SPEND YOUR SUMMER?

Why Every College Student Should Work as a Camp Counselor

There is no denying that the pressure on college students in today's world is enormous. Not only is it vitally important to their future that students exceed in their academics, become an active member of their university and volunteer for something worthwhile to give back to their community, but it is also paramount that they find "just the right" internship with "just the right" company as early in their college careers as possible to gain valuable work experience. So why in the world would a college student "waste" a summer or two working at a camp when they need to gain an array of skills in the short-time they have before entering the workforce?

The position of Camp Counselor is often viewed as just a way for older "kids" to remain immersed as camper. After all, it is all fun and games, right? Once you are hired as a counselor and camp has begun, it becomes apparent that this is one of the most challenging jobs a person will ever experience. Hot days, constant activity, campers pushing limits and high expectations to follow strict policies and procedures all exist inside your typical Day Camp. However, nothing will ever compare to the multitude of experience and vast rewards that are gained and stay with you once the summer has faded away. Here are just a few examples of the many benefits of being a camp counselor:

1. **Being a Role Model:** As soon as the Counselor t-shirt becomes part of your daily wardrobe, you are instantly a superhero in the eyes of a child. You have the unique opportunity to truly impact their lives and you will form a strong bond with each camper because such a large amount of time is spent with each one. You Make a **DIFFERENCE**.
2. **Leadership Skills:** You will be asked to lead at some point in the summer. Others will look to you for direction and guidance. They will follow your example and listen to your expertise.

3. **Communication Skills:** There are no cell phones at summer camp. You will be speaking directly to each child, co-counselor, supervisor, parent and director. You will learn to communicate clearly and effectively while looking directly at the person in front of you.
4. **Team Player:** There is no way to run a camp all on your own. In addition, all different personality types are necessary to run a successful camp. Camp Counselors come together, despite different personalities to accomplish the mission of providing kids with a safe, fun, and memorable summer.
5. **Life-Long Friendships:** You will spend more time with your fellow counselors than you will with anyone else this summer. You will laugh, cry, become frustrated and angry, make up a dance or song, celebrate, create skits and act goofy all in a very short period of time. The people standing by your side will help you through it all. Those bonds do not break.

Perhaps most importantly, you will learn more about yourself in just eight weeks than you ever have before and perhaps ever will again. One day, when you are looking to land that dream job in the business world and the interviewer asks for your strengths and areas of weakness, you will know exactly what to say because of your experience at camp.

Are you ready to get paid to work harder than you ever have, make a real difference, build your resume, and have the best summer of your life? **APPLY NOW!**

**Northampton Township offers a multitude of summer camps from ages 3 – 14. Half and Full Day Positions are available. For more information about our camp program, or to print an application, visit the Parks and Recreation website at [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com) We can't wait to see you!**

## WE ARE HIRING SWIM INSTRUCTORS & LIFEGUARDS

**Northampton Township Swim Club** Located at *Northampton Valley Country Club*  
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Shifts 4 to 8 hours per day • Scheduled between 8 am and 8:30 pm • Monday through Friday only

Memorial Day to Labor Day 2020 (Occasional weekend paid in-service training required)

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and current LG/FA/CPR/AED certification to [dcatoggio@nhtwp.org](mailto:dcatoggio@nhtwp.org) Questions?  
Contact Debbie Catoggio, Swim Club Manager at 215-357-6800 ext 211

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Northampton Swim Club operates **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ONLY** primarily for our summer camp program...**BUT Swim Club Membership is still available with NEW options to suit everyone!**

- Membership is Monday through Friday only. NO weekend swimming is available.
- Membership is open to all, but, Northampton Township encourages use by members of the community by offering a discount to its residents--to qualify for this discount, you must live within Northampton Township.
- Family Membership includes those residing at the same address on a permanent basis.
- **NEW All swim team PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A SWIM CLUB MEMBERSHIP. NO ADDITIONAL TOWNSHIP FEES for swim team participants who are part of a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP!**
- Age determined as of the first day of the season, May 25, 2020.
- Senior Membership is available for individuals age 62 and over, or couples both age 62 or over.
- One caregiver age 18 or over may be added to a family membership.
- Children 14 and older are required to provide proof of age to join as a single member. Parental signature is required granting permission for 14 to 18 year olds to attend the swim club alone. (Guest privileges limited)
- No charge for children under 2, however, the child's information is needed to process membership.

### New Membership Options available for the 2020 Season!

- **NEW JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP** is available for children age 5 through 13 who are not part of a family membership. This option is perfect for athletes who wish to participate in Northampton Swim Team or children who have multiple caregivers throughout the summer. Junior Members may only attend the swim club when accompanied by an adult member or caregiver age 18 or over, paying the appropriate guest fee! NO ADDITIONAL TOWNSHIP FEES for swim team participants who purchase a JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP!
- **NEW TWILIGHT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** - This membership option is available to Northampton Township Resident Families ONLY and includes admission to the pool during "twilight" hours, from 5:00 pm to close, Monday through Friday throughout the 2020 season. Twilight membership will also be honored during all operating hours August 17th through 28, 2020. All members of the household living at the resident address year-round will be included in this Twilight Family Membership fee, proof of residency required.

### TO JOIN:

Visit [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com) by 4/14/2020, or call the Parks & Rec Office at 215-357-6800 ext. 249 to take advantage of preferred rates shown below for fun in the sun, Monday through Friday, all summer long:

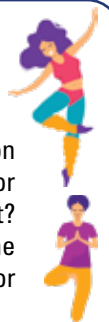
- Single \$235
- Family of 2 \$440
- Family of 3 \$565
- Family of 4 \$645
- Each Additional Family Member \$50
- Senior Single \$145
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- NEW JUNIOR \$235
- NEW TWILIGHT FAMILY \$300

## Northampton Township Community Connections: Health and Wellness Festival

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**MAY 31 - SAVE THE DATE!**

Northampton Township is excited to announce that the Northampton Township Library, Parks and Recreation Department, and James E Kinney Senior Center have joined together to create an informative and FUN afternoon for the entire family! Worried about how much time your child spends in front of a screen? How to prepare for retirement? Want to try a new exercise program? This is YOUR day! Parents, grandparents, and children alike will enjoy the afternoon learning, exercising, and dancing their way into WELLNESS. Feeling good has no age restrictions! Look for more details to come about this special community-wide event... you don't want to miss a minute!



## DISCOUNTED TICKETS

The Parks and Recreation Department offers discounted tickets throughout the year. You can purchase discount movie tickets, year round, for \$9.50 per ticket. These tickets are available for use at all Regal Cinemas and United Artists Theaters. Tickets are valid for all show time WITH NO RESTRICTIONS. Movie tickets are perfect for birthday gifts, thank you gifts, employee incentives or simply a night out.

We also offer discounted ski lift tickets to Pennsylvania Ski resorts; Bear Creek, Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Mountain, Elk Mountain and Shawnee Mountain. Prices can be found on line at [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com).



Discounted tickets to amusement park and local attractions such as the Adventure Aquarium, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Great Adventure, Philadelphia Zoo and the American Revolution Museum as well as others are also available. We typically receive the tickets in the spring and they are available through the end of the year depending on the operating hours.

All tickets are sold at the Parks and Recreation Office in the Northampton Township Administration building located at 55 Township Road in Richboro during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. We suggest you call ahead to make sure the desired tickets are in stock. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. Please call 215-357-6800 for availability and additional information.



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Proceeds from the Flower Show benefit the year round programs of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society that have become national models of urban greening, including City Harvest, which creates green jobs and supports a network of community gardens that raise fresh produce for families in need.

# PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!



## Improvements to the Municipal Park Playground Scheduled to begin Fall 2020.

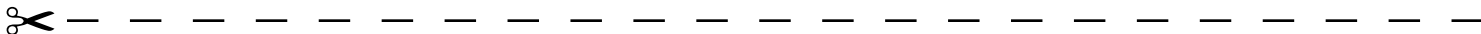
Since May 2005 on any given day of the year, even the coldest days, children have been seen happily playing on the playground at the Municipal Park on Hatboro and Bristol Roads in Churchville. Over the years, the Township has received compliments stating what a great playground it is. Well, its time for some improvements which will make it even better...for everyone!

Over the past few years the Miracle League of Northampton Township and the Northampton Township Administration have been working together to come up with a plan to expand the popular "blue" playground so that children of all abilities will be able to experience playing on a playground. Working with Landscape Structures, playground experts in Inclusive Play, the Miracle League Board of Directors has strategically selected pieces of equipment that will welcome children and families of all abilities to learn, play and grow together.

Playgrounds play an important role in the development of children. All children benefit from exploring the four defined areas of developmental skills when at play. The four areas of developmental skills are categorized into four areas: sensory, motor, cognitive, and social/emotional. Multi-sensory experiences can be good because using more than one sense at a time helps to build the brain more quickly. However, those with disabilities may need to break that information into smaller parts. Some may require additional sensory input, others do better with less. Some may prefer to experience this input more frequently, others less frequently. That is why it is so important for playgrounds – especially inclusive playgrounds – to provide a variety of developmental options for children to choose from. The pieces of equipment selected for the Playground Improvement Project were chosen with this in mind.

In addition to new equipment, new surfacing, fencing and shade structures will be installed.

The improvements will be funded through grants, private donations and the fundraising efforts by the Miracle League organization. Donations can be made to support the purchase and installation of over 20 pieces of equipment ranging in price from \$1,000 to \$30,000. For more information or to make a donation call Nancy Opalka at 215-357-6800, visit [mlnorthampton.com](http://mlnorthampton.com) or complete the form below.



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*\*Miracle League of Northampton Township PA is a non-profit 501c3 charity.*

**HOW TO DONATE**

**Online:** Donate securely online at [www.mlnorthampton.com](http://www.mlnorthampton.com)  
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## BUTTERFLY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE



The Northampton "Butterfly Garden of Remembrance" was founded through a partnership with The Northampton Township Business & Professional Association and Northampton Township Parks and Recreation. Established in 2008, the Garden, located within the Municipal Park on Hatboro Road, Churchville, was created to provide a tranquil setting of solace where residents can honor and reflect upon the lives of their loved ones.

What started as a small garden and paved area adjacent to a park path has evolved into the serene Butterfly Garden of Remembrance, blooming into its' own special place. Residents have found the garden to be a healing alternative to a traditional memorial site, a space surrounded by natural beauty. The public has embraced the Garden's healing, tranquil setting as a place to memorialize a loved one or take a moment of solace. Over the years the area has grown in size and beauty, yet remains peaceful. With a personal history embracing each memorial, there are many options to pay tribute to a loved one. Currently there are a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers that have interest throughout the four seasons, memorial brick pavers, dedicated garden spaces, benches, bird and butterfly houses, a hidden secret garden and more. Inquiries for brick pavers or customized donations can be directed to the Parks & Recreation office 215-357-6800 ext. 256.





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