# Northampton Township

On December 11, 1722, a petition and a map were presented to the Quarter Sessions Court at Bristol to establish a new township on the lands lying "between Southampton Township and other lands and the Neshaminy Creek." The petition was signed by 21 petitioners. The court took just five days for approval and Northampton Township was born.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye! 2022 Celebrates Northampton Township's 300th Anniversary. Join in the festivities. Visit: NorthamptonTownship.com

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# **Administration Building Holiday Closings:**

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, September 5th (Labor Day), Monday, October 10th (Columbus Day), Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving Day), and November 25th (Day after Thanksgiving). The administration Building will be closed starting Friday, December 23, 2022, through Monday, January 2, 2023, and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023



2022 Board of Supervisors

# Chairman's Message

Dear Residents,

HAPPY SUMMER 2022 and HAPPY 300th BIRTHDAY NORTHAMPTON!

It's our 300th birthday and I would like to highlight some events scheduled to celebrate this major milestone. Beginning on September 23rd, there will be three days of events starting with the Friday Fun Fest at the Civic Center (Nike Base). Come out for great music, food, and local craft brews. Saturday will have special events at the Northampton Township Library and Senior Center and on Sunday we will round out the weekend with the Annual Northampton Day Festival at the old Richboro Middle School.

Save the date of October 14th for a very special gala event at the Northampton Valley Country Club. An interactive murder mystery dinner will be performed by the Murder Mystery Company. Colonial dining will include appetizers, main course and dessert along with a signature "outlaw" cocktail prepared by Doan Distillery.

Check out pages 19-23 for more details about these events and all the great activities planned as we all celebrate Northampton turning 300!

Also, in this edition, you will find useful information from all of our departments. There is information about the 2022 road maintenance program including the use of technology that helps the Public Works Department determine which roads need the most attention. We are on track to repair, pave and/or micro surface 10 miles of roads this year. Keep an eye out for the construction and keep our workers safe.

You will also find important information about trash collection and recycling and upcoming hazard waste collection dates sponsored by the Bucks County Planning Commission. Clean out that garage and dispose of old and unused chemicals!

Finally, included in this newsletter, the Northampton Police Department have provided great information about scams that target our seniors and ways to prevent becoming a victim.

Enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you at the fall events.

Adam M. Selisker, Chairman

# Northampton Township Veteran's Memorial

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# **Veterans Advisory Commission**

# Recognize a Veteran by Purchasing a Brick In Their Honor

Open to all residents and employees of Northampton Township

Family and friends have an opportunity to honor a special veteran with the purchase of a memorial brick in their honor. The cost is \$100 per brick The Memorial Walkway is located in front of the Township Administration Building in the Veterans Memorial.

The brick will be revealed at the annual Veterans Ceremony see the Township Website for details as the event draws near.

To purchase a brick you can print the order form and return it to the attention of Lisa Russo, Administration Office along with your check.

https://www.northamptontownship.com/media/1798/memorial-brick.pdf

# **Tips On Ordering Your Brick**

- Typical brick engraving includes the name of the veteran, rank, the branch of service, years of service or war, and special honors. An example is shown on the order form.
- · No personal messages are allowed.
- Contact us if you need assistance with standard abbreviations or completing your form or verifying if a veteran has already been honored with a brick at the Memorial at Irusso@nhtwp.org or via phone at 215-357-6800 x201.

# Trash Collection Rules and Regulations

# • TRASH IS COLLECTED ONCE (1) A WEEK:

- Each household is limited to twelve (12) bags or cans of trash per collection.
- The collection starts at 6 am, so put the trash to the curb the night before, or plan accordingly.
- All trash should be bagged, <u>Do Not</u> put out trash in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or in containers smaller than 20 gallons or larger than 32 gallons. These cause litter.
- TRASH, RECYCLING, AND ONE (1) BULK ITEM ARE ON THE SAME SERVICE DAY.

#### • BULK ITEM COLLECTION:

- Bulk items can include furniture, carpets, appliances, 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.
- Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic.

## • BULK ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS:

Refrigerators, air conditioners, and humidifiers contain <u>Freon</u>
which is considered Hazardous. You must call to schedule a
pick-up at 1-800-432-1616. There is no charge for this service.

#### LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

April 1st to December 15th. Yard waste is collected the day following the 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" 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.

#### MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL:

 Syringes and materials used for medical treatment: Place in a heavy plastic container, tape lid shut, and place in the regular trash. (Not in Recyclables).

# WHAT TO DO IF ANY OF THE ABOVE PICK-UPS WERE MISSED:

 Contact the Township at 215-357-6800 or via email at receptionist@nhtwp.org. Include your name, address, and phone number. The Township is in direct contact with a Route Supervisor and will reach out to the issue resolved as quickly as possible. The Township requests that once you notify us of your situation, leave whatever was not taken at the curb. If J.P. Mascaro & Sons are behind in collections they sometimes work late and on weekends to get items collected.

The Township thanks you in advance for your patience and cooperation in these matters.

# ECYCLING Televisions, along with computers and some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered

Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these

electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. In addition to keeping these toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when landfilled, it is less expensive to recycle than to mine rare earth minerals used in the manufacturing.

Listed are several locations to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Some retailers offer a haul-away service with a purchase of a replacement tv.

\*\*Please confirm the program, fees (there will be a fee), and any other\*\*

# **UPPER BUCKS AREA**

Perkasie PC Repair & Recycling, 215-257-7727 1133 N. 5th Street, Perkasie, PA 18944

# CENTRAL BUCKS AREA

611 Metals, 267-221-6924 6776 Easton Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

# **LOWER BUCKS AREA**

Tech Collect Pros, 215-458-7879 416 Green Lane, Unit 6, Bristol, PA 19007

# **NEAR TO BUCKS COUNTY LOCATIONS**

611 Metals , 267-221-6924 2509 Wyandotte Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090 AERC Recycling Solutions, 610-433-4011/866-447-5177 2330 Southwest 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18103

ECovanta, 215-921-7508

2209 South 58th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

Free TV, Computer and Monitor drop for PA residents only on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 3:30.

# CALL FOR PICK-UP

Tech Collect Pros-215-458-7879 Geek Squad-1-800-433-5778

1-800-Got Junk-1-800-468-5865 Junk Luggers-1-800-584-5864

Contact Staples or Best Buy for recycling of computers and electronics other than televisions.

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-346-4242 for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.

Some Bucks County municipalities have TV and E-waste collection programs for their residents. Visit your town's website or give them a call.

For more information go to www.buckscounty.gov/recycling.



1260 Almshouse Road • Doylestown, PA 18901 Phone: 215-345-3400 Fax: 215-345-3886

Email: planningcommission@buckscounty.org Website: www.buckscounty.gov/recycling

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# **2022 BUCKS COUNTY**

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Registration is not required in Bucks County this year.

August 13

Lower Bucks

Bensalem High School

4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA 19020

October 8

**Upper Bucks** 

Strayer Middle School

1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township

# Collection events run from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM Rain or shine







# What You Can Bring

Up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label, for example: Danger, Warning, or Caution. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling.

#### Pesticides

- Chlordane
- DDT
- Malathion
- Sevin
- Rodent Poison

#### **Flammables**

- Aerosols
- Gas/Oil Mixture
- Gasoline
- Heating / Motor Oil
- Kerosene

- Oil-based Paint
- Paint Thinner
- Spot Remover

#### Caustics

- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Degreasers
- Drain Cleaner
- Household Lye
- Metal Cleaner
- Oven Cleaner

# Fire Extinguishers

# Toxics

- Antifreeze
- CFLs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes)
- Mercury
- Photographic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Rust/Paint Remover
- Weed Killer

#### **Batteries**

- Button Batteries
- Lithium Batteries
- Re-Chargeable Batteries

#### **Lead-Acid Batteries**

- Car
- Marine
- Motorcycle
- Truck

#### **Propane Tanks**

- Mini Propane Tanks Only (2 lbs. or less)

# What You Can't Bring

**ELECTRONICS-**TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any Corded Devices

LATEX PAINT-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based\* Appliances-with or without Freon

Explosives / Ammunition

Gas Cylinders

Household Batteries-Regular Alkaline

Medical Waste / Prescription Drugs Non-Hazardous Waste

Pressurized CFCs / Freon

Propane Tanks-Greater than 16 oz.

**Smoke Detectors** 

Radioactive Waste

#### Unidentified Waste

\*Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

For additional information on disposal options, contact:

**Bucks County Planning Commission** www.buckscounty.gov/recycling

215-345-3400

The PADEP Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242

#### Why bring your household hazardous wastes to a scheduled event?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.



This program is a community service of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners and participating municipalities and is not open to business, industry, or institutions.

#### **Bucks County Board of Commissioners**

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# Maintaining Yards and Waste

**GRASS CLIPPINGS:** Please do not allow your grass clippings to go into the street when mowing, raking, or blowing off sidewalks. Rain will carry the clippings into the storm sewers which will eventually clog and force stormwater onto basements. If you have a lawn service, please make them aware too.

**WEEDS GROWING ON SIDEWALKS:** Please remove weeds growing on your sidewalk and curbs in warm months to keep the township looking nice for everyone.

**TRASH:** If wind or storms are expected, please secure your trash so that the trash does not blow out of containers into the Township streets or onto your neighbor's properties.

If we all work together, we can keep our Township looking nice and safe!

# How to Live With Wildlife

As our wildlife's natural habitats continue to be encroached by human expansion, wild animals have no choice but to adapt to living closer to humans. The least we can do is to try to adapt to living with them as well. After all, they were here first. If you are experiencing a wildlife conflict, consider the causing factors. Wild animals may take of residence in your backyard because you have inadvertently made your yard attractive to them. It could be trash you left out, the garden you planted, the warm structure you provided or the predator free area you have provided with your fence.

Here are some suggestions for dealing with wildlife conflicts through humane and non-invasive means.

#### **WILDLIFE IN YOUR TRASH:**

Keep your trash cans in the garage or an enclosed area. Make sure your trash can has a lid and that it fits securely.

# **WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDEN:**

The best way to prevent wildlife from entering your garden is to install a fence. The fence should extend a few inches below the surface and three feet above. That should deter rabbits, other burrows, and most deer. If animals are chewing and gnawing at the base of your trees, wrap the bottom three feet of the tree with

hardware cloth, chicken wire or install a plastic tree protector. Several layers of aluminum foil will work on smaller trees.

## WILDLIFE UNDER YOUR PORCH OR SHED:

Start by blocking off all holes except one. Place dryer sheets in the area. The odor will eventually drive the animal away. Sprinkle flour or baby powder outside the remaining open access hole & check daily for activity. Once you are sure that area is no longer occupied seal the remaining access hole.

## **WILDLIFE IN YOUR HOUSE:**

If an animal should make its way into your home, do not attempt to catch it yourself. This could be dangerous for you, your belongings, and the animal. Close off access to as much of your house as possible and open as many windows and doors to the outside as possible. Give the animal time to calm down and find its own way out.

This is just a few suggestions to help when you may encounter wildlife. You can always reach out to Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, 1531 Upper Stump Road, Chalfont, PA 18914, 215-249- 1938 for any further questions or concerns that you may have about wildlife.

# From the Building and Codes Department...

We often receive inquiries from residents looking to add patios to their homes. As a result, we wanted to touch on the major items for your consideration.

First, from a zoning perspective, all patios are required to be constructed within the building envelope for your particular property. All properties are within a particular zoning district in the Township, which each have required front, rear, and side yard setbacks. In addition, each zoning district has a maximum permitted impervious surface ratio, which is the amount of the lot that can be covered by paved and covered surfaces, such as the footprint of the house, driveway, walkways, and any proposed patio. As a result, this must be evaluated when considering the location and size of your patio project.

From a building code perspective, patios must be at least two (2) inches below the siding or below the top of the foundation wall if you have stucco. If there are steps, a three (3) foot deep landing is also required. It is also important to make sure that the landings and steps have flashing behind them. Guardrails are also required if the landing is thirty (30) inches or more above grade or the patio. Handrails are also required if there are over three (3) risers.

Finally, a permit is required to construct a new patio. Homeowners should coordinate with their contractors regarding who will submit the necessary forms to our office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883. We'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding your project.

# Northampton Township Public Works Department

# **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RETIRES**

Gary Crossland, the Public Works Director for Northampton Township will take off his work boots and put on his retirement sneakers on June 30 this year.

Gary has been the Township Public Works Director for the past 11 years but his legacy was established well before he was hired by Northampton. He previously held this title in the nearby Townships of Upper Southampton and Newtown.

With over 26 square miles in our community, a 180-mile Township-owned road system, an extensive storm water management system, many parks, and numerous publicly-owned buildings, Gary has overseen significant and lasting improvements to the Township infrastructure.

Gary has also seen his share of weather events, including blizzards, snowstorms, floods, heavy winds, and even several hurricanes that required a response from the

Public Works Department. In both 100-degree heat to zero-degree cold, Gary was a key member of the Township's emergency response team, including the long hours of clean-up required after the events are over. No matter what the circumstances, Gary was always there to help and coordinate responsive public services. His quick sense of humor and infectious laugh will be missed by all who have worked with him over his many years in the Township.



# Congratulations Gary on your retirement and your wonderful career!

## 2022 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

With the adoption of the 2020 Township Budget, the Board of Supervisors created for the first time a Road Maintenance Fund. This fund allocated a tax (0.500) mills dedicated to maintaining the 180 miles of Township owned roads. Assuming that the average lifespan of a road is eighteen (18) years, the Board established a goal of maintaining approximately ten (10) miles of Township roads annually based on available funds.

Using a software called Roadbotics, the Public Works Department prepares a list of roads that need maintenance. Roadbotics uses technology that takes a picture every ten feet (10') of all 180 miles of Township roads. These images are analyzed with an algorithm to assess the conditions of the road and generates an average rating from 1-5. All roads that are Green represent roads ranked one (1) or good condition. Roads that are in fair condition are Yellow and rank three (3) and roads ranked five (5) are in bad condition. SEE ATTACHED IMAGE. As you can see, there are many more Township roads in green



than orange or red. The road maintenance program is designed to address Township roads that are in the worse condition by repaving and preventing yellow roads from deteriorating further by extending their useful live span by micro-surfacing.

These Township roads below are part of the 2022 Township Road Program: (Roads to be repaved) –almost six (6) miles of Paving and just over three (3) Miles of Micro-Surfacing for approximately nine (9) miles of Road!

# List Roads To be Paved: List Roads to be Micro-Surfaced:

Independence Drive (.67 miles)	Adele Drive (.11 miles)	Cypress Circle (.14 miles)	Old Hickory Drive (.14 miles)
St. Leonards Road (.86 miles)	Anne Drive (.11 miles)	Fir Drive (.31 miles)	Peter Drive (.10 miles)
Old Jordan Road (1.66 miles)	Anne Circle (.14 miles)	Hawthorne Terrace (.04 miles)	Poplar Drive (.20 miles)
Temperance Lane (.90 miles)	Buckhorne Road (.37 miles)	Juniper Drive (.15 miles)	Shelbourne Road (.25 miles)
Elm Avenue (1.58 miles)	Cypress Avenue (.33 miles)	Misty Meadow Drive (.69 miles)	

As a reminder, the following roads are state roads, owned and maintained by PennDOT:

Almshouse Road/Rte. 332 Newtown-Richboro Road, Bridgetown Pike, Bristol Road, Buck Road, Bustleton Pike, Chinquapin Road, Churchville Lane, Holland Road, Jacksonville Road, Old Bristol Road, Second Street Pike, Worthington Mill Road



# Northampton Township Police Department

111 Township Rd. Richboro, PA 18954 Non-Emergency Number: 215-357-8700 Steven LeCompte, Chief of Police

# An Important Message To Northampton Township's Seniors

As Seniors increasingly utilize technology and the internet, their chance of being targeted by an online scammer increases exponentially. Seniors, and families with seniors, need to be cognizant of this growing threat to their finances. These are some examples of the newest scams against Seniors:

# **Grandparent "Emergency" Scams**

You get a call from someone who sounds like a grandchild or a relative asking you to wire money or send gift cards to pay for bail, or for a medical emergency. This type of scammer will not want you to hang up the phone for any reason and will not give you a number to call them back.

- Immediately, verify with other family members that your child or grandchild is safe and accounted for.
- Courthouses, prisons, and hospitals will never demand that you to purchase gift cards as a form of payment or immediately pay a bill over the phone.



# Any phone call requests for Gift Cards:

Legitimate Public Utilities such as PECO, IRS, FBI or any other agency will never call you and
request payment in gift cards! Please don't be a victim, hang up and call the police for assistance.

## **Seniors using Dating Websites and Social Media**

There has been an explosion in dating websites for Seniors and Social Media specifically for Senior Citizens. These forums attract scammers, looking to take advantage of Seniors who may not be savvy social media users.

If you are on a social media or dating website, remember:

- Do not post personal information or any sensitive information about you or any family members.
- Scammers often look for Seniors who act extremely lonely or overly eager to connect with other people.
- Do not give out any medical information. Even minor details may be enough for someone to get medical services or a prescription under your name.

These are just a few tips that can help prevent you from being a victim. If you have a group or a Homeowner's Association that would like to have an expanded discussion with the Northampton Township Police about fraud against Seniors, or any other topic, please call us at 215-322-6111 and ask for the Quality of Life Unit.

# Northampton Township 300th Anniversary Event at Police Headquarters

The Northampton Township Police Department will be hosting tours of our new police building located at 111 Township Rd. Richboro, Pa. Our guests will be given a full tour of the facility along with a brief history of the police department. Historical photos, first handgun issued, and maybe even a visit with K9 Pako and Officer Hearn are included in the tour.

Police Department Tours will be held on September 17th and September 24th from  $1000\,\text{AM}-2:00\,\text{PM}$ . Each tour will be assigned a 30-minute time slot and filled on a first call basis. Anyone interested in participating in a tour should call our headquarters at (215) 322-6111 to schedule a date a time with our Communication Center Clerk.



# Coffee with a Cop Event

The STARboro Café, located in the Council Rock STAR Center community room, hosted the Northampton Township Police Department's Coffee with a Cop Event. Students in the ACHIEVE program provided coffee and snacks to attendees. These events provide residents a chance to get to know our officers in a relaxed atmosphere, while they can speak with an officer about any concern they may have.

A little about the A.C.H.I.E.V.E Program. The program is designed to provide students with vocational assessment, training and experience in anticipation of adult employment by including the community as the classroom. It provides opportunities to learn new skills as well as to practice application of skills learned in high school. The STARboro Café helps ACHIEVE students develop practical skills they need to be successful in their adult life. Students are able to experience the daily tasks and obstacles of running a business.

The STARboro Café is located at 30 Upper Holland Rd. and is open to the public. For more information call (215) 944-2362.

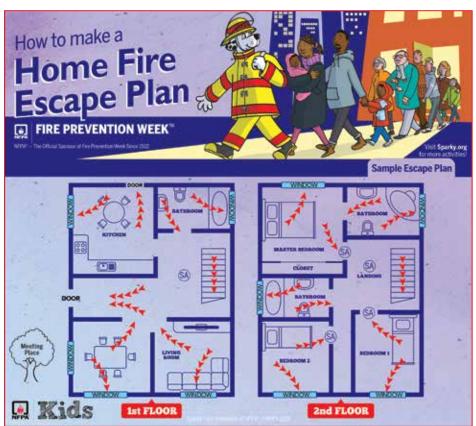






# NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT





- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- · Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily.
   You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms.
   Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- · Practice your home fire drill!



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

# SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Weep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Note that the second second
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

# CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Xeep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

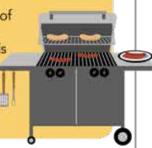
# PROPANE Crills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **8 minutes** before re-lighting it.

# FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.









# LIBRARY Lownship 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

# **OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES THIS SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY**

Summer is the best time to be at the library! It is a time to sit back, relax and grab a great book and enjoy the long summer days. Besides cool air conditioning, the library also has great programs happening almost every day.

"Oceans of Possibilities" is the 2022 Summer Reading theme and this theme reflects vast "possibilities" that are offered every day at the library! Kids can pick up a reading log (preschool, elementary and teen) and start reading with prizes to celebrate every 100 minutes read! Also, enjoy "Friday Fun Movies" and "Read to the Dogs" in July. There will be "Summer Stories" for families every Monday and Thursday too. Activity Logs are available to enrich your summer reading with a prize at the end of the summer. Guessing Games throughout the summer—how many seashells, sand dollars and more—prizes for the closest guess. There will be a Story Walk Scavenger Hunt too. Enjoy an Ocean of Possibilities all summer long.



One of these great library possibilities is our student learning computers located in the Children's Area. We are excited to announce that the library is the 2022 recipient of the Win-Waste Innovation Grant

(formerly known as the Wheelabrator Innovation Grant). With the \$10,000.00 grant, the library is purchasing 2 new Early Literacy Station All-in-One Systems which are geared for learning for ages 2-8 and 1 After School Edge All-in-One for users ages 6-teen. All of these children's learning computers are manufactured by the well-respected AWE Learning. Look for them this summer in the busy Children's Area!

The library's hours change slightly with the summer season. The library is open Monday through Thursday 9am-8pm, Friday and Saturday 9am-4pm. The library will be closed summer Sundays June 19 through September 4. Sunday open hours will kick in again beginning September 11.

Please join us for a great summer. But if you are away for the summer, you can still connect to the Library. Use your library card to learn a new language with Mango Languages, read the Wall Street Journal or New York Times, check out finances with Valueline or Morning Star, and stream great movies with Kanopy! Of course, there are e-books and e-audiobooks with cloudLibrary and Hoopla. Get your library card today and open an "Ocean of Possibilities".

# **LUFF & GEYER ARCHIVES READING ROOM DEDICATION**

On Sunday, May 15th, a crowd gathered outside the Northampton Township Archives. Family members of Elizabeth Cornell Luff and Virginia Briggs Geyer came together to celebrate the dedication of the Archives Reading room in honor of those two women. Plans to commemorate the contributions of Betty Luff and Ginny Geyer have been in the works for several years. Family members were delighted to see those plans come to fruition.

Ms. Luff and Ms. Geyer were two of the founding members of the Northampton Township Historical Society. They were tireless in their dedication to preserving our local history. In addition to numerous articles printed in a broad variety of historical newsletters, the two worked together to publish two small books that detail Northampton History: *Winds of Change and Northampton Township: 1722-2000*. These books preserve photographs, stories, and historical details from the very beginnings of our township. The items and information collected in the process of creating those publications today resides in the Northampton Township Archives. Those collections make up the backbone of our archives; without them, the Archives simply would not exist as we know it today.

As Northampton Township celebrates its 300th Anniversary, it is important to cherish our past by honoring those who served us well, celebrate our present, and welcome the future – we hope that the newly dedicated Luff & Geyer Archives Reading Room has a long, bright future as we continue to build on the historical legacy left to us by these two women.







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# Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority - Water & Sewer



# 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.

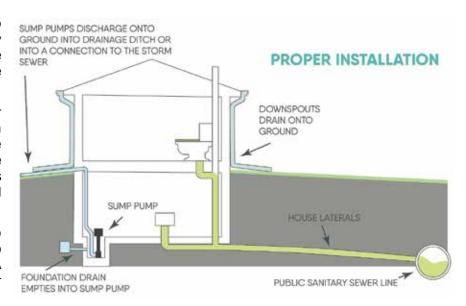
Sump pumps must not be connected to sanitary sewers, but rather must be connected to a storm sewer or discharged onto lawns.

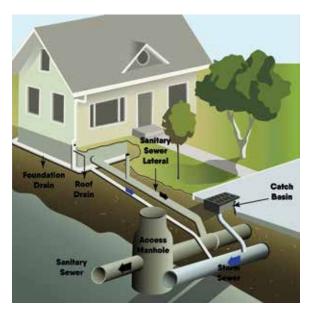
## Q: WHY?

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 runo 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

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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.

# Tax Collector's Corner

Council Rock School District 2022-2023 Real Estate tax bills and OCCUPATIONAL tax bills will be mailed on July 1,2022.

- TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 2% Discount pay by AUGUST 31th.
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- Extended hours for Appointments: Wednesday AUGUST 24th, Open until 7PM, AUGUST 31th till 4:30PM

If your mortgage company pays using your escrowed money they will continue to do so. Keep in mind that if you refinanced your home please SEND YOUR TAX BILL TO YOUR NEW MORTGAGE COMPANY, they may not have the current information about paying your taxes.

• <u>2% DISCOUNT</u> applies until AUGUST 31,2022 Regular or <u>FACE</u> amount due until October 31, 2022 After 10/31/2022 a 10% <u>PENALTY</u> period applies.

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Email: nhsc@nhtwp.org Website: northamptonsc.com

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The new membership year starts on July 1, so it's a perfect time to join the senior center. Membership dues are just \$25 for the year. The senior center is located at 165 Township Road in Richboro and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Stop in for a tour today.

# Celebrate Northampton Township's 300th Anniversary

Cherishing the past, celebrating the present and welcoming the future. Be sure to check out the events calendar on the 300th Anniversary website which also features weekly Tuesday Trivia, Fun Fact Fridays and Story Sundays all depicting the Township's history.



A few events highlighting the 300th Anniversary theme have already taken place. The annual Flag Day Ceremony not only honored the flag of the United States but commemorated the Nike Missile Base with the

re-location of the Historical Marker at the Civic Center. Permanent informational panels about the Nike Missile Base are now installed near the actual launcher area for all to view. Concerts were held at the Municipal Park with "300" themes each week. A summer reading challenge at the Library encouraged all to reach a goal of reading 300 minutes a week through the month of July. The James E. Kinney Senior Center held presentations on Women Soldiers and Spies, Colonial Weaving and Wool Spinning.

Northampton is full of history. The anniversary provides an opportunity for residents to learn about the community. An interactive GPS Map locating historic sites throughout the Township. can be found on the 300th Anniversary website and can be viewed on a computer or on a cell phone. Additionally, when taking a walk in the Municipal Park discover Northampton's history depicted on educational panels that line the pathways.

September is when the fun begins. September offer family fun with activity filled weekends including programs with the Senior Center, Parks & Rec, Library, Police, Langhorne Rod and Gun Club and the Churchville Nature Center. Watch for more details about the Family Fun Fest complete with live music, brew, food trucks and games. Mark your calendar for the return of the Northampton Day Festival on Sunday September 25 when the Plows that were painted by the local schools will be featured.

On Friday October 14, a "History Mystery Gala', you won't want to miss, will be held at the Northampton Valley Country Club. Enjoy an immersive murder mystery experience where you will become part of the story and learn a thing or two about the history of Northampton Township. In addition to the annual fire prevention activities, the Fire Co is planning an ole' fashioned Bucket Brigade Day on October 15.

The fun continues in November with a Trivia Night and a month of "300's" hosted at various Township locations.

The final celebration, on the Anniversary date of December 14, 2022, will take place at the Township Supervisor's meeting, culminating this special year with Northampton's residents.

\*For details and information visit: www.northamptontownship.com. Like and share us on the 300th Facebook and Instagram.

# Celebrate Northampton Township's 300th Anniversary

# Mark Your Calendar!

In celebration of the 300th Anniversary a variety of events have been planned for the 3rd and 4th weekend in September. Check for specific times and details at www.northamptontownship.com

# SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10 am - 3 pm

**Recreation Center** - Candle & soap making, calligraphy, colonial kitchen demonstrations and more.

**Churchville Nature Center** - Visit a Lenni Lenape Village, discover native plantings and displays from the local land.

**Langhorne Rod and Gun Club** - An open house with re-enactors offering presentations and demos.

# Police Department Tours -

Pre-registration required. Call 215-322-6111.

# SUNDAY, September 18, 1-3 pm

**Penn's Woods Puppet Theater** - Puppet show, apple pressing & ice cream social at the Municipal Park.

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 5 pm - 10 pm

FRIDAY FUN FEST - Civic Center Basin.

# SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9 am - 3 pm

# Northampton Library

Ongoing Exhibit Panels of Northampton's History

10 am - Hey Diddle Nursery Rhyme Breakfast

Pre-registration required through Library

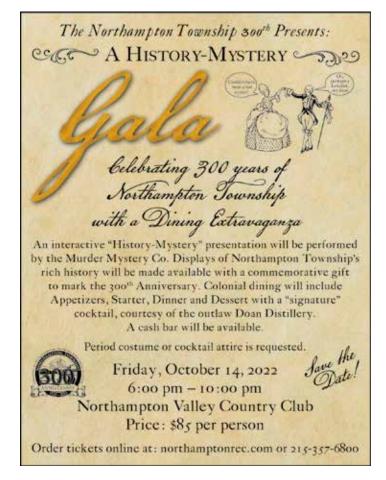
2:00 pm Northampton History Presentation by Mercer Museum Historian, Annie Halliday

# James E. Kinney Senior Center

9 AM <u>Pomander Craft</u> - Make a colonial pomander.
11 AM <u>The Tucker Band</u> - Authentic period instrumentals
12 Noon-1:30 PM <u>Fashion Show Thru the Ages</u> featuring live mannequins and models incorporating colonial clothing.
1:30-3 PM <u>The Tucker Band</u> performs, Renaissance refreshments will be served.

# Police Department Tours -

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# FIRE PREVENTION DAY & OLE' FASHIONED BUCKET BRIGADE

SATURDAY, October 15, 11 am - 3 pm Northampton Municipal Park

Join the Northampton Fire Co. for Fire Prevention Week.
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companies and how it progressed through the years. Fire
trucks, both old and new, will be on display along with an oldfashioned Bucket Brigade.

# **NORTHAMPTON TRIVIA NIGHTS**

Test your knowledge of the Township's history

Prepare yourself with Tuesday Trivia, Friday Fun Facts and Sunday Stories shared on Facebook and the Township website

NVCC - Tavern on Ten - Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 pm

Library - Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm

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Saturday, July 30th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Class #7827 Saturday, Aug. 20th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Class #7828

Location: Recreation Center Fees: ERS \$85, R \$95, NR \$105 Instructor: Jay Colella, NRP



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Carol and Rob Weissberg with their Realtor, Hazel Smith

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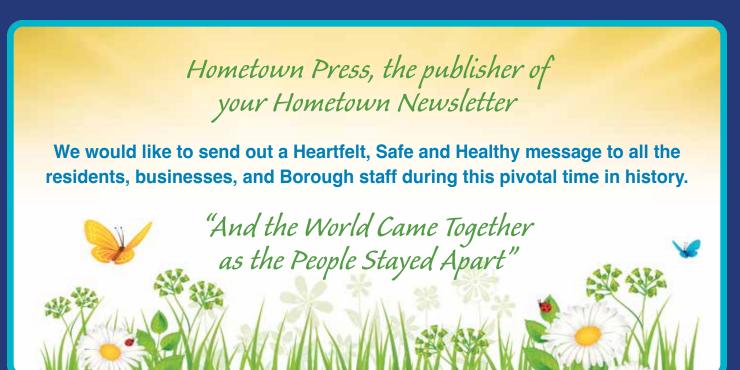
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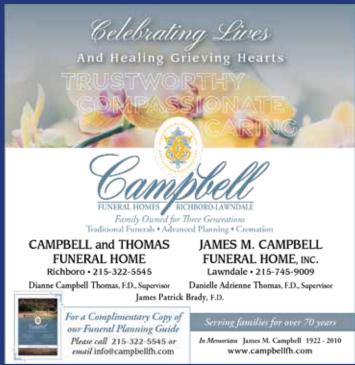






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