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Fall 2022

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and will take place at the Township Supervisors' meeting.*

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Administration Building Holiday Closings:

The Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

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, February 20th, 2023 (President's Day)



2022 Board of Supervisors

Chairman's Message

Dear Residents,

Hello Autumn! I am proud to announce the Grand Re-Opening of the Miracle League Playground ("...where everyone can play") located in our municipal park on Hatboro Road. This community all-inclusive playground makes playing, regardless of a child's ability, available for everyone. The Miracle League board, along with many volunteers and sponsors worked tirelessly to make this dream come true. Northampton residents should be proud to have a facility like this in our township. Thank you to all that made it possible.

Earlier this year, the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Board announced that it had entered exclusive negotiations with Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. to sell its sewer system assets to this private utility company. As a result of this announcement, municipalities throughout Bucks County along with many individual citizens expressed opposition to the sale for numerous reasons including the history of significant rate increases following Aqua's acquisition of municipally owned utility systems. At the Board of Supervisors meeting in August, Northampton Water & Sewer authority Executive Director, Thomas Zeuner, made a presentation to the Board requesting support from Northampton Township in opposition to the sale of the Bucks County sewer system. In September, after reviewing the details of the proposed sale and listening to public feedback from residents, the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 22-19 opposing the sale of the Bucks County Sewer System and urged the Bucks County Commissioners to take whatever action necessary to terminate all negotiations.

Also at our September meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution requesting the Postal Service to allow individual mailboxes for new single-family homes, instead of a "gang" mailbox system and requesting that the Postal Service begin mail delivery in new developments, when 50% of the development is occupied. This resolution has been forwarded to Congressman Fitzpatrick asking him to intercede with the Postal Service requesting them to change their policies. Stay tuned.

Lastly, as our 300th year anniversary celebration of Northampton Township winds down, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the staff and volunteers who planned all the wonderful events this year. Every department stepped up to make Northampton Township shine!

As always, Northampton Township strives to provide the best possible public services to its residents. Please enjoy this Fall 2022 Edition of the Northampton Township Newsletter.

Adam M. Selisker
Chairman

Northampton Township Summer Food Drive

During a two-week period in July, the employees and residents of Northampton Township participated in a food drive to benefit the Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry at Bethanna.

Over the course of those two weeks, the Northampton Township Fire Department held a "Fill the Fire Truck" event at the Giant in Richboro, the Parks & Rec Department collected at the pool, concerts, and camps, the Library and Senior Centers collected at their facilities.

In addition to the residents donating at various events and locations, our Township employees had their own "Battle of the Departments" employee collection. The Senior Center came in 1st place with over 480 items donated by a staff of five and the Board of Supervisors came in second with over 280 items and a \$655 donation.

On Wednesday July 27th, the Public Works department, Fire Department and Finance staff delivered approximately 5,000 lbs. of food to the pantry! Thank you all for your generous support!



Residents Sought for Volunteer Boards

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

Northampton Township is seeking volunteers for ten advisory boards.

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

Information on what duties these Board and Commission perform go to www.northamptontownship.com. Select Board and Commissions tab under the Government heading. An application can also be found there. You may also stop by the Township Administration Building at 55 Township Road, Richboro, Pa. Monday – Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm to pick up or drop off an application. All applications should be submitted to the attention of Lisa Russo at the above address or via email at lrusso@nhtwp.org.

[Here is an overview of the openings.](#)

Blighted Property Commission

- Comprised of 5 members
- One vacancy for a one-year term.
- Meets as needed
- Board of Appeals
- Comprised of 7 members
- Two vacancies (1) for a 5-year term and (1) to fill a term until 2025. For these

vacancies, you must be in Building Construction or an Engineer.

Historic Commission

- Meets as needed
- Comprised of 7 members
- Two vacancies for a 5-year term. (1) Vacancy to fill a term until 2026.
- Meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held in the Archivist Room of the Library, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Library Board

- Comprised of 7 members
- Three vacancies. Two vacancies for a 3-year term, and one vacancy due to resignation with a term ending on December 31, 2024.
- Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., as needed. All meetings are held at the Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA.

Parks and Recreation Board

- Comprised of 5 members
- One vacancy for a 5-year term
- Meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as needed in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Planning Commission

- Comprised of 7 members and two alternates
- One vacancy for a 4-year term
- Meets the first and second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm as needed in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Veterans Advisory Commission

- Comprised of 7 members
- Two vacancies for a 3-year term
- Meets on the third Monday of each Month at 7:00 pm, as needed, all meetings are held at the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.

Wall of Honor

- Comprised of 7 members
- One vacancy for a 2-year term
- Meets as needed

Zoning Hearing Board

- Comprised of 3 members and two alternates
- One vacancy for a 3-year term
- Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month as needed at 6:00 pm in the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA.



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HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm | Friday and Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm | Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday, November 23	special hours 9 am – 4 pm	Saturday, December 24	Closed for Christmas holiday
Thursday, November 24	Closed for Thanksgiving holiday	Sunday, December 25	Closed for Christmas holiday
Friday, November 25	Closed for Thanksgiving holiday	Saturday, December 31	Closed for New Year's Day holiday
Saturday, November 26	(OPEN) 9 am – 4 pm	Sunday, January 1	Closed for New Year's Day holiday
Sunday, November 27	(OPEN) 1 pm – 5 pm		

THE LIBRARY IS THE PLACE TO GO WHEN YOU NEED TO KNOW!

When you have a question that requires an answer, have a topic that you want to learn about, or have the need to relax with a good book or DVD, the Free Library of Northampton Township (FLNT) is the place to go! The library houses over 113,000 books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, and games for users of all ages - from the toddler to the centenarian.

However, what township residents may not know is the wealth of online resources the library has to offer. In the twenty-first century, information is not only available in the print format but in digital format as well. FLNT takes advantage of this technology and provides online informational databases and digital collections to meet the needs of our library users. And, it is all free with your library card!

For example, **Brainfuse** provides online tutoring and homework help and **Brainfuse JobNow** is a live anytime, anywhere job assistance site with resume and interview critique services. Don't purchase that product for your home or life without checking out **Consumer Reports** online. Library users can learn a new language for travel or for work with **Mango Languages** and our **Free Drivers Education Practice Tests** resource helps new drivers test their knowledge. With **ABC Mouse** and **Let's Play School**, our youngest users explore the world of knowledge. Although the library's online access to its genealogy databases of **Ancestry.com** and **Family Search** are for use in the library only, **Heritage Quest** can be accessed from home. Read the **New York Times** or the **Wall Street Journal** at home on your desktop computer/tablet/phone or search newspaper archives with **Newsbank**. The information possibilities are endless! Check out our web page "Research & Learning" here: <https://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/research-learning/>

Are you ready for a "Trivia Night of Local History" to celebrate Northampton Township's 300th Birthday? Study up on the people, places, and fun facts about Northampton Township on the Northampton Township's 300th Anniversary Facebook page. On that Facebook page there are posts of facts on Trivia Tuesday, Fun Fact Friday, and Sunday Story - all great places to acquire interesting historical knowledge of the township. You can also borrow books about Northampton Township history at your library. Then, on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm, the library is hosting a "Trivia Night of Local History"!! Join us for a fun evening to show off your Northampton history prowess. Happy Birthday, Northampton Township!





The Free LIBRARY of Northampton Township

FREE LIBRARY OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our Township is turning 300 years old this year. It's pretty amazing to see our development from horse and buggies to our modern times. A glance at the 1859 Farm Map in the Township Administrative building shows how agriculturally centered we were only a couple of generations ago. The Free Library of Northampton Township is a youngster in comparison as we are only 53 years old. However, what we may lack in longevity we make up daily to keep information about the past, present, and future available to all in our community.

Presently, to make sure that we are meeting the wants and needs of our neighbors from babies to seniors and everyone in between, the Free Library of Northampton Township is in the process of developing a strategic plan to determine our goals and priorities to best serve you as we move forward. The Library Board for the Free Library of Northampton Township, in conjunction with the Bucks County Library District, began the process in April and have been meeting since then to work through various aspects of creating and producing a strategic plan to share with all. This is where you come in! Many of you are regular users of our Library and are aware of many of the services and materials available to you. Others may not know what a treasure of information, services and resources are readily available to you and your family or business. We are seeking input from our current library card holders and everyone else in our community who help make Northampton Township the desirable place it is to call home.



Be on the lookout for survey invitations or QR codes that you may receive from various communications. It should take only a few minutes to complete a survey and share your thoughts. We appreciate you doing so as we strive to make the Free Library of Northampton Township one of your favorite 'go to' places now and in the ever-evolving years to come.

Visit our library's website to find information on how to complete the survey and to see all of the services and events your library has to offer:

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Northampton has partnered with WaterSmart to provide an online Customer Water Use Portal helping residents monitor water consumption while at home or away, avoid costly leaks, and contribute to our water-saving goals.

Utilizing the recently installed “Smart Meters” residents now have the ability to access a wealth of information including:

- Advanced leak alert algorithm detects and alerts customers about potential leaks in your home and helps you identify the source of the leak
- My Use Notifications will notify you when your water use is higher than normal, helping you avoid billing surprises
- Bill Forecast Notifications inform you, prior to the end of the billing cycle, that you are likely to have high water use on your upcoming bill
- The ability to receive alerts and notifications on an opt-in basis
- Customers can choose to receive alerts and notifications by email, text, and voice

WaterSmart Portal

With the WaterSmart Portal residents can:

- Track daily water use
- See how your household water use compares to similar Town water customers
- Receive notifications when your daily consumption exceeds the prior day's consumption by the volume threshold you set
- Get bill forecast notifications
- Receive leak alert notifications



WHAT YOU'LL GET?

The WaterSmart Portal will help you track your home's water use at macro and micro levels.



How you compare. See how your water use compares to similar homes.



Ways to save. Get personalized, step-by-step actions.



News and events. Stay up to date



Sign Up
Signing up is easy!

Contact Customer Service to request an emailed link to register for WaterSmart.

Yards Waste Change

Starting the week of December 19th through March 31st yard waste will be collected the SAME DAY as trash and limited to (5) five containers. Biodegradable bags are not required. Trash cans 32 gallons or smaller and plastic bags may be used during this time. Leaf and yard waste collection will resume to unlimited collection the week of April 1st, 2023, following trash/recycle collection day.

Christmas trees should be placed curbside starting the week of January 16th, 2023, the day after your regular pick up, to be collected as yard waste and recycle. After that Christmas trees will be collected as a bulk item.

J.P. Mascaro & Sons Holiday Schedule for Customers

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

If there is a holiday that lands on a Saturday or Sunday, all collections will remain as normal collection schedule. No changes in service. Expect curbside collection on your scheduled collection day. If your service day falls on a holiday, the collection will occur on the very next day of the week.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Voting hours are 7AM TO 8PM. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Board of Election phone # 215-348-6154



Do not forget to renew or get your dog license.

Go to www.buckscounty.gov and click on the

Pennsylvania Dog Licenses website.

From the Building and Codes Department. . .

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

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

In Northampton Township, a permit is required to replace your roof. As with all projects, homeowners should coordinate with their contractors regarding who will submit the necessary forms to our office. For your protection, homeowners should also verify that your contractor is registered with the State Attorney General through the Pennsylvania Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building and Codes Department at 215-355-3883. We'll be happy to answer any questions.



NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.



More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet** away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html) and [nfpa.org/winter](https://www.nfpa.org/winter).

10 Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

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



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College Campus Fire Safety

College students living away from home should take a few minutes to make sure they are living in a fire-safe environment. Educating to make sure they are living in a fire-safe environment. Educating students on what they can do to stay safe during the school year is important and often overlooked.

Safety Tips

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm, or your dormitory suite has a smoke alarm in each living area as well as the sleeping room. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the dormitory suite should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- If you live in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the apartment unit or house should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
- Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbeque grill, fire pit, or chimenea.
- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

Smoking Sense

If you smoke, smoke outside and only where it is permitted. Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays. Don't smoke in bed or when you've been drinking or are drowsy.



FACT

- ! Fires in dormitories are more common during the evening hours, between 5-11 pm, and on weekends.
- ! Roughly six out of seven fires in dormitories are started by cooking.

Candle Care

Burn candles only if the school permits their use. A candle is an open flame and should be placed away from anything that can burn. Never leave a candle unattended. Blow it out when you leave the room or go to sleep.



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Northampton Township Police Department

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2022 Food Drive

It's almost time for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive!! Northampton Township is hosting a food drive to support Bethanna Food Bank in Southampton on November 5th, 2022. During the Holiday Season, the food pantry always needs additional food. In order to help accommodate that need, we do our best with the support from our residents by collecting as many non-perishable items as possible.



This year marks Northampton Township's 300th Anniversary. In celebration, Chief LeCompte, Lieutenant Pinkerton and Lieutenant Egan came up with an idea to fill 300 individual boxes of food. The boxes are going to be filled with a Thanksgiving theme to include all the fixings that would make up a Thanksgiving meal.

The Northampton Township Police Benevolent Association has donated \$1,500 towards the purchase of food. Our department partnered with the Northampton Township Business and Professional Association for this year's food drive. Their very generous donations made the additional 300 boxed meals possible. Northampton residents continued contributions of non-perishable food items have made our annual food drive successful. THANK YOU.

In past years, we have set up in front of our Police Headquarter on Township Rd. This year, we are very thankful that GIANT Food Store has graciously allowed us to set up in front of their store located in the Richboro Plaza shopping center. Not only has GIANT Food Store permitted us to set up in front of their store, but they have also made some of their own contributions to show their support for our community.

We look forward to seeing everyone in front of the GIANT Food Store on November 5, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please spread the word and lets make sure EVERYONE can enjoy a nice homecooked meal this THANKSGIVING.



New Police K-9 Kennel August 2022

Thanks to a generous donation from Frank and Connie Colantuono, our Police Department was able to have a K-9 Kennel built in the rear of the Police Department. The Kennel was dedicated in August of 2022. This structure was designed by our K-9 Unit, built by a shed company in Quakertown and installed and customized by our very talented Department of Public Works employees. The exterior sod was donated by Superior Turf (owned by the Burger Family) and compliments the structure. The finished Kennel will be able to temporarily house our police K-9s to ensure they are warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The Kennel was designed to house up to four dogs.

The Police Department appreciates all the community support for the Police K-9 program and hopes that everyone will be able to meet our canine ambassadors at a community event, at the shopping centers or one of our beautiful Township Parks.



Frank and Connie Colantuono (Richboro, Pa) in front of the new Police Kennel.

Northampton Township Administration and Department of Public Works with Ofc. Hearn and Pako in front of the new Police Kennel (*missing: Paul Dukes and Brett Prazych/NT DPW).



New Police K-9 Kennel August 2022 *continued*



Northampton Township Supervisor Dr Kimberly Rose with Frank Colantuono.



Paul Dukes and Brett Prazych/NT DPW customizing the Police Kennel

New Police Officer 2022

Officer Danielle DeSimone #101 grew up in Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Hatboro-Horsham High School. After high school, Danielle attended West Chester University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Minor in Human Resources. After completing her Bachelor's Degree, Danielle enrolled in the Master's Program at Shippensburg University and graduated in September 2021 with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice which included an internship with Lower Southampton Township Police Department. Danielle graduated from Temple University Police Academy in March 2022 and was sworn in a police officer with our department on March 15, 2022.



One of Officer DeSimone's favorite things about Northampton Township is the beautiful area with both farmland, residential areas and plenty of things to do. Officer DeSimone also commented that "the police department has grown to be my extended family where we come together to help others in a time of need".

Officer DeSimone #101 will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division once she completes the Field Training Officer Program.

Tax Collector's FAQ

• What are your hours of operation?

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
We are closed all legal county holidays and Memorial Day week

• Which taxes do I pay to your office?

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

1. Bucks County & Northampton Township - Real Estate Taxes (& Refuse)
2. Council Rock School District – Real Estate & Resident's Occupation Assessment Taxes

Please take advantage of the 2% Discount

3/1- County and Township Real Estate bills pay by **4/30** for Discount

7/1- School Real Estate & Resident's Occupation bills pay by **8/31** for Discount

• Who Collects the Earned Income Tax?

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

• How do I change the name on my deed?

The Bucks County Recorder of Deeds (215-348-6209) can assist you. They will need your request in writing and for you to provide proper legal documentation sent to: Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, 55 E. Court Street

Doylestown, PA 18901. Please get professional advice first.

• What is the office's mailing address and can we pay in person?

815 Bustleton Pike Richboro, PA 18954

You may pay in person with a check or money order via a drop box out front or inside during business hours. **NO CASH**

• How do I pay delinquent taxes?

• Bucks County tax claim (215-348-6274) collects the county and township.

• **SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL TAXES** -G.H. Harris Associates Inc. (570-639-5005).

• For Council Rock School District Real Estate Taxes call: Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd 1-866-211-9466.

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

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

Sincerely yours,



Vincent Deon, CPTC

Northampton Township Police Benevolent Association

111 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954 (215) 322-6111

7th ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP

Northampton Township Police Department In Partnership with Surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, Northampton Township Police Officers as well as Officers from surrounding Police Departments are preparing for the 6th Annual **SHOP WITH A COP** event on December 10th 2022.

SHOP WITH A COP is a national program pairing police officers with children to afford them a better holiday season. The program also allows children to view police officers in a different atmosphere to promote positive relationships. This program is geared toward Council Rock School District children at the elementary and middle school levels. The children are faced with life challenges such as a parent losing a job, homelessness, military deployment, economic shortcomings, and other hardships.

SHOP WITH A COP is funded through the generous donations of our own community - from private sponsors and local businesses. Volunteers from the community help with gift wrapping, hosting, and registration. Each child is allotted a monetary gift card to purchase gifts for family members and themselves, allowing for a more enjoyable holiday. All participating police officers volunteer their own time to support the program.

SHOP WITH A COP started in December 2016 with 38 children and has increased to 100+ children in 2018. This year, there are over 25 children in need right here in Northampton Township who will be participating in this event.

SHOP WITH A COP was developed to help make the holidays brighter for disadvantaged families in Northampton Township and the immediate surrounding areas. We cannot do it without your support!

Please contact Officer John Laub at (215)322-6111 or jlaub@nhtwp.org with any questions.



Donation Level:

- Elf - One Child - \$150.00
- Reindeer - Two Children - \$300.00
- Snowman - Three Children - \$450.00
- Santa - Seven Children - \$1,050.00
- Other _____ **Big or Small we love them all!**

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

THANK YOU for your commitment to SHOP WITH A COP

Please donate online at: <https://www.middletowncf.org/donate.php>

(Please note that it is for Northampton Twp. Police so that your donation is applied to kids from our area) or complete and return this form, along with your check payable to:

Middletown Community Foundation

Or donate online at: <https://www.middletowncf.org/donate.php>

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

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

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

LEVEL OF SERVICE: It is not possible to maintain snow and ice-free roads during a storm. It is the intention of Northampton Township to provide practical, safe access along city streets during winter storms. The Public Works Department shall plow all **priority** roads first, to provide the basic transportation system for public safety, schools, high volume streets, steep grades, etc. following a snowstorm of 2" or greater. Lower priority streets (inner subdivision streets), will be plowed next, areas that are prone to wind and drifting snow will receive priority. The remaining township streets, dead ends, and cul-de-sacs are plowed last, **traffic lanes only**. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed 1 pass in and 1 pass out providing no cars are parked in the roadway. All operational decisions regarding pre-salting, scheduling, or equipment operators and private contractors shall be based upon these goals.

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

HOW SNOW PLOWING WORKS: Northampton has roughly 42 snow plow trucks. Plowing will begin on the main, priority roads (following an accumulation of 2" or greater snowfall), followed by inner subdivision streets. Cul-de-sacs and dead-ends streets are the last priority; however, we will strive to get to them as soon as possible. We will aim to have the main roads cleared within 24 hours of the end of any storm, and the inner subdivision streets, dead-end streets, and cul-de-sacs within 72 hours.

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

SNOW AND MAILBOX DAMAGE

Northampton Township Public Works Crews pay close attention to avoid mailboxes in the right-of-way. Mailboxes are rarely hit by plows, however, a mailbox with a weakened support may be toppled by the snow rolling off the end of the snowplow which is not an approvable claim.

Under Northampton Township's Mailbox Replacement Policy, repairs and/or reimbursements are limited by the Township only when a snowplow directly hits a mailbox or post. The policy specifically states that the Township is not responsible for damage caused by "plowed snow" coming off of the truck's plow.

The Public Works Department is asking homeowners to inspect and evaluate the condition of their mailbox and its support before the onset of winter weather. The mailboxes and the posts that support them may require maintenance or replacement.

Residents should make sure mailboxes are firmly attached to the post and the post is constructed sturdily enough to withstand the weight of the snow as it comes off the end of the snowplow. Homeowners should also check the placement of their mailbox to ensure that it is not leaning into the street.



Residents are also reminded that they are responsible for clearing their mailbox area of snow to ensure mail delivery.

What To Do If Your Mailbox Is Damaged

In the event that your mailbox is damaged during snow removal operations you should do the following:

- Take photos of the damaged mailbox
- Complete the [Mailbox Damage Form](#). This form can be found under the Documents & Forms section of the Township website: www.northamptontownship.com. The form can be submitted via email at lkane@nhtwp.org, fax to 215-357-1251, or drop it off at the Administration Building located at 55 Township Road, Richboro, Pa 18954.
- The Public Works will either repair the existing mailbox or pay for a replacement.
- Under the mailbox replacement policy, the maximum reimbursement for repairs is \$60.00. The policy also states the Township will not be responsible to replace ornamental mailboxes or repair any lawn areas outside the road right-of-way.

If you see a problem report it to the proper authorities such as potholes, dead animals, and fallen trees or branches. Northampton Township takes care of over 27 square miles and we depend on residents to do their part and notify us of concerns.

Did You Know: Not all roads located in the Township are Township Roads, some are owned by the State. If you have a concern about a roadway in your county, please submit it via the PennDot Customer Care Center at www.customercare.penndot.gov or by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If your concern is related to an urgent issue, please call the appropriate PennDOT county office directly with your concern at 215-345-6060.

The following is a list of State Roads in Northampton Township:

(Owned and Plowed by PennDot)

Bridgetown Pike
Bristol Road
Buck Road-PA 532
Chinquapin Road
Churchville Lane
Old Bristol Road
Worthington Mill Road

(Owned by PennDot, Plowed by Northampton Township)

2nd Street Pike – PA 232
Almshouse Road- PA 332
Bustleton Pike
Holland Road
Jacksonville Road-PA 332
Newtown-Richboro Road- PA 332

To report an issue on a Township Road contact the Public Works Department during normal working hours of 7:00 am until 3:30 pm at 215-355-3433:

After hours and weekends contact the police non-emergency number at 215-357-8700

Northampton Township James E. Kinney Senior Center
 165 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954 Phone: 215-357-8199
 Email: nhsc@nhtwp.org Website: www.northamptonsc.com
 Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
 Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM—8:00 PM



WIND CREEK CASINO

Bethlehem, PA

Thursday, November 10

\$48 for Members

\$53 for Non-Members

**Includes: \$25 Slot Play,
 Transportation and Driver Tip!
 Bus Departs from the Center at**

9:15 AM and Returns at 7:00 PM.



Call or visit the center for details and to register for the trip.



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 at the Senior Center!**

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- Walnut Raisin
- Cinnamon

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**HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
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 James E. Kinney Senior Center

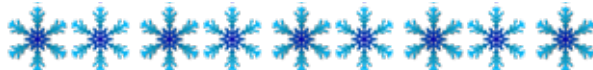
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For more information, please contact the Senior Center Director, Sheila Jobs at 215-357-8199.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 TRUNK DISPLAYS 11AM-1:30PM

Decorate your vehicle (Halloween or themed) to be part of the Halloween parade. Prize money will be awarded for:

- o Most Original
- o Funniest
- o Most Over the Top
- o Best Halloween Theme
- o Best 300th Theme

Dress in costume to complement your display. Your car will be located at the parking lot behind the Maureen M. Welch School, adjacent to the Municipal Park. Contestants from the Halloween parade and general public will pass by your vehicle, as part of the parade route, to view and judge your creativity for prizes. LIMITED SPOTS, so register soon!



DISPLAY YOUR SCARECROW CREATIONS ON "SCARECROW ROW" AT THE MUNICIPAL PARK STARTING MONDAY, OCT. 17 THROUGH SUNDAY OCTOBER 30.*

CATEGORIES:
MOST ORIGINAL
FUNNIEST
BEST 300th THEME

Entries will be judged by the "People's Vote". Gift cards will be awarded for each category: Winners will be announced Nov. 1 on the P&R website. Scarecrow Row will be a part of the Halloween Parade route on Oct. 30. for all to enjoy!

Register online at: northamptonrec.com or call 215-357-6800 x256

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

PROUDLY PRESENTS

46TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

NORTHAMPTON MUNICIPAL PARK

Saturday, October 29

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

This event is Free, however Pre-Registration on the P&R website is highly encouraged to help us for planning purposes. Walk ins are welcomed.

Please bring a Chair or Blanket for your seating comfort

Free Treat Bags for the first 300 children 12 yrs. & under, while supplies last. Refreshments will be available for sale along with 50/50 chances from the NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB.

EVENTS:

11:00 AM

11:15 AM

12:00 PM

PARADE CHECK-IN

ENTERTAINMENT & DJ

COSTUME PARADE (by age category)

Ongoing entertainment includes: Friendly Fortune Teller, Balloon art, face painting and more. Walk the decorated paths of Broomstick Alley, Pumpkin Way, and cast your votes for favorites at Scarecrow Row or Trunk or Treat displays.

Halloween Parade: Let your creativity flow and dazzle the judges.

COSTUME CATEGORIES & PRIZES:

2 yrs. and younger.... Ages 3-5....Ages 6-8.... Ages 9-12....Family Group....

New! Best 300th Themed Costumes

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each category.

FOR DETAILS, VISIT WWW.NORTHAMPTONREC.COM

SPONSORSHIPS & ADS

Parks and Recreation has many opportunities for business owners and residents to promote a business or help support one or many of the programs and special events through volunteerism or donations.

To find out more about ways to help and/or advertise, contact Betty Satterley at 215-357-6800 ext. 256 or bsatterley@nhtwp.org

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PA
PRESENTS:

HALLOWEEN BASH 2022

Come support
the Miracle
League Athletes
and Programs

Halloween is coming
So grab your broom
And fly on over to The Emerald Room.
Saturday, October 29th, the time is 7
We turn into ghouls as the clock strikes 11!
Tickets are \$50, costumes PLEASE
Zombies and vampires you must appease!
Music, grub and dancing are sure to enthrall
Those who dare enter the enchanted hall.....

Who: Monsters must be 21 and older

Where: The Emerald Room (Sprinkler Fitters Union Hall)
14002 McNulty Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

When: Saturday, October 29th 7pm-11pm

Why: To support the Miracle League athletes and programs

Cost: \$50 pp - \$55 at door - Dinner, Dancing & Wine and Beer



Advanced Ticket Sales:

Online: <https://app.etickets.to/buy/?e=19170>

By check: Miracle League of Northampton
Township, PA

P.O Box 453 Richboro PA 18954

Questions: Pauline 215-498-7760

Community Celebrates the Dedication of the Miracle League Playground



The Miracle League of Northampton Township Pa and Northampton Township celebrated the Dedication and Grand Re-opening of the Miracle League Playground on Sunday September 18, 2022. Under clear and sunny skies community members, Miracle League families, and Township officials attended the ceremony. The playground is in the Northampton Township Municipal Park 281 Hatboro Road in Churchville.

This was a multi-year project that resulted in a playground where everyone can play! New pieces of equipment specially designed for children with special needs were installed so that all regardless of ability have the opportunity to play on a playground alongside their family and friends. Dr. Kim Rose, Township Supervisor and Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board stated that “this playground has been a project of love for many years. The Miracle League had a dream and they brought it to fruition.”

The Miracle League of Northampton Township is a non-profit organization supporting over 250 individuals with disabilities across Bucks County and neighboring communities through their baseball, basketball, soccer and bowling programs. The group’s mission is to provide education and social development through high-quality facilities and programs for individuals with special needs and their families.

For more information regarding the Miracle League visit www.mlnorthampton.com.



BUS TRIP TO SEE “ELEANOR” FIRST LADY OF THE WORLD AT ACT II PLAYHOUSE, AMBLER

A motorcoach bus will leave from the Northampton Township Library parking lot at 11:15 AM arriving at Gypsy Blu Restaurant in Ambler for a high tea brunch. This restaurant, situated next to the Act II Playhouse has an exterior old-world charm with a modern indoor flair. After tea there will time to explore some local shops of Ambler before heading to the Act II Playhouse for a presentation of Eleanor and her life behind her exterior.

ELEANOR: Diplomat, writer, champion of social justice, “First Lady of the World” This is the story of Eleanor Roosevelt. Eleanor Roosevelt’s public history includes some of the most momentous events of the 20th century – but her private life was something else entirely! Mark St. Germain boldly peels back the layers of the private Mrs. R. and reveals the fascinating truths behind the woman who forever redefined the office of First Lady.



DATE	Wednesday, November 16, 2022
DEPART	11:15 AM From Northampton Twp. Library 25 Upper Holland Rd, Richboro
RETURN	4:00 PM (approx.) to Richboro
COST	\$98 per person (includes performance of Eleanor, High Tea/ Luncheon, bus transportation & gratuities)

To register for this trip visit the Parks and Recreation website www.northamptonrec.com or call 215-357-6800 ext. 249

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

STORYTIME with MRS. CLAUS



Mrs. Claus is planning a trip in person to Northampton this holiday season! Join us at the Wetzel Pavilion, located at the Northampton Municipal Park, which will be decorated with



holiday spirit, complete with heaters for warmth. Gather 'round and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while listening to Mrs. Claus read from her favorite books and share Christmas stories. Santa and the reindeer plan to come for a visit with the children too! Create a take home craft and have a photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Be sure to bring your letters for Santa. There will be a special North Pole mailbox at the Pavilion marked "special delivery" for Santa. But don't forget to register early, as space is limited.

Date: Saturday, December 10 (rain or shine)
 Where: Northampton Municipal Park
 Wetzel Pavilion (behind the M.M Welch School)
 Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
 Age: 2-12 years
 (children must be accompanied by an adult *)

For details, visit:
www.NORTHAMPTONREC.COM
 or call 215-357-6800 ext. 249

LIGHT THE NIGHT HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST IS BACK!



Proud of your holiday decorating skills and want to show them off?

Love seeing the neighborhood houses decorated and want to see more?

Then this is for you!

The Top 3 "People's Choice" winners will be selected by total votes

Participate, Vote or do both!

Watch for details in the next Parks & Recreation Brochure or check online!



TRAIL OF CHEER

Take a holiday stroll at the Northampton Municipal Park and discover the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Enjoy the caroling walk provided by the Bucks County Women's Chorus along with the many decorated trees designed by local scout troops. Displays will be made available through the month of December. Take time to take in the wonders of the season.



With special thanks to:



Celebrate Your Holiday Season.

A live tree will be displayed at the Northampton Municipal Park for all to decorate!

Place one ornament on the tree to share with the Community. Share a part of your tradition for all to enjoy.

Let's fill the tree with the spirit of the season.

Visit the www.northamptonrec.com for details



Parks and Recreation

KIDS' NIGHT OUT! (AGES 6-12/GRADES 1-6)

Stressing about getting your errands done? Desperate for a date night? Drop your kids off at the Rec Center and we'll take care of the rest! Kids will enjoy pizza, crafts, games, a movie night and so much more - they won't even know you're gone! We'll have them tired out and ready for bed by the time you pick them up. All Recreation Center Staff has clearances and are First Aid/CPR certified. We can't wait to spend Friday night with the kids!

DAY	DATES	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	CLASS #
Friday	11/11	6 - 10 PM	Recreation Center Staff	Recreation Center	7924
	12/16				7925

ERS \$40 | R \$44 | NR \$52 | 1 Day | 10% off Additional Kids



SATURDAY ART WITH MISS LEIGH (AGES 7-12)

Students will create different art projects geared around popular themes while exploring a variety of are mediums (which may include watercolor, paint, Collage/mixed media, pastel and more. Ice breaker games will be played as time permits and students will engage in positive peer reviews. Students must be able to use scissors independently. Based on shipping delays/supply and demand, the instructor reserves the right to substitute projects of equal or greater value.

Encanto Party: Students will partake in icebreaker games and movie trivia! -Magic Candle oil pastel.

- Pinwheel and maracas collage -Leopard air clay figurine

Minion Party: Students will partake in icebreaker games and movie trivia! -Kevin Stuart and Bob's warm-up marker draw -Otto's dessert ride watercolor -Yellow zodiac animal as clay figurines

Roblox Holiday: Students will partake in icebreaker games and movie trivia! -Ugly Sweater Drawing

- Gingerbread mixed media characters -Snow globe oil pastel

DAY	DATES	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	CLASS #
Saturday	11/12	9:30 AM - Noon	Leigh Ferello, Art Teacher and Graphic Designer	Recreation Center	7930
	11/19				7931
	12/10				7932

ERS \$40 | R \$44 | NR \$52 | 1 Day



Congratulations to Coaches Geoff Boodey and Mike Underwood and the entire Northampton Otters Swim Team who were awarded The Bub Mears Sportsmanship Award for the 2022 Season. Our small but mighty team, is definitely something SPECIAL.



At the end of each season, every team within their respective divisions of the Lower Bucks Swim League cast a ballot to determine which team among their peers most personifies the fundamental values of sportsmanship - caring, civility, commitment, contribution, excellence, fairness, good citizenship, honesty, respect and responsibility. What an honor to have earned this award for two consecutive years! Go Otters!

The 'Bub' Mears Sportsmanship Award was created in his memory by 'Bub's' parents, to recognize teams that exhibit the fundamental values of sportsmanship, a set of behaviors to be exhibited by athletes, coaches, officials, parents and fans in athletics competition.



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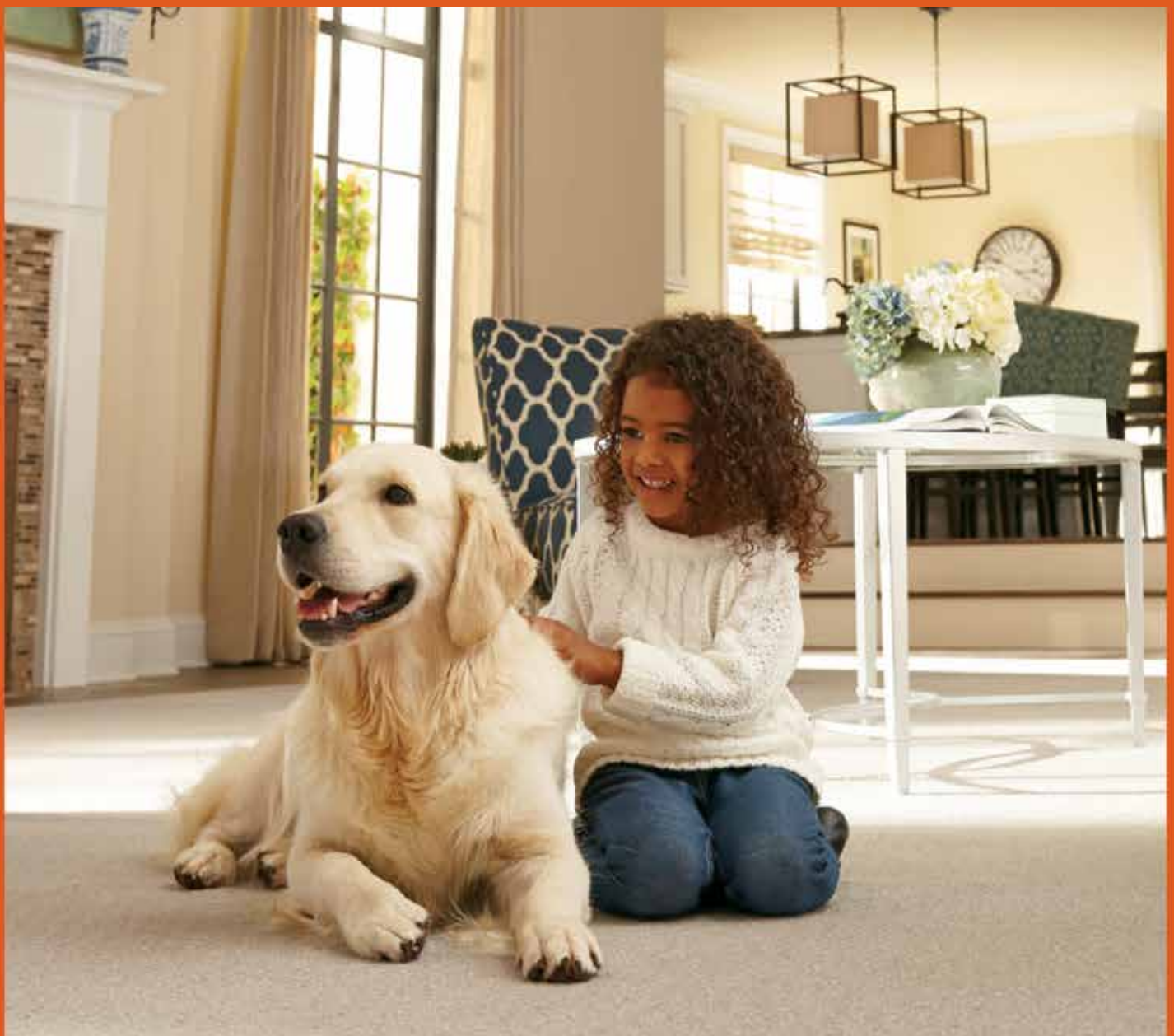
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