Hello and we hope you had a nice holiday season! It was nice to greet so many residents of all ages at the holiday celebration at the community center. There are are few photos from the evening on pages 36-37. There are also a few on page 35 from the hundreds of spectators that waited to greet Mr. and Mrs. Claus in their neighborhoods.

It is finally time to get your outdoor pool membership; details are on page 24.

If you don’t have time to read the magazine in its entirety now, skip to page 43 and mark your calendar for the Hues & Harmony celebrations in March.

Extra copies of the magazine are available at the Hampton Community Center and the Hampton Community Library.

Respectfully, Laurie & John Rizzo

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A Glimpse Into the HTPD

Hampton Township is ahead of the curve in many respects, and the Hampton Township Police Department is no exception. They are very forward thinking when it comes to officer safety, community relations and how to marry the immediate crisis with the ongoing crisis. This helps Hampton residents in need not only during the initial 911 call, but provides follow-up support to help solve the underlying issue and hopefully avoid reoffending.

The 19 full-time and three part-time officers responded to 10,490 calls last year, serving the 18,500 Hampton residents, and are led for the last six years by Chief Tom Vulakovich. They are supported daily by their clerk, administrative assistant, full-time social worker and two social work interns. There are nine vehicles in the fleet and an ATV when forays into the woods are needed.

“Officer safety is always a problem,” explained Chief Vulakovich. “That’s why we do extensive training and have multiple officers per shift.” The Hampton police force operates with a minimum of three-man shifts for safety reasons and does not go below that number. If one of the three is out, another officer will be called in to replace them. Hampton has one detective, Dave Mitchell, who is called in when needed on more serious crimes that require additional investigation. These crimes may include burglaries, rapes, and crimes involving children. If Detective Mitchell needs help, either Sgt. Robert Kirsopp or an additional patrolman or two will assist.

In November, the HTPD began a pilot program of officers wearing body cameras. The officers place the cameras chest-level on their uniforms at the beginning of their shift along with their other gear and return it to charge at the end of their shift. It’s easy to imagine that during a crisis situation, an officer could forget to turn the camera on but it is also tied to the car and siren so that when the siren is engaged, so is the camera.

Cameras are kept on during the transport of those arrested from Hampton to Pittsburgh so that there is no question as to what has taken place. The bodycam footage is helpful for officers to review calls, see what worked/didn’t work, and to teach others in varying situations. The data uploads to the District Attorney’s office and they review as needed.

Safety of the children in Hampton is also a priority. Officer Carl Good is the School Resource Officer and has an office in Hampton High School. There is police presence at all five Hampton schools daily in the morning as the students arrive and at the end of the school day as the students are leaving. The first School Resource Officer position began in Hampton with a Cops Grant right after the Columbine school tragedy. That grant was in place for three years and the school district and police department kept the position in place since 1999.

There is a large focus on training both for the officers as well as for the community. Officers are required to complete annual mandatory Pennsylvania MPOETC (Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission) training and PPCT (Pressure Point Control Tactics), a separate certification that covers the physical mechanics of the use of force and arrest and control. It is now required by the state but HTPD completed it voluntarily for a few years prior.

Firearms training and testing is completed twice annually. Officers must meet certain benchmarks to qualify with their sidearms, patrol rifle, less lethal shotgun (shoots a beanbag at high speed), and taser. If the required scores are not met, the officer will re-train at their local range with the two in-house certified firearms instructors, Sgt. Kirsopp and Officer Haus and will re-take the test with them when ready. In addition, the officers are certified in CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Other trainings, which can be free or at a cost, happen as needed within Hampton or through other police departments. Topics can include Conducting Proper Interviews, Felony Traffic Stops, Report Writing and Search and Seizure.

For the community, HTPD offers training by way of a Citizens Police Academy and ALICE training. The Citizens Police Academy (offered annually if there is enough interest) is designed to be interactive and consists of nine sessions taught by officers trained in various aspects. It covers topics such as Crisis Law, Search and Seizure, and Use of Force. Chief Vulakovich explained, “The purpose is to educate the general public on how a municipal police department functions and to educate them on police operations.” There is an optional 10th session where residents can get certified in CPR and do a ride-along with the police.

ALICE is for individuals and organizations to more proactively

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Police

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handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or an active shooter event. Free trainings can be requested for residents in the community, organizations, and churches within Hampton.

Community Relations is an important component in the department. “We respond to the community concerns. Patrols in neighborhoods are just as important as patrols on Route 8,” said Chief Vulakovich. He explained that officers will stop at children’s lemonade stands and help those they encounter in the community who are in need of assistance, sometimes even using their own money. This thought process extends to the hiring of a Social Services Coordinator within the department.

In 2020, Chief Vulakovich worked with Slippery Rock University to establish an internship embedded in the department focused on Social Work. Angela Kenbok completed her 9-month internship and quickly proved how valuable the collaboration was. Hampton Council approved the full-time Social Services Coordinator position in April of 2021 and Kenbok accepted. She worked hand in hand with the police to create the policies for her position as well as how she would function with police on calls for service and safety concerns.

After Kenbok became a full-time employee, she developed collaborations outside the police department with code enforcement, magistrates, drug and alcohol, therapeutic practices, adult protective services, and children and youth services. When this program was implemented, only one other police department in the state integrated social work in this way.

“Social work has been missing in the equation for years,” said Chief Vulakovich. He went on to explain that the underlying issue leading to a crisis doesn’t always get addressed and often times people re-offend. Kenbok now responds to calls with the officers as they work together. She stands by until the police secure the scene. At that point, the officers stand back and she begins to address the ongoing situation. Kenbok is trained in cognitive behavioral therapy and has connected over 400 people with some type of service.

Kenbok said, “My role is to hopefully stop the reoffending. I provide ongoing therapeutic and social services.” The social service systems in Allegheny County can be difficult to navigate and people don’t always know what help is available. “My goal is to refer them out as quickly as possible,” said Kenbok. In many cases, individuals are now coming to her directly for help instead of getting into legal trouble. She helps residents to get food, transportation to doctor appointments, housing, deal with traumatic incidents, drugs and alcohol, hoarding, or family disputes.

This program has been so successful that Chief Vulakovich and Kenbok spoke at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work conference in New Orleans last year. Chief Vulakovich fields calls from other police chiefs about the collaboration and other precincts have started to adopt the position in the area. Even District Attorney Steve Zappala made a visit to the Hampton station to find out about the program’s success. Kenbok has two interns focused on community events, Ken Johnson and Ashley Wilson. More information on the upcoming Cops vs. Kids dodgeball event is below.

Chief Vulakovich said, “We (Police, Fire, EMS, Social Services) are all important in our own way. Not one is more important than the other. It is a true working collaboration.”

Pictured above is Angela Kenbok and intern Ken Johnson. Intern Ashley Wilson was not available for the photo.

Police Events

If you are looking for a fun way for your family to connect with the community and the police, look no further than the Cops vs. Kids dodgeball game scheduled for Sunday, March 12 from noon – 4 pm at the Hampton Community Center. It is a great chance for your child (ages 8+) to meet some officers from Hampton Township in a fun setting. Drinks, pizza and snacks will be provided. Please register at https://www.hampton-pa.org/FormCenter/Police-Forms-5/Police-vs-Kids-Dodgeball-369.

Aside from protecting and serving, the Hampton Police are helping in different ways, one being Presents for Police. The Hampton officers work in conjunction with other police departments to deliver presents donated by the community to children in need. The officers coordinated the delivery of the toys to drop off toys at the same time on the same day to Sunrise School in Monroeville. The Sunrise School serves students with special needs ages 5-21. “The officers put time and effort into this. The community really comes together in the spirit of giving,” said Chief Vulakovich.

There is a standing policy that officers cannot have facial hair, except a mustache. No-Shave November/Don’t Stop December, January and February provides officers with the opportunity to grow beards and donate what they would spend on grooming to benefit cancer charities. The money raised benefits the Mrs. Claus Club which helps men and women in the area with cancer and Aiden’s Helping Hands, a local charity started by Hampton 16-year old Aiden Hanna and his family. Officers that chose not to participate donated as well. They have raised about $2300 so far.
Officers Brown and Meade are just a few staff members that participated in the NO Shave program.

Presents from police delivered to Sunrise School in Monroeville

A look inside the police station and police car

COPS VS. KIDS
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Parents & kids are welcome to join officers & social workers to engage in conversation and dodgeball fun. Hampton Community Center. Drinks, Pizza, & Snacks will be available.

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It’s time to put your New Year’s resolution on pause because Girl Scout cookie season is upon us and the troops in Hampton Township are carrying on the 100+ year tradition. To clarify, your great ancestors weren’t digging into a box of perfectly round cookies laced with chocolate stripes and coconut flakes sprinkled on top. In 1917, just five years after the organization was founded, a Girl Scout troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma held a homemade cookie sale in their high school cafeteria to raise funds for troop activities. Word spread fast (yes, even in 1917 without cell phones and emails) and Girl Scout troops around the nation began preheating their ovens and planning their own cookie sales to raise funds for their troop.

By 1934, the national Girl Scout organization partnered with commercial bakers who soon developed “Cooky Mints” whose name would be changed 29 times before landing on “Thin Mints.” Hampton resident Evelyn Fabian remembers the crisp chocolatey cookies as “Chocolate Mint,” the name the cookie held from 1951-1963.

Fabian’s title was not just a Girl Scout cookie connoisseur; she was the Northgate Cookie Chairman in the 1970’s. “My title brought many responsibilities from upholding the organization’s mission of making the world a better place to collecting money and distributing all the cookie orders to the troops in 15 local neighborhoods,” Fabian said. “Mind you, this was before electronic services and the majority of orders were paid for in cash, but I was lucky to work with a well-organized group of people. We were working together for a good reason.”

Not only does the position require a lot of integrity, but also willpower! The Fabian house acted as a cookie storage unit during cookie season while the leaders would pick up orders needed. “My house was always full of cookies and I was a mother of 6 children— all of whom loved cookies,” Fabian said. “If someone opened a box, we had to pay!”

Girl Scouts pride themselves on being ahead of their time, so Fabian was happy to see the program evolve throughout the years. “If the technology to sell online is there and provides a helpful and safe resource, then I encourage people to use it,” Fabian said. “Change can be good, especially in cookie form!”

There’s a Girl Scout cookie for every palate and this year, the Girl Scouts are kicking off the season with a new cookie, the Raspberry Rally, which has garnered the excitement of many.

Sisters Athena Smith, a Daisy in Troop 16720, and Luna Smith, a Daisy in Troop 50921, had the opportunity to try the new cookie and described it as “tasting like a sugar rush!” They enjoyed the cookie so much, that they each bought a box for themselves, putting each one step closer to achieving the aggressive goal they each set.

Sweet tooth aside, girls also look forward to the cookie season because it gives them opportunities to bond with their troop. “I joined Girl Scouts to meet new friends and experience the activities,” Keira Pater, Brownie in Troop 51275 said. “We have been spending time at troop meetings making signs that we will hang at our cookie booth.”

Girl Scout cookies have both a rich history and flavor that give us a high-minded excuse to indulge. Hustle to your local troop’s cookie table and stock up on these once-a-year treats, or visit https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies.html to find a troop selling cookies in your local area.
Talented Young Musician Excels in National Piano Examination

by Stephane Rizzo

A.J. Schott, a third-grader at Central Elementary School, has piano skills that are not low-key! Just ask the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) in Toronto, ON. Schott has earned the highest score in Pennsylvania on the Level A practice piano performance examination administered by the Royal Conservatory of Music. The nationally standardized piano examination requires students to memorize three pieces of solo piano repertoire from different time periods, play technical requirements such as scales and etudes, sight read and test ear training.

Schott has been playing the piano for four years and studying with Dr. Mary Lynne Bennett, a Hampton resident and faculty member at the Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music, for the past three and a half years.

“My goal is to help learners become increasingly self-sufficient and help them reach goals in their development as artists,” Bennett said. “It was clear from the beginning that A.J. has the talent and drive to be amazing, and we enjoy choosing pieces that allow him to explore many different styles and time periods of music written for the instrument.”

Not only is Schott a musician, but he also takes pride in his schoolwork and his spot on the Hampton swim team. “When I’m not practicing the piano, I like to play games with my sister, Sam, who also plays the piano,” Schott says. “I also like to go to school to see my friends. The best is when my teacher doesn’t give us homework so I have more time to play and practice the piano.”

Schott will receive a certificate of excellence from the RCM in Toronto for earning the highest score in the state of Pennsylvania for his level. He completed his second RCM, preparatory B in December and received a first class honors score on that exam as well.

For more information on the award and the Royal Conservatory of Music, visit their website at https://www.rcmusic.com.

If you or someone you know is interested in private lessons, visit www.marylynnebennettpianostudio.weebly.com

Great Entertainment and Great Fundraiser!

In early December, the Harlem Wizards came to town to play HTSD teachers for a fundraising game the whole community could enjoy. In this very successful event, the Hampton boys’ basketball boosters presold 400 tickets with another 85 sold at the door, raising over $5,000. Funds raised support the middle school and high school teams at Hampton.

Several staff members from the middle school, high school and each of the elementary schools were brave enough to take on these professionals.

The game was played in four quarters of action-packed fun. The teachers were great sports as the Wizards ran up and down the court with their antics and trick shots. The music was loud and the energy level was high.
Skilled Youth Masters the Age Old Game of Chess

by Jenn Edmonds

You may have heard of the Queen’s Gambit, thanks to the successful Netflix series but you may not know of the Queen’s Gambit non-profit in Pittsburgh. Here in Hampton, we have our very own member who is winning accolades for his outstanding chess skills and is putting them to good use.

Hampton High School 9th grader Luke Martin was nominated by the Queen’s Gambit Chess Institute of Pittsburgh for the Junior Achievement 18 under Eighteen Award in Western PA and won! “I thought I did not deserve it at first because I feel I am just a normal teenage kid.” Martin was honored with the other winners in a ceremony at Acrisure Stadium in February. He won leadership classes, a media photo shoot, and interview.

Martin started playing chess at the age of 7 and his level of understanding was so great that by the age of 11, he was teaching the game. His first teaching job was to the staff of Amachi Pittsburgh, which held a summer camp for incarcerated children. He also taught online classes to schools and libraries during COVID, at a camp in the North Side for The Pittsburgh Project, and at Winchester Thurston in Shadyside. Last summer you may have seen him helping with kids playing chess at the Hampton library. “I feel like I am not only teaching them chess, but also life lessons, like you may have to make sacrifices in order to be successful,” said Martin.

As part of his role as the lead Youth Chess Instructor for the Queen’s Gambit, Martin writes chess curricula. He creates individualized curricula to support each student regardless of their skill level or ability by analyzing how students respond to instruction and planning and thinking ahead. Martin said, “I like chess because no one game is the same as another.” In addition to playing for fun and teaching, Martin engaged in a chess competition in February outside of Cleveland where he placed second in his division.

Last summer, Martin traveled to Puerto Rico with his church to assist communities there with cleaning vegetation off of buildings. He resides in Hampton with his Dad Brian, Mom Amy, older brother Gates and his dog Huckle.
Adaptive Bikes Added to Al’s Famous Bike Drive

By Julie Mikus

Al’s Bike Drive celebrated its fifteenth year of supplying bicycles to Toys for Tots programs on December 8. The organization collects donations year-round to raise funds to purchase bicycles, helping children enjoy the rite of passage of owning their own bike. Before its formation, Todd discovered the need when helping Toys for Tots programs. In 2008, Al raised funds to donate 33 bikes to marginalized children. The next year the bikes doubled. A snowball quickly formed and the program hit a milestone of 1239 bikes. This year, the program encountered supply chain challenges. Cumulatively, Al’s Bike Drive has helped Toys for Tots donate over 6,737 bikes.

This year, the bike drive worked with a new partner, Variety - The Children’s Charity, to have ten adaptive bikes built for kids with special needs. The organization works to empower children with disabilities to live life to the fullest. Charlie LaVallee explained to volunteers that children with challenges or disabilities may feel left out. The bikes help them feel equal to their peers; however, they are very costly at $2,000 per custom bike. “Variety has distributed 9 million dollars worth of equipment to children with disabilities. We are so grateful to Al and all the volunteers because every child should have a bike,” LaVallee explained.

Al Todd formed a procession with the children receiving adaptive bikes. The group joyfully rode through Wildwood Country Club. One elementary student, Joanna, beamed with pride on her bike. Through tears, her Mom said, “Now, she can ride bikes with her siblings! We can ride bikes together as a family.”

To learn more about Al’s Bike Drive, visit www.alsbikedrive.com. For information regarding Variety: The Children’s Charity, visit www.varietypittsburgh.org.
Everyone Deserves the Opportunity to Dress Beautifully for their Prom

Prom is every high school girl’s dream! However, the dress, shoes, accessories and alterations can come with a hefty price tag. As inflation continues to hurt families’ finances, adding prom to a household budget can feel like a huge financial burden.

Despite the financial challenges, help is available! Bless A Dress is once again helping high school girls make memories this prom season. They will provide over 3,000 new and gently used gowns, along with shoes and accessories. The event dates are: March 30, 4-8 PM, March 31, 4-8 PM and April 1, 9 AM - 2 PM at the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena, 22 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick, PA 15024.

Their collection kicked off on January 14 at over a dozen collection sites, including Hair Doctors at 5475 William Flinn Highway in Gibsonia. Folks can drop off prom gowns, prom shoes, jewelry, neckties and bow ties at the sites through March 18th.

Michelle Simon and her husband founded Bless A Dress several years ago, after they discovered that some girls had trouble attending prom due to financial circumstances. Since then, they have “grown by leaps and bounds every year!” Simon explained. Last year, nearly 800 girls shopped for prom dresses, with caring volunteers assisting them and offering support.

“This year, we decided to add ties and bowties to our collection,” Michelle said. Girls shopping can choose a matching tie to give their prom date. Michelle added, “We are so grateful to the businesses that help us collect dresses, the friends who help spread the word about the event, and every person who volunteers. We couldn’t do it without everybody helping!”

There is no cost or income requirements for high school girls to participate in Bless A Dress. Topaz Thimble, LLC helps with on-site alterations. “Every girl deserves to feel like a princess on prom day, no matter her circumstances or ability to afford a gown,” Michelle added.

You can learn more about Bless A Dress by following them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/blessadress

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Hampton Township residents might be surprised to know that their community library was only opened in 1990. This newly created library was located in Shopper’s Plaza on Route 8, many years before it was relocated to the Hampton Community Center. One of the local residents who worked hard to bring a library to our community was Norine Benzenhoefer.


Loraine is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional with over 25 years’ experience as a psychotherapist. She wanted to create a children’s chapter book series that would help children navigate life with confidence and self-respect. Loraine called upon her love of family to create fun and positive books for children that address many important issues. Some of them include: responsibility, bullying, self-esteem, friendship, acceptance, forgiveness, honor, teamwork, respect, managing difficult emotions, and problem solving. For more information, Loraine invites everyone to go to her website: SmallFrySpyClub.com.

On a recent trip to the Hampton Community Library, Loraine and Marko were happy to see their books on display. The library director, Suzanna Krispli, had been kind enough to place the books in a prominent place in the library. Additionally, Suzanna knew of Norine’s efforts years ago to help to create the very library in which she works today.

Register now for Friday, March 24, 2023
Hampton Community Library Trivia Night!
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.
Program ends by 9:30 p.m.
Assemble your pod/team and get ready for a night of laughter and friendly competition! (Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System not required!) $20/person, (6-10 people/table). Test your general trivia knowledge! Perhaps your team will surprise them all! Please note this is an adult program. (BYOB) Space is limited; Registration required. Space/Teams will be limited. No Walk-ins!
Gala to Benefit the Well Being of Children

The Children’s Home & Lemieux Family Center is hosting their annual Shake Your Booties Gala at Acrisure Stadium. The Children’s Home is encouraging guests to “get down” with this year’s theme, “Shake Your Groovy Booties.” It will take place on Saturday April 22, from 6 - 11 p.m. The event promises to be “far out” with entertainment from the band Dancing Queen and emcee, Aditi Kinkhabwala.

The Children’s Home & Lemieux Family Center’s mission is to work to promote the health and well-being of infants and children through services which establish and strengthen the family through all four programs: Adoption, Child’s Way®, Pediatric VIEW, and the Pediatric Specialty Hospital. This year’s gala aims to raise funds to support the children and families these programs serve.

The emcee for this year’s Shake Your Groovy Booties, CBS sports reporter, Aditi Kinkhabwala, is a wonderful addition to the program. She and long-time CEO Pam Keen will walk guests through the amazing work that is being done at The Children’s Home. Community partners Jameson’s Army and Zachary’s Mission will be honored. The event features a live auction for in-person attendees and an online auction open to the public and accessible for supporters near and far. Shake Your Groovy Booties will also have a special “Fund the Mission” component, where supporters can bid to fund services that directly impact kids in The Children’s Home’s programs. All event proceeds will help promote pediatric health and well-being through services that establish and strengthen the family.

This year, Shake Your Groovy Booties is chaired by Julia Taylor, who provides tremendous support for the event and has been an advocate for The Children’s Home for numerous years. She graciously accepted the position as chair and has spearheaded efforts to make this gala memorable. Along with the Shake Your Booties planning committee, she has encouraged volunteer participation, secured sponsorships, and designed plans to construct an event that promises to engage and excite guests.


At The Children’s Home & Lemieux Family Center, we’re investing in a family today to secure a child’s tomorrow.

We believe that families come in all shapes and sizes, and that any setbacks can usually be addressed by listening and teaching in a way that is conducive to the family unit.

Togetherness and strong communication is incorporated in everything we do from the environment in which we teach families in our Pediatric Specialty Hospital, the care we provide to children in Child’s Way daycare expecting, and the supportive, nurturing accommodations we make for a birth-parent considering adoption. We speak to and care for our patients and clients as if they were our own family.
It was an incredible honor to be sworn in for the start of my second term as state representative for District 28. While we were able to elect a speaker of the house on swearing-in day, the usual excitement around this time was clouded by the organizational chaos surrounding the inability of the state legislature to organize and accomplish the business of the people.

Until we are able to get over this hurdle, unfortunately our legislative efforts will continue to stall, and there is so much important work to do. This includes protecting the children of the Hampton community by establishing a residential setback from school property and daycare centers for sexually violent predators, closing a glaring loophole in Megan’s law. This is just the beginning of our legislative agenda. Other initiatives include ensuring we apply fiscal responsibility to our annual budget and tax revenues, making Pennsylvania competitive and turning our energy sector back on after years of dormancy and neglect through regulatory impediments, envisioning the future of education for our students across Pennsylvania to modernize their learning environments and finally focusing on driving efficiency and effectiveness in our government operations that prevents draining countless dollars and halts endless frustration to business processes across the Commonwealth.

Each of these important policy objectives directly affects the lives of Hampton Township residents and members of the communities that I represent across District 28. With your cooperation and through the courage of my colleagues, I know that we can form an effective legislature in Harrisburg that will operate effectively again for the people. Throughout the process, I will keep you updated and work hard every day towards this objective. You have my word. Please don’t hesitate to contact our office as we love hearing from each of you any day of the week!

412-369-2230

Before running for office, Rob attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and deployed to Baghdad as a member of an embedded military training unit. He returned home with a captain’s rank and a Bronze Star Medal. Rob earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and then worked for two major accounting firms in New York City. After being recruited by PNC, he served as the company’s vice president and financial risk manager. Currently, he and his wife, Kelsey, own a UPS store in Pine Township.

In service to his community, he has served as a member of the board of the YMCA, the United States Congressional Advisory Board and the American Corporate Partners, which is a nonprofit that helps connect veterans with careers after their military experience.

Rob lives in Pine Township with his wife, Kelsey, and their three school-age children: Mackenzie, Delaney and Kieran. They are active in their faith community at North Way Christian Community in Pine Township.

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Hampton Rotary

Enrich Your Life with a Foreign Exchange Student

Hampton Rotary is seeking Hampton school district families to host an international exchange student for the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The host family would have the student reside in their home and be a part of their family for one half of the school year. Interested families may contact Hampton Rotary President Hal English at 412–486–1923 or henglish@nb.net for more information. Background screening is required and the application process requires time. Please apply at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

The Rotary Club of Hampton Township Presents the Firecracker 5K
Tuesday, July 4, 2023

An annual family fun run for the past 17 years. Register for this fun 5K on-line at https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/AllisonPark/2022HamptonRotaryClubFirecracker5K
The 5K run takes place at the Hampton Community Park outside the Hampton Community Center.

St. Patrick’s Day STEM Party

Join us on March 17 from 9:00 - 11:00 am for this fun class! We will discover what the pH scale and leprechauns have in common. We’ll celebrate all things rainbows and also learn how to make your own pH indicator with something found right in your refrigerator!

The cost per participant is $30.00 per class. Both classes will be held in the Hampton Community Center Activity Room 1. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 20 registrants per class. Visit www.hampton-pa.org to register!

"Spruce Up Your Garden at Shaler Garden Club's Plant Sale"

Add some fresh flowers and plants to spruce up your garden affordably this spring at the Shaler Garden Club's 69th annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Kiwanis Park on Wetzel Road, Glenshaw. A variety of hardy perennials from members’ gardens will be offered at bargain prices, along with herbs, vegetables, houseplants, bulbs, and potted arrangements for perfect Mother’s Day gifts. A basket raffle and a bake sale will add to the fun. Come rain or shine. Proceeds benefit community projects and philanthropic donations of the Shaler Garden Club.
For more information, go to www.shalergardenclub.com.
Fall Athletes Recognized
All athletes photos by Madia Photography

The Hampton Township School District Board of School Directors recognized and congratulated the following students and athletic teams at the annual reorganization meeting on December 5.

**Girls Cross Country**
The girls cross country team was recognized for winning the Class 2A, Section 4 championship and Ava Vitiello and Kevyn Fish for their individual achievements.

Ava Vitiello who placed 16th at state and placed 5th at WPIALs.
Kevyn Fish who placed 6th at WPIALs.

**Boys Cross Country**
Members of the boys cross country team was recognized on winning the Class 2A, Section 4 Championship, WPIAL Championship, and placing fourth at the PIAA state championships:
Christopher Belch, Jacob Bonnar, Liam Butler, Nathan Gardner, Dale Hall, Layne Haught, and Miles McKinney.
The following runners on their individual achievements:
Dale Hall who placed 14th at state and 5th at WPIALs.
Christopher Belch who placed 9th at WPIALs.
Jacob Bonnar who placed 13th at WPIALs.

**Girls Tennis**
Grace Stitt, qualified for WPIAL tennis championship in singles play, and both Grace Stitt and Heidi Kroneberg, qualified for WPIALs in doubles play.
Members of the boys and girls soccer teams both qualified for WPIAL playoffs. The following athletes received individual honors:

**Boys Soccer**

Luke Fiscus (#10) and Coleman Docherty (#9), who were selected to the All-WPIAL and All-Section Teams.
Oliver Spinola (#14) and Conner Killmeyer (#3) who were selected to the All-Section Team.
Hudson Struble (#8) who received an All-Section Team Honorable Mention.

**Girls Soccer**

Audrey Bianco, Madison Hurst, and Skye Bierker who were selected to the All-WPIAL and All-Section Teams.
Sara Kenst, who was selected to the All-Section Team.

**Girls Volleyball**

The girls varsity volleyball team were honored for being Class 3A, Section 1 champions and for qualifying for the WPIAL playoffs. The Board recognized the following athletes selected to the All-Section or All-WPIAL teams:

**Emmy Schrom** (#13) who was selected to the All-Section First Team and the All-WPIAL First Team.
**Avery Koontz** (#1) who was selected to the All-Section First Team and the All-WPIAL Second Team.
**Addy Gindlesperger** (#21) who was selected to the All-Section First Team and the All-WPIAL Third Team.
**Emma Rick** (#18) was selected to the All-Section First Team.
**Lilly Muczinski** (#11) and **Allison Schepner** (#22) were selected to the All-Section Second Team.
**Maya Obendorfer** (#2) who was selected to the All-Section Third Team.
Boys Football

The varsity football team qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and the following student athletes were acknowledged for their individual accomplishments:

First Team: Aiden Lewis (guard #50), Gabe Gannelli (defensive end #52), Ben Haselrig (receiver #15), Gabe Harris (defensive line #43), Brock Borgo (running back #22), Eric Weeks (all purpose back #3), and Joey Mayer (defensive back #9).

Second Team: Michael Morgano (inside linebacker #8), Luke Hartle (defensive back #7), and Luke Fiscus (kicker #30).

Honorable Mention: Mike Santorello (inside linebacker #56), Kaden Hoolahan (center #78), Gryffin Keller (defensive line #23), and Nate Glock (tackle #55).
Members of the Hampton High School cheerleaders were honored for their exceptional spirit displayed throughout the football season. When the lights went out during a football game at Fridley Field, the cheerleaders kept the fans entertained with their spirited cheers and sparkling energy. In addition, the members of the competitive cheerleaders earned a bid to Nationals at Disney World in Florida in February.

Cheerleaders

Emma Clarke
Lillie Bill
Maria Coleman
Brianna DeSabato
Justyce Fink
Gabriella Imbarlina
Jessica Lange
Alyssa Lauria
Laynie Loebig
Olivia Mayer
Haley Meyer
Keira Palmer
Ashley Rupert
Peyton Straub
Anna Stroud
Emily Wenger
New Garbage/Recycling Contract

As you are aware, on January 1st of this year, the Township began a new collection and disposal contract with Waste Management, which included automated collection for both garbage and recycling. By now, you should have received a new black/green trash cart from Waste Management. If you did not receive a cart, please call Waste Management at 1-800-451-3060. You can continue to use your existing green/yellow cart for recycling. **Exciting news;** glass can again be recycled in your at-home recycling cart!

As of February 1, 2023, all garbage/refuse must be in the new trash cart; no material will be collected outside of the cart. Waste Management will begin tagging (a sticker notifying resident why the garbage was not taken) garbage that is not properly placed at the curb or if you do not have an account with WM.

Do you have to participate in garbage/recycling collection? Put simply, yes. Under PA Act 101 of 1989, the Allegheny County Solid Waste Plan and by Hampton Ordinance, residents are required to utilize the residential collection service provided by the Township. These laws also require that the collector (Waste Management) find that a customer is contaminating recyclables by mixing items that cannot be recycled together with those items that can, they will not collect them. Likewise, if the collector finds that waste materials are improperly contained, overweight, or placed out of reach, Waste Management can decline to collect them.

For more information on what is included as part of your garbage/recycling collection service with Waste Management, including yard waste and the At-Your-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, please visit the Township’s website at [www.hampton.pa.org/TrashRecyclingCustomerHandbook](http://www.hampton.pa.org/TrashRecyclingCustomerHandbook).

Please! We need your help

We have noticed an increase in illegal dumping in dumpsters at the Municipal Building, along roadways as well as at local Hampton businesses. Only the cardboard dumpsters located in front of the salt storage building are for residents to recycle cardboard. During the summer months, single-stream recycling dumpsters are located in the swimming pool parking lot for residential use. The two trash dumpsters located adjacent to the cardboard dumpsters are specifically for garbage from the municipal complex facilities and is NOT for public use. This area is under video surveillance. We have also received complaints from Hampton residents that illegal dumping is occurring along certain roadways. Last, people are dumping their garbage in dumpsters utilized and paid for by local businesses. These companies, including small businesses owned by Hampton residents, pay to empty those dumpsters that are filled from illegal dumping. Any violators who illegally dump garbage and who are caught could face possible fines. Please help us keep Hampton the beautiful community that you, your family and neighbors are proud to call home. Thank you!

Township of Hampton Community Clean-Up Day

The Township will be sponsoring a community-wide program to help clean up township roadside areas from debris on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 8 am to 12 noon. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt as a small token of appreciation for their service. **Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by at least one (1) parent/guardian who can drive the children to the clean-up locations. All volunteers/volunteer groups must have a driver.**

Should you be interested in volunteering, registration is requested in order to schedule clean-up locations as well as provide t-shirt sizes. You can register on the Township’s website at [www.hampton.pa.org/cleanupday2023](http://www.hampton.pa.org/cleanupday2023). Volunteers will meet at the Hampton Community Center. Gloves, safety vests and trash bags will be provided at that time. Please wear the appropriate work clothes and shoes. Bring your ball team, book club, exercise partner, neighbors, family and friends to help. For more information and to volunteer, please call Assistant Township Manager Susan Bernet at 412-486-0400 ext. 1303.

**Enter to Win One of Two Rain Barrels – 4/17/23 DEADLINE**

The Township of Hampton is giving away two free rain barrels this year!

Spring is here and what can you do with some of that rainwater runoff from your gutters and downspouts? It can be used for watering gardens, washing cars, or for other multitude of needs for water outside the home.

There are two ways to register to win for one of two free rain barrels; stop by the Hampton Community Center to see one of the rain barrels and fill out a registration form, or you can register on-line through the Township’s website at [www.hampton.pa.org/rainbarrelgiveaway2023](http://www.hampton.pa.org/rainbarrelgiveaway2023). You must be a Hampton resident, and only one registration per family. The deadline for registration is April 17th; winner will be notified April 18th. Good luck!

**NEWS FLASH – Wildwood Road Bridge to Close March 1st**

The Township has just been notified by PennDOT that the Wildwood Road Bridge will close effective March 1st for a total replacement project. As such, it is anticipated that this bridge will be closed for at least one year.
SPRING PROGRAMMING

Resident registration for spring programs are underway. Please refer to program information for their registration periods for both Residents and Non-Residents. For further questions on registration dates please call the Community Center Service Desk at 412-487-7870 ext. 1370.

- Hampton Residents will be given priority.
- Classes do fill quickly and registration is on a first come, first serve basis starting the first day of registration.
- First fee listed is for Hampton Residents / second fee listed is for Non-Residents.
- Fees subject to change without notice.
- We try our best to accommodate everyone; however, please do not ask us to exceed class size limits or to put your child in the wrong age, skill level, or class. Programs are designed according to age levels and instructor to student ratios that will benefit the students.
- Cash refunds are NOT given. However, credits to Department of Community Service online accounts will be issued.
- Registrations for memberships or programs can be done online at www.hampton-pa.org or in person at the Community Center Service Desk or kiosk.
- All participants must create an online account in order to register for programs or memberships online or in person.
- Online transactions must be paid by credit card only. In person transactions can be paid by cash, check, or credit card.
- All credit card transactions online and in person will be subject to a 2.95% convenience fee.
- If a class becomes full, we will not be permitted to accept any additional participants. No exceptions.
- For the most up to date information on Department of Community Service programs and events visit our website at www.hampton-pa.org!

In addition to the Hampton Highlights, the Township of Hampton electronically distributes a monthly e-newsletter highlighting different activities and events going on each month! Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter direct to your inbox? Register by going to www.hampton-pa.org and clicking the Recreational Registration button to create an account today!

Please note programs and events advertised in this magazine edition are subject to change based on staff availability. Please stay up to date with programming and events by visiting our website at www.hampton-pa.org.
COMMUNITY CENTER

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Dates: January 3rd - May 27th
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Monday & Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

*Hours are subject to change without notice.*

*Hours may be adjusted due to holidays.*

Administrative hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm;
Monday - Friday.

INDOOR TRACK

The three-lane walking and jogging track is open during normal Community Center hours unless otherwise posted. Thirteen laps around the track equals one mile. Appropriate footwear is required while using the track. Please follow the direction signs located above the track area.

Use of the indoor track is included with your Community Center or Fitness membership. If you do not have a current membership and would like to use the track a daily guest fee of $6 can be paid at the Service Desk.

COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD MARKET

A self-serve, self-pay food market is located on the lower level of the Hampton Community Center! Patrons can enjoy a vast assortment of beverages; both hot and cold, as well as a great variety of snacks and food items. Enjoy a light healthy snack to wind down after your workout or a fresh espresso to start off your day! It’s a great option for an after school snack spot for children using the basketball courts or the perfect breakfast place before going to the Library for story time.

Food items will be replenished weekly so all items are guaranteed to be fresh! The market is a self-pay area which is monitored closely by cameras. Simply select the items you desire to purchase and scan them at the pay station as you would at any other self check-out kiosk. After your payment has been processed your transaction is complete. Payments accepted include credit or debit card and VIBE cards (which can be picked up at the Community Center Service Desk).

COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

Yearly Membership Includes Use of Track & Gymnasium Courts

Adult Memberships: $32 / $63
Youth Memberships: $19 / $38

COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION

HAMPTON HIGHLIGHTS 24
**PARK INFORMATION**

**COMMUNITY PARK PAVILIONS**

Hampton Community Park Pavilion reservations are now available to rent online! Pavilions are also available to rent, in person, by visiting the Community Center Service Desk during regular hours of operation. Payment must be made, in full, at time of reservation. Pavilion fees can be paid by cash, check, or credit card in person and by credit card only online. For additional information on pavilion amenities and locations, as well as date availability please visit our website at www.hampton-pa.org.

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**HAMPTON COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION RATES**

Pavilion rate includes choice of pavilion and ABC Permit. First fee is for Residents / second fee is for Non-Residents.

**Pavilion Choices:**
Alcoa, Drake, Grubbs, Hardt, Kraus, Orchard - Ling, & Rotary

**Pavilion Rates:**
- Monday-Friday: $100 / $150
- Saturday & Sunday: $100 / $150
- Holidays: $114 (Residents Only)

Tent Site Permit - $25  Permit Change or Replacement Fee - $25

Residents are able to reserve pavilions one year in advance. Non-Residents may reserve pavilions beginning on April 1st of each year.

Hampton Community Park offers seven different park pavilions located throughout the park area that are available to rent. Each pavilion includes six picnic tables, a water pump, overhead lighting, electrical outlets & a charcoal grill. All pavilions have four electrical outlets except Kraus, which has three.

D.J.’s or live bands are not permitted in the Community Park.

Roasting fires are prohibited in the Community Park.

Tents or structures that need to be secured in the ground require a Tent Site Permit and permission is required prior to the rental date.
2023 POOL MEMBERSHIP RATES

Early Bird Rate: Available to Hampton Residents January 3rd - March 31st
Regular Rate: Available to Hampton Residents April 1st
Non-Resident Rate: Available in limited numbers until sold out

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GUEST PASSES EARLY DISCOUNT (Now - March 31st) $6
GUEST PASSES $8

*Guest Passes are only available with a valid pool membership. A limit of ten passes per membership applies.*

POOL MEMBERSHIP POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Family Pool Memberships may only be purchased for immediate family members on tax list, or living in the same household. Babysitters, neighbors, nieces / nephews, and visiting relatives are not eligible to be included on your family pool pass.

Pool Membership / ID Cards are non-transferable and may not be borrowed or loaned. Non-compliance will result in the loss of your Pool Membership.

Guest Passes LIMIT OF 10 PASSES PER MEMBERSHIP. Available for purchase online or in-person at the Community Center and outdoor pool complex admission gate.

DAILY ADMISSION FEES

| Ages 0 - 2:       | FREE   |
| Ages 3 - 17:      | $8 / $13 |
| Ages 18 - 59:     | $9 / $20 |
| Ages 60 +:        | $6 / $10 |

SPECIAL SWIM SESSION RATES

Open Swim
Monday - Sunday: 4 - 7:00 pm $6 / $10 (Ages 3 and Up)
WE ARE HIRING FOR SUMMER!

CERTIFIED LIFEGUARDS
CONCESSION & MAINTENANCE STAFF
PLAY CAMP COUNSELORS

APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.HAMPTON-PA.ORG
**TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON EASTER EGG HUNT**

Join us on Saturday, April 1st from 1 - 3 pm in the Hampton Community Park for an Easter egg hunt for children 10 years of age and under! In addition to our egg hunt there will be child friendly activities, delicious refreshments and an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny! Please feel free to bring your own Easter basket for collecting eggs!

Registration for this event will be available on our website beginning in mid-February!

Please understand that pre-registration is now required for this event to better prepare for supplies for the amount of attendees. **Registration will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 23rd. Please make sure you register by this date.**

Please plan accordingly - walk-in registration will no longer be available for this Community Event.

Due to the ever growing popularity of our family-friendly holiday events, please note that the Community Park will be closed to the general public this day to accommodate for additional traffic and ensure the safety of all of our event guests. Pavilions, sports fields including the soccer fields, and access to the upper orchard will be unavailable until the event concludes. The Community Center parking lots will also be unavailable to use until the event concludes.

*The Community Center will remain open during this event; however the event will be held outdoors, rain or shine!*

**Registration reminders:** Please understand that our registration system allows only members of your household to be put on your account. If you wish to register someone who does not live in your household, an account will need created for them prior to registering. Please also keep in mind if you need to add a child to your household, you must call the Community Center Service Desk at 412-487-7870 ext. 1370 to add each additional member to your household. **Please make sure to do this prior to the registration deadline.**

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**FOOD TRUCK DAYS**

Food trucks will be in the Community Park once again this summer in conjunction with the Farmer’s Market! Come out to enjoy great food and fun with your neighbors and friends!

A great idea for your next date night or a fun dinner idea for the whole family!

Please continue to monitor our website for specific dates that food trucks will be available this summer!

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**FARMER’S MARKET**

Hampton Township will once again have a Farmer’s Market in the Hampton Community Park every Wednesday beginning June 7th from 3 - 7 pm.

If you would like information on becoming a market vendor please contact Bill Ryder at bill.ryder@hampton-pa.org or at 412-487-7870 ext. 1316.

The most up to date information regarding the Farmer’s Market will be available on our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) and in the next edition of the Hampton Magazine.
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

ADULT PICKLEBALL
Pickleball is an easy game for all ages to learn. The game is a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The sport is played on a badminton court, with the net a little lower than a tennis net, and played with a hard paddle and a smaller version of a wiffleball. All levels are welcome to walk in and play pickleball. Bring your own racquet.

AGES: 18 & up
DATES: January 3rd - May 26th
DAY & TIMES: Monday / 12:00 - 2:30 pm
Tuesday / 9:00 - 11:30 am
Thursday / 12:00 - 2:30 pm
Friday / 9:00 - 11:30 am
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium
Courts C & D
FEE: $5 per person; daily

ADULT VOLLEYBALL
Volleyball is a walk-in program for the beginner to intermediate skill level players. Teams are formed each night and players rotate into games throughout the program.

AGES: 18 & up
DATES: January 5th - May 25th
DAY & TIMES: Thursday / 8:00 - 10:00 pm
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium
Courts A, B, C & D
FEE: $5 per person; daily

ADULT BADMINTON
This is a walk-in program for those of all skill levels who enjoy the finer points of the game. Birdies will be provided, but please bring your own racquet.

AGES: 18 & up
DATES: January 4th - May 23rd
DAY & TIMES: Tuesday / 8:00 - 10:00 pm
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium
Courts A, B, C & D
FEE: $5 per person; daily

FAMILY, SENIOR & ADULT SWIM
During this program, half the pool will be for adult lap swimmers and half for families and seniors to swim and enjoy themselves! This is a walk-in program and the daily fee is paid at the door each evening. Children under 3 years of age are FREE. Program dates subject to change.

AGES: All Ages
DATES: January 9th - April 26th
DAY & TIMES: Monday & Wednesday / 8:15 - 9:15 pm
LOCATION: Hampton High School Indoor Pool
FEE: $4 per person; daily (ages 3 & up)

BEGINNER LINE DANCING (231601)
Put on your dancing shoes, learn a new type of exercise and have some fun!
Instructor: Shirley Shultz

AGES: 18 & Up
DATES: March 30th - May 11th
DAY & TIMES: Thursday / 1:30 - 3:00 pm
LOCATION: Community Center Dance Room
FEE: $37 / $42
MIN / MAX: 8 / 22
DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 28, 2023
SUMMER PLAY CAMP (311101)

The Summer Play Camp Program includes arts & crafts, afternoon swimming, daily organized sports games and special events. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided daily and included in the cost of camp. Detailed program information including daily schedules, program policies, as well as enrollment information at the Community Center Service Desk as of April 1st. Resident registration begins April 1st and Non-Resident Registration begins May 1st.

Detailed program information regarding enrollment will be available in the upcoming months on the Township website!

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Enrolling your child for the program will guarantee your child a place in the program. However, it is required that you register your child ahead of time for each week that they will attend the Play Camp program. Please keep in mind you will not be able to register your child for weekly attendance until you have completed the initial enrollment process. Weekly registrations for Play Camp will require your full weekly payment to be made at time of registration. For your convenience you can register your child online or in person for the weeks that you wish to attend Play Camp. It is the participants responsibility to register for the correct weeks of Play Camp. Weekly registrations must be done at least 5 DAYS PRIOR to the start of the week you wish to attend. Play Camp will not accept participants until they are registered and paid in full for the weeks they are attending.

Participants only pay for the weeks that they register their child for. The week of July 3rd will be pro-rated due to Play Camp only being available three days that week. Payment is based off the number of children per family as well as residency.

AGES:  
*6 – 12 yrs. old  
*Must be entering 1st grade Fall 2023

DATES:  
June 12th – August 18th  
*No program on July 3rd & July 4th

DAYS:  
Monday – Friday

TIMES:  
7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Attendance fees will be available in the Parent Manual which is available on April 1st.

POOL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Play Camp participants are required to purchase a season Pool Membership for the Community Park Outdoor Pool since we do go to the pool every afternoon. Please visit our website at www.hampton-pa.org to obtain a membership. Pool memberships must be purchased PRIOR to your child attending Play Camp. Proof of purchase may be required at initial drop off to Play Camp.

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FEE INFORMATION

When your child’s completed enrollment paperwork is accepted at the Service Desk you will be required to pay an enrollment fee. This fee is not a deposit and does not count towards your child’s attendance. Enrollment fee structure is noted below. Please note that new this year along with the “Regular Enrollment Fee” there is a “Late Enrollment Fee” and a “Mid Program Enrollment Fee”.

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The Fitness Area is located on the upper level of the Community Center. This area is open during regular Community Center hours unless otherwise posted. Currently there are twenty-one pieces of fitness equipment available; eleven cardio and ten weight training pieces including free weights with varying weights.

The Fitness Area does not have direct supervision. The on-duty Facility Manager will provide routine monitoring. However, if at any time you should have any questions, or require assistance, do not hesitate to speak with the Service Desk staff.

For the health and safety of our patrons, two Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) Units are located in the Community Center. Should a circumstance ever arise that these life sustaining devices need use, they can only be used by a trained Community Center staff member or patron.

Fitness Members should scan their membership ID card at the service desk upon entering the center.

**YEARNLY FITNESS MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- **Family Membership*: $217 / $427
- **Married Couple**: $117 / $222
- **Adult (18 +)**: $67 / $134
- **College Student**: $37 / $74
- **Youth (ages 10 - 17)**: $56 / $111

*Family Membership pricing is for up to four persons. Each additional family member will be billed for the individual rate.

**College Students must provide valid college ID during initial membership and renewing of membership to receive the discounted college rate.

If you do not have a current fitness membership or you are a fitness member and you have a guest with you, a $6 daily pass may be purchased at the Community Center service desk. Any patrons using the fitness area for the first time (daily guest or member) will need to have a brief fitness area orientation at the Service Desk prior to using the equipment.

Fitness area information packets are available at the Community Center service desk as well as on our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org).
COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

Hampton Community Center offers various rooms and rental packages to fit every renter’s needs! We accommodate parties such as birthdays, bridal or baby showers, themed parties, and weddings! Reservations can be made as early as two years in advance (Hampton Residents) or eighteen months in advance (Non-Residents). Below is pricing information for each room that we offer for rent. Don’t see what you are looking for? Our on-site Rental Coordinator is happy to meet with you to discuss your desires and help create a wonderful experience for you! Our Rental Coordinator is available by appointment only. Any questions you have in regards to rental facilities, or date availability, please call our Rental Coordinator at 412-487-7807 ext. 1357.

HOURLY RATES FOR FACILITY RENTALS

Great Room A or B ........................................................................ $85 / $100 hour
Great Room A & B ........................................................................ $175 / $198 hour
Gathering Area (after hours) .......................................................... $48 / $60 hour
Activity Room 1 ........................................................................... $42 / $55 hour
Activity Room 2 ........................................................................... $48 / $60 hour
Gymnasium (full) .......................................................................... $88 / $100 hour
Gymnasium (half) ......................................................................... $48 / $60 hour
Gymnasium (quarter) .................................................................... $25 / $40 hour
Dance & Aerobics Room ................................................................. $42 / $55 hour
Heat & Serve Kitchen ................................................................... $220 per day

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Activity Room 1

3 Hour Rate: $110 / $145
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In October, the Hampton Township Board of School Directors formally adopted the District’s new strategic plan that will guide our work over the next three to five years. Part of the strategic planning process included the development of the “Portrait of a Talbot,” which are the six competencies that the District has identified that all Hampton students should possess — Communication, Learner’s Mindset, Collaboration, Empathy, Critical Thinking, and Perseverance. The District will strive to support these competencies through committing to ideas such as World-Class Teaching & Learning, Innovative Learning Experiences, and Future-Driven Learning.

In January, when students and teachers began moving into Hampton High School’s brand new Library Media Center addition, I realized the future of Hampton Township School District is here and now. This innovative and modern space also features a Conceptual Thinking Lab, Café Area, Flex Studio, and additional classrooms.

This new addition at Hampton High School was redesigned to support the evolving academic needs of the high school’s high-quality educational programs, encouraging students to work in small teams, collaborate, solve problems, and engage in critical thinking. Not only do we look forward to current students in grades 9-12 to benefit from this new addition, but we anticipate Talbot learners of the future will continue to learn, connect, and be inspired here!

In this issue, you will also read about how our elementary schools are implementing the Responsive Classroom approach to help our students thrive by learning strong academic and social skills.

As I am writing this letter, the District is also in the process of hiring a Behavioral Health and Wellness Therapist through UPMC Western Psychiatric, thanks to a two-year state grant. This position will help address increasing mental health issues among students since the pandemic began and provide families with additional access to mental health services.

On another note, I would like to congratulate our student athletes on a successful fall athletics season, with several teams qualifying for the playoffs and Boys Cross Country defending their WPIAL title. In November, we had the HHS and HMS Drama Clubs perform tremendously in “Noises Off” and “Newsies Jr.,” respectively, in addition to many wonderful musical performances during our Winter Concert Series.

The future is bright here at Hampton, and I cannot wait to see what is ahead in 2023!

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Loughead
Superintendent of Schools

HTSD will celebrate Hues and Harmony throughout March

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The District Dispatch is published four times annually as part of the Hampton Magazine.
Hampton High School's highly anticipated Library Media Center officially opened following winter break in January for students to work collaboratively and to continue to engage in world-class learning. This addition was designed to support the evolving academic needs of Hampton High School’s high-quality educational programs!
2-Year State Grant Allows HTSD to Hire Behavioral Health and Wellness Therapist

Thanks to a two-year Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant, Hampton Township School District will hire a Behavioral Health and Wellness Therapist to address increasing mental health issues among students.

“The District has seen a dramatic increase in mental health needs post-pandemic,” said Dr. John Thornton, HTSD District Psychologist and Director of Student Services. “Although the District offers school-based mental health services, a need has been realized for uninsured or underinsured students. Additionally, families have difficulty finding providers who are available to take on new clients without lengthy wait times.”

Through a partnership between HTSD and UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital, the Behavioral Health and Wellness Therapist will provide evidence-based therapy for students, including individual and group sessions. They will also offer mental health consultations for teachers and families regarding children experiencing mental health issues.

Additionally, the clinician will be available for classroom observations and assessments to help teachers modify environments and support. They will attend problem-solving and core meetings, as needed, to discuss mental health treatment and address areas that may need improvement. The clinician will also provide family support and engagement, including parent education groups and coping strategies.

“The school counselors will serve as a liaison with the Behavioral Health and Wellness Therapist,” said Dr. Thornton. “The counselors also serve on teams that discuss student needs and target interventions such as the Student Assistance Program (SAP). The SAP process will be an essential part of the referral process for the school-based clinician.”

The District will utilize the other half of its secured PCCD grant funding for safety infrastructure, including security cameras and updating emergency communication devices.
Many adults in the workplace start their day chatting and catching up at the “water cooler.” Instead of the water cooler, Shanna Struble’s second grade students at Central Elementary School begin each school day with a different type of interaction called, “Morning Meeting.”

Mrs. Struble says these Morning Meetings provide students with the opportunity to greet their classmates in a positive way, individually share on a variety of different topics and questions, and interact safely in a group activity. Morning Meeting is one of the practices of Responsive Classroom — an evidence-based approach to teaching and learning that focuses on engaging academics, positive community, effective management, and developmental awareness.

“The social interactions that a Responsive Classroom encourages allow for each student to truly feel seen and heard,” said Struble. “These opportunities to share about themselves and learn about each other help build a positive classroom community, which is foundational for building positive cultural connections and understanding.”

Dr. Amy Kern, Central Elementary School Principal, said several elementary teachers within HTSD have already been implementing Responsive Classroom strategies and teaching practices for many years.

Based on its success, the District’s goal is to expand this initiative to make it universal and benefit all Central, Poff, and Wyland Elementary School K-5 classrooms to provide students with additional opportunities for positive social interactions. Elementary teachers will undergo professional development and formal training on implementing Responsive Classroom.

This year’s focus is to develop Morning Meeting, an approximately 15-20 minute experience that consists of a greeting, sharing time, team building activity, and morning message.

“We feel every classroom should have a part of the day where they are building their classroom community,” said Dr. Kern. “It’s only about a 15-20 minute experience because Responsive Classroom has nice, quick activities. It really helps children want to participate in their class community and have that strong relationship with their teacher and each other.”

Struble said Responsive Classroom has helped her second grade students build trusting relationships that have created a safe environment for her students to tackle new challenges and take risks.

The Responsive Classroom approach was developed in 1981 by a team of public school educators, and has since been implemented in schools across the country.
Experience the sights and sounds of Hampton Township School District’s fantastic arts programming during this year’s Hues and Harmony celebration throughout March!

Coinciding with Music in Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month, this year’s event will showcase and promote the District’s March concerts and elementary fine arts programming. There will be five concerts open to the public throughout March, including the HMS Band “Pops” Concert, HHS Band Winter Concert, HMS Chorus March Concert, HHS Concert Choir Winter Concert, and the All-District Orchestra Concert.

The District’s elementary fine arts program will be showcased during Central, Poff, and Wyland Elementary Schools’ Spring Open Houses. Student artwork created during the 2022-23 school year will be on display, including paintings, drawings, 3-D art and more. Additionally, Open House attendees will be able to view a compilation video in each school’s front lobby featuring performances by elementary band, chorus, and orchestra students.

“With the elementary Open Houses occurring in March, our team felt this was an excellent way to share student work showcasing our arts programming this year,” said Dr. Jackie Removcik, Assistant to the Superintendent. “Because arts programming will be featured throughout March, dedicating the entire month to Hues & Harmony seemed a natural fit for this school year.”

Last year’s Hues and Harmony celebration highlighted the District’s secondary art program, so in 2023 the District decided to showcase the artistic talents and creativity of its elementary students.

Additional concert and event information is located on the District’s website at www.ht-sd.org. Please follow HTSD’s Facebook and Twitter pages throughout March to see highlights from our events.

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HMS Teacher’s Debut Mystery Novel
Brought to Life with Student’s Illustrations

After years of inspiring her middle school students to love reading and writing, Mrs. Gina Bolton is sharing her own story through her debut novel, *The Mystery of Old Tom*, which was brought to life with creative illustrations by one of her talented 7th-grade students, Elliott Domske.

The story, which follows the adventures of Christy-Anna Webster, is based on her real-life childhood experiences growing up in Barbados. Encouraged by her two daughters, Hannah and Christine, Mrs. Bolton decided to turn stories about her childhood memories into a self-published novel for middle school students.

“When they were little, I would tell them stories about growing up,” Mrs. Bolton said. “And then as they got older, they said I should start writing things down so I could pass it on to future generations, and so I did.”

Just like it was for Mrs. Bolton as a child, adventure is always knocking on Christy-Anna’s door in *The Mystery of Old Tom*. Along with her best friend, Debs, she sets out to solve the mystery of their mysterious school bell, Old Tom, and discover what’s really behind the strange events that take place at St. Kenneth’s School.

Growing up in Barbados was wonderful in many ways for Mrs. Bolton. She fondly recalls playing outside in the guava trees, building sandcastles on the beach, and swimming in the waters of the Caribbean Sea. She also loved her school, St. Winifred’s, and her friends there that inspired the stories in the novel. Although the story is geared towards middle school students, Mrs. Bolton surprisingly says she wasn’t much of a reader growing up.

“I didn’t really become a reader until I was about middle school-age. It hardly ever rains in Barbados, so I was always outside playing,” she said. “But then once I started reading, I didn’t stop, and I still read a lot.”

Last year, Mrs. Bolton had Elliott in class and discovered his artistic talent after he created a graphic novel page for a vocabulary assignment.

“He created this comic strip that was just mind-blowingly good,” she said, “So when I saw that, I started thinking about having him do the illustrations for the book. He did a phenomenal job.”

Mrs. Bolton eventually approached Elliott about creating illustrations for each chapter of the novel.

“I couldn’t believe this was happening, because I had always seen that I had drawing as a talent, but I didn’t think that it would come to something like this that early,” Elliott said. “It was an amazing experience, and I was really happy when she asked me to do this.”

Mrs. Bolton said she enjoyed collaborating with Elliott because of his enthusiasm and joy for the project.

Gina Bolton and Elliott Domske sign copies of their book at HMS.

“He’s actually made me more excited about the books,” she said. She has already talked to Elliott about illustrating future mystery novels in the series, and Elliott cannot wait.

“I had a lot of fun illustrating the first one, and I can’t wait for the next book to start,” Elliott said.

Elliott drew the illustrations over the summer using a drawing tablet on his computer. He says he has enjoyed drawing since he was young, and that he has developed his own style over the years. In addition to drawing, in his free time Elliott also enjoys piano, video games, and freestyle dance.

Mrs. Bolton retired in January after 28 dedicated years at HMS. In her retirement, she looks forward to writing, painting, and traveling.
Basil leaves have begun to sprout in Hampton Middle School’s brand new hydroponics system that was designed and built by students in the 8th grade Architecture and Construction course.

The newly constructed hydroponics system is located adjacent to the Learning Pavilion, a flexible and interactive space that provides unique learning opportunities for students and teachers.

“The administrators and teachers on the Learning Pavilion committee were inspired by the hydroponics systems that they encountered during their visit to Eden Hall at Chatham University,” said Dr. Marlynn Lux, principal of Hampton Middle School. “We imagined a student-designed and student-built hydroponics area adjacent to our Learning Pavilion. Then we were excited for our students to grapple with the research, design, and outreach to make the hydroponics system a reality at HMS.”

During the 2021-22 school year, students in Mr. Sam Flowers and Mr. Glenn Geary’s classes were tasked with designing and creating a working hydroponics system. Students were separated into four teams and brainstormed ways to cultivate food without using soil. Mr. Flowers said the students conducted all their own research and had an opportunity to consult with Chatham University’s Roy Weitzell and grad student Alexia Page-Boyd as outreach project advisors on the hydroponics project.

“They were our experts that the kids would Zoom in with once per week and ask their hydroponics questions to make educated decisions on what they wanted to build,” said Mr. Flowers.

Each team presented their designs before a panel of stakeholders composed of members of the Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE), Chatham University, HTSD administration, and school instructors.

After the stakeholders selected the winning design — a deep water hydroponics culture system — a new group of students who entered the Architecture and Construction course in the second semester were tasked with bringing the design to life.

Construction of the hydroponics system was completed in November. The system holds around 130 gallons of water and has 50 pots for planting. The deep water culture hydroponics system is a method of growing plants in a nutrient-rich water solution. In this type of system, plant roots are suspended in the water and are supplied with oxygen through an air pump, allowing the plants to access all the necessary nutrients for growth directly from the water.

“This entire project was very collaborative in nature,” said Mr. Flowers.

Dr. Lux said the HMS Gardening Club will work closely with Mr. Flowers to germinate the seeds and maintain the greenery in the hydroponics system.

“We are hopeful that our students will visit the system in their science classes,” Dr. Lux added.

HTSD would like to thank HAEE for awarding a $1,500 grant to kick off the project, and Mr. Geary for writing and earning a $500 McDonald’s grant to secure additional funds.
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