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You can see the cover confirms that Hampton High School’s new Media Center is complete and welcoming to the students!

There are plenty of summer programs available through the community center including scuba diving certifications! See page 33 for more details!

Respectfully, Laurie & John Rizzo

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Addition Elevates Education to New Levels of Excellence

By Mary-Theresa Watson

Something special is happening at Hampton High School, as evidenced by the smiling students gathered in bright new spaces where they learn, collaborate, unwind, and socialize. Officially dedicated in early February, the long-anticipated high school construction project has been years in the making, culminating in a state-of-the-art addition that keeps Hampton at the forefront of education.

Believe it or not, it’s all in line with a vision that began in 1862. Back then, as President Abraham Lincoln presided over a country divided by civil war, a one-room school house opened in Hampton, ushering in a commitment to education that continues today. Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead describes Hampton’s first educators as visionaries who believed in the importance of public education. “That generational belief in public education,” he explains, “has carried over, all the way up to 1970 when [the current high school building] originally opened. It was a state-of-the-art high school with a state-of-the-art library and a state-of-the-art pool. That kind of vision from this community,” he emphasizes, “is why we’re here today.”

A shining jewel within the addition is the Gail V. Litwiler Library Media Center. Named for the long-time school board member who was passionate about how libraries can enhance learning, the media center was designed to re-think how libraries are used. Significantly larger than the former library, the media center features four huddle rooms that allow students to collaborate on project-based learning activities, a concept that guides them to think through the applications of their learning. The media center also houses a flex studio where students use high-tech video and lighting to create advanced productions as they apply their learning in different ways.

Physics teacher Jamie Pugliese is just one of many teachers making good use of the Conceptual Thinking Lab (CTL), a bright space within the media center that enhances learning in a variety of ways. “I sign it out as often as I reasonably can; it’s my Candyland!” Mrs. Pugliese says with a laugh. “There are so many ways to demonstrate concepts here, it really benefits my students’ thinking and improves understanding.”

Junior Savannah Kass agrees with her teacher, describing the CTL as warm and inviting. “It’s just a more welcoming space than
we’ve had before,” she explains, “with the natural sunlight, movable tables, and comfortable chairs. The room somehow makes us feel more alive and involved in our learning.”

Focusing on the numerous tools within the CTL, juniors Brock Borgo and Claire Topper both point out a few simple but brilliant items that enhance their learning experiences: Brock moves tables around to enlarge a work group while Claire exploits options that simplify the sharing of complex problems. With whiteboard tabletops, rolling chairs, a high ceiling, and windows that keep the space bright, the CTL is an upgrade from a concept first introduced a few years ago. “The CTL actually started five or six years ago,” explains Principal Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina. “At that time, we had a classroom that we painted gray and placed tables in,” she continues. “We realized our kids really enjoy a low-tech area where they can use white boards to visualize their thinking with one another and to collaborate and to have that social interaction.”

The addition also features new English and Special Education classrooms as well as an upgraded Busy Bean Café and seating area. “The Bean” is run by the Special Education students, providing a space for learning career skills in an actual business. “It’s a vital space for all of our students,” Dr. Imbarlina says. “[Students] have a place where they can socialize and engage with one another. The kids love it! And,” she adds with a knowing smile, “when you feel good about being in school, you come to school.”

Cassi Renninger, who worked alongside Chris Brown as DRAW Collective’s lead architects on the project, reports, “The project was a very successful collaboration with the District team. We truly enjoyed working as they defined their academic vision.” After attending the public open house in mid-February, Cassi noted, “It’s always rewarding to see how a project is received by the community it was designed to serve. This is especially true for this one, as it was forced to navigate the constraints of the pandemic. Witnessing the positive response…is a testament to the district for investing in…the student experience.”

Anyone stepping into the high school is sure to feel the charge of excitement that comes whenever a dream is finally realized. As sunlight streams into their new learning space, today’s HHS students are living that dream first envisioned years ago, and they’re leading the way for generations to come. In a final nod to the past, Dr. Loughead urges all in the community to “reflect on how proud the teacher and students in that one-room school would be to know that public education has not just existed here…it has thrived!”

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The Greatest Generation: 
WWII Veteran Shares War Story

When Bob Buckler joined the Army Air Force in 1942, he was two weeks shy of graduating from Shaler Area High School. His family recently moved from Lawrenceville, but he felt a strong calling to depart school and head to basic training, as World War II was already underway.

World War II began in 1939, and is known as the deadliest and most destructive war in history. Hitler invaded Poland, driving Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany. Over six fatal years, the global conflict would take more lives and destroy more land than any other war around the globe.

Buckler began basic training on the boardwalks of Atlantic City, which was converted into a training and recruitment base known as “Camp Boardwalk.” Hotels that once accommodated guests became barracks for soldiers. The Army Air Force asked the young Shaler man what he wanted to do in the military. “They asked me to fly, but I had no experience, so they sent me to gunnery school for six weeks and I became a Sargent!” Buckler exclaimed.

After completing gunnery school in Laredo, Texas, his crew picked up a brand new Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress named “Glory Girl,” after the Statue of Liberty, which was painted on the top of the plane. It was time for his crew to fly overseas to England.

Buckler arrived in Europe in 1943 to fight in the war as a tail gunner. He just turned 19 years old. Because he was thin, he fit into the tail gunner compartment at the rear of the aircraft. His job: protect the rear of the aircraft. Tail gunners sat on a bicycle shaped seat in a kneeling position during missions. The legendary aircraft was known for flying daylight strategic bombings of German industrial targets. Buckler and his crew were tasked to fly 25 missions, as part of the 8th Army Air Force. The 8th conducted, with great precision, America’s daylight strategic bombing campaign against Nazi-occupied Europe, compiling a stellar war record.

“Our crew was told if we flew twenty-five missions we could go home. We flew out of England, and even went over the Eiffel Tower. It sure was something to look at! The United States was losing 10% of missions. We made twenty-two missions untouched. On our twenty-third mission we got shot up real bad,” Buckler said.

The crew were in the midst of a thirteen hour bombing mission of a jet engine factory in Poland. “The Germans were making jet engines. Our job was to destroy the factory. They hit us from the ground by shooting bombs that broke into fragments in the air at certain altitudes. Our engine was hit.” ‘Glory Girl’ was quickly losing gas. The pilot said, “We won’t make it back to England, but we could make it to the North Sea.” Thirty minutes later, the crew discovered that was not going to happen. “I had no time to be afraid,” Buckler said.

The crew asked permission to land in Sweden, a neutral country during World War II. The date was February 24, 1944; ‘Glory Girl’s’ last mission.

“We were stranded there one year,” Buckler offered. The crew was picked up and taken to a winter ski resort called the Tourist Hotel Inn. “We were given nice clothes andrubbed elbows with wealthy Swedish businessmen. They brought their daughters to meet us,” Buckler excitedly exclaimed, laughing at the memory. “Remember! I was nineteen years old,” he joked. They skied in the winter and enjoyed the lake in the summer.

One year later, a United States military representative came to the hotel. “He told us there was good news and bad news. The good news was we were going home. The bad news was that we had to immediately pack and leave. Little did we know we were breaking international law for leaving a neutral country during wartime. We were then confined to the United States.” Their mission was officially over, and the war ended in 1945.

Buckler, a father of three with eight grandchildren, stated that a French journalist recently flew to Pittsburgh to interview him. “He came to Hampton Township because there’s not many of us left alive. None of my crew are living any longer. He is writing a book.” The journalist is Florent Plana, a French native with a strong passion for World War II history. He has traveled all around the United States interviewing WWII veterans in order to preserve their stories and show his gratitude for what they did to liberate his country, France.

“Every Christmas I talked to my pilot, Elmer Montgomery, who lived in Reimer, Pennsylvania.” Montgomery’s brother was a fighter pilot who was killed by the Germans. When enemy aircraft approached their plane during missions, “Montgomery told me to shoot those bastards!” Buckler enthusiastically explained. The pilot had quit attending Carnegie Mellon University to redeem his brother’s life lost during the war.

“The crew were my best friends. There were ten of us, and all ten of us made it home,” Buckler added.

In August of 1944, Buckler married his high school sweetheart. “Her name was Imelda and we were married for seventy-six years.” Buckler went on to be a self-taught mechanical engineer, without a high school or college degree, ultimately founding a very successful company, Walsh Fire Protection, with a close friend and colleague.

The couple stayed busy raising children and traveling the country. “There are so many beautiful things to see in our country.” His hobbies included fly fishing and golf.

70 million people fought in World War II. As of 2022, there were 167,000 surviving veterans in the United States alone. Mr. Buckler is 98 years old and resides in Hampton Township.

To learn more about the work of Florent Plana, visit: https://ww2veteransmemories.org/
Wagner’s Market: The Toast of the Town
by Mary-Theresa Watson

When 19-year-old George Wagner opened his small Bakerstown butcher shop in 1929, he laid the foundation for something special, establishing a tradition based on the simple notion of honoring customer needs with honesty and integrity. George’s legacy would carry on for years to come, as his sons Joel and Wayne eventually took over the business, establishing themselves and their shop as beloved members of the community they serve. Two moves and nearly a century since George opened his first shop, Wagner’s Market is a treasured fixture in Hampton, where it has anchored the corner at Middle and Cedar Ridge Roads since 1986.

In 2021, the local gem once again changed hands as cousins Dan and Luke Wagner (sons of Joel and Wayne, respectively), left their corporate jobs and purchased the store, determined to carry on the family tradition. Grateful to be able to take over the business created by their parents and grandparents, Dan and Luke say they were in the right place at the right time, as both were ready to start something new, and the time was right for the business to move on to the next generation of owners.

“It would kill me,” Luke admits, “to drive by one day and not see our family name on this store.”

Nodding in agreement, Dan explains how committed they are to upholding the family legacy while evolving to best serve the community. When asked about the driving force behind Wagner’s success, both point emphatically and without hesitation to their outstanding employees, some of whom have worked there for 10 to 20 years. While Luke and Dan took on the business with the understanding that updates would eventually begin, both agreed to proceed slowly, taking care to invest the time necessary to learn from and support their employees.

“Transitioning from working with our dads to working with us had to feel strange,” Dan explains, “but the staff support has been great. We didn’t really change anything for a full year,” he continues. “We took that time to establish trust so everyone knew we weren’t coming in just to change things for the sake of changing things.”

Luke agrees, adding, “We used that time to work in the store and take employee feedback, so they were a huge part of the development process. None of this happens without them.”

As they focus on their vision of a business driven by its customers and employees, Luke and Dan have taken care to update the shop to remain in stride with the times while staying true to the Wagner’s legacy of hometown charm. Aiming to provide today’s educated and busy consumers with seamless, one-stop shopping, the team has mapped out a phased plan for shopping convenience.
Phase 1 created an entirely new produce section featuring fresh, local produce, and a new frozen section that spotlights the ever-popular ice cream offerings, now situated in the corner of the store near the prepared foods. Meanwhile, the recently completed Phase 2 brought the Wagner family into new territory, as they worked tirelessly to add wine and beer to store shelves. The newly renovated section offers competitively priced beers and wines, many that cannot easily be found elsewhere. With new refrigerators on one end, shining wooden counters with stools looking out to Middle Road, and several tables and chairs in the opposing corner, the area can easily seat up to 30 customers who, after purchasing food and beverages, are welcome sit and socialize.

As for Phase 3, Luke and Dan are expanding their bakery and prep kitchen, a change sure to bring smiles to loyal customers who can’t get enough of Wagner’s delicious meals. Evoking images of groupies, devotees can be found on any given day collecting their favorite Wagner’s treats. On a recent weekday, several shoppers were asked what brings them to Wagner’s. While many held up their finds to show chicken or ham salad, meat loaf, fried chicken, chicken pot pies, or soup, Miriam Kerr gushed about her favorite, explaining that she regularly drives from Indiana Township to pick up ham loaf, even circling around if Middle Road is closed. Meanwhile, smiling shopper Rich Lillion of Hampton was there for his favorites, chicken wings and Glen’s blueberry frozen custard. Perhaps Joan Vivic from West Deer best summed up customer loyalty when she exclaimed, “It’s everything! The soups, the salads, the fish fries are all great, but really,” she said with a knowing look, “it’s the people!”

Anyone new to the area would be well advised to pay a visit to Wagner’s Market. When you spot the two young men in black tee shirts doing laps around the store, introduce yourselves to Luke and Dan Wagner, the new owners of this historic, family run business. Charm lights up the aisles as shoppers and workers greet each other in that old-fashioned, hometown way. Very hands-on in their approach, the Wagner cousins are busier than they’ve ever been, but it’s clear they’re enjoying every minute of it, evidenced by the proud smiles that light up their faces as they look around the place they call home, filled with shoppers and employees who are neighbors, every single one a new or old friend.
Local Artist Works to Spread Kindness

By Mary-Theresa Watson

Hampton artist Sal Greco has a backstory that includes an eclectic mix of experiences, from a career working with large mainframe computers to a 1990’s television role on “His Place,” and even a short stint as a stand-up comedian in-between. Never afraid to try something new, Sal follows a very different passion today, as he spends his time creating art out of salvaged pieces of wood.

Sal has always been a salvager of sorts, finding new uses for discarded items. With that up-cycle mindset, he spent countless happy hours repurposing old furniture, and much of his beautiful work still decorates his home today. Whether he was refinishing old pieces or creating something new and unique from old parts, Sal found joy in the process. Today, he is gaining a reputation for a different type of wood work, reclaiming old wood to create one-of-a-kind works of art that he uses as part of his newfound mission to blanket the world in kindness, one person at a time.

As a child, Sal enjoyed sketching, but it was not until he took an acrylic painting class ten years ago that he rediscovered a love of art. Initially working on canvas—usually thrift-store finds that he painted over—Sal soon switched to painting primarily on reclaimed wood, aiming to create something beautiful out of something that was otherwise destined for the trash.

In the summer of 2021, he began cutting his pieces of wood into smaller bits. “I thought it would be nice to start giving them away,” he shares. “I always carry some with me in my car, so I would leave them at places like Panera. I realized doing it that way took away any interaction I might have had with the person who received it. So instead,” he explains, “I started personally handing them out to reward kindness wherever I saw it. If someone holds the door for me, greets me, gives me a smile, delivers great customer service or is a great server…really just any small kindness, then I offer them a piece of my art. And then I take a picture of them holding their art.”

Sal has given away more than 400 pieces of his art since he began this kindness crusade, and his hope is that the recipients will take time to really think about why he gave it to them. “It’s the multiplier effect,” he says with a smile. “Now they have a story to tell! If someone notices the art and comments on it, then they can say, ‘Let me tell you the story about this!’ And then a happy discussion begins!”

As he enjoys the hobby that has now morphed into a mission to spread happiness wherever he goes, Sal remains focused on the work that brings him such joy. Open to working with anything and everything as he experiments with color, shapes, and media, Sal, along with his wife Terri, has filled their home and garage with bright-colored pieces. Every day, Sal finds joy in creating something unique by blending splashes of color with interesting designs; and as he ventures out with his handmade, repurposed shopping bag filled with selections of his art, he works to spread a bit of that joy to those he encounters. To those lucky enough to meet him, the smile on the kind face of Sal Greco unveils the happiness in his heart, and, as he so wisely notes, happiness is meant to be shared.
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Above: Champion Costakis Copeland with his chicken and corn chowder soup

Runner-Up: John Parrish III with his Nana’s Italian Wedding Soup

Fan Favorite Garlic Express made by Max Hardman

Trivia Challenge!
The annual Hampton Community Library’s Trivia Night was held on Friday, March 24. Introducing the winners: Inglorious Bookends! From left to Right; Front row – Sydney Starr, Anita Napierkowski, Betty Dixon, Peter Bergman Back Row – Zach Hough, Parker Napierkowski, Ashley Napierkowski, Gary Bergman, Ken Napierkowski

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Bonding with Hampton’s Finest

by Jenn Edmonds

On a Sunday afternoon in March, Hampton Social Services hosted a Cops vs. Kids Dodgeball tournament at the Hampton Community Center. The kids were divided into five teams and each had the opportunity to choose which of the Hampton officials they wanted on their team. Each team played two best of three rounds and the remaining two winning teams faced each other in the final round of the tournament. All of that effort required a break for the families to sit and enjoy pizza and snacks together with the police and social services, an opportunity that many never get within or outside of their community.

"It’s very endearing to witness the positivity from the police, social services and the kids in the community coming together without barriers. This event displays the true meaning of public service all while having fun!", said detective Dave Mitchell of the Hampton Township Police Department.

The event was free to all who attended. The police and social services volunteered their time for the opportunity to have fun with the families in the community. “There was a lot of work put into it and it was a lot of fun to see community services and family members interact,” said Angela Kenbok, Social Services Coordinator.

Along with the accolades, the winning team received McDonald’s gift cards and candy.

Haus Promoted to the Rank of Police Sergeant

On Wednesday evening, March 22, 2023, Hampton Township Council promoted Officer Jeff Haus to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Haus has 8 years of full-time and 8 years of part-time experience within the Hampton Police Department. He also has 4 years in the Marine Corps, part of which was in a leadership role. Sergeant Haus is also a leader on the North Hills SRT Team.

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

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The 18th Annual Hampton Rotary Club Firecracker 5K on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 8:30 am. This is a great family event that offers a challenging course, medals for finishers and a number of age groups for children as well as adult men and women. Tech style race shirts will be provided to all registrants.

Funds raised from this event support various educational and charitable activities sponsored by the Hampton Rotary Club.

Register for this fun 5K on-line: https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/AllisonPark/2022HamptonRotaryClubFirecracker5K

Don’t run, but want to make a donation to support the Rotary Club? Visit the website and click on “donation” button and still stop at the park to support the runners! We hope to see you there!

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Helping Families in Need
The Rotary Club is once again making a difference as they supplement North Hills Community Outreach Food Bank with milk, eggs, butter and cheese. Rotary members Rock Kernick and Larry Vasko were busy dropping off the donations to the food pantry in Millvale.

Kevin Flannery’s last day of working for Hampton Township as the Community Services Director. Supported by his family and Kevin Corace on right, who recently retired from the township.

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Hampton’s golf team capped off a well-played season, with one senior departing this summer. Joey O’Donnell, Hampton senior and WPIAL qualifier, led the golf team with strong showings and was recognized at the HHS board meeting for his great performances.

Joey’s journey to WPIALs took an unlikely path. After not making varsity in his first three years at Hampton, O’Donnell worked his way up from JV to one of the top golfers on the team. He hit a 79 at Saxon Golf Course back in September at the Section 8-3A qualifiers to place 10th and become the only Hampton golfer to hit below the target score of 82, reaching the WPIAL Class 3A semifinal. At the semifinals, Joey placed 69th out of 77 golfers, but was proud of the progress he made throughout the season.

Outside of golfing, Joey has excelled at A.W. Beattie Career Center in addition to his studies at Hampton. He will attend Pennsylvania College of Technology (Penn College) in Williamsport, Pennsylvania to pursue a rewarding and in-demand career in HVAC.

Hampton will return its top golfers next year, including junior Peter Kramer, who averaged a team-best 39 per nine holes. Others expected to return for golf are sophomore Tyler Schmitt, who averaged 40, and juniors Matt Erka and Robert Coll, with 42 and 44 respectively.

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Sport schedules can change due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Visit www.hamptonathletics.org for updates.

Hampton Township School District
2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Hampton Township School District is seeking nominations for inductees into its 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame. Nominated athletes must be a graduate of at least five years from Hampton High School. The Hall of Fame was created in 2001 to honor those individuals who have brought prestige and pride to the Hampton School District athletic program either as a player, coach, or administrator. (Please use a pen and print clearly or email information to cardone@ht-sd.org)

Nominee____________________________________ HHS Class Year _________
Nominee’s current address __________________________________ Phone __________________Email __________________

This person should be honored in the 2023 Hampton Township School District Athletic Hall of Fame because:
_________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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Your Name________________________________________ Email________________________________________
Daytime Phone # __________________________ Evening Phone # __________________________

Please forward nominations and/or questions no later than Friday, May 19, 2023 to:

Attention: Mr. Bill Cardone, Athletic Director, Hampton Township School District * 2929 McCully Road * Allison Park, PA 15101
Email: cardone@ht-sd.org Phone: 412-492-6389

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The Results are in: Another Big Win For THON 2023!

Talbot Thon headed back to Hampton for the last day of March. Despite Friday evening rains, the event was widely attended by students and the Hampton community. Food trucks sold delicious food for all those in attendance. The dodgeball and volleyball tournaments were a big hit for the students. Freshman wore light blue shirts, sophomores had pink, juniors had yellow, and seniors had green.

What made the Talbot Thon especially important was its impact on Hampton sophomore Aiden Hanna, who has now recovered and is officially cancer-free. The donations made are helping kids like Aiden. The Hampton Police Department made an appearance at Talbot Thon, and donated $1,200 to Aiden’s Helping Hands Foundation, which donates goods, services, and/or financial help to families in need after their child gets a cancer diagnosis. Hampton also had a large turnout for its basket raffle, and recorded a whopping $25,182 raised for the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.
Senator Lindsey Williams’s office is here to help! Did you know that 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property held by the PA Treasury? That could be you! Search for yourself at https://patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/ or give us a call for assistance at 412-364-0469. We’re happy to help you complete any paperwork that goes along with your claim. We also provide free notary services for most documents at both office locations, including when needed for unclaimed property claim forms. Our Ross office is located at 5000 McKnight Road, Suite 405, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 and our Natrona office is located at 1826 Union Avenue, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. We’re open from 9-5, Monday – Friday (Natrona office is closed on Fridays). Please call ahead for Notary services!

Upcoming events:
- Nature Walk + Stargazing: May 12 at Wagman Observatory, 225 Kurn Road, Tarentum, PA 15084
- Demystifying Harrisburg—The Budget: July 7 on Zoom

Excited to Work for You in the North Hills and Beyond

Hello Hampton residents! I am proud to represent the 30th District, which includes part of Hampton Township, along with McCandless, Franklin Park, Ohio, Kilbuck, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, and Emsworth as the first physician in the General Assembly in 60 years. I am committed to working in a bipartisan fashion to move Pennsylvania forward and enact the smart policies and laws to address the many issues facing our state.

I especially want to focus on making health care affordable and accessible. As an emergency physician, I’ve cared for many patients who are draining their life savings just to receive quality health care and are constantly falling behind. This is why I have proposed medical debt relief legislation that would target the medical debt of Pennsylvanians who are low income or have overwhelming amounts of medical debt to relieve that burden.

I’m also focused on addressing our health care staffing crisis, particularly regarding nursing shortages. I support efforts by the Governor to incentivize more Pennsylvanians to enter the nursing profession but would like those receiving state tax credits to show evidence of working at the bedside caring for patients.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who attended my first Town Hall in April. I always enjoy meeting my constituents in the community. My staff and I are available to help you with state government-related issues, questions and concerns. You can reach us at 412-348-8028 or RepVenkat@pahouse.net. Or stop by our office at 9800B McKnight Road, Suite 130, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

The state legislature has begun work evaluating Gov. Josh Shapiro’s first budget proposal to the General Assembly this month. The governor presented a nearly $46 billion spending plan that would increase state spending by about 6%.

Throughout this budget proposal there are several commonsense initiatives that I support. This includes commensurate funding for education, mental health services and health care, as well as keeping taxes low. However, simple fact is this governor’s budget proposal structurally overspends, meaning it creates a deficit scenario beginning the following budget year. Importantly, our PA Constitution requires a balanced budget and unchecked spending of this magnitude sets us up for a turbulent and risky path ahead.

While I can appreciate some of the proposals, there is still concern when it comes to creating a larger structural deficit that may set us back for years to come. Stay tuned as we continue to work with the governor on this year’s funding. Stay in touch with me anytime at my Gibsonia or Wexford offices or by visiting www.reprobmercuri.com for more information.

The Hampton Community Litter/Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, March 25. Despite the weather conditions, the 148 volunteers, along with the fire police, police, public works and sewer departments, managed to collect over 400 bags of garbage and eight tires. The community wide program covered fifteen roads, the community park, all the Hampton schools, Duncan Avenue/Route 8 Walking Trail & Park ‘N Ride, and Hartwood Acres!

Hope you consider helping next year!

Keeping Our Community Clean

Local Daisy Troop
Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Update

As you may have noticed, Waste Management has begun their limited service. This means that any garbage/trash outside of the cart that was delivered to you will no longer be collected as part of your normally scheduled pickup. If you have not yet received your trash cart from WM, please call them at 1-800-451-3060.

Bulk collection is the fourth full week of each month. The first bulk item is free. If you have additional items for that month, you would have to contact WM to make arrangements for the payment and collection of these items.

Yard waste collection by WM begins the month of April, the third full week, and runs through November.

For more information regarding the automated system by Waste Management, please refer to the customer handbook that was mailed to all residents.

Township staff understands that this is a big change regarding garbage/recycling service for our residents, and it didn’t go as smoothly as we would have hoped. We greatly appreciate your patience and assistance in adapting to the terms of this new contract.

2023 Road Resurfacing Contract Awarded

On Wednesday evening February 22nd, Township Council awarded the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program contracts to Shields Asphalt Paving. Below is a breakdown of those residential roadways covered by this year’s contract:

- Cohasset Lane
- North Hampton Drive
- Old New England Road
- Rosanna Drive
- School Drive
- Sturbridge Court
- Swansea Crescent East
- Swansea Crescent West
- Topnick Drive
- Wagner Road
- Yarmouth Drive
- and certain Community Park roads.

Community Services Department Changes

As you may know, the Township’s Department of Community Services operates around two functions; Parks and Recreation as well as Public Works. For the past decade, management of this department was coordinated by one individual, the Community Services Department Director. After four plus years of service, Community Services Director Kevin Flannery has completed his assignment with the Township. Moving forward, Assistant Township Manager Susan Bernet will be overseeing administrative operations with regard to the Public Works function while Melanie Martino, new Township Parks & Recreation Program Administrator, will coordinate the Parks and Recreation function.

Left: Melanie Martino the new Hampton Township Parks and Recreation Program Administrator. On right: Susan Bernet, Assistant Township Manager will oversee Administrative Operations with regards to the Public Works.
SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Resident registration begins April 17th and Non-Resident registration begins May 1st. 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 INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER
SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

Dates: May 28th - September 4th
Sunday: CLOSED
Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 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 FACILITY RULES

All members and guests must enter through the main doors of the Community Center. All members should scan their membership ID card at the Service Desk. All guests must check in at the Service Desk for assistance.

Any child under 10 years of age must be accompanied, at all times, by an adult (18 +) in the building; this includes the gymnasium.

Any person(s) using the amenities such as the track, fitness area, gymnasium, or lounges must either have a current membership or pay the daily admission rate. No exceptions.

No smoking inside the building. No loitering inside or outside of the building, and no skateboards or similar items are permitted to be used inside the building. Parking is not permitted around the area located in front of the Community Center; this area is a fire zone.

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
WE ARE
HIRING
FOR SUMMER!

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CONCESSION & MAINTENANCE STAFF
PLAY CAMP COUNSELORS

APPLY ONLINE AT
WWW.HAMPTON-PA.ORG
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.

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.
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!

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.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE OUTDOOR POOL

We would like to say THANK YOU to our loyal pool members on Wednesday, August 16th, with our annual Pool Member Appreciation Day!

The fun begins when you enter the pool for the day! Any person who has a valid 2023 pool membership will be entered to win a FREE POOL MEMBERSHIP for the 2024 pool season! Food Trucks will also be located with the Farmer’s Market from 3 - 7 pm this day!

Admission is free with a valid 2023 pool membership. Regular pool daily admission fees apply for all daily guests.

Additional information can be found on our website at www.hampton-pa.org.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 26th for our annual Christmas in July event at the Outdoor Pool Complex! Festive fun includes the snowball toss at the pool and Food Trucks located with the Farmer’s Market from 3 - 7 pm.

Please be sure to monitor our Facebook and website for additional information regarding this year’s event!

TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

Our Block Party Trailer includes party essentials to make your next neighborhood block party a hit! PLUS the Block Party Trailer is delivered to your neighborhood / residence by the Township as well as picked up after your party! It is the renter’s responsibility to ensure all Block Party Amenities are returned in clean and working condition, just as they were received.

Reservations for the Block Party Trailer are on a first-come, first-serve basis and is only available to Township of Hampton Residents. Reservations for the trailer can be done online at www.hampton-pa.org.

Please note: This trailer is NOT for personal household use or for private parties. The Block Party Trailer is intended for neighborhood block parties ONLY.
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)

OUTDOOR POOL SUNSCREEN POLICY

The use of spray sunscreen has been banned from the pool's interior fence area due to respiratory risks to patrons & staff and the negative effects spray sunscreen has on the pool circulation/filter system. Lotion are permitted inside the pool complex. A designated area beyond the interior fence is provided for sunscreen spraying.
OUTDOOR POOL SCHEDULE

The opening day for the outdoor pool will be Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am. May 27th, 28th and 29th the pool will be open from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm.

The regular pool hours when school is in session are 4:00 - 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted.

THE OUTDOOR POOL WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON JUNE 3RD & JUNE 4TH DUE TO A SWIM MEET.

The hours of operation for public use of the outdoor pool begin June 9th
Monday - Sunday: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Youth swim lessons & after-hour pool rentals may be limited or unavailable due to staffing requirements. Please continue to monitor our Facebook page and website for the most up to date information regarding the Outdoor Pool and its programs and events.

POOL RENTAL INFORMATION

AFTER HOUR POOL RENTALS

The Hampton Community Park Pool is available for rentals this summer from 7:30 - 9:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Two groups can be accommodated simultaneously. The cost per group is $250, which provides you with lifeguards and your choice of one pool pavilion. Admission into the pool area for you and your guests are included in the rental fee. Maximum number of attendees is 150 per shared rental. Exclusive use of the pool and both pavilions is $500. For details, please call 412-487-7870. Dates do fill quickly so don’t delay!

POOL PAVILION RENTALS

The Department of Community Services is providing an opportunity for family groups to reserve a pool pavilion for small family gatherings or birthday parties for 25 people or less during regular pool hours of operation that open swim is available. Pavilion rentals are a 2.5 hours and include your choice of the Atlantic or Pacific pool pavilion. Please be aware that reserving a pool pavilion does not include the daily admission cost to enter the pool facilities.

FEES: $45
DATE & TIME: Monday - Sunday
1 - 3:30 pm & 4 - 6:30 pm
### SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

#### SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION
Registration for Residents of Hampton and Non-Residents with a valid 2023 pool membership will begin on Monday, April 17th at 8:00 am. Non-Residents, without a pool membership, registration will begin on Monday, May 1st at 8:00 am.

#### SWIM LESSON LEVELS
- **3 & 4 Year Old:** Some or no experience. Water exploration, safety, basic swimming concepts.
- **Intro To Swim:** 5 yrs old & up, no experience
- **Beginner Skills:** MUST have passed Intro To Swim
- **Basic Strokes:** MUST have passed Beginner Skills
- **Advanced Strokes:** MUST have passed Basic Strokes
- **Stroke Proficiency / Advanced Swimmer:** MUST have passed Advanced Strokes.

Please note: All Outdoor Pool programming and events, including summer swim lessons, are subject to change due to staffing availability.

Please continue to monitor our Township website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) for the most up to date information for the Outdoor Pool Complex.

### SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

#### Session 1: 310401
June 12th - June 16th (5 day class)

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#### Session 2: 310402
June 19th - June 30th (Monday - Friday)

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#### Session 3: 310403
July 10th - July 21st (Monday - Friday)

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### PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS (310407)
Private swim lessons are five one-hour sessions of private instruction scheduled on an individual basis based off of the student and instructors schedules. Classes can be scheduled Sunday - Saturday between the hours of 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Maximum enrollment of 12. Minimum age is 5 yrs. old. Registration can be done online or in person at the Community Center. Private swim lesson fee is $128 / $176.

Please note: Additional swim lessons may be added as lifeguarding staff is secured.

Participants may only register for one class per summer.
**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:** June 6th - August 22nd  
*No programming on July 3rd or 4th*  
**DAY & TIMES:** Tuesday / 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Thursday / 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Saturday / 8:30 - 10:30 am  
**LOCATION:** Community Center Gymnasium  
Courts C & D  
**FEE:** $5 per person; daily

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**RECREATIONAL SUMMER SWIM TEAM**

The Hampton Hammerheads summer league swim team will participate as a member of the North Hills Summer Swim League with meets held weekday evenings. Although no prior competitive swimming experience is necessary, participants must be able to continuously swim at least one length of the pool freestyle (this is not a learn-to-swim program).

Purchase of a 2023 Hampton Community Pool Membership (family or individual) is required for registration. All registered participants must be able to swim at least one length of the pool.

An informational parent meeting will be held prior to the first practice on Friday, June 9. All team members receive a team t-shirt and swim cap. A team swimming suit will be offered at an additional expense, but is not required. Please contact Head Coach Tilly Sheets at tillysheets31@gmail.com

For registration or pool pass information, please contact Aquatic Manager, Bill Ryder, at 412-487-7870 ext. 1316 or bill.ryder@hampton-pa.org

**AGES:** 6 - 17 years old  
**DATES:** June 9th - July 10th  
**PRACTICES:** Mondays & Fridays 7:15 - 7:45 am (younger age group)  
Mondays & Fridays 7:45 - 8:45 pm (older age group)  
*No practice on July 3rd*  
**MEETS:** Dual Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays  
June 13th - July 6th  
Championship Meets  
July 11th - July 13th (No meet on July 4th)  
**LOCATION:** Practices: Hampton Community Park Outdoor Pool  
Away meets require travel to pools throughout the North Hills  
**LEAGUE WEBSITE:** https://nhssl.swimtopia.com/  
**FEE:** $50 / $80 (plus the cost of a Pool Membership)  
**DEADLINE:** Friday, May 26th  
**MAX:** 125
**TENNIS INSTRUCTION MINI CAMPS (341102)**

Each session is a 3-week mini camp. Beginner Level will teach basic fundamentals of the game such as correct grips, proper stroke techniques and footwork. Participants will learn through fun games and activities.

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**SCUBA DIVING CERTIFICATION**

Hampton Township Community Pool will be hosting two PADI Scuba Classes this summer!

Ages 10+
July 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th
August 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th
Mondays & Wednesdays - 7-9PM

**Register Online at:**
Http://MarsScuba.com/hampton

For more information:
724-687-0005
info@MarsScuba.com
www.MarsScuba.com
PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE

**TENNIS LESSONS (341103)**

Looking for individual instruction to improve your game? Private lessons have six, one hour classes, with an instructor. Private instruction is 1:1, semi-private instruction is 2:1. Two students register together. Classes can be scheduled Sunday - Saturday based off the student and instructors schedules.

**AGES:** 7 - 18 yrs. old  
**LOCATION:** Hampton Community Park  
Outdoor Tennis Complex  
**FEE (per student):**  
Private: $79 / $110  
Semi-Private: $48 / $79  
**DEADLINE:** Friday, June 9, 2023

**INTRO TO DIVING (310406)**

This class is designed for youth who have completed 3rd grade and successfully passed DCS Basic Strokes swim lessons. This one hour class will run for 5 consecutive days. Participants will learn warm up exercises, front & back jumps, front approaches as well as front and back dives in the straight and tuck positions.

**AGES:** 9 - 18 yrs. old  
**LOCATION:** Outdoor Pool Complex  
**DAYS:** Monday - Friday  
**TIMES:** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**DATES:** July 24th - July 28th  
**FEE:** $40 / $64  
**DEADLINE:** Friday, July 21, 2023  
**MIN / MAX:** 3 / 12

**SUMMER PLAY CAMP (311101)**

**NEW FOR 2023:** Registration is now available online! The Summer Play Camp Program includes arts & crafts, afternoon swimming, daily organized sports games and special events. Detailed program information including daily schedules, program policies and fees can be found by visiting our website at [www.hampton-pa.org/summer-play-camp](http://www.hampton-pa.org/summer-play-camp). Resident registration began April 1st and Non-Resident Registration begins May 1st. Participants only pay for the weeks that they register their child for.

**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

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**PINTS IN THE PARK**

**MAY 19TH, JUNE 16TH**  
**JULY 14TH &**  
**AUGUST 11TH**  
**5 – 9 PM**  
**COMMUNITY PARK**

[www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org)
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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**

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*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 412-487-7870 ext. 1357.

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Birthday Party Packages includes 1/4 of the gym and either Activity Room 1 or Activity Room 2 for three hours.
Activity Room 1 Birthday Package: $90 / $140
Activity Room 2 Birthday Package: $135 / $190

Alcohol Beverage Consumption (ABC) Permit is also available for $32

**Be sure to check out our newly renovated Great Rooms and Adult Lounge!**
**TOWNSHIP & GOVERNMENT CONTACTS**

**State Representatives:**
State Senator Lindsey Williams  
(38th District)  
5000 McKnight Road  
Suite 405  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-0469

State Representative Rob Mercuri  
(28th District)  
4375 Gibsonia Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
724-939-6265

State Representative Arvind Venkat  
(30th District)  
9800 McKnight Rd. Building B / Ste 130  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
1-833-321-5520

**County Representatives:**
Rich Fitzgerald, Chief Executive  
101 Allegheny County Court House  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-350-6500

Anita Prizio  
(District 3)  
Allegheny County Court House  
436 Grant Street - Rm 119  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-350-6490

**District Magistrate:**
Tom Swan  
724-265-2380

**Local Taxes:**
Jordan Tax Service  
(Property & Stormwater Mgmt.)  
102 Rahway Road  
McMurray, PA 15317  
724-731-2300  
412-835-5243  
custsvs@jordantax.com

Keystone Collections (Wages & LST)  
546 Wendell Road  
Irwin, PA 15642  
888-328-0558

**Township Council:**
Carolynn Johnson, Council President  
Bethany Blackburn, Vice President  
Joe Dougherty  
Julie Fritsch  
Rock Kernick

**Controller:**
Jerry Speakman

**Monthly Meeting Dates:**
**Township Council**  
7:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday*  
*Unless otherwise noted.

**Water Authority**  
7 pm on the 4th Monday

**Zoning Hearing Board**  
7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday

**Hampton Community Association**  
6 pm on the 3rd Tuesday

**Environmental Advisory Council**  
7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday

**Planning Commission**  
7 pm on the 2nd Monday

**Federal Representatives:**
Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
310 Grant Street, Suite 2415  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-803-7370

Senator John Fetterman  
200 Chestnut Street, Suite 600  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
215-241-1090

Congressman Chris Deluzio  
11 Duff Road Suite A3  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
202-225-2301

**Police & Emergencies:**
Hampton Police, Fire &  
E.M.S. Emergencies: Call 911

Hampton Police Non-Emergencies:  
412-486-0400

**Township Offices:**
Municipal Building  
3101 McCully Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101  
412-486-0400  
412-486-5019 (fax)

Hampton Community Center  
3101 McCully Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101  
412-487-7870  
412-487-7871 (fax)

**Township Employees:**
Manager  
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chris.lochner@hampton-pa.org

Assistant Manager  
Susan A. Bernet...Ext. 1303  
susan.bernet@hampton-pa.org

Police Chief  
Tom Vulakovich...Ext. 1317  
tom.vulakovich@hampton-pa.org

Park / Rec Programs Administrator  
Melanie Martino...Ext. 1374  
melanie.martino@hampton-pa.org

Dept. of Environmental Svcs. Director  
James Degnan...Ext. 3312  
jjim.degnan@hampton-pa.org

Land Use Administrator  
Amanda Gold-Lukas...Ext. 1307  
amanda.gold-lukas@hampton-pa.org

**Water Authority**  
April Winklmann...412-486-4867  
april.winklmann@hswa-pa.org
Dear Hampton Township Community,

Spring is a time each year that symbolizes new beginnings and fresh opportunities. At Hampton, we were fortunate enough to experience this early, as we celebrated the grand opening of the new addition and Library Media Center at Hampton High School in February.

This cutting-edge facility represents our unwavering commitment to public education, a value that has been ingrained in our community since 1862 when the very first public school was established in Hampton Township — a one-room schoolhouse built by the community. This proud tradition of supporting education has been upheld for many decades in the Hampton Township School District, where we continuously strive to provide the best possible learning opportunities for all of our students.

The Hampton Township Board of School Directors took a significant step in October by formally approving the District’s new strategic plan, which will steer our efforts for the next three to five years. As part of this planning initiative, the “Portrait of a Talbot” was developed, outlining the six competencies that Hampton students are expected to acquire: Communication, Learner’s Mindset, Collaboration, Empathy, Critical Thinking, and Perseverance. To foster these competencies, the District is dedicated to implementing various ideas such as World-Class Teaching & Learning, Innovative Learning Experiences, and Future-Driven Learning.

In this issue, you will read about the various ways these competencies are being supported every day through collaborative projects like Wyland Elementary School’s “Imagine Kindness” mosaic mural and our highly-successful therapy dog pilot program.

Our spring sports teams are currently hard at work practicing after school to prepare for the upcoming season. I would like to congratulate all of our student athletes who competed in winter athletics on a great season, with our boys and girls basketball teams qualifying for the postseason! We are so proud of the talent and dedication all our student athletes exhibit, but above all, their unparalleled sportsmanship.

At the time of my writing this letter, the Hampton High School Student Council is busy preparing for Talbot Thon, a fundraiser event that raises money for the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. This event is entirely student-led and remains one of our proudest traditions at the high school.

Additionally, we eagerly await what should be another spectacular performance in this year’s spring musical, “Something Rotten!” which will take place in late April. You may remember that last year, Hampton High School won three Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater as well.

Finally, throughout the month of March, the District celebrated Hues & Harmony, which coincided with Music in Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month. I express my gratitude to all the art educators at Hampton for their unwavering support, encouragement, and inspiration to our students in their artistic pursuits. At Hampton, we recognize the importance of providing top-notch arts education that nurtures creativity and cultivates innovative problem-solving skills.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Hampton Township community for your continued support of our students’ education as we carry on our Tradition of Excellence.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Loughead
Superintendent of Schools
When students at Wyland Elementary School look at the “Imagine Kindness” mosaic mural they created, they will behold a reflection of themselves, serving as a poignant reminder that every student of the school contributed to the collaborative undertaking.

“When you look at the mural and see your reflection, in a sense you become a part of it,” said Elizabeth Howe, art teacher at Wyland.

Wyland students embarked on the school-wide collaborative mural project in October with local artist Laura Jean McLaughlin through the Pittsburgh Center For Arts & Media. The finished mural, unveiled in March, was created with cut tiles and mirrors, depicting an array of captivating school-themed scenes. One can spot a dog soaring in a rocket ship, a science beaker with wings, a rabbit reading a book, and a lion holding a paint palette and brush.

Each class in grades K-5 had the opportunity to collaborate on the mural in their art classes. A fifth-grade leadership team of twenty-two students was selected to help lead the project, which included brainstorming ideas for the mural’s theme.

“They wanted the theme to revolve around kindness and to be school-related,” said Mrs. Howe. “We wanted it to be a welcoming and positive mural for everyone coming into our school.”

With “Imagine Kindness” selected as the theme, the leadership team then worked on designs for the mural. McLaughlin created the final design for the mosaic, incorporating one aspect from the drawings of each student on the leadership team. Every student at Wyland placed their initials and thumbprint on clay stars that were included in the 6-by-10-foot mosaic mural.

“Especially after a rough couple of years with Covid, it was nice to be able to work on something all together and know that everyone had a part in it,” said Mrs. Howe. “The kids were really excited about it.”

This collaborative art project connects to the District’s mission statement, which is to support all children in becoming creative and innovative problem-solvers and communicators.

“Joining together the joy of learning and creating, this special art project has been an enriching experience for all students at Wyland!” said Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead. “The mural will be a permanent installation at Wyland that enhances the beauty of the school and creates a welcoming environment.”

A special thank you goes out to the Wyland Parent Teacher Organization for allocating funds for the project!
The back room of the Hampton Middle School Library has been re-imagined as the Talbot Treehouse, a space for students to design and lead workshops of their own during lunch or tutorial periods.

The Talbot Library Crew, a group of sixteen students in the HMS Library Homeroom, reimagined and designed this space for students to participate in various activities. The Talbot Treehouse features flexible seating with a large painting of a tree on the wall that was created by students in the Talbot Library Crew. Leaves will be added to the tree using painted pages of damaged books and atlases.

“We wanted it to look like you could either be on the ground looking at the tree or you were sitting on the branch, so you could see it from different perspectives,” said 8th-grader Gab Duarte, a member of the Talbot Library Crew.

Students developed the idea for the Talbot Treehouse by first touring the open space during homeroom and beginning to brainstorm ideas for how students might use this space. Through collaborating weekly in their tutorial period, students eventually came up with a vision for a student-led space, centered around language arts, that would include the following:

- Activities led by students, for students.
- Flexibility for multidisciplinary activities.
- Supplies readily available for planned activities.
- Comfortable & flexible seating.
- Warm, inviting, and engaging physical design.

Students presented their idea for the Talbot Treehouse to Dr. Marlynn Lux, HMS Principal, and Ms. Gwen Cohen, Enrichment Facilitator. Upon approval, they submitted a grant to the Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE), which was awarded in November.

The Talbot Treehouse debuted over the winter, and students have so far used the space for STEAM activities, a workshop on how to crochet, playing a variety of word games, and a poetry workshop.

“I really like having activities with our homeroom in the Talbot Treehouse,” said Addison Payne, an 8th-grade student in the Talbot Library Crew. “It’s really fun. We have different activities in tutorials, and at lunch we sometimes play bingo with our homeroom.”

This space will allow for future opportunities for students to explore their talents and interests, support health & wellness, gather for club meetings, or run a small business.

“If a student has a passion for leading an activity, they can meet with the library staff or classroom teachers and we can guide them,” said Mrs. Jennifer Januck, LTS Library/Media Specialist. “They create their own announcement which encourages students to come to the library and sign up.”

HMS would like to thank HAEE for making this dream become a reality!
Hampton’s mascot will always be a Talbot dog, but a cavapoo named Archie with a curly brown coat is the newest pup in town.

The District has been piloting a therapy dog program since October with substitute Hampton High School Counselor Keri Hamberg, and her dog, Archie, a 15-month-old hypoallergenic Cavalier/Poodle mix. Archie earned his Canine Good Citizen certificate in February and passed the Therapy Dog International test as well.

The therapy dog program was first piloted at Hampton High School to help students cope with anxiety and stress, while improving academic performance. The program has been a great success so far, and has been well-received among students and faculty.

"With Archie, I like to focus on what school counselors focus on, which is helping all students succeed," said Mrs. Hamberg.

According to research conducted by the National Institutes of Health, incorporating therapy dogs in classroom settings can help reduce stress levels and foster a positive atmosphere. The study found that the act of petting a dog can lower blood pressure and heart rate.

Archie works with students in a variety of settings, including classroom lessons, whole-school assemblies, small group visits, or one-on-one interactions. When visiting elementary classrooms, Mrs. Hamberg aims to incorporate lessons relating to ideas such as respect, self control, patience, flexibility, or perseverance.

"Depending on what teachers want me to do, I can usually incor-
porate that into our interaction with Archie,” Mrs. Hamberg said. “The lessons are flexible based on student interest.”

Such classroom and small group visits with Archie also support the District’s Portrait of a Talbot competencies, which include Collaboration, Empathy, Communication, Learner’s Mindset, Critical Thinking, and Perseverance.

“What’s really neat about taking Archie into a classroom, or a small group, is that we hit on all six of these,” said Mrs. Hamberg. “Seeing students watch Archie and then adapt to what he does is really magical.”

For example, Mrs. Hamberg says students practice communication by reading Archie’s non-verbal cues. Lessons where students work together to teach Archie a new trick involves several competencies such as collaboration, critical thinking, and learner’s mindset. One week when Archie had an ear infection, students engaged in empathy by gently petting him.

One of Mrs. Hamberg’s most memorable moments with Archie happened when a student visited her office. The student sat down in the chair, and Archie jumped on the chair next to him and climbed into his arms.

“When the boy got up to leave he sighed and said, ‘I needed that and didn’t even realize it.’”

Added Hamberg: “Sometimes I have students who might feel judged or that they don’t belong. Archie doesn’t see students or anybody that way. He just sees them for who they are. When they get to be with Archie, I think they feel seen.”

Students always have an option not to engage with Archie if that is more appropriate; if a child has a severe allergy, fear of dogs, or other circumstance that requires them to stay away from Archie, they can complete an opt-out form.

Quotes from a few of our teachers....

“The impact Archie has on students is wonderful! His presence has a very beneficial impact on the students and the school atmosphere.”

“Students talk positively about Archie. I have had a few students tell me that they love seeing him when they visit the counseling office, and he helps them feel calmer.”

“I absolutely love having Archie here at Hampton! I can tell the productive impact he’s had on students. For me personally, seeing him as he greets faculty and staff before school always helps me start my day off positively.”
Three Hampton High School seniors have been named finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

William Girard, Jack Hutton, and Amiya Johnson were among the approximately 15,000 finalists competing for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly $30 million.

These finalists entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test their junior year, which served as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist’s academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student’s earlier performance on the qualifying test.

Merit Scholars are selected based on their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

HMS Students Participate in Butterfly Project, an Engaging Holocaust Learning Experience

In mid-March, eighth grade students at Hampton Middle School participated in a unique and engaging learning experience centered around the Holocaust unit in the English Language Arts curriculum. The students were introduced to firsthand accounts of the Holocaust and were encouraged to reflect on the impact of this historical event on humanity and literature.

One of the highlights of the program was a presentation by a generational survivor of the Holocaust who shared family experiences. This presentation was followed by a viewing of the film *Fanny’s Journey*, which followed the journey of a group of children who were rescued from the Nazi occupation of France by underground resistance networks. The viewing was made possible through the Teen Screen program.

The students then engaged in a reflection activity on the impact of the Holocaust on history, literature, and humanity. To conclude the series, the students participated in the Butterfly Project, which was developed in cooperation with the LIGHT Education Initiative from the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh.

Each student was given the story of a child who perished during the Holocaust and was challenged to glaze a ceramic butterfly in their honor. Before starting, the students read the poem “Not the Last Butterfly” and viewed images of the art and writing created by children during the Holocaust in Terezin.

The students found inspiration in the artwork and writing of the children who perished and the life story of the child they were honoring. The ceramic butterflies they created will be displayed in Hampton Middle School as a permanent reminder of the importance of standing up for others, fighting against hatred, and learning from history to shape a better future.
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