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# Summertime in Hampton: A Splashing Good Time!

by Mary-Theresa Watson

ummertime undeniably holds promise, as chilly mornings give way to early sunrises and cups of coffee on the porch. No matter what your summer plans include, the hope that accompanies summer often seems magical, especially to warm-weather lovers. For some families, it can feel like a weeks-long playdate with hours spent at the park, pool, or wherever their imagination takes them. For others, the season is a subdued, quiet time spent birdwatching, reading, or meditating. Whatever your take on summer, Hampton Township residents make the most of it, and with a full slate of special activities and events, Summer 2024 has been anything but dull.

Though the season got off to a wet and stormy start, soaring temperatures and blazing sunshine took over by mid-June, much to the delight of pool lovers who filled the swimming complex daily as they splashed their way through the heat. The allure of carefree, restorative hours spent at the pool tops many summer wish lists, and Hampton's facility rarely disappoints. Considered a gem of the North Hills, the pool facility is locally famous for its zero-entry play area, its shady options for those looking to stay out of the sun, and, perhaps most of all, for its impressive slides that elicit squeals of delight from children of all ages. Sliding enthusiasts may have noticed a new shine to the large twisting chute, as it gleams bright blue with a new coat of paint and a resurfaced sliding surface that whisks riders into the sparkling blue water.

Summer also tends to be a time of construction and renovation projects, and this year is no different. In addition to a resurfacing project on the outdoor tennis courts—which includes adding a pickleball court to the facility—construction workers have been busy at the community park pond. Visitors may have noticed quite a bit of work happening around the pond, as the Township embarks on a three-phase maintenance and enhancement project. Once completed, the space will also include accessible recreation and educational opportunities. Although Phase 1 necessitates the removal of several trees, Phase 3 will include the replanting of numerous trees around the pond.

A detailed plan for the project can be viewed on signs at the community park, situated adjacent to, but at a safe distance from, the construction area. The detailed renderings outline the phases of the project, showcasing a final result that will convert the current space into a beautiful, natural area for recreation. A pond aerator will be installed to improve water quality, a gravel embankment will add protection from overflow and erosion, and a walking trail will be added for visitors to better enjoy the area.

For most people outside the Pittsburgh area, the notion of "Summer in Hampton" evokes oceanside images of the Hamptons resort community off the east end of Long Island, with its pristine beaches, beautiful homes, and astronomical real estate prices. Though our area is not quite as famous as that *other* Hampton, summer here still holds the promise of sunny days followed by restful evenings. Whether that image is accurate or not may be up for debate, but thanks to an array of event offerings from the Township, we seem to be doing just fine here in *our* Hampton.























## Summer's Not Over Yet!

July was a busy month for residents, as the Township held its annual Community Day Celebration (photos on page 14), welcomed the Peach Truck to the community park, treated pool goers to 25¢ hot dogs at the pool concession stand on National Hot Dog Day, and celebrated Christmas in July. But the coming months still have much to offer with ongoing happenings on the summertime events calendar as well as the alwayspopular Pool Member Appreciation Day. Upcoming events will include:

#### • Farmers Market:

Every Wednesday through October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot. Vendors and food trucks are on hand offering fresh produce, homemade goods, and delicious meals.

#### Pints in the Park:

On select Fridays at Hampton Community Park, from 5 to 9 p.m. Each evening features food trucks, local vendors, and a live music performance. Upcoming dates are August 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### • Movie Night:

Following Pints in the Park on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, enjoy a movie to close out the evening.

#### Pool Member Appreciation Day:

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone over age 18 who enters the pool complex using their valid 2024 pool membership will be entered to win a free pool membership for the 2025 pool season. From 4 to 6 p.m., DJ Rick Worth will provide music while Ariel, the Little Mermaid, splashes in the pool for photos with the little ones.

#### Dog Swim Day:

Saturday, September 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 2024 pool members. Fee: \$15 per dog, and all participants must pre-register; registration will not be available the day of the event.

Please note: Proof of current rabies and distemperment shots are required to be shown at check-in on this day. No exceptions. During this time the pool is open for dog swimming only. For the safety and enjoyment of all dogs and owners, no people are permitted in the pool on this day. Shoes must be worn at all times. Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times.

As events are added, the Township website will be updated.

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# **Meet Squirmy**

by Jackie Smith

In a season where social media can have such a negative connotation, Hampton resident Marte Novak saw a positive post and she took the lead to see if it would catch on - - a rock snake built by our Community!



The Hampton rock snake is located in front of the Community Center - right by the flagpole. "I love the idea of community involvement," said Novak, "especially with kids." Having raised her children in Hampton, she now takes her grandchildren to the community park, and they will definitely participate in the project.

Building the rock snakes started in June. Parks & Recreation Program Administra-

tor Melanie Martino oversees the project. "ANYONE, ANY AGE is welcome to add to the snake," said Marte. "It will be a summer-long project that I'm so excited about. In today's world, community is very important; bringing kids together for a project that will be seen and enjoyed by all is so exciting to me." Let's get creative and build community at the same time; bring your painted rocks to the Community Center!

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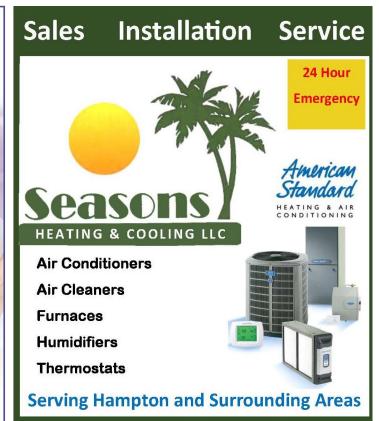
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# LIBRARY NEWS AND TIDBITS

of Activity for All Seasons

# **The Library Offers Plenty**

by Suzanna Krispli, Library Director

Our summer program was a huge success! We had over 600 children and adults participate in our summer reading program this year. That's a lot of books being read and a huge help in combating the summer slump! I'd like to think we beat the summertime blues with all our different programs. A big thank you to everyone who participated!

More than 100 children came to our storytimes, braved the heat for our parties in the pavilions, learned about dragons, pigeons, cornered the king in chess or joined any one of our special programs. Adults participated in book discussions, Cooks-n-Books, Origami Art and Card Club. We were one busy place this summer!

Our program, Adventures in Your Library, is winding down, but that doesn't mean the adventure has to end! Looking to the fall, the adventure still continues! Come explore our Wonder-Filled Storytimes, book groups, and more. Explore a new place through our travel section or beat the boredom blues by watching a movie with our new "movies in the afternoon" program. We hope to add a chess program for the kids and maybe a Saturday storytime as well! More information will be forthcoming; until then enjoy the rest of the summer and keep the adventure alive!

# Save the Date & Register Today! **Hampton Alliance For Educational Excellence: HAEE 5K** Sunday, October 13, 2024

The HAEE 5K Run/Walk is our main yearly fundraiser. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we have been able to consistently fund new, exciting, and innovative programs in the Hampton Township School District. This year's 5k (3.1 mile) course is at Hampton Community Park.

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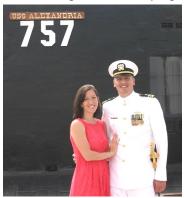
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# **Veteran Spotlight:**

Zachary D. Merritt

by Julie Mikus

Zachary D. Merritt is a distinguished leader with a profound commitment to service and excellence in both his military and civilian careers. Zach's career began with a robust educational foundation, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 2004, where he was commissioned as an officer through the NROTC program. He then served from 2004 to



2014 as an active-duty submariner in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His postings included Bremerton, Washington; Groton, Connecticut; and Kittery, Maine. He served on two submarines, the USS Michigan SSGN 727 Blue and the USS Alexandria SSN 757.

After deciding to leave the naval service in 2014, Zach and his family moved to Pittsburgh

to grow their roots in a new community. Zach has been married to Hannalore Burns Merritt for 18 years. They have two children: a son, Cooper, who is 13 years old and will be an  $8^{th}$  grader, and a daughter, Abigail, who is 11 years old and will be a  $6^{th}$  grader.

After a very brief stint at Highmark Insurance, Zach realized that he did not want to wear a suit and sit in a cubicle all day. Thus, in 2016, Zach joined Duquesne Light Company as a senior project manager. He quickly advanced through several key positions, including Manager of Project Management, Manager of Overhead Line Construction and Maintenance, and Results Manager for Operations and Affordability Improvement. In these roles, he was responsible for planning and executing large-scale construction projects, improving operational efficiencies, and leading teams to ensure safe and reliable power delivery.

Currently serving as the General Manager of Business Services at Duquesne Light Company, Zach leads high-performing teams to deliver large and complex electrical services to the Pittsburgh region's institutions and commercial developers. The Duquesne Light team's mission and vision to deliver high quality and affordable service to the Pittsburgh area is his favorite part of working for this high performing team.

Zach and Hannalore are deeply rooted in the Pittsburgh community, where they volunteer in support of their children's favorite activities as well as with other community organizations. Zach actively engages with veteran support networks and contributes to the region's development. He is also a dedicated volunteer at Hampton school events, a former member of the Hampton Youth Lacrosse Board, and a coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Hampton youth lacrosse teams. His journey is a testament to the values of dedication, integrity, and leadership. Beyond his professional endeavors, Zach is known for his ability to inspire and motivate those around him, making him a compelling and esteemed guest speaker.

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The senior-led experienced team of 18 athletes competed hard, which resulted in a winning season, finishing 10-6. Of the six losses, only two came from other AA teams in WPIAL. The others were nonconference AAA teams that the Talbots played up, challenging themselves. Senior Vitaliy Pikalo finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the WPIAL finals and qualified for the PIAA State Singles Championship. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> PIAA qualifier in program history, Pikalo competed in Hershey and lost in the first round to the eventual 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher. Fellow seniors Hayden List and Ben LaRusse qualified for the WPIAL Doubles Championships. They beat Blackhawk in the first round of the playoffs before falling to South Park 3-2 in the PIAA Team Qualifying match. The season began with a challenge when Pikalo sprained his ankle and missed the first five matches of the season. Coach Grant McKinney,

in his 18<sup>th</sup> year, juggled the line-up and those who stepped in played some dynamic tennis. LaRusse stepped in as a strong replacement, twins AJ List and Zane List were starters, and some sophomores stepped up, seizing the opportunity. This was the first time McKinney coached brothers on the same team; which in this case was 3 brothers. Rounding out the seniors are Brandon Pascucci and Matthew Mason. "We played a number of tight matches; some of which we pulled through, others we didn't but we didn't have a bad loss on the season," said Coach McKinney. "It's unusual to have such a deep team."



#### SOFTBALL

Girls' softball had many firsts this year, beginning the season with their all-new coaching staff for the first time in 20+ years and finishing with their first-ever trip to the PIAA State Playoffs. New head coach Katie Hedderman and new assistant coaches Joe Merz and Haley Dietz led the stellar team of 24 athletes to the Talbots' best softball record in the past 25 seasons, 17-6. They won the first outright section title in program history, beat Knoch in the WPIAL quarterfinals, bested Blackhawk in the WPIAL semi-finals, and finished as runners-up in the WPIAL 4A Championship. They fought hard but fell 10-2 to the #1 seed Elizabeth Forward and earned their spot in the PIAA state playoffs. The Talbots faced St. Mary's on June 3 in the

PIAA first round and fell short but made Hampton proud. The team starters were four freshmen, four seniors, and one junior so the whole team was playing with someone new to the right or left of them. "Being new, there are usually growing pains but the seniors took the underclassmen under their wings and led by example. I credit the senior leadership for a lot of the success this year," said Hedderman. Four players were named on the Post-Gazette leaders list at the end of the season; senior Mackenzie Reese, senior Charlotte Lomb, Marissa Snyder, and Katelyn Dubee. "I have coached many teams and players over the last 10 years, but none that had each-other's backs like this team did," said Hedderman. Other seniors on the team include Brooke Mugenovich, Jessica Lange, Sarah Dietz, and Emma Ehman.



## **Boys' Lacrosse**

The boys' lacrosse team struggled at the start of the season but found their identity as a team and made it all the way to the PIAA State playoffs. Including post-season play, the Talbots finished their season with a 14-8 record. Of the last 11 games, they won eight, with two of the losses by 1-2 goals against top teams. On their playoff journey in section 2A at WPIALs, the 37 athletes beat Bethel Park in the quarter-finals on May 15<sup>th</sup> but lost in the semi-finals to Mars, the 8-time consecutive WPIAL champions. The Talbots beat Penn Trafford to earn 3<sup>rd</sup> place at WPIALs which garnered them a state playoff appearance. Hampton's season ended with an 8-6 loss to Trinity in the PIAA first round. "This is just the start for this group. We have a large amount of our core/key play-

ers coming back next year with multiple years of varsity experience under their belt," said 3<sup>rd</sup> year head coach and former Hampton lacrosse star Andy DeMichiei. Levi Whitfield, Eli Schwarzbach, and senior Joey Nelson led offensively with contributions through the mid-field from Brody Eichas, Porter Kelly, and Heath Borgo. Defensively, the starters (senior Gabe Ganelli, senior Zach Jacob and Nolan Harris) were known as the 3-headed monster. "Gavan Hamlin (senior) was the most improved lacrosse player I have ever seen over one season," said DeMichiei. Rounding out the seniors is Aidan Pietry. Daniel Leyes, Josh Carr, and Jake Killian also had good defensive mid-field play. "The expectation within our group is to run the table in AA next year and win more of our AAA games on the schedule. The love that this team had for one another was something special."



# **GIRLS' LACROSSE**

The Talbots had some tough section battles this year where they dropped contested matches in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter early in the season. But, the junior and senior leaders helped lead the squad to dig deep, regroup, and secure a crucial victory over Oakland Catholic to clinch a spot for their 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive playoff showing at WPIAL's. The team finished their regular season with a 7-9 record (7-5 in their section) but lost to Moon in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs on May 14<sup>th</sup>. First Team seniors Jacqui Deah and Sienna Rex and Second Team members Elizabeth Saponsky and Erin Baker won All-Section WPIAL awards with an honorable mention to Ava Galuska and senior Greta Hamlin. Jacqui Deah also won the Hampton

Athletics Award for Team MVP. Seniors Lindsay Fiscus, Elena Herchenroether, Addie Hastings, and Jacqui Deah represented Hampton at the 2024 Senior All-Star game at Highmark Stadium on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Reed Perry rounds out the senior roster. Kelsey Burke, in her 10<sup>th</sup> year as coach, and her husband Jeff welcomed their daughter, Josephine Marie, on May 19<sup>th</sup> shortly after the lacrosse team exited post-season contention. "The players and parents were so excited for us all season, cemented by a boosters-sponsored baby shower mid-season. I'm fortunate to be surrounded by amazing assistant coaches Christine McGrath-Keiscer and Morgan McLaughlin," said Burke. "I'm so proud of our 2024 seniors for leading our program to post-season play and ensuring we maintained a positive team culture."



### **GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL**

Twelve athletes, two coaches, and the Pittsburgh Steelers came together to initiate a new sport for Hampton-girls' flag football, one of the fastest growing sports in the country. The team is sponsored by the Steelers and the NFL with the hopes of it becoming a sanctioned high-school sport. Coaches Meg Kallock (also HMS basketball coach) and Debbie Hogan (also HHS assistant soccer coach) jumped at the opportunity to coach. Since it's the first year, they focused on teaching the rules and technique in a fun environment. The practices for the season were spent practicing drills and plays and the girls rotated so they could play every position. Practice paid off in that the girls won some of their games against more experienced teams. The seniors on the team, Allison Schepner, Brooklyn Eastly, Grace Wolfe, Sam Shaughnessy, Sterling Thompson, Emma Rick, Katheen Milon and LaNiya Ward, set a great example for the program to continue to grow. The returning underclassmen will be the faces and leaders of the program and the coaches are hoping to recruit more girls for next year. Next season will introduce the team to the basic skills and then will focus on executing plays and strategies. "We want to keep the sport itself lighthearted, fun, positive, and competitive! Our team atmosphere and culture are so important to us," said Coach Kallock.



## TRACK AND FIELD

The Hampton track and field team ran their way to success this year. The 52 boys were section champions, medaled at WPIALs and even won gold at the PIAA State Championships. Senior Dale Hall came in 1st in the state in Class 3A for the 800M with a school record-breaking run at Shippensburg on May 25<sup>th</sup>. He also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1600M

and broke his own 1600M record that he set Prodente in the 400M, 15<sup>th</sup> for Jacob Bonlast year. The boys 4x8 relay team of Chris nar in the 3200M, 19<sup>th</sup> for Chris Belch in the Belch, senior AJ Prodente, senior Jacob Bon- 1600M, and 11<sup>th</sup> for Josh Wukitch in both nar and Dale Hall also found success at the the 1600M and 3200M. The team of 23 girls state championships and placed 20<sup>th</sup> after finished their season 2-4 and had athletes placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at WPIALs. "Taking athletes to compete at WPIALs. The girls 4x800M relay States is always special," said coach Heather team of Abby Hall, Rebekah Hall, Claire Dietz. Other WPIAL wins include a 1<sup>st</sup> place McKinney and Marissa Bigante placed 16<sup>th</sup>, finish in the 800M and 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Claire Hukriede placed 21<sup>st</sup> in the 200M, 1600M for Hall, a 12<sup>th</sup> place finish for AJ and Kevyn Fish placed 19<sup>th</sup> in the 3200M.



### **ULTIMATE**

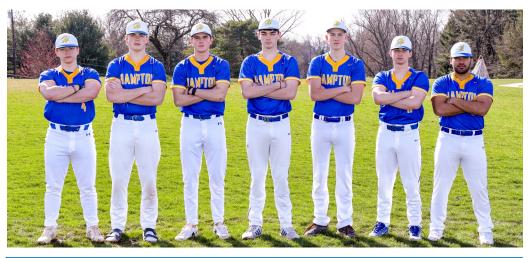
The Ultimate frisbee team of 17 players finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams with a record of 3-7 in spring play. The attendance dropped during the spring and the team saw a drop in performance. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 8 teams in the fall with a record of 6-1 and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 10 teams in the winter with a record of 10-3-3. The Ultimate team competed in the 2024 PA High School State Championships at Lehigh County Sports Fields in Allentown, PA on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. They went 1-5 and came in 15<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. Junior Drew Girard, a team captain and the team's star thrower, averaged 1.5 goals per game, 4.5 assists per game, and 2 blocks per game at the state tournament. He was one of seven players in Pittsburgh selected to the All-City division 1 team. The All-City team consists of the top 7 players from each division. They are nominated by their team leaders and voted on by leaders of their opponents. Junior Andrew Dietrich was the team's star receiver and caught the most goals on the team. At the state tournament, he averaged 4.2 goals per game, 1.7 assists per game and 1 block per game. In addition to Girard, the other team captains were Nolan Smith and senior Jason Andrews.



The Talbot baseball team worked hard this season but fell short of the playoffs for the first time since 2016. They finished the season with a record of 8-10 (4-6 in their section). Only five of the 18 games this season were played at home as the Hampton baseball diamond was being renovated at the beginning of the season. Senior outfielder/pitcher Matthew Erka, Ryan Scully and senior outfielder Sean Sullivan were nominated for section honors. Erka was the team MVP with fielding and hitting being tops for the team. The seniors on the team in addition to Erka and Sullivan are third baseman/catcher Brady Long, pitchers Caleb Custer and Parker Brockway, outfielder Norby Hock and infielder Gustavo Arias. All of them assisted in achieving a WPIAL playoff victory last year.



Above: The Ultimate frisbee team Below: The Talbot baseball seniors



# Cangilla Named Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Congratulations to Joe Cangilla as he was named the new head basketball coach at Hampton. Coach Cangilla will take over for Joe Lafko, who led the program the past 28 years. Cangilla was the assistant coach for the Hampton boys' basketball program the past 4 years. Prior to returning to his alma mater, Joe was the head basketball coach at Northgate for 4 years setting the foundation for their program's recent successes. He also coached football and track at Hampton for

many years. Joe was a scholar athlete at Duquesne University in the sport of football. As an alum, current educator, and resident of Hampton, Coach Cangilla has the experience and passion to continue the tradition of excellence in Hampton Basketball.



# 2024 Hampton High School Football Schedule

8/30 Armstrong (HOME) 9/6 Shaler Area (HOME)

9/13 Upper St. Clair (HOME)

9/20 Chartiers Valley

9/27 McKeesport Area (HOMECOMING)

10/4 Indiana

10/11 Knoch

10/18 Mars Area (HOME)

10/25 West Mifflin











# **Community Day 2024**

Photos and article by Erin Bell

giant slip and slide and a marriage proposal under a sky full of fireworks were just a few of the many highlights of Hampton's July 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Day.

This year's community day offered fun in many forms for Hampton residents. The soccer fields buzzed with children bouncing on the inflatables, families and friends picnicked in the grass while enjoying the live bands, groups gathering in festively decorated pavilions, and tailgate tents filled the parking lots. One group even set up a large slip and slide, which drew in dozens of kids and teens looking to cool off from the summer heat. Spirits were high all around and the atmosphere was one of lighthearted fun.

One of the many residents in attendance was Lindsey Nasiadka, who was celebrating the holiday alongside her family and many longtime friends. She shared positive memories of Community Day over the years. "Hampton Community Day is the best day of the year. It has become a tradition of ours over the years and has gotten bigger and better every year. It's an amazing atmosphere celebrating the best country in world. There's tons of stuff to do and one of the best firework shows we've ever seen. No better way to spend your holiday!"

Before the night was over, a love story came full circle when a Hampton couple got engaged in the spot where their first date took place at Community Day 6 years ago. Ben Mikus proposed to his girlfriend Isabel Wilkins during the fireworks show, marking an exciting new chapter in the couple's lives. Isabel said, "Ben was my first kiss. Our first date as boyfriend and girlfriend was July 3, 2018 at the Hampton Community Park so it truly felt perfect that our last date as boyfriend and girlfriend was there." Ben gushed similarly about his future wife, stating that "the only thing that mattered through high school was her and being engaged in my hometown with my home girl."

What a memorable night of festivity and celebration!















# Hampton Township Rotary Club Firecracker 5K Close to 200 participants on July 4, 2024





















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# 2024 Hampton Community Litter/ Clean-Up Day Results

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> there were 115 volunteers along with fire police, police, public works and sew-

er department employees.



The volunteers collected 590 bags of garbage, 1 tire, 1 t.v. and a few larger miscellaneous items while cleaning seventeen roads, Hampton Community Park, Hampton schools and Hartwood Acres.



# 2024 Recycle Rama

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the annual Recycle Rama event collected 2 tons of metal, 29 bicycles, 240 cubic feet of recyclable material, approximately 500 pounds and shredded 28 bins of paper!

Save the date for next year: Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 9am-12pm



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# District Dispatch

Summer 2024

#### A Letter from the Superintendent: Reflecting on the Snapshots of Success for 2023-2024



#### Dr. Loughead

# Dear Hampton Township Community,

Following a successful 2023-2024 School Year at HTSD, I hope you have all been enjoying a summer break filled with exploration, relaxation, and reflection. This past school year saw Hampton schools continue to excel in academics, athletics, and the arts, and we have many accomplishments to celebrate.

The District has received several notable accolades this year. HTSD secured the No. 5 spot among 105 school districts in the *Pittsburgh Business Times' 2024 Guide to Southwestern Pennsylvania Schools* and ranked 9th out of 481 school districts statewide. Additionally, Hampton was designated as a "Learning 2025 Demonstration System to Watch" in 2023 by AASA The School Superintendent Association.

On May 14, HTSD participated in Remake Learning Days 2024 as we presented "Unleashing Pride, Igniting Joy, and Fostering Creativity" in the high school's Library Media Center. Hampton's world-class teaching and innovative learning experiences were on display through a variety of stations in which students and teachers shared exciting projects and problem-solving activities from the 2023-2024 school year. In March, we hosted our traditional Hues & Harmony celebration in a two-day exhibition of art displays, musical performances, and art and music-making activities, highlighting the many talents of our students across the District. Also in March, Hampton High School participated in Talbot Thon and raised nearly \$39,000 to benefit pediatric cancer research and treatment at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

As we typically highlight in the summer issue of *District Dispatch*, we would like to recognize the Hampton High School Class of 2024 and their impressive accomplishments from this past year.

In academics, our students continue to excel in their AP courses, with two seniors, Tiffany Habib and Justine Sullivan, having their AP research published in the peer-reviewed journal, *The Young Researcher.* Additionally, Sullivan was one of just 357 students in the world to earn a perfect score on the AP Research Exam.

The high school Speech and Debate Team sent a record number of students to compete in the 2024 PHSSL Championships. Senior

Andrew Kaehly made the final round in Impromptu Speaking for the second year in a row, and freshman William Zhang advanced to the Super Session of House Congress. Senior David Poirier earned the Academic All American Award through the National Speech and Debate Association, placing him in the top 1% of all Speech and Debate students in the country for his work in Congress and leadership. Additionally, twenty-eight students qualified and competed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference, several successful performances, including senior Reed Perry who placed first in Healthcare Management.

We also had numerous accolades in the arts. In the performing arts, the company of the HHS spring musical "Tuck Everlasting" received five nominations and ultimately won the award for Best Dance Ensemble (Budget Level Four) at the Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theatre. For the first time, the HHS Drama Club participated in the Prime Stage Theatre Drama Awards. The cast and crew of the fall play, "Puffs," received 15 nominations and won Best Student Scenic Design (due to the talents of Jacob Baker, Margaret Sager, and Lily Stalewski) and Best Student Directors (Andrew Kaehly and Kiley Vande Geest).

In the musical arts, numerous Hampton students auditioned and were selected to participate in various PMEA groups. HTSD also hosted the 70th annual Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival and the Strings North Honors Orchestra Festival. In the visual arts, ten students presented their artwork portfolios during the Senior Art Exhibition. Additionally, ten students earned awards in the Scholastic Art & Writing competition, including three works that earned Gold Keys.

In athletics, Hampton excelled with strong team and individual performances, including several triumphs in WPIAL and State competitions. Boys Cross Country won the WPIAL and PIAA championships. Girls Volleyball won their first-ever WPIAL championship, while Boys Soccer, Boys Basketball, and Girls Softball each reached the WPIAL finals. In addition to these team accomplishments, several students won individual competitions. Congratulations to the following athletes:

- HHS senior Dale Hall for winning first place in the 800 meters at the PIAA Track & Field Championships;
- HHS senior Isabella McNutt for becoming a WPIAL Girls Wrestling Individual Champion;
- HHS sophomore Gabriella Elk for winning the WPIAL Girls Class 2A Diving Championship;
- Hampton Unified Bocce Team 2 for winning the Allegheny North Division Championship; and
- HHS sophomore Lainey Sheets for winning first place in both the 200 IM and 200 Backstroke at WPIALs.

As we move into the 2024-2025 School Year, we are endlessly optimistic about upholding Hampton's Tradition of Excellence. In this issue, you will read about the exciting Phase II of the Hampton High School renovation project, which will bring new flexible and collaborative spaces and upgrades to several areas of the school.

We thank the Hampton Township community for your support and investment in our students. It remains our commitment to provide a world-class learning experience for our students who will be the difference-makers of the future! We look forward to an exciting journey together in the 2024-2025 School Year.

Sincerely, Dr. Michael R. Loughead

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# Hats Off to the Class of 2024!



















**Senior Class Stats** 

This year, 246 students graduated from Hampton High School!

Of those, 83 graduated with honors:

- 32 students graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 23 students graduated Magna Cum Laude
- 28 students graduated Cum Laude

Eighty-five percent of the Class of 2024 will head off to a four- or two-year college this fall, and five percent will enter a Career and Technical School. Eight percent of the class will go directly into the workforce, while four students will serve our country in the military.

Hampton graduates are off to colleges in 18 states across the country, with one student going to school in Canada. There are 21 students attending the University of Pittsburgh main campus or branch campuses, which is the largest group of students attending one institution.

#### College choices this year included:

Carnegie Mellon University Georgia Institute of Technology Lehigh University Penn State University The Ohio State University University of North Carolina University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Virginia Virginia Tech

Hampton High School Class of 2024 — here's to your remarkable achievements! From academic excellence to extracurricular triumphs, you've left your mark at Hampton Township School District. The future holds endless opportunities and great success for each of you.

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# Hampton High School Renovation Project: Phase II

The Hampton High School renovation project began with an academic redesign vision in 2018. This vision revealed instructional limitations of the existing high school campus and the need for physical updates. At that time, a District-wide feasibility study examined building conditions and growth potential, revealing that the high school needed the most substantial work.

Originally, the project was a single-phase redesign. However, the COVID-19 pandemic prompted a cautious, phased approach, with Phase I authorized in October 2020 and completed during the 2022-2023 school year. During this time, the District developed its strategic plan, including the "The Portrait of a Talbot" and Pillars for Success, which support the vision for the building upgrades.

The 2018 academic redesign vision highlighted the need for collaborative spaces, as the high school's programs and departments were previously disconnected. At that time, HHS Principal Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina discussed the focus on deeper learning, integrating skills such as project-based learning, problem-solving, and inquiry-based science standards. Additionally, the redesign emphasizes wellness, with connected health and counseling services, improved facilities, and an environment of respect and dignity for students.

In May, the HTSD Board of School Directors authorized Draw Collective and PJ Dick to proceed with design and pre-construction work to advance Phase II of the high school renovation project.





Phase II, scheduled to begin in spring 2025, will address more extensive building needs, including updated science and music rooms, collaborative learning spaces, a "fab lab" for design and creation, improved wellness facilities, enhanced security features, and modernization of the auditorium and cafeteria. Specific improvements include the following:

- Science Area: Relocation of two classrooms to enlarge remaining rooms.
- Music & Performing Arts: Enlargement of band and choral rooms and relocation of set design space.
- Auditorium: Improving accessibility of aisles, stage modification, creating an improved orchestra location, and updated lighting and sound systems.
- Kitchen/Cafeteria: Replacement of outdated equipment and adopting a food court-style serving layout with multiple stations and flexible seating.
- Administration/Wellness Area: Creating a single location entrance with increased security connected to a new administrative suite, reorganizing the administrative, counseling, and nursing areas, and adding a large group instruction room and flexible spaces for meetings and events.
- Engineering & Design: Creating a "Fab Lab" space (a smallscale workshop offering digital fabrication, along with flexible areas for group work) and establishing a multifunctional hub for technical education, art, math, science, and entrepreneurship.
- Softball/Multipurpose Field: This portion of the project is being considered for Phase II as an alternate bid depending on the overall final cost of the project. This field could include dugouts, fencing, a portable outfield fence, bleachers, and synthetic turf.

Upon final School Board approval expected late in 2024, it is possible that construction on the administration/wellness area and auditorium could start as early as April/May 2025, with cafeteria and kitchen work possibly beginning in Spring 2026. It has been projected that Phase II could be completed in the Fall 2026; however, the overall sequencing of the project is at the conceptual phase and these dates and plans may change. The District expects to finance the project through bond issues in 2024, 2025, and 2026, with the estimated overall cost of Phase II between \$30 million and \$33.2 million.

#### Renderings courtesy of Draw Collective





# HTSD Honors Retiring Principal Dr. Laurie Tocci, Welcomes Dr. Michael Silbaugh as New Leader of Wyland

Hampton Township School District expresses its heartfelt gratitude for Dr. Laurie Tocci, who retired as Principal of Wyland Elementary School effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Tocci dedicated 37 years of service in education, having been a part of Hampton since 2007. She served nine years as the principal of Wyland.

As we wish Dr. Tocci a wonderful retirement, we are excited to introduce a familiar face as the new principal of Wyland Elementary School. Dr. Michael Silbaugh will serve in the role, having spent the past seven years at Hampton Middle School as assistant principal.

"Hampton Township School District and Wyland Elementary have set forth a tradition of excellence, which I plan to maintain," Dr. Silbaugh said. "I want to contribute to Wyland and the District by fostering an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to learn."

By collaborating with educators, parents, and the community, Dr. Silbaugh intends to create a supportive system and engaging environment that affords students the educational experiences they desire.

"Additionally, I am committed to promoting and supporting the District goals, Pillars of Success, and our Portrait of a Talbot, all in an effort to ensure that our school, Wyland Elementary, and the Hampton Township School District are places where all students can thrive academically and personally," he added. Dr.

Silbaugh's career in education began at Norwin High School, where he taught different levels of chemistry and served as the acting assistant principal for grades 5 and 6 at Hillcrest Intermediate School, for a total of 10 years. He also worked at Pine-Richland School District in the role of assistant high school Principal for approximately 5 years. For the past seven years, he has had the rewarding opportunity to serve the Hampton Township community in various roles, including middle school assistant principal, acting middle school principal, and acting elementary principal.



Dr. Michael Silbaugh

"I have a passion for helping others learn and grow, and a career in education affords me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others," Dr. Silbaugh said. "Inspired by the dedicated teachers and role models who positively influenced my own educational journey, I wanted to give back and make a similar impact on future generations. I believe in creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and motivated to reach their full potential."

In his free time, Dr. Silbaugh says he enjoys staying active and doing activities related to fitness and improving his health such as going to the gym, hiking, and getting out in nature.

# Message to Wyland Families from Dr. Tocci:

It has been an honor to be Wyland's principal for nine years. I have had the opportunity to watch your children grow in many ways. They are academic achievers, problem solvers and good citizens. They have all of the ingredients for being good humans!

Our time together has been fraught with joys and frustrations. I have always appreciated your willingness to talk through the challenges and help the students be better for our efforts. It is through differences that we have solved problems and learned from each other.

This community is unique. Our diversity is our super-power. Please continue to nurture the students' interests in knowing and understanding others to help them become world citizens.



# HMS Hosts First-ever 'Kindness Rocks Week'

Aiming to promote kindness and positivity, Hampton Middle School celebrated the legacy of children's television pioneer Fred Rogers by hosting its first-ever "Kindness Rocks Week."

"143 Day" honors Fred Rogers, who used 143 as his special code for "I Love You," based on the number of letters in each word. Celebrated annually on May 22, the 143rd day of the year, this day encourages Pennsylvania residents to share acts of kindness and good deeds with each other and themselves.

HMS hosted a week of activities from May 20-23 to promote kindness and positivity within the school community. Each morning during that week, students greeted their peers and teachers by handing out stickers. During tutorial periods, students participated in various activities in the Maker Studio, such as packing art kits for Children's Hospital, painting kindness rocks to decorate the HMS courtyard, and contributing to the "HMS Kindness Quilt."

Kindness Rocks Week culminated in a lunchtime activity in the Innovation Studio with six different stations promoting kindness. Students had the opportunity to create keychains to celebrate their unique qualities, send a kind letter to a friend, shine a light on

someone who inspires them, and make special 143 Day buttons that celebrate kindness and positivity.

Dr. Melissa Survinski, HMS enrichment teacher, said the idea for Kindness Rocks Week spawned from the middle school's partnership with the Light Education Initiative.

"One of their suggestions to embrace positivity and student engagement was celebrating 143 Day," Survinski said. "It struck me as an opportunity for our kids to take on a leadership role for our school."

Survinski worked with a small group of students who came up with the brilliant idea of transforming 143 Day into a week-long "Kindness Rocks Week."

HMS would like to thank the Light Education Initiative and the parents who volunteered their time to help run the stations in the Innovation Studio.

"For our first year, I think Kindness Rocks Week went really well," Survinski said. "Next year we plan on expanding the week-long activities to continue promoting kindness and positivity."





# HTSD Adopts New Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Resource

After a two-year process of exploration and evaluation, Hampton Township School District in June approved a new K-5 math curriculum resource, *Into Math*, for the 2024-25 school year.

Over the past two years, a dedicated team of grade-level curriculum leaders, elementary principals, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jackie Removcik embarked on a comprehensive research process to select a new elementary math curriculum resource. They evaluated various programs by attending presentations from publishing companies and visiting five different schools that had already implemented the programs under consideration.

"We spoke with teachers at these five schools about the strengths and limitations of each of the resources under evaluation and observed how students interacted with the different resources," said Dr. Removcik. "This was a crucial part of our evaluation."

To ensure *Into Math* met the needs of Hampton students, the District piloted two programs over the course of two years, collecting data from teacher feedback and surveys of 4th and 5th-grade students. This data-driven approach allowed the team

to refine their understanding of the program's strengths and weaknesses before making a final decision.

So, in the end, what set Into Math apart?

This new resource is a comprehensive, student-centered math program encouraging student discourse and collaboration. It also offers a stronger presence of online materials that students can access from home, which was less available with the previous resource that reached the end of its lifespan.

"The new program emphasizes connections between different mathematical representations, such as numerical and visual representations, allowing students to develop a deeper understanding of concepts through conversations about mathematics," said Dr. Removcik.

The program also closely aligns with the District's Portrait of a Talbot competencies in areas such as critical thinking, collaboration, and communication. Dr. Removcik noted that elementary teachers will undergo extensive professional development opportunities to familiarize themselves with *Into Math*.

# **Hampton High School Preschool Program**

Interested in free preschool? Whether it's your first preschool experience or you're looking for an additional program for your active child, we're ready for you. The Hampton High School student teachers are currently enrolled in the Carlow University Early Childhood Development course.

They will plan and prepare fun and engaging activities for our 3, 4, and 5-year-olds.

Our routine includes circle time, arts and crafts, story, and games. We also practice practical skills to prepare for school, like walking in a line, independence with hanging coats, bags, and collecting items from bins.



During the 2024-2025 school year, the Preschool Program will run:

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Jan. 7 to May 15



To secure your place in the program, you'll just need to complete the enrollment form at tinyurl.com/HHSPreschool25

For more information, please email jackson@ht-sd.org.

The program is completely free.

# **Senior Scholars**

The following seniors who were recognized as "Summa Cum Laude" at graduation obtained at least a 4.40 QPA and earned a minimum of 28 credits through courses offered at Hampton High School:



# Senior Scholars



**Conner Killmeyer** 



**Katelyn Kubay** 



**Hayden List** 



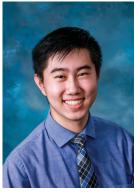
**Kathleen Milon** 



**Brandon Pascucci** 



Joseph Pascucci



**Ziqian Peng** 



**Carley Rodenbush** 



**Elena Rossetti** 



**Emma Spiess** 



**Justine Sullivan** 



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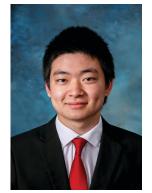
**Isaac Thatcher** 



**Colin Tran** 



**Kiley Vande Geest** 



**Darren Wang** 



**Garrett Wesley** 









# **Hampton Township Municipal Update**

# Managing All of That Rain

As we sit here in the intense heat of the last few weeks of June, it may be difficult to remember the early months of the spring, specifically April, when Hampton and the rest of the North Hills was deluged by several storms dropping multiple inches of rain over the course of a day or few hours. While this no doubt impacted some homeowners and some of the Township's own facilities, specifically the Allison Park Wastewater Treatment Plant, the flooding from the second-wettest April on rec-



Grouse Run before (above) and after (below)



ord and some of the most intense rains since Hurricane Ivan did not cause the widespread devastation in Hampton or the North Hills that was seen previously. A simple question can be asked: why? There are certainly multiple factors, as with any matter as complex as stormwater management. But one change that took effect in 2020 and has made a marked im-

provement on our community's ability to handle high rain events is the imposition of Hampton's stormwater management fee.

Now, I know an article on any type of fee or payment made to the government is about as popular as a talk on cleaning your oven, but I think it is important for our residents to understand what they are getting for their money. As most are aware, the stormwater manage-

ment fee is assessed at \$115 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). An ERU is essentially the measure of

impervious (i.e. impenetrable to stormwater) surface of the typical home in Hampton. This fee is charged on both residential and commercial properties based upon an ERU calculation by the Township's engineer. The Township collects approximately \$1 million annually from this fee, which is used for a litany of improvements to the Township's stormwater management system

Most visible among these improvements, specifically this year, is a \$543.000 flood mitigation project at

the intersection of Wildwood Sample and Sample Roads. Residents may notice the fishing pier and pavilion at this location, but most importantly, this site can hold tens of thousands of gallons of water from Crouse Run during high rain events, preventing even more tens of thousands of dollars in property damage to residents downstream. Funds from the stormwater management fee have been used to complete cured-in-place lining of thousands of feet of storm sewers

throughout the Township, ensuring another 50+ years of life for these pipes and preventing sinkholes from developing as a result of cracks. These funds have also allowed the Township to remove trees within or along Pine Creek and its various tributaries that create a flooding hazard by blocking the natural flow of the creek. The before and after pictures of Gourdhead Run

demonstrate how such tree removals can improve the flow along our waterways. Finally, your stormwater fees have reinforced eroded stream banks (see the pictures from Crouse Run) and restore detention ponds that have been clogged with sediment.

As residents of Hampton, you have every right to question where fees and taxes you pay the Township go. I understand entirely the



Gourdhead Run before (above) and after (below)



annoyance of seeing money leave your pockets. I would point out, however, that the money collected by the Township's stormwater management fee and the projects those funds completed made a tangible difference for your neighbors in and around Hampton during the month of April.

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# Stormwater Pollution? Make A POINT - Don't Do It.

#### What Are Sources of Pollution?

Pollution of our waterways comes from two types—point and nonpoint sources. <u>Point sources</u> of pollution can be traced to a specific location. Typically this type of pollution can be tied to a defined source such as an industrial or sewage treatment plant. <u>Non-point source</u> pollution, by contrast, come from a wide range of sources. If it rained or snowed today in your community, runoff from this precipitation picked up several kinds of natural and human made pollutants, eventually depositing



them into our three rivers. Non-point source pollution can include:

- excess fertilizers
- herbicides and insecticides from treating your lawn to make it healthier
- oil, grease and toxic chemicals from your vehicle and energy production
- · viruses, bacteria and nutrients from pet waste
- road salts from treatments used to get rid of snow
- sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and eroding stream banks
- · acid drainage from abandoned mines

# Think Stormwater Pollution Doesn't Affect You? Think Again.

- -Sediment can cloud water, inhibiting growth of aquatic plants or destroying entire habitats.
- -Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose, removing oxygen from the water. Fish can't survive in water with low oxygen levels.
- -Bacteria and other pathogens that infiltrate into swimming areas create public health hazards, forcing beach closures.
- -Debris such as plastic bags, cigarette butts, and bottles often gets washed into water bodies, threatening aquatic life.
- -Common household chemical waste such as paints, pesticides and motor oil can poison aquatic life.
- -Polluted storm water also negatively impacts drinking water sources, impacting human health and increasing the costs to treat it.

# Make A Point—Don't Do It!

- -Keep debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- -Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and carefully follow the directions.
- -Dispose of used household chemicals properly not in storm sewers or drains. Check the DEP website for information on household hazardous waste collection programs:
- http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=589595&mode=2
- -Immediately clean up spills.
- -Wash your car on the grass to prevent runoff, or better, take it to the car wash.
- -Use low-phosphate or phosphate-free detergents.
- -Spread mulch on the bare ground to help prevent erosion and runoff.
- -Clean up after your pets.
- -Gutters and down spouts should drain onto vegetated or gravel- filled seepage areas.
- -Participate in clean-up activities in your community.



# HAMPTON HIGHLIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM INFORMATION



**FALL 2024** 

# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

# FALL PROGRAMMING



Resident registration begins August 12th and Non-Resident registration begins August 26th. 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 <a href="www.hampton-pa.org">www.hampton-pa.org</a> or in person at the Community Center service desk.
- 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 <a href="https://www.hampton-pa.org">www.hampton-pa.org</a> 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 <a href="www.hampton-pa.org">www.hampton-pa.org</a>.

# **COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION**

# COMMUNITY CENTER FALL HOURS OF OPERATION

Dates: September 3rd - December 31st

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 - 6:00 pm

#### Hours are subject to change without notice.

Hours may be adjusted due to holidays/events. Administrative hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; Mon—Fri Visit <u>www.hampton-pa.org</u> for additional information.

# 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. We require that all members 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).



# **SPECIAL EVENTS**

## HALLOWEEN PARADE



The annual Halloween Parade will take place on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 19th</u>, <u>2024 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</u> in the Hampton Community Park.

Join us this day for a costume contest for children 10 years of age and under, candy, cookies and treats for all! There will also be a haunted hayride through the upper orchard of the park, a Build-A-Bear raffle and much more!

Pre-registration is required for this event to better prepare supplies for the amount of attendees. Registration will be available in early September and <u>registration will close on Friday</u>, October 11th. Please plan accordingly, walk-in registration will not 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 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 Halloween Parade is completely finished. The Community Center itself will remain open during this event; however the event will be held outdoors, rain or shine!

Additional information regarding registration for this event will be available in September, on the Township website and in the September Hampton Happenings.

# PINTS IN THE PARK

Join us on Friday, August 23rd & September 27th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the Community Center Parking Lot for the final two Pints in the Park of the 2024 season!

The vendors for August 23rd include Strange Roots Experimental Ales and Mazzotta Winery. Food trucks in attendance will be Chicks n' Waffles, Tocayo Taqueria, Hoshi, and Frios Gourmet Ice Pops.

There will also be live music by Mitch & Declan Duo as well as kids face painting for all to enjoy.

Be sure to stick around after Pints in the Park for a night time cinematic stroll! Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire will begin playing at approximately 8:40 pm for the Township of Hampton's Movie Night. Entry is free to all!

Please visit www.hampton-pa.org for more information.

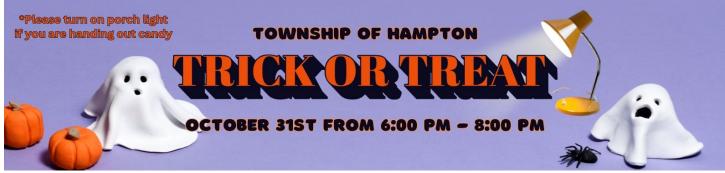
### FARMERS MARKET



The Farmers Market will conclude on Wednesday, October 9th for the 2024 season. Be sure to stop by from now until then, every Wednesday, for a great selection of fresh produce, homemade goods, and much more.

Thank you to all of our wonderful vendors, food trucks, and guests for making this year's market such a success! We look forward to continuing this event and making it even better in 2025! Hope to see you then!

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Township of Hampton website at <a href="https://www.hampton-pa.org">www.hampton-pa.org</a>.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

# **DOG SWIM DAY**

Join us for Dog Swim Day at the Hampton Community Pool! The Outdoor Pool Complex will open its gates for pool members and their furry friends to show off their best "doggie paddle!" This event is only available to Residents and Non-Residents with a valid 2024 Pool Membership.

Proof of current rabies and distemper shots are required to be shown at check-in, no exceptions. Pre-registration is required for each puppy participant and will open on August 1st. Please note, registration will not be available the day of the event.

AGE: Adult

DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM TIME: LOCATION: Hampton Community Pool

FEES: \$15 per Dog

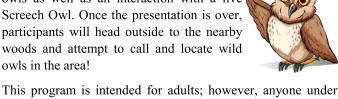
**DEADLINE:** Friday, August 30th

10 / 40 MIN/MAX:

## **OWL PROWL**

Join us on Thursday, November 14th and learn all about the diverse species of owls in our region. Hosted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, Owl Prowl is a new fall

program that will feature a presentation on owls as well as an interaction with a live Screech Owl. Once the presentation is over, participants will head outside to the nearby woods and attempt to call and locate wild



the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a registered adult participant. Registered participants should dress accordingly and wear comfortable clothing for a November hike. Some flashlights will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. All participants must register.

AGE: Adult

DATE: Thursday, November 14th

7:00 - 8:30 pm TIME:

LOCATION: Community Center & Park FEES: \$15 per participant

**DEADLINE:** Monday, November 11th

10/30 MIN/ MAX:

# PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST



The annual pumpkin carving contest returns for this fall!

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are welcomed as long as they are not fake (no

foam or craft). Online registration will begin on September 30th. Your contest number will print on your registration receipt. This is the number you must place on your pumpkin to be judged.

All pumpkins entered must already be carved or painted prior to dropping off outside of the Community Center. Pumpkin judging will take place on Friday, October 18th. We cannot believe how creative everyone is each year with the awesome pumpkins they submit to our contest and cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with for this year!

# **ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS WITH BELLE**

Be our guest on Tuesday, December 17th, for a joyous and festive Christmas event with Princess Belle herself!

All children 10 years of age or younger are welcome to enjoy an evening of singing, dancing, and coloring as Belle arrives in her holiday best. Belle will spend time with all the children and share a special Christmas story in front of the Christmas tree for all to hear.

Opportunities to take photos with Belle, by use of a cell phone, will also be available. There will be a coronation ceremony conducted by Belle's royal assistant for all the children to partake in. Cookies and milk will be available after the program concludes. All participants must be registered prior to the deadline.

AGE: 10 years of age or younger Tuesday, December 17th DATE:

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 pm Community Center LOCATION: \$40 per participant FEES: **DEADLINE:** Monday, December 9th

MIN/MAX: 10 / 15



# **FALL 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. Pickleballs are provided, but every participant must bring their own racquet. Dates or sessions are subject to change.

AGES: 18 & up

DATES: September 3rd - December 13th DAY & TIMES: Monday / 9:00 - 11:00 am

Tuesday / 9:00 - 11:00 am & 12:30 - 3:00 pm Thursday / 9:00 - 11:00 am & 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Friday / 9:00 - 11:00 am

LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium (Gyms A, B, C, D)

FEE: \$5 per person / per session



# **ADULT VOLLEYBALL**

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

AGES: 18 & up

DATES: September 5th - December 19th
DAY & TIMES: Thursday / 7:30 - 9:30 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: September 3rd - December 17th DAY & TIMES: Tuesday / 7:30 - 9:30 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. Dates are provided to participants at the indoor pool and are listed on the website's Programs pages.

AGES: All Ages

DATES: October 7th - April 30th

DAY & TIMES: Monday & Wednesday / 8:15 - 9:15 pm LOCATION: Hampton High School Indoor Pool FEE: \$4 per person; daily (ages 3 & up)

# ADULT DANCE CLASS: BALLET & TAP

Join us on Thursday evenings in the fall for adult dance classes focusing on ballet and tap! This program is taught by Premier Dance Academy and is perfect for those who would like to learn more about these dance styles. This program is for participants 18 years of age and older. No experience is necessary! A minimum of 6 participants will be required for the program to take place. Please visit www.hampton-pa.org for additional information.

AGES: 18 & Up

DATES: September 5th - December 12th DAY & TIMES: Thursdays / 7:30 - 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Dance Room

FEE: \$110 / \$130 \*No Class November 28th & December 5th



<sup>\*</sup>No Program October 14th / November 1st & 29th / December 2nd

<sup>\*</sup>No Program December 5th

# **FALL PROGRAMS**

# INTRODUCTION TO IMPROV

For anyone curious about what improv is, or who wants to try something new. Students will learn about short form improvisation starting with the basic rules of improv through a variety of fun games and improv exercises. Classes will build a base of skills that students can use to not only be creative and have fun, but also skills that they can use in their everyday lives as they grow. No experience of any kind necessary! Instructor: Sarah McChesney

## Youth Edition (110603)

AGES: 12 - 18 yrs.

DATES: September 22nd - October 27th DAY & TIMES: Sundays / 2:00 - 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge

FEE: \$85 per participant DEADLINE: September 22nd

MIN/MAX: 6/16

# Adult Edition (110604)

AGES: 18 & Up

DATES: September 19th - October 24th
DAY & TIMES: Thursdays / 7:00 - 8:45 pm
LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge

FEE: \$85 per participant DEADLINE: September 19th

MIN/MAX: 6/12

# **COOKIE DECORATING CLASS (337906)**

No experience necessary! Come and learn the basics of cookie decorating. We will explore basic outlining and flooding techniques as well as create some cute cookies to take home to family and friends! This class will focus on sectioning, wet-on-wet techniques, and the use of royal icing transfers to embellish your cookies. Cookies are outlined; step-by-step detailed instructions will be provided along with supplies. For additional information visit www.hampton-pa.org.

#### Let's Get Groovy Cookie Decorating

AGES: 12 and up DAY: Friday

DATE: September 13th TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Adult Lounge, Community Center

FEE:: \$65 per participant

DEADLINE: Two days prior to class - September 11th

MIN/MAX: 6 / 24

# **Halloween Cookie Decorating**

AGES: 12 and up
DAY: Friday
DATE: October 11th
TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Adult Lounge, Community Center

FEE:: \$65 per participant

DEADLINE: Two days prior to class - October 9th

MIN/MAX: 6 / 24

#### **Build a Turkey Family Cookie Decorating**

AGES: 12 and up DAY: Friday

DATE: November 22nd TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Adult Lounge, Community Center

FEE:: \$35 per family/\$3 for 2 Additional Feathers DEADLINE: Two days prior to class - November 20th

MIN/MAX: 6 / 24

### **Gingerbread Cookie Decorating**

AGES: 12 and up
DAY: Friday
DATE: December 6th
TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Adult Lounge, Community Center

FEE:: \$65 per participant

DEADLINE: Two days prior to class - December 4th

MIN/MAX: 6 / 24

#### **Christmas Cookie Decorating**

AGES: 12 and up
DAY: Friday
DATE: December 20th

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Adult Lounge, Community Center

FEE:: \$65 per participant

DEADLINE: Two days prior to class - December 18th

MIN/MAX: 6 / 24

# **FALL PROGRAMS**

# YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE (110301 - 110308)

Youth Basketball is open to all boys and girls in grades 3 - 12. This league focuses more on instruction and team play rather than competition. All teams will be selected by the head coaches during the players' draft that is held during the pre-season meetings at the Community Center. All head coaches should attend these meetings and draft. Assistant Coaches will be selected after the draft, and do not need to attend the pre-season meetings.

Please keep in mind we cannot guarantee a specific night of practice to a specific player. All practice times are scheduled at the discretion of the head coach. Teams practice at the Hampton Community Center for one hour, one night a week either on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at approximately 6 pm, 7 pm, or 8 pm. Please also keep in mind siblings will not automatically be put on the same team, but will be drafted individually. If a parent is chosen to coach a team, their child will be placed on their team. Practices will begin mid-November with games beginning in early January. Your team coach will contact you regarding a practice schedule. **Resident registration for the Youth Basketball League will be available at 8:00 am on August 12th.** 



### The League Divisions will be as follows:

Girls Teams: Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 - 12

Boys Teams: Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 - 12

Basketball League Fees

Regular Fee (August 12th - November 1st): \$93 / \$111 per child

Late Fee (November 2nd and After): \$116 / \$134 per child

\*\*\* Registration may be limited for this season. Be sure to register early! \*\*\*

#### **New Player Evaluation (Grades 3 - 12)**

All new players in grades 3 - 12 should attend the player evaluation on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at the Hampton Community Center. Please see below for specific times. Returning players are already rated and do not need to attend the evaluation, unless they choose to. **Registrations will not be accepted at the player evaluation. Please register ahead of time.** 

9:00 - 10:30 am: Boys (Grades 3 & 4) 10:30 - 11:30 am: Girls (Grades 3 & 4)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Boys & Girls (Grades 5 & 6) 12:30 - 1:00 pm: Boys & Girls (Grades 7 - 12)

#### **Coach Pre-Season Meeting (Grades 3 - 12)**

The pre-season meeting / players draft will take place during the following times. All head coaches will be notified by the Program Supervisor, Bill Ryder, prior to the meeting.

Wednesday, November 13th: 6:00 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 3 & 4) Wednesday, November 13th: 7:30 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 5 & 6) Thursday, November 14th: 6:00 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 7 & 8) Thursday, November 14th: 7:30 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 9 - 12)

# DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE GRADES 1 & 2 (110309)

In addition to the Youth Basketball League we also offer a Developmental League for those who are in first and second grade where they can learn instruction and fundamental skills such as dribbling, ball handling, shooting and passing. This program includes drills and small 3 on 3 games that will progress to full court games of 5 on 5. No evaluation or draft is done for the developmental league and boys and girls play together on the same teams.

DAY & TIMES: Saturdays from 9 - 10 am and 10 - 11 am

DATES: November 16th - February 15th

FEES: \$82 / \$100 per child

#### **FALL PROGRAMS**

#### **RECREATIONAL DANCE PROGRAM**

The Township of Hampton offers a Recreational Dance Program for all ages. Classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the Hampton Community Center.

Classes will begin on September 3rd and will continue through December 12th. No classes November 26th - 28th & December 5th. A dance performance is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 14th for participants and their families to enjoy!

For additional information regarding this program please email hamptondanceprogram@gmail.com or visit our Recreational Dance Program section of our website.

Registration for the Dance Program can be done online at <a href="https://www.hampton-pa.org">www.hampton-pa.org</a> or by visiting the Community Center Service Desk. Resident registration begins July 22nd and Non-Resident registration begins August 5th.



#### **DANCE CLASS SCHEDULE**

Monday Classes:	Age:	Class Time:	Fee:
Ballet & Tap	3 - 4 yrs.	4:30 - 5:30 pm	\$100/\$115
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	5 - 7 yrs.	5:30 - 7:00 pm	\$145 / \$165
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	8 - 10 yrs.	7:00 - 8:30 pm	\$145 / \$165
Tuesday Classes:	Age:	Class Time:	Fee:
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	4 - 5 yrs.	4:30 - 6:00 pm	\$145 / \$165
Acro	5 - 8 yrs.	6:00 - 6:30 pm	\$65/\$75
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	6 - 8 yrs.	6:30 - 8:00 pm	\$145 / \$165
Wednesday Classes:	Age:	Class Time:	Fee:
Ballet & Tumbling	2 - 3 yrs.	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$100/\$115
Ballet & Tumbling	2 - 3 yrs.	4:30 - 5:30 pm	\$100/\$115
Ballet & Tap	3 - 4 yrs.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$100/\$115
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	6 - 8 yrs.	6:30 - 8:00 pm	\$145 / \$165
Thursday Classes:	Age:	Class Time:	Fee:
Ballet & Tap	3 - 4 yrs.	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$100/\$115
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	4 - 5 yrs.	4:30 - 6:00 pm	\$145 / \$165
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	9 - 12 yrs.	6:00 - 7:30 pm	\$145 / \$165

#### **DANCE PROGRAM ATTIRE INFORMATION**

Leotards and tights are suggested but not required as long as clothing is easy to move in and not loose fitting. Hair should be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. No jewelry. As for footwear, participants will need black tap shoes, white ballet shoes and foot underwear for the show at the end of the session. You may purchase shoes and tights from Premier Dance Academy, Target, Walmart or All That Jazz. If you choose to buy them through Premier Dance Academy, they will measure for the shoes, order and deliver the shoes to the Community Center. You will be billed separately for your shoe order.

#### **EXERCISE PROGRAMS**

#### FEARLESS FEMALE: SELF DEFENSE & SAFETY EMPOWERMENT

#### **NEW OFFERING! (559904)**

Introductory seminar for females that teaches effective selfdefense skills and safety education around awareness, avoidance, and escape techniques to become empowered to stay safe. Learn at any level in a safe and interactive environment.

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Be prepared to have fun and learn life-saving skills. This is a one day only seminar class.

AGES: 12 and up September 28th DATES:

DAY & TIMES: Saturday / 11:30 am - 1:00 pm LOCATION: **Hampton Community Center** 

FEE: \$30 per participant DEADLINE: Saturday, September 21st

MIN/MAX: 14 / 24



#### **ZUMBA (121301)**

#### **NEW OFFERING! (121701)**

Shape and sculpt your entire body in this two-part, heart pumping workout. Using weights and isometric exercises you'll work through a series of sweat inducing challenges to tone both your upper and lower body, plus the perfect core strengthening solution: concentrated ab-centric floor work to really get your abs chiseled.

**BODY SCULPTING PLUS ABS** 

Intensity: all levels welcome! Bring a mat, own light weights and a water bottle. Instructor: Andrea Alban.

AGES: 18 and up

September 18th - November 6th DATES: DAY & TIMES: Wednesdays / 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Exercise Room LOCATION:

\$40 Resident / \$45 Non-Resident FEE: Monday, September 16th DEADLINE:

MIN/MAX: 8 / 18

#### **NEW OFFERING!**

Fuse hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a high energy, calorie blasting, total body dance based workout designed to tone you from head to toe.

Intensity: all levels welcome!

Bring sweat towel and water bottle.

Instructor: Andrea Alban.

AGES: 18 and up

DATES: September 18th - November 6th DAY & TIMES: Wednesdays / 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Exercise Room LOCATION:

FEE: \$40 Resident / \$45 Non-Resident

Monday, September 16th **DEADLINE:** 

MIN/MAX: 8 / 18





**WINTER WONDERLAB** MONDAY, DEC. 2ND 9 AM - II AM 4-7YRS OLD \$30

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EXERCISE PROGRAMS					
CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY / DATES	LOCATION & TIMES	FEES	MIN / MAX DEADLINE
Beginner Line Dancing 131601	Put on your dancing shoes, learn a new type of exercise and have some fun!	Session 1: Thursdays	Community Center  Dance Room	\$37 / \$42	8 / 22
	Ages 18 & up Instructor: Shirley Shultz	September 12th - October 24th	1:30 pm- 3:00 pm		Tuesday, September 10th
Easy Yoga  121401  Improve posture, strength, and flexibility by doing Sun Salutations and other yoga stances and moves. Plus learn breathing exercises to help relieve stress, calm	Session 1: Tuesdays September 17th - November 5th	Community Center Exercise Room 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	\$40 / \$45	8 / 18  Friday, September 13th	
	the mind, and unify the body & mind. Bring sticky yoga mat, towel, and yoga block.  Ages 18 and up	Session 2: Wednesdays September 18th - November 6th	10:00 am - 11:00 am		Monday, September 16th
	Instructor: Angie Thomson	Session 3: Fridays September 20th - November 8th	11:30 am - 12:30 pm		Monday, September 16th
Fit for Life 131701	Low impact aerobic workout to energize, increase flexibility, balance, coordination, and core strength. Bring your own mat, water bottle, elastic bands & light hand weights. Wear gym shoes for athletic support.	Wednesdays	Community Center Exercise Room  9:00 am - 10:00 am	\$28/\$34	8 / 18  Monday, September 16th
	Ages 60 and up Instructor: Angie Thomson				
<u>Pilates</u> 121501	Pilates uses a series of breathing and core exercises to strengthen abs, arms, legs, and back without bulking muscles. Improves flexi- bility and agility. Bring an exer- cise mat and small weights.	Session 1: Tuesdays September 17th - November 5th	Community Center Exercise Room 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	\$40 / \$45	8 / 18  Friday, September 13th
	Ages 18 and up Instructor: Angie Thomson	Trovelloer 5th			September 15th

### **EXERCISE PROGRAMS**

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY / DATES	LOCATION & TIMES	FEES	MIN / MAX DEADLINE
Intro to Tai Chi 131204	This class is designed for individuals who have never participated in Tai Chi and are not ready for our Intermediate level. Participants will learn and practice the basic postures and movements of the Tai Chi practice. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes.  Ages: 60 and up  Instructor: Phil Jannetta	Session 1: Tuesdays September 17th - November 5th	Community Center Dance Room  12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	\$28 / \$34	8 / 18  Friday, September 13th
Intermediate Tai Chi 131201	Designed for those that have taken the Intro level or are familiar with Tai Chi basic postures and have taken a class elsewhere. This gentle stretch exercise class aims to help increase flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and fitness. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes.  Ages: 60 and up  Instructor: Phil Jannetta	Session 1: Thursdays September 19th -November 7th	Community Center Dance Room  12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	\$28 / \$34	8 / 18  Tuesday, September 17th
Advanced Tai Chi 131202  Formerly Continuing Tai Chi	Designed for those who have taken our Intermediate level and are ready for the next level of the discipline. This gentle stretch exercise class aims to help increase flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and fitness. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes.  Ages: 60 and up  Instructor: Phil Jannetta	Tuesdays &	Community Center Dance Room  11:15 am - 12:15 pm	\$56/\$68	8 / 18  Friday, September 13th
Zumba Gold 131302	A low impact, beginner level exercise class designed for active older adults who are looking for Zumba moves & music at a low intensity. Bring a mat for floor stretching.  Ages 60 and up  Instructor: Angie Thomson	Session 1: Mondays September 16th -November 4th	Community Center Exercise Room 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	\$28 / \$34	8 / 18  Friday, September 13th

#### FITNESS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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 Auto-

matic Electric Defibrillator (AED) Units are located in the Community Center. Should a circumstance ever arise that these life sustaining devices need to be used, 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.



#### YEARLY 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

Fitness Memberships can be purchased for individuals 10 years of age and older. If you are between the ages of 10 and 15 you must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times while in the Fitness Area. Children under the age of 10 are not permitted in the Fitness Area.

Children are permitted on the Walking / Jogging Track as long as they are under constant supervision by an adult. Small children under 10 years of age must be within at least arm's distance of the adult while on the track area. Strollers are permitted on the track as long as the wheels are clean and in good condition.

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 <a href="https://www.hampton-pa.org">www.hampton-pa.org</a>.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> College students must provide valid college ID during initial membership and renewing of membership to receive the discounted college rate.

#### **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.

#### **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

#### PACKAGE RATES FOR FACILITY RENTALS

Great Room A or B	Great Room A & B	Gathering Area (after hours only)
3 Hour Rate: \$230 / \$290	3 Hour Rate: \$465 / \$585	3 Hour Rate: \$115 / \$160
6 Hour Rate: \$465 / \$560	6 Hour Rate: \$700 / \$865	6 Hour Rate: \$205 / \$240
8 Hour Rate: \$585 / \$760	8 Hour Rate: \$815 / \$1,050	8 Hour Rate: \$290 / \$330

 Activity Room 1
 Activity Room 2

 3 Hour Rate: \$110 / \$145
 3 Hour Rate: \$115 / \$160

 6 Hour Rate: \$175 / \$210
 6 Hour Rate: \$205 / \$240

 8 Hour Rate: \$260 / \$300
 8 Hour Rate: \$290 / \$330

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#### **Controller:**

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#### **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

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#### Life-saving Resources and Proper Health Care Reimbursement

A Franklin Park mother and father lost their daughter to an opioid overdose, but they have turned their tragedy into advocacy through the establishment of the Stop The Judgment Project, an initiative focused on removing the stigma of addiction and providing resources to help stem the tide of this public health crisis.

Their story is a major driving factor for H.B. 1783, my legislation that would require Pennsylvania's Department of Health to develop and distribute posters in public and private settings detailing the signs of an opioid-related

overdose, the steps to respond, how to locate an agent that reverses opioid effects, and additional resources. The bill would also authorize the creation of a Lifetime Recovery from Substance Use Grant Program under the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to assist in the development, expansion, or improvement of recovery support services delivery statewide.

The bill passed the House 187-14 and moves a step closer to not only becoming law, but also saving countless lives and empowering Pennsylvanians n the prevention of future opioid overdoses.

Additionally, H.B. 1867, my legislation that would allow health care providers to choose the insurance reimbursement option that best suits to their needs for services rendered, also moved to the Senate for consideration. Hard-working doctors, nurses and other health professionals deserve full compensation for the care they provide day in and day out.

For more information about legislation I've introduced and additional questions you have, please call my office at 412-348-8028 or email me at RepVenkat@pahouse.net. My staff and I are always available to address your concerns.





Rob Mercuri

Summer is well underway in Western Pennsylvania; I hope our students and teachers are enjoying their well-deserved break. It is hard to imagine, but as you are reading this, we are more than halfway through 2024. It has already been quite the year. From our student athletes shining, to events across the district, I wanted to take the chance to highlight all the good

things happening in the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

Our student athletes represented their schools and our community with the utmost class and respect for their sports. I was thrilled to be able to host several local high school teams and individuals in Harrisburg at the state Capitol to recognize their accomplishments. Our students represent our future, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with our young people and show them our Commonwealth's Capitol.

I am very fortunate to have been able to host two Hampton sports teams this spring. Hampton's girls' volleyball team and boys' cross-country team were recognized in the House chamber. The boys won the state title, while the girls placed second. I want to extend my congratulations to all our student athletes on their successes.

I am beyond grateful to serve our community. I am proud to have hosted a variety of events to help constituents in the first half of the year. At a recent shredding event, my office and I were able to see 28 bins worth of paper, at about 200 pounds per bin, get recycled to protect constituents from identity theft and malicious activity. I look forward to more events this fall to support and help citizens across our area.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope we are renewed with a new sense of civility as we continue to improve our community together.







Career and Tech Ed, or CTE, is incredibly powerful educational programming that gives students a chance to get career training and certification, often at reduced or zero cost to them, all while still in high

school. These students are getting a head start on their next steps, whether that's the job market, an apprenticeship, or a two- or four-year college.

Our Public School Code requires the career and technical education funding formula to use the most recently available data from the state to determine the amount of funds they receive from the state. This means area career and technical schools cannot predict their funding for the next year, even after the state budget is passed, because the data used to determine their funding is updated in the middle of the fiscal year.

I introduced Senate Bill 366 to correct this problem by locking in the data used in the formula on the first day of June - as we have already done for the Basic Education and Special Education funding formulas.

This change will give career and technical centers the financial predictability they need to offer or expand pro-



Lindsey Williams

grams that prepare students for in-demand jobs in the trades, healthcare, education, food preparation, and more. That means more students can have the opportunity to enroll in career and tech ed programs that will set them up for their futures—that's a win for the students and Pennsylvania's economy.

Funding CTE is part of fully and fairly funding our public schools so that every Pennsylvania student has a comprehensive, effective, and contemporary education that prepares them for their futures. This funding legislation is a first step to creating a larger investment in CTE that prioritizes our students' learning experience and the in-demand jobs of our future.

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