

HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



FALL 2023

LEAF COLLECTION

The Township will begin collecting leaves in mid-October and will continue until December 1st, weather permitting. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the street, a foot or so away from the curb or edge of pavement. Piles should not exceed three feet in height and four feet in width. Piles that contain tree branches or any other debris WILL NOT BE PICKED UP until the debris is removed. Debris damages equipment and repairs are costly. Residents are also asked to park vehicles or trailers in their driveways. If it is not possible to park in your driveway, a vehicle or trailer should be parked away from the leaf piles. It is also imperative that contractors not place a pile of gravel or other material on a roadway which obstructs the collection of leaves. Leaf piles blocked by vehicles or contractor material will not be picked up until the following week, providing the obstruction has been moved. Leaves which are raked into the street after the equipment has passed will not be picked up until the following week.

If you use a landscaper to remove leaves from your property, please advise them of the collection schedule and require them to adhere to collection policies.

MONDAY: Brentwater, Chestnut Hills, Country Club Park, Countryside, Hollywood, Hunters Ridge, Pinebrook.

TUESDAY: Good Hope Road, Good Hope Farms North, Good Hope Farms South*, Indian Creek, Pinebrook Heights, St. John’s Place and North Sporting Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY: Clearview Estates, Delbrook Manor, Forrest Acres, Hampden Gardens, Oakwood Park, Point Ridge Farms, Salem Park, all areas south of the Carlisle Pike, St. Mark’s Place, Trindle Road and South Sporting Hill Road.

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FOR ALL EMERGENCIES - CALL 911

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Fri — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED:

September 4 – Labor Day
October 9 - Columbus Day
November 10 - Veterans Day
November 23 - Thanksgiving
November 24 - Black Friday

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LEAF COLLECTION *continued from front cover*

THURSDAY: Armitage Square*, Creekview Road, Deimler Manor, Golfview*, Governor's Glen, Grandon Farms*, Hampden Square, Hampden Station*, Highlands, Kingswood, Laurel Hills, Mountain View Road, Ridgeland, Sears Run Road, Wertzville Road, east of I-81, Silver Brook* and Whelan Crossing*

FRIDAY: Ashford Village, Bunker Hills, Creekview, Dartmouth Green*, Dove Ridge*, Fairwinds*, Glenda Crest, Glennwood Farms, Greenwood Estates*, Hampden Court, Hampden Hearth*, Hampden Heights, Hampden Summit*, Millbank Estates*, Noll Acres, Pinehurst, Pinehurst Hills*, Regency Hills, Signal Hill*, Townes of Cross Creek*, Turnberry*, Village of Brandywine*, Wellington*, Wentworth Estates*, Westbury*, Westover and all roads west of Good Hope and north of the Conodoguinet Creek.

*Please be advised that leaf collection for the following developments will be collected every other week utilizing the Township street sweepers. Please refer to the schedule above to determine what day of the week leaf collection will occur: Armitage Square, Dartmouth Green, Dove Ridge, Fairwinds, Golfview, Good Hope Farms South, Grandon Farms, Greenwood Estates, Hampden Hearth, Hampden Station, Hampden Summit, Millbank Estates, Pinehurst Hills, Signal Hill, Silver Brook, Townes of Cross Creek, Turnberry, Village of Brandywine, Wellington, Wentworth Estates, Westbury and Whelan Crossing.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Labor Day, September 4

Trash picked up one day late all week.

Columbus Day, October 9

No change to weekly schedule.

Veterans Day, November 10

No change to weekly schedule.

Thanksgiving Day, November 23

Thursday trash will be picked up on Friday.

Friday trash will be picked up on Saturday.

Residents are asked to place their trash and recyclables containers or totes on or behind the curb before 6:30 a.m. the day of their trash collection, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before, to ensure it will be picked up.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION:

From March 1 through October 31: Yard waste will be collected, in a separate truck, by Waste Management on your regular trash collection day, if bundled and placed on the curb. Each branch should be no longer than six feet and no more than five inches in diameter.

UTILITY BILLING:

Residents are reminded that an online payment option exists for ease of payment 24/7 and Hampden Township accepts Visa/Mastercard/Discover for payment of your quarterly utility invoice. You can utilize this service by going online to www.hampdentownship.us and click on the "Pay Sewer & Trash Bill" link located on the home page. This will direct you to our software vendor's credit card processor, Merchant Transact's website.

If you utilize a bill payer service through your bank for your quarterly utility invoice, please ensure that your payment is being sent to 209 S. Sporting Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL RECYCLING

All commercial, industrial and institutional establishments are required, under state and Township regulations, to establish a collection system for recyclable materials. The materials that must be collected are high-grade office paper, corrugated paper and aluminum. All haulers and recyclers operating in the Township are required to provide to the Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority a quarterly recycling report on the specific form provided by the County. If additional information is needed, please contact the Township's Utility Department at 717-909-7145.

UTILITY PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

Pennsylvania 211 - If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utility bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211, visit www.pa211.org, or text your zip code to 898-211 to consult with a resource specialist for free. The specialists will listen to your needs, and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help.



Yard Waste Recycling Facility

The facility will be open the first and third Saturday of each month through the first Saturday of January 2024 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility is closed on holidays (including holiday weekends) and during inclement weather. Additional information on the facility is available on the Township's website, www.hampdentownship.us

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

September

- 6Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company
- 13 Golf Advisory Board, Caddy Shack Restaurant, 7:30 a.m.
- 14 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19Industrial Development Authority, 8 a.m., if needed
- 19Sewer Authority, 7 p.m.
- 20Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m.
- 28Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting

October

- 4Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company
- 12..... Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 17Industrial Development Authority, 8 a.m., if needed
- 17..... Sewer Authority, 7 p.m.
- 18Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m.

November

- 1Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company
- 2Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting
- 8..... Golf Advisory Board, Caddy Shack Restaurant, 7:30 a.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 15..... Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m.
- 21Industrial Development Authority, 8 a.m., if needed
- 21 Sewer Authority, 7 p.m.
- 30..... Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting

OFFICE CLOSED

- September 4 - Labor Day
- October 9 – Columbus Day
- November 10 – Veterans Day
- November 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 24 – Black Friday

All meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, unless otherwise noted. The schedule is subject to change.

Note: A two-business day notice is requested for any person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate in Township-sponsored program, service or employment procedure. Please call the Township at 717-761-0119 if an accommodation is needed. To participate in any Recreation Department-sponsored trips, please request an accommodation at the time of registration and no less than 30 days before departure. Call the Recreation Department at 717-761-4951 if an accommodation is needed. For the hearing impaired, the Township has installed a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). The TDD phone number is 717-214-1162.

Drop Box Available

Residents who want to drop off their trash/sewer payments at the Township Building after hours can use the drop box at the main entrance on the left side of the building. The box also can be used for tax payments. Please clearly mark the envelope to indicate if the payment is for taxes or sewer/trash.

Sewer Blocked? Call Roth Lane Plant for Help

Residents and commercial property owners who are experiencing a sanitary sewer blockage or backup are reminded to notify the Township Roth Lane Treatment Plant at 717-761-7963 before calling a plumber. Township staff will verify if the sewer main located in the street is open. If necessary, an inspection of the six-inch lateral from the sewer main to the curb or right-of-way will be scheduled during regular business hours.

Medical Waste Disposal Guidelines

Residents are reminded that household medical waste, including needles, can be placed in the regular trash as long as proper procedures are followed. All needles must be capped and/or placed in a secure container, such as a milk jug or coffee can, etc. The entire container can then be disposed of in the trash.

Private Pool Rules

Residents who want to build a swimming pool on their property must adhere to Township regulations, whether the pool is in-ground or above ground. All pools must be in the rear

yard of the property, at least 10 feet from the property line. If the pool has more than 18 inches of water it must be encircled by a barrier at least four feet high, have gates or doors that are self-latching and have a locking device to the gate or door to keep it securely closed. Pools that have direct access to a dwelling must have an alarm on the door to the pool that sounds when the door is opened. Property owners are required to contact the Township to conduct a final inspection after the pool is constructed and before it is used.

Photo ID Card Required For Resident Discounts



The Township's Resident ID Card, which is used for discount rates at Hampden Pool and Armitage Golf Club, can be obtained, free of charge, at the Recreation Department, 5001 Hampden Park Dr., across from Sporting Hill Elementary School. The card is also required to use the Township's yard waste collection facility. The Recreation Department is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The card entitles a resident to \$3 off 18-hole greens fees and a \$1 off 9 hole greens fees. Plus residents get a \$1 off cart fee on weekends and holidays before 12 from March 1 to November 30 and \$5 off daily admission fees at the pool on weekdays and \$8 on weekends/holidays.

Adopt a Highway, Park or Flower Bed: Keep Hampden Beautiful

Civic, social and school groups, Scout troops, businesses, as well as individuals, can participate in Hampden's Adopt-a-Highway, Park or Flower Bed program to help reduce litter and keep Hampden beautiful. Under the program, volunteers pick up litter in Township-supplied bags using Township-supplied safety equipment. The bags are left at roadside or in the park and picked up by the Township Public Works Department. The volunteers are required to adopt a highway, a portion of one, an interchange area or a recreation area for at least one year. The same time frame applies to parks and flower beds. Litter must be picked up a minimum of twice a year, in April and October. For more details on the program, log on to the Township website, www.hampdentownship.us, and click on the Adopt a Highway link under the Township Services tab.



Hampden Township thanks these groups for all their great work in our community:

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PARTICIPANTS		ADOPT-A-PARK PARTICIPANTS
AGHNI, Inc.	Linda Glaser	Cub Scout Pack 196
Aldersgate United Methodist Church	Mechanicsburg North Rotary Club	Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA – CV Service Unit
Annette S. Nebel	Michael Gebert	Indian Creek Civic Association
Appalachia Technologies	NSA Mechanicsburg Area CPO Association	Joan Bradbury
DHL Supply Chain	Our Lady of Lourdes Knights	NAPA Transportation
Dick Bareuther	POWER, Professional Women & Women Entrepreneurs	Srinivas Pochiraju
Dr. Ryan Argot	Sampriti-CSCPA Group	
Gary and Mary Myers	St. James Presbyterian Church	
Hampden Twp Democratic Club	Turn Key Realty Group	
Hampden Twp Republican Association		
Harrisburg Telugu Association		
Lamb's Gap Community & Conservation Assoc		

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The name of a Township resident, selected randomly from computer account records, is "hidden" out of context somewhere in this newsletter. Find your name and we will treat you to a gift certificate to the Caddy Shack Restaurant or, if you are a golfer, a free round of golf at the resident rate at Armitage (cart excluded; also, must have resident ID). If you find your name, claim the reward by calling the Township office at 717-761-0119 by November 30.

For Civic, Homeowners Groups

The Township staff is seeking contact information for presidents or board members of civic and homeowner's associations in the Township. The information, which will be kept confidential, will be used to notify the groups about Township-sponsored events and projects, which may be of interest to the groups' members or neighborhoods. Presidents of a civic or homeowner's association are encouraged to provide contact information (name, mailing address, phone number or e-mail address) to the Township to receive information on events and projects. The information can be provided by e-mail to hampden@hampdentownship.us or by calling the Township office at 717-761-0119 during regular business hours.

Ordinance Bans Burning Of Yard Waste, Debris



With some exceptions, a Township ordinance prohibits the burning of yard waste, including tree limbs and brush prunings, and other debris on residential and commercial properties. The ordinance stipulates that burning is allowed with a permit for fires on agricultural land in excess of 10 acres, for clearing land, for recreational fires, bonfires and fires set by a fire company for training purposes. Burn permits are not required for fires within a fireplace inside a home, to thaw masonry products, to cook food or for fires confined to portable outdoor fireplaces at one and two-family dwellings.

Applications for a burn permit must be received 10 days before the date of the proposed burn. Applications are available at www.hampdentownship.us. Click on Township Departments, then Community Development. The entire Burn Ordinance is also at that link. All fires are prohibited when there is a Township-wide burn ban or when other conditions make burning dangerous or produce noxious or offensive smoke. All fires must be supervised at all times and a means of extinguishing them must be present.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hampden's Emergency Medical Services membership drive is underway for individual and family subscription. The EMS Department provides emergency medical coverage 24-hours a day, 7 days a week to residents and visitors of the Township. Subscribers are assured that they will not be held responsible for any additional invoices for emergency medical service regardless of the amount the insurance company pays for **medical necessity services**. You must have health insurance to be a subscriber. Without a subscription to Hampden EMS, your health insurance will only pay a portion of your transport and treatment invoice and you will be held responsible for the difference in total cost of care. Subscribers also receive Advanced Life Support Services from Penn State Health Life Lion LLC. The Township partially funds operational expenses for the EMS Department as not all costs are covered by insurance or subscribers. More information on Hampden's EMS Department and its membership drive, along with complete details of the subscriber benefits and an application form are available on the Township website at www.hampdentownship.us.

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Alexandria (Alex) Huber, the Township's Tax Collector, has announced the tax office in the Township Building will be open the following hours:

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- Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Closed Wednesday, Friday and holidays.



The school real estate tax bill 60 day "face period," begins on September 1 and ends on October 31, after which the bills enter the 10 percent penalty period. If you pay your bill by mail or the drop box and want a receipt please include both the taxpayer and tax collector copy of each bill with the payment, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The taxpayer copy will be stamped and returned. If you would like to pay by credit card please see the Tax Collector's page on the Township's website, please note there is a 2.95% service charge with a minimum fee of \$1.

Hampden Twp.'s Code of Ordinances (Chapter 24, Part 2) requires the collection of a per capita tax of \$10 every year from each person 18 years of age or more who physically resides in the Township at any time during the year. Landlords and property owners are required to provide the names and contact information of any tenants occupying the residential property. (Chapter 11, Part 102).

In an effort to assist residents in understanding all aspects of the real estate and per capita taxes, a section of frequently asked questions has been compiled and posted on the Township's Website (www.hampdentownship.us) under Township Services, Tax Collector. Please notify the Tax Collector's office at 717-737-4822 of any address change. Tax bills are not forwarded. Non-receipt of a tax bill does not excuse the taxpayer from payment responsibility.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



The Board of Commissioners took the following actions at its June and July meetings:

1. Presented Resolution No. 2023-12 and the Kenneth E. Fetrow Public Employee Longevity Award recognizing Lieutenant Shaun Felty on the occasion of his retirement from the Hampden Township Police Department.
2. Presented an award citation to Nathan Funk recognizing and congratulating him upon his promotion to Lieutenant in the Police Department.
3. Presented a Citizenship Award to Don McCallin for his many years of service provided to Hampden Township.
4. Approved an Eagle Scout project from Brandon Bellis to create a Nuclear Submarine Anchor Display from the USS Chicago at the Veterans Recognition Park.
5. Approved a proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Chapter 27, Part 16-A (Mixed Use Overlay District) to permit parking along certain circulation drives and modify various other design standards related to zoning requirements associated with the Mixed Use Overlay District (West).
6. Approved Resolution Nos. 2023-13, 2023-14 and 2023-15 recognizing Arnav Chatrathi, Parimala Rajesh and Kaitlyn Silcox for their time served as Junior Commissioners and authorized advertisement for the 2023/2024 Junior Commissioner Program. Presented a resolution recognizing and congratulating 2022-2023 Junior Commissioner, Kaitlyn Silcox.
7. Approved, with conditions, the Preliminary Land Development and Subdivision Plan for Beltway Commons, located at 5401 Carlisle Pike.
8. Approved Ordinance No. 2023-07 amending Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to rules of use for the Hampden Pool double flume waterslide.
9. Approved an Adopt a Highway application from Annette S. Nebel for Roth Lane.
10. Presented a Citizenship Award to Joseph Porter for his many years of service provided to Hampden Township.
11. Approved the Annual Hampden Township audit.
12. Approved the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Chapter 27, Part 4, for the purposes of complying with the National Flood Insurance Program and the Pennsylvania Floodplain Management Act.
13. Approved a request for a letter of support for the Commonwealth to receive federal funding for reconstruction of the John Harris Memorial (South) Bridge.
14. Accepted an offer of funding assistance from Cumberland County to offset the cost associated with the required P25 Emergency Radio conversion.
15. Authorized staff to proceed with the application process for a surplus military relic from the Department of the Army for display at the Hampden Township Veterans Recognition Park.

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Planning/Zoning Issues:

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission took the following action at its June and August meetings:

1. Recommended approval of a Preliminary Land Development and Subdivision Plan for Beltway Commons, located at 5401 Carlisle Pike.
2. Recommended approval of a Special Exception request to expand an existing non-conforming use for Ryan and Stacey Warner and Camp Hill 150, L.L.C. The property location is 150 Silver Spring Road.
3. Recommended approval of a Preliminary/Final Land Development for Starbucks, located at 3431 Simpson Ferry Road, owned by Presbyterian Development, LLC.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board took the following action at its June meeting:

1. APPEAL NO. 23-03 (Special Exception) Granted 5-0, Ryan & Stacey Warner and Camp Hill 150, L.L.C., applicants requesting a special exception from Section 2104.1.A, Extensions, Expansions, and Enlargements of the Hampden Township Zoning Ordinance, requestig the extension of a nonconforming use of land upon a lot occupied by such use. The subject property is 150 Silver Spring Road.



NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Address	Employee #
Panera Café #1155	6391 Carlisle Pike	14
Legend of Silver Creek	425 Lamb's Gap Road	22
Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania	4640-4660 E. Trindle Road	60
Drayer Physical Therapy	4515 Valley Road	3
Lotus Pharmacy	25 Gateway Drive	2
Mechanicsburg Learning Center	4746 Delbrook Road	25
Green Ridge Acres	3800 Trindle Road	10
Kerry's Ace Hardware	5220 E. Trindle Road	12
Intelliprint Solutions	207 Lynndale Court	28
Joy's Grill & Burger House	4401 Carlisle Pike	4

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Building Addresses Must Be Displayed

Hampden’s emergency responders say they are concerned that address numbers are not readily visible on a large number of properties in the Township. The lack of visible numbers depicting the street address can cause delays during an emergency response. The Township has an Ordinance requiring property owners to display the building’s street address. The street address posted on the building shall be of such size, color and material so as to be clearly visible and readable from the street, road, lane or highway along or leading to the land occupied by the building. Building owners may also choose to display the address on a post or standard between the building and the street or roadway that provides primary access. Building addresses must be able to be read from the street. Each owner of a building shall be responsible for the constant maintenance of the building number in a complete and legible form.

Domestic Animal Ordinances

Residents are reminded to keep their pets leashed or under their control, to clean up after them if they are off their private property and to prevent them from making noise that disturbs other residents. Township regulations require residents to control any animal which makes any noise continuously for a period of 10 minutes or makes such noise intermittently for 30 minutes or more. Residents are also asked to refrain from leaving food outside for animals, as this practice can attract unwanted vector, such as skunks, possums, etc. Township regulations require that dogs and cats must not stray off their owner’s property, run at large in the Township or defile another person’s property. Violation of the regulation may carry a fine of up to \$600 plus costs.

DOES THIS LOOK LIKE RECYCLING TO YOU?



Every day homeowners put plastic grocery bags, film plastic and other unacceptable items in their curbside recycling carts. When these items reach our recycling sorting centers, the plastic bags get caught in the sorting equipment.

Each and every workday, our employees must shut down the sorting systems, and CUT OUT the plastic bags from the equipment to keep it running properly. This takes more time and energy, and creates more costs for everyone including YOU, our customer.

Please see the Hampden Township website for tips on proper recycling. www.hampdentownship.us.

PLEASE, DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAG OR WRAPPER in your recycling bin that create this type of blockage. **Remember...When in Doubt, Keep it Out!**

Thank you for being a WM customer and please help us get this message out!

Swimming Pool Draining



The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection prohibits the discharge of swimming pool water to a water of the Commonwealth under the Clean Streams Law (Act of June 22, 1937 P.L. 1987, as amended) however typically homeowners may drain swimming pools without a permit if the guidelines outlined below are followed:

1. Pool water may be hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.
2. Pool water may be pumped over a grassy area on the homeowner’s property at a rate that allows the absorption and infiltration of the water. All wastewater should be neutralized to a pH of between 6 and 9 units. Chlorinated or salted wastewater should stand for a sufficient period to allow chemical degradation prior to discharge (total chlorine less than 0.5mg/l).
3. Filter backwash water during normal pool operation must be discharged at a sufficiently low volume so that all water infiltrates the ground and does not runoff onto a neighbor’s property.

At no point may pool water be discharged to a storm sewer, sanitary sewer, or a stream.

Questions may be directed to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s South Central Region Office at 717.705.4700. The office is located at 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-8200.

Hampden Township Veterans Recognition Committee (HTVRC)

The Hampden Township Veterans Recognition Committee (HTVRC) is pleased to provide this update about developments in the Hampden Township Veterans Park and upcoming events.

Please take a day and take a walk in the Hampden Township Veterans Park. There is a new **Eagle Scout project by Reuben James** highlighting the service of nurses in the military.

You are invited to join the HTVRC for a **Patriot Day ceremony** on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2 pm at the Captain Leon Lock Veterans Memorial. This annual ceremony remembers military members, first responders, public works employees, and citizens who responded to the 9/11 attack on America.

The annual **HTVRC Golf fundraiser** will be held at Armitage Golf Course on Friday, September 15, 2023. For information on how you can sponsor or participate in the tournament, please call Steve Goho at 717.579.3552.

Watch our Facebook page for information about upcoming events! We will observe **Veterans Day** on Saturday, November 11 and **Pearl Harbor Day** on Sunday, December 3. Both ceremonies will begin at 2 pm and will be held at the Captain Leon Lock Veterans Memorial. And we will hold **Operation Troop Support** on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am until noon at the Good Hope Fire Station in support of Pennsylvania service members who will be deployed over the holidays. If you need more information or wish to volunteer to help, please contact us at hampdenvets16@gmail.com.



A reminder to all, please. The Park was created as a place to honor all of our veterans, past, present, and future. Please bring your children and grandchildren to the Park so that they can learn more about our Nation's history. The Park and the Captain Leon Lock Veterans Memorial are not appropriate places for skateboarding, operating remote controlled vehicles, etc. The pavers, railings, and concrete could be damaged, which would detract from the purpose of the Park. Visitors are welcome to bring their dogs to the Park on a leash. We request that you clean up after your dogs and not allow them to use the Points of Remembrance or the Memorial as outdoor restrooms. **THANK YOU** for honoring the respectful nature of the Park and the Memorial!

There are still opportunities to purchase a brick paver to be installed at the Memorial to honor a friend, family member, or all veterans. Please go to our website at www.Hampdenpaveterans.org for more information. If you would like more information about HTVRC and would like to know how you can participate, please contact HTVRC Chairman Gary Coburn at hampdenvets16@gmail.com.

Please follow us on **Facebook** at: <https://www.facebook.com/HTVRC/>, <https://www.facebook.com/HampdenTownshipVeteransPark/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/CaptainLeonLockVeteransMemorial>.

Visit our Facebook pages often. We post regularly about coming events and schedules, as well as significant dates in American history. Thank you for your support!

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Armitage Golf Club 2023 Golf Rates for Residents

WEEKDAYS

	WALKING	RIDING
Early Bird Special Open - 8AM	\$20.00	\$26.00
18 Holes Walking	\$22.00	
18 Holes Ride Special		\$33.00
9 Holes Walking	\$17.00	
9 Holes Riding Special		\$25.00
Senior 55 & over	\$17.00	\$26.00
Ladies Special - Tuesday only	\$17.00	\$26.00
Junior Special 18 and under	\$16.00	\$25.00
Golf & Dine After 5:00 p.m. not valid with leagues		\$26.99
9 Holes Ride Special After 5:00 p.m. not valid with leagues		\$20.00

CART FEE ONLY

18 Holes - Per Person	\$19.00
9 Holes - Per Person	\$12.00

WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

	WALKING	RIDING
18 Holes	\$32.00	\$45.00
18 Holes After 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	\$25.00	\$37.00
18 Holes After 3:00 p.m.	\$21.00	\$27.00
Juniors after 12 p.m. (18 and under)	\$16.00	\$25.00
9 Holes After 3:00 p.m.	\$19.00	\$27.00
9 Holes After 5:00 p.m.	\$16.00	\$23.00

DRIVING RANGE

Small Basket (35-40)	\$8.00
Large Basket (65-70)	\$11.00

Hampden Township Residents must show Resident ID Cards to receive discount.

17 HOLES SPONSORED AT ARMITAGE - 1 AVAILABLE

The list of hole sponsors at Armitage Golf Club is at 17. The local businesses that have sponsored tee boxes are Pennsy Supply, Al's of Hampden, Enck's Trophy's, Eckert Seamans, Freysinger Buick/GMC/Mazda/Hyundai, Pinnacle Health, Beaudry Oral Surgery, God Luv Ya Foundation, All Pro Trailer Super Store, 425 Consulting Group, LLC, Principle Financial Group, Country Meadows Retirement Living, Polaris Advisors, Jan Wheeler – Coldwell Banker Realty, Penn State Health, Today's Home & Leisure and St. Joseph School of Mechanicsburg.

Each tee box sponsorship includes a bench, ball washer, hole layout, trash and recycling containers and a 12-by-17-inch sign with the company logo and name. Additionally, as a tee box sponsor, your company will be recognized on our website with a direct link to your website. This will encourage patrons who access our website to learn more about your business as well.

Sponsors receive 20 complimentary rounds of golf. They can also extend their sponsorships to up to three years at a reduced rate. The initial rate to sponsor a hole is \$3,000 for two years. Sponsors always had the option to extend their sponsorship for one year at a rate of \$1,500. Now, they can extend by two years at a \$2,750 rate, or three years at \$4,000. The extension includes 20 complimentary rounds of golf, including a cart, for each year of renewal and any maintenance or repairs needed for the accessories at the sponsored hole.



Parties interested in sponsoring a hole can contact Scott Houseal at the Armitage Pro Shop, 737-5344, or at shouseal@hampdentownship.us.

Armitage Pathway of Memories: A Personalized Brick Walkway at the 14th Green



Armitage Ladies Golf Association (ALGA) is sponsoring a personalized, engraved brick walkway constructed from bricks purchased by you, league members, other golfers, and the general public to honor loved ones past or present, family members, friends or themselves. The beautiful walkway will be constructed in the Spring of 2024 near the 14th green.

Bricks can be purchased now through That's My Brick's website <https://thatsmybrick.com/alga>, by picking up a brochure at Armitage Golf Club or the Township Building, or by contacting Diane Nadolny, ALGA Treasurer, dnadolny627@verizon.net for more information.

ALGA will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in the summer of 2024. This is a historic milestone and one they want to celebrate by including all previous and present members. If you are a past member of the league or know someone who was please contact us.

DON'T MISS OUT ON BEING A PART OF "THE ARMITAGE PATHWAY OF MEMORIES"!

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Sponsorships Available for the Hampden Pool

Getting your business' message out to hundreds of people a day sounds awesome, right? By purchasing a sponsorship package to the Hampden Pool, you can get the word out about your business. The following sponsorships are available for the 2024 season:

- **Complex Sponsor - \$5,000**
 - 1 sign on main fence near entrance-3'x5' banner
 - 1 sign on slide tower-3'x5' banner
 - Sponsor's logo on pool staff shirts (sleeve)
 - Direct link to sponsor's website on the Recreation Department's website
 - Advertisement of sponsor's business in semi-annual recreation brochure and quarterly Township newsletter
 - 30 Daily Admission passes per year of sponsorship
- **Fence Sponsor - \$600**
 - Advertisement on inside of fence for visibility to all pool users (2'x3' banner)
 - Advertisement of your business in brochure and newsletter
 - 4 Daily Admission passes per year of sponsorship

PLEASE VISIT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR A SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 717-761-4951.

ALL SPONSORSHIPS GOOD FOR ONE POOL SEASON

POOL RENOVATION PROJECT

Hampden Township is excited to announce that the Hampden Township Pool Renovation Project, a transformative endeavor aimed at revitalizing our cherished community pool and ensuring it continues to serve our residents for another fun-filled 50 years, will be kicking-off this Fall after Labor Day!

Hampden Township awarded four contracts, to the responsive lowest bidder, amounting to a total of \$3,163,814.00, for various improvements to the existing infrastructure of the pool, which included the add alternate for construction of a new family changing room/restroom at a cost of \$137,699.00. It is important to highlight that Hampden Township was highly successful in securing \$2,380,000 in grant funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Cumberland County. For more details, refer to the Township website Latest News article on the Hampden Pool Renovation Project.

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Explore Alaska, land and sea, as you tour from Fairbanks to Vancouver on board Royal Caribbean, Radiance of the Seas. Start with a 4 night land package, 7-nights on Radiance of the Seas; **August 26 – September 6, 2024**. Starting at \$3601 per person.

Travel arrangements by Boscov's Travel. **You must RSVP to reserve your seat** for the presentation by calling 717-763-1100.



SUNFEST OCEAN CITY MARYLAND

October 21st

Ocean City's Sunfest is one of the largest outdoor festivals in the region, attracting tens of thousands of attendees each year for a four-day arts, crafts, music, and food fest. Local and national artisans from all over the country sell handmade items at the annual event. Sunfest offers visitors a chance to browse a variety of goods and enjoy food, music, and other alfresco activities along the Atlantic Oceanfront at the south end of Ocean City's famous boardwalk.

BEACH STAGE

Rick K Road Trip 10:00

Spin Doctors 1:00

Not Reely Dan "Steely Dan Tribute Band" 4:00

MIDWAY STAGE

The McCartney Experience 11:30

Guys in Thin Ties 2:30

TreeHouse 5:30

Depart Hampden Pool Parking at 7:00am, enjoy a day on your own, sitting at the beach, walking the boardwalk, attending Sunfest, or just enjoying the salt air. There will be no stops to or from the event. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks with you. You may also bring a beach chair, just know you will not have access to the bus so you will have that with you for the day. We will meet and return back to the Hampden Pool Parking at 7:00pm. **Pricing is \$79 per person, every person must have a seat, no lap children. After September 14th, \$89 per person. \$10 is non-refundable and no refund will be issued if cancellation is less than 60 days prior to the trip.**

Limited Seats Available!!!

NEW YORK CITY

December 2nd

Join the Hampden Township Recreation Department for a "Do Your Own Thing" trip to New York City. Whether you want to shop, visit friends or family, take in a show or dine at one of the highly rated restaurants in the city, this is the trip for you!! All persons require a seat. The bus will depart the Hampden Township Park/Pool complex at 7:00 am. We will depart New York City at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$69.00 per person. After October 19th, the cost is \$79.00. \$10 is non-refundable - no refund will be issued if cancellation is less than 60 days prior to trip.



RECREATION - PROGRAM OFFERINGS



MOVIE IN THE PARK

September 29th

The Recreation Department will once again offer a movie night this year. The date will be Friday, September 29 and we will be showing **The Super Mario Brothers Movie** starting at approximately 7:15 pm in Hampden Park. *Bring blankets or lawn chairs, admission is free!*

RECREATION - PROGRAM OFFERINGS CONTINUED

Trick or Treat Night Tuesday, October 31st from 6 - 8 pm



Trick or Treat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st from 6 to 8 pm. Residents, with children, may decide if they wish to participate in door-to-door Trick or Treat activities and individual property owners may choose whether or not they wish to distribute treats from their residence. Hampden Township does not sponsor any Halloween or Trick or Treat related activities. The Township merely establishes a uniformed date and time for residents who wish to participate.

The Township urges parents to ensure masks are large enough to see through easily, that children have a flashlight, and that they wear bright, reflective colors or white. Also, they ask that children walk on sidewalks or close to the curb, cross only at crosswalks, obey traffic lights, and be accompanied by other persons. Parents are encouraged to inspect all treats before allowing their children to eat them.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This family affair will be held on Saturday, December 2, at Armitage Golf Course. Breakfast will be held at 10 am. Each child will have an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and receive a little gift. Registration begins at 8 am on Thursday, November 2. If registering over the phone, payment must be made by credit card at time of reservation. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE NOVEMBER 2. Cost is \$15 per person and \$7 for children 2 years of age and younger.** Call (717)761-4951 to register!



PILATES



Pilates focuses on strength, flexibility, core stability and body awareness. Emphasis is placed on strengthening the core muscles which include deep abdominals, back extensors, pelvic floor and the diaphragm. A strong core improves posture, stability and balance which help to prevent injuries. Pilates promotes elongation of muscles to enhance flexibility and joint mobility. Pilates requires focus and concentration which help to enhance mind body awareness. Pilates is adaptable for all fitness levels. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing to class. This class will be held Thursday from 4:30 – 5:20 in the Recreation Building Activity Room. Cost is \$65.

**September 14 – October 19
November 2 – December 14**

CHASE FITNESS

This workout will be full body and will consist of cardio, strength, mobility, and core. All fitness levels, are welcome; we will provide modifications for everyone if necessary. We will provide all the equipment you need; just bring water, a towel, and a great attitude! Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. This class will be held on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 in the Recreation Building Activity Room. Cost is \$99 each session.

**Session 1: September 9, 16, 23, 30
Session 2: October 7, 14, 21, 28**



RECREATION - PROGRAM OFFERINGS CONTINUED



Andres Gutierrez from Chinese Martial Arts of West Shore is back at Hampden Township hosting his Martial Arts Classes.

Kids Martial Arts

Ages 4 to 7
OCTOBER 2 - 30



Our Kids Martial Arts Class plants the seeds to help students build a successful future. We use skills games to build strength, coordination, and teach value of following directions. This class will be held twice a week on Monday and Friday from 6:00 to 6:30 Recreation Building Activity Room. **Cost is \$85.**

Beginner Martial Arts

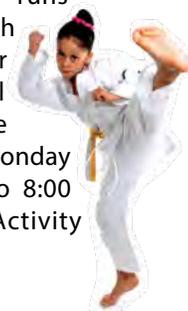
Ages 8 to 18
OCTOBER 2 - 30

This class uses the dynamic, powerful movements of Wushu to help students build self discipline & physical fitness. Students will receive instruction on how to build upon them as they progress. Over time, students will learn that through Patience, Perseverance, & Humility, they can improve as martial artists and as individuals. We place a strong emphasis on community, morality and personal accountability. This class will be held twice a week on Monday and Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 Recreation Building Activity Room. **Cost is \$105.**

Advanced Martial Arts

Ages 8 to 18
OCTOBER 2 - 30

For students who have been in our Beginner Martial Arts program for some time. This class runs simultaneously with Beginners, and stays later to work on higher level material. This class will be held twice a week on Monday and Friday from 6:30 to 8:00 Recreation Building Activity Room. **Cost is \$135.**



Expanding Our Presence, Fredricksen Library

If you've been to Fredricksen Library recently, you may have noticed a new, exciting addition before you even got inside.



The new Miller Family Courtyard, located on the Walnut Street side of the library near the lower parking area, was completed in May. We'd like to thank Gretchen Miller for her generous contribution to our courtyard in honor of her family. This will enable us to hold many programs and events for our community, all thanks to this incredible gift. Gretchen is a long time library user and donor who cares for children, her friends and family, and our community. She inspires others to get involved through non-profits. The Miller Family Courtyard is a perfect representation of Gretchen's spirit as it will benefit the children, and other members of the community as we all come together to learn and grow.

To date the courtyard has been utilized for children's storytimes as well as outdoor concert seating and we look forward to holding many more programs and events in this beautiful space.

There's so much happening at Fredricksen inside our doors too! You will find programs for all ages, the newest books on the best seller list, DVDs and Kanopy streaming services, career assistance and so much more! Visit the library's website at www.fredricksenlibrary.org, follow our social media and pick up our newsletter for all upcoming events and registration information. Come see us at 100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill, 717-761-3900. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!

HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department On Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor!

Township residents can get Police Department special alerts and public safety and human interest information by logging on to the Department's Facebook page. Residents can also follow the Department on twitter.com/hampden_twp_pd for critical incident information and other events. The Department will also provide information on Twitter when it links to the Township's Emergency Notification System.



Neighborhood safety questions can be directed to us via the Nextdoor App.

Community events and important messages are posted on all three social media sites as well as on the official township website.

Med Return Box

Township residents can dispose of out-of-date and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines in a special container, called "Med Return," that has been installed in the lobby of the Township Police Station at 209 S. Sporting Hill Road. Users are asked to either remove all prescription medication labels or place all the pills in a plastic ziploc bag. The Police Department lobby will be available for drop-off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Special Needs Resident Registry

Our Special Needs Resident Registry is up and running. Residents are able to take advantage of a new program offered by the Police Department where they can register family members in a "Special Needs Registry". This voluntary program collects information and photographs of residents with medical conditions, cognitive conditions or physical disabilities which is then retained at the Police Department for emergency situations such as a missing persons investigation. The information is then used by first responders to quickly assess the incident, provide relevant information to search parties and/or the media and to brief investigators on the limitations, needs or other critical information that would be essential to trying to locate the resident as quickly and safely as possible. The registration process also acts to familiarize the police and the special needs resident with each other to build a sense of trust and comfort when dealing with each other. Residents wishing to register a family member or who wish to learn more about the program are asked to call 717-761-2609. Appointments are preferred for the initial registration.

Elder Scam & Abuse Resource Page

Due to the number of scams against the elderly and the devastating effects of these crimes on their victims, the Police Department has developed a resource page designed to give our older citizens and their families' additional information on types of scams and what to do if you find yourself the victim of a scam. The new resource page is found on the department's "Citizen Resource" tab of our website. Once there, click the side tab which reads "Elder Fraud and Abuse". If you have any questions about these types of crimes or what you can do to avoid becoming a victim, please feel free to contact us via email at police@hampdentownship.us or by calling us during normal business hours at 717-761-2609.

See Something Suspicious?

The Police Department routinely receives information on suspicious persons, vehicles or activities through social media sites, word-of-mouth or well after a criminal incident has occurred. Receiving timely information about suspicious activities from our residents is a vital tool in helping to keep Hampden Township a very safe community. If you see something that looks out of place, a person acting suspiciously or a strange car on your street, please get involved, dial 911 and give us the opportunity to investigate the activity in a timely manner. The crime we prevent may be one that would have impacted you, your neighbor or your family member.

Safe Exchange Zone

The "Safe Exchange Zone", is at the front of the building, is under 24 hour surveillance and is intended to provide a safer and more secure area for residents to make child custody, private property or e-commerce exchanges. It is intended for these designated spots to provide involved parties an open, well lit and public area to engage in their child custody and purchase exchanges in a safe manner. The posted signs indicate the area is under 24 hour surveillance and that if the police are needed to call 9-1-1.

Disclaimer: The establishment of Safe Exchange Zone at the Police Department does not guarantee that a police officer is physically present at the building nor is anyone actively monitoring the video feed. Patrons of the Safe Exchange Zone should call 9-1-1 if they feel at risk or in danger.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Based on a lack of interest last year, the Hampden Township Police Department is currently evaluating with the intent to restructure Citizens Police Academy. This course is designed to expose participants to law enforcement issues while also having the opportunity to try out their own skills in police situations, with the length and topics to be determined.

The Citizens Police Academy is open to Township residents or those who work or own a business in the Township, 18 years of age or older and who are willing to commit to the class and submit to a brief background check. We are looking to roll out the reconstituted program Spring of 2024.

Interested people can submit an email listing their name, address, date of birth, best contact phone number and a statement saying they are willing to have a records check conducted to police@hampdentownship.us. Please place "Citizens Police Academy" in the subject line.

COMMUNITY PARKING COMPLAINTS

After receiving repeated complaints about parking within multiple communities within the township, we are looking to educate everyone and break some of the habits that have developed over time. Please be advised that pulling through traffic to park in front of your residence, and again to leave, is a significant safety concern. Please see the below statute for reference:

Title 75 § 3354.- Additional parking regulations

(a) Two-way highways- Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle standing or parked upon a two-way highway shall be positioned parallel to and with the right-hand wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or, in the absence of a curb, as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.



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Do you want to make a difference by serving with New Hope? Check out our website to learn about our volunteer opportunities. We are also grateful for any donations of food, personal care items, or financial support. Thank you for your generosity!

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Reducing False Alarms: Troubleshooting Commercial Fire Alarm Systems

Commercial fire alarm systems play a vital role in safeguarding occupants and minimizing fire-related emergencies in businesses. However, false alarms from these systems can cause unnecessary panic and strain resources for fire departments. In Hampden Township alone, more than 30 calls were false alarms due to commercial fire alarm systems in June. To assist our dedicated volunteer fire departments in serving our community better, let's delve into common issues with commercial fire alarm systems and explore troubleshooting tips to minimize false alarms.

False Alarms:

- Check for environmental factors: Verify if any environmental factors, such as steam, dust, or humidity are triggering the alarm.
- Check wiring and connections: Inspect the wiring connections to ensure they are secure and free from any loose connections or short circuits.
- Review sensitivity settings: If false alarms persist, consider adjusting the sensitivity settings of the detectors. Consult the manufacturer's guidelines for proper adjustment.

System Power Issues:

- Check power supply: Verify that the system is receiving power from the main power source. Inspect the circuit breakers or fuses to ensure they are not tripped or blown.
- Battery inspection: If the system has a backup battery, check its condition. Ensure it is properly connected and replace it if it is expired or not functioning correctly.
- Power surge protection: Install surge protectors to safeguard

the system against power surges, which can damage components or cause malfunctions.

Malfunctioning Detectors:

- Clean detectors: Dust, dirt, or other contaminants can hinder detector performance. Carefully clean the detectors following the manufacturer's instructions to maintain their effectiveness.
- Test detectors: Most fire alarm systems have a testing feature. Activate the test mode to ensure each detector is functioning correctly. Replace any faulty detectors promptly.

Faulty Control Panel:

- Check panel indicators: Review the control panel's indicators for any error codes or abnormal statuses. Consult the system's documentation or contact the manufacturer for assistance in troubleshooting specific error codes.
- Reset control panel: Try resetting the control panel by powering it off and on again. This can resolve temporary glitches or software issues.

False alarms from commercial fire alarm systems burden fire departments and disrupt normal business operations, especially volunteer-based fire departments. By addressing common problems and implementing troubleshooting measures such as environmental checks, inspecting wiring and connections, sensitivity adjustments, power stability assurance, detector testing, and control panel scrutiny, false alarms can be significantly reduced. Regular maintenance, adherence to manufacturer guidelines, and professional assistance ensure an effective and reliable fire alarm system, contributing to the safety of occupants and the community. Let's work together to reduce false alarms and enhance the efficiency of our fire alarm systems.



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