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Cheerfest 2026 Brings Teamwork and Pride to the Community

by Jen Neiswonger

The energy inside Hampton High School's gym on Sunday, September 20th was unmistakable as athletes, coaches, and supporters gathered for Cheerfest 2026. The day was dedicated to youth cheerleading, teamwork, and Northern 28 community pride.

More than 530 athletes from all seven Northern 28 Youth Football League cheer programs (Hampton, Deer Lakes, Saxonburg, Freeport, Highlands, Ford City, and River Valley Forge) came together for a celebration that quickly became bigger than a competition. Cheerfest highlighted months of preparation, the friendships built on the mat, and the sportsmanship that defines youth athletics.

For the athletes, the event was a chance to perform in front of family and friends and showcase the hours of conditioning, choreography, and teamwork behind every routine. Each stunt and tumbling pass reflected young cheerleaders learning trust and confidence.

Beyond the performances, Cheerfest offered a festival-like atmosphere with food trucks, vendors, raffles, and families from all seven communities spending the day together. The event's success was powered by a dedicated team of volunteers who handled logistics, setup, team coordination, and the last-minute venue change from Fridley Field to the Hampton High School gym due to weather.

Generous sponsors helped elevate the

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Hampton's Cheerfest 2026 8U Spikes team and their coaches with HTSD's new Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Hadley

2026 Circle of Courage Awards

by Russell Bynum

Saturday, August 8th was an unforgettable evening for two humble Hampton women. The Pittsburgh Circle of Courage Awards returned for its sixteenth year, honoring individuals whose faith and courage light the way for others.

The Circle of Courage Awards were created to celebrate individuals who have demon-

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Bacasa's Eagle Project Supports Unified Bocce Athletes

by James Zufall

Lewis Bacasa of Allison Park earned Scouting America's highest rank when he successfully completed the Eagle Scout Board of Review on June 3, 2026. The son of Holly and Mike Bacasa, Lewis led a team of youth and adult volunteers in planning and constructing a portable storage box for bocce equipment and sup-

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Police Information

The Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) remains committed to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing exceptional law enforcement services. Thank you to the staff for helping to keep our community safe.

A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred in September are listed below.

DUI

On September 4th, a traffic stop was conducted on William Flinn Highway involving a driver suspected of impairment. An open alcohol container was observed in the vehicle, and the driver showed signs of intoxication. The driver agreed to field sobriety tests and displayed multiple indicators of impairment during all exercises. The driver was taken into custody on suspicion of DUI.

Fugitive From Justice Arrest

On September 4th, an individual was arrested on an active warrant. They attempted to spit on officers, and repeatedly kicked the vehicle's interior barrier while in custody. They were transported to and accepted at the county jail.

Traffic Accident

On September 1st, officers responded to the intersection of William Flinn Highway and Hardies Road for a report of a truck that struck a utility pole, causing the traffic signals to lose power. Upon arrival, officers confirmed the signal outage and requested public works to respond with a generator while fire personnel were already in route. A downed wire across the roadway created a traffic hazard, prompting an expedited response from Duquesne Light, who later arrived and assumed control of re-

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Cheerfest

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experience, including gold sponsors Duquesne University, KeyBank, Labriola's Italian Market, and Beratung Advisors; silver sponsors UPMC Health Plan and The Parlor Dim Sum & Cantonese BBQ; and additional support from RBK, Matthew Vogel of Coldwell Banker Realty, and Maher Duessel.

In the end, Cheerfest 2026 was defined not by scores, but by the pride on the athletes' faces and the unity of seven communities celebrating one league. Congratulations to every athlete, coach, volunteer, sponsor, and especially to Hampton's team and individual event winners for their outstanding accomplishments.

The competition featured three age divisions: 8U, 10U and 12U. It gave athletes throughout the Northern 28 Youth Football League an opportunity to compete against their peers while celebrating the sport they love. When the final routines were completed, the results reflected the strong performances throughout the day.

8U Division:
1st Place: Deer Lakes
2nd Place: Hampton
3rd Place: Saxonburg

10U Division:
1st Place: Freeport
2nd Place: Deer Lakes
3rd Place: Hampton

12U Division:
1st Place: Freeport
2nd Place: Hampton
3rd Place: Deer Lakes

In addition to team competition, Cheerfest recognized athletes who stood out in individual skills and specialty events. Several Hampton athletes earned individual honors, giving the Hampton program even more to celebrate.

8U Stunt Group:
Callie Vickers, Hadley Stark, Katherine Lucey, Maddie Reckner and Margo Bell
8U Jumps:
Isla Lapczynski
8U Tumblers:
Brooke Casper and Alaina McCay
10U Jumps:
Allie Neiswonger
12U Tumbling:
Liliana Vickers and Rachel Landefeld



Hampton Cheer Director Katie Sullivan and her two daughters, Eden and Emily, and Suzanne Labriola, the 2026 Cheerfest Event Director and her daughter, Olivia.

These individual accomplishments showcased the wide range of skills required in cheerleading, from explosive jumps and precise tumbling to the timing, trust and teamwork required to execute a successful stunt group.

For each athlete recognized, the award represented countless hours of practice and the dedication required to master their craft.

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Library News

Hampton Community Library
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You're Invited to a Star Party!
Thursday, October 8th @ 7:00 p.m.
Join the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP), and the Hampton Community Library for a Star Gazing Night in Hampton Community Park. Members of the AAAP will be on hand to guide you using their telescopes or your own to the wonders and celestial discoveries of the galaxy. Bring your curiosity and questions as we explore the cosmos together in this fun, educational, and free event for all ages and abilities!
*Dress for the weather.
*BYO snacks, lawn chairs, telescopes, and/or binoculars encouraged
*Children must have an accompanying adult; please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs are not permitted for children under 16. Please call the library (412-684-1098) to register in case of rain.

Pittsburgh's Historic Stadiums and Arenas
Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
From the earliest pro football and hockey teams to groundbreaking facilities like Duquesne Gardens and the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh has led the way in sports venues. Following the success of his first book on Pittsburgh's major league baseball parks, local historian Mark Fatla documents the history of Pittsburgh's professional football, hockey and basketball venues. Explore that history through dozens of historic images and an engaging lecture by the author. Registration appreciated. Please call the library to register (412-684-1098). Presentation will be in Great Room A.

BOOKED! A New Pop-Up Program!
One book. One night. No commitment.
Friday, October 16th @ 5:30 p.m.
Have you read ***The Correspondent, by Virginia Evans***
Come share what you loved, what surprised you, what you're still thinking about—and maybe what you wanted to yell at the characters!
This is **NOT** a traditional book club. There's no monthly commitment, no reading list, and no pressure to come back next month. Just one popular book, one evening, and a chance to get together with others who want to talk about it.
Light appetizers provided, feel free to bring your own. BYOB + BYO book. Registration appreciated (412-684-1098). Come for the book. Stay for the conversation. Make a girls' night out of it!

Stories, Songs & You!
We're excited to introduce a new schedule of storytimes this fall! You'll notice new formats, new days and times, and storytimes designed for different ages and stages of development. Whether you're looking for a flexible, all-ages experience or a program created especially for babies or toddlers, there's something for every family. ***No Storytime Thursday, October 1st!***

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Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10:00–11:30 a.m.
What a Wonder-Fall World! Drop-In Storytime.
All ages and abilities are welcome!
Join us for a morning of stories, songs, and fun. Come for the whole program or drop in when it works for your family…you choose! We begin with stories and finish with parachute play and bubbles.

Wednesdays: 10:00–10:45 a.m.
Books & Babies: A Baby Lapsit.
For babies from birth through early walking and their caregivers. Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, and nursery rhymes in a warm, nurturing setting designed especially for babies. A wonderful way for babies to learn and caregivers to connect!

Fridays: 10:00–11:00 a.m. Everybody Dance Now!
A Toddler and Preschooler Dance Party.
Get ready to move! This high-energy storytime combines books, music, rhythm, and movement. Shakers, scarves, and other fun instruments will be available as we sing, dance, and play. Be prepared for lots of action, this one is not for the faint of heart!

Magical Kitties
Thursdays, 4 – 6:00 p.m. Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th and Dec. 17th.
Become a magical cat and embark on an epic tabletop role-playing adventure! Perfect for fans of *Warriors*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, and cooperative fantasy games. Work together, solve challenges, and shape the story as your feline heroes explore a magical world.
Gameplay lasts approximately 2 hours. Snacks provided. For tweens ages 10–14. Space is limited to 8 players, so registration is encouraged.

Dungeons and Dragons for teens only!
3rd Saturday of the month, Oct. 17th and Nov. 21st
@ 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Calling all Gamers! Dust off your dice & get ready for new adventures! Our skilled teen Dungeon Masters are excited to announce the fall DnD Pickup Sessions. Character leveling starts at 1:30 with gameplay lasting appx. 2 hours. Ages 13 – 17
Registration appreciated.

Hampton to the Third Degree (H^3)
2nd Saturday of the month, Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th
2 Sessions offered @ 10 :00 a.m. – 11: 00 a.m.
and @ 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Hampton Homework Helpers (H^3) is a program designed and implemented by Hampton High School students as part of their National Honor Society project. The program provides one-one-one academic support and enrichment activities with super-star teens for each child registered. Children in 1st - 4th grade can participate.

Registration required, due to the unique nature of the program, no walk-ins will be permitted. For more information or to register your child, please call or visit the Hampton Community Library (412-684-1098).

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Aquinas Academy Class of 2026 Earns Historic AP Scholar Recognition

by Hannah Repasky



The Aquinas Academy Class of 2026 has achieved a landmark academic milestone, with more than half of its graduates earning AP Scholar recognition from the College Board. Twenty-one of the 37 seniors were named AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, or AP Scholars with Distinction—an impressive **58.3%**, the highest percentage recorded at Aquinas since 2003.

Notably, **32.4%** of the class earned AP Scholar with Distinction honors, surpassing the achievements of many of the school's most academically accomplished graduating classes.

The AP Scholar program recognizes students who excel on AP Exams and embrace rigorous, college-level coursework.

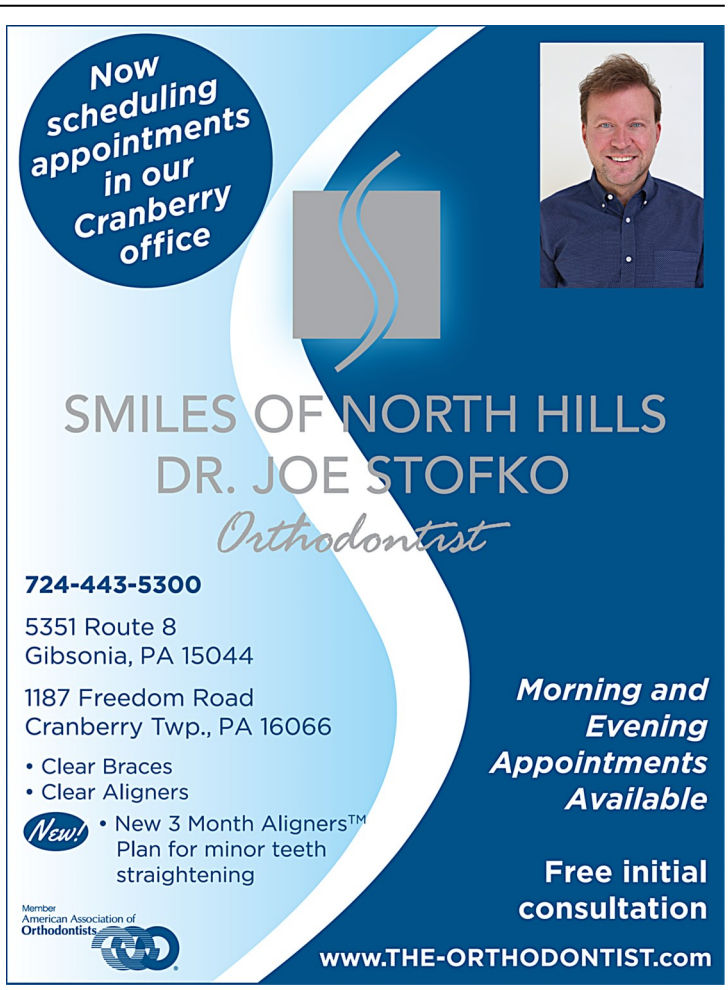
"The Class of 2026 was an incredible group," said Head of School Tyler Deschamps. "Not only were they among the most diligent we've had in our history, they were genuinely intellectually curious, which is a teacher's dream. Our faculty relished the opportunity to teach such a capable class, and their AP Exam results are a testament to their academic ability and dedication."

Recognizing the Class of 2026

AP Scholar with Distinction: (Recognized for earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams).
Leah Anthony, Alexander Beaven, Henry Buchanan, Jonah Burchill, Savannah Deschamps, Samuel Duer, Daniel Hartle, John Hoerster, Abigail Irvin, Felicity Koble, Maggie McBride, and Meghan McGee.

AP Scholar with Honor: (Recognized for earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams).
Louis Bentivegna, Luke Crawford, Henry Hynds, Elliot Keverline, Anthony Rossi, and Laila Tuffiash.

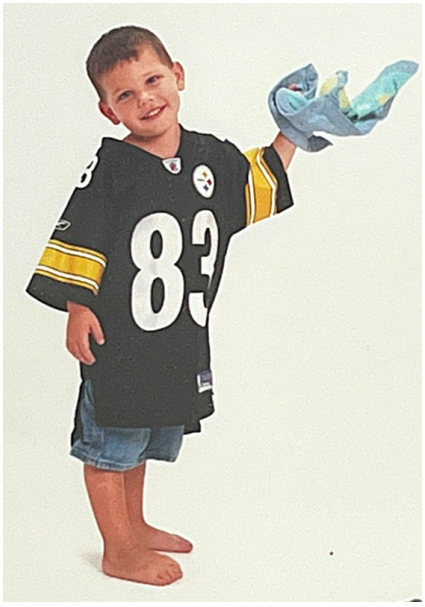
AP Scholar: (Recognized for earning scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams).
Teresa Duer, Francesca Hite, and Patrick Richthammer.
Aquinas Academy congratulates all members of the Class of 2026 on this outstanding accomplishment and celebrates the dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence demonstrated by these graduates throughout their time at the school.



Borgo's 99-Yard TD Sparks Hampton Victory and Sets New School Record

by Brett Burkhart

Hampton Talbots boys football, currently sitting at 2 wins and 2 losses, has a bright outlook ahead. They hit a special milestone on Friday, September 11th when star wideout Heath Borgo scored a record setting touchdown, taking a screen pass 99 yards to the house against Ringgold Rams. "We've been working really hard [this past] offseason," said Heath. "I think we can be really, really good in the long run, especially in the playoffs." Heath's mother Angie Borgo proudly reaffirmed, "they have a lot of talent this year, a lot of talent." When asked about the record breaking touchdown play from a couple of weeks ago, Heath credited head coach Steve Sciullo and offensive coordinator Adam Santoro with the correct play call. "I thought it was a good play call. The corner that was on me was playing 8 yards off and I saw an open lane down the middle of the field. I found a gap towards the right sideline and housed it." The impressive play came in the 4th quarter from the Hampton Talbot's own 1 yard line and helped propel the team to a 24-14 victory.



Heath Borgo at age 2, named after Steelers legend tight end Heath Miller.

When asked about the excitement of watching her son set a record breaking touchdown, Angie said, "periodically, I'll just video. I just so happened to be videoing that one. I'm screaming in the background, "Run, Forrest, Run!" The varsity boys' Hampton Talbots will look to use these previous weeks' successes to create some momentum. Shaking off their setback against Mars, they battled to a 16-14 win over Central Valley and are building momentum heading into their homecoming game against Indiana.



Heath Borgo has grown up in a family of die-hard Pittsburgh fans and he's carried that passion all the way to his senior year on Fridley Field. He scored big with record breaking touchdown!

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Star Gazing Night in the Hampton Community Park
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4227 Haut Brion Court	$625,000	$650,000	4
4221 El Rancho Drive	$400,000	$415,000	7
5106 Hardt Road	$400,000	$397,500	12
5251 Stella Drive	$389,000	$380,000	7
2455 Hampton Avenue	$369,000	$369,000	36
4694 Hampton Farms Drive	$355,000	$355,000	16
3071 McNeal Road	$340,000	$345,000	4
2261 Gray Ridge Road	$379,900	$330,000	59
3115 Camberly Drive	$214,900	$205,000	46

TIP OF THE MONTH:

October: Cozy Season | Fall Home Maintenance

Maintain It:
Check for drafts around windows and doors before the cold sets in.

Refresh It:
Layer season! Mix textures, pile on the pillows, add some moody lighting. Fall is all about creating your perfect cozy corner.

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pairs. A towing company arrived, rendered the truck operable, and the scene was subsequently cleared.

Road Closure

McCully Road Closure - Weekend of September 18th at 7:00 a.m. to September 21st at 5:00 a.m. A. Folino Construction, a sub-contractor for PennDOT, replaced a storm sewer pipe under McCully Road (a State-owned roadway). The closure was from Middle Road to Route 8. The detour was Route 8 / Harts Run Road / Middle Road. Residents living along McCully were able to gain access from Topnick Drive to Route 8 or from the Municipal Complex entrance to Middle Road.

Western Alliance Team DUI Task Force

The North Hills DUI Task Force conducted a stationary DUI checkpoint detail that was in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Checkpoint Strike Force.

On September 18th the task force conducted a sobriety checkpoint in West Deer Township. There were 269 vehicles that passed through the checkpoint and 3 individuals were administered field sobriety test. Of those tested, 2 were arrested for driv-

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Restoration Begins on North Park's Historic Observation Tower

by Jaime Filipek



Restoration work is officially underway at North Park's historic Observation Tower, following a September 1st groundbreaking ceremony with Allegheny County, the Allegheny County Parks Foundation, project partners, and community supporters. The project will preserve the landmark's architectural character, improve accessibility and safety, and restore the panoramic views generations of visitors once enjoyed.

"North Park's Observation Tower is more than a historic structure—it is a beloved landmark where generations have gathered to take in one of the region's most beautiful views," said Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato. "Today, we are taking an important step toward bringing that experience back."

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Left to Right: Assistant Deputy Director Blaise Smith, Parks Deputy Director Brooke Bossong, Devon Gerow, Theresa Esseny, Kait Merry, Parks Director Melissa Swedish, Parks Foundation Executive Director Joey-Linn Ulrich, County Executive Sara Innamorato, Parks Foundation Board Chair Mike Tomera, Parks Foundation Board Member Shawn Hanlon, Caitlin Harpster, Parks Foundation Board Member Emily Lewis, Jaime Filipek, and Nicole Oeler.



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Aiden's Helping Hands Hosts Annual Charity Softball Event

Aiden's Helping Hands held its annual Charity Softball Event on September 5th at McCully Fields, where early rain gave way to a light morning sprinkle and a full day of play. Thanks to this years event sponsor CS McGee and field sponsors Dive Bar & Grill, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Green Landscaping.

The fundraiser continues its mission of supporting families with children undergoing cancer treatment at UPMC Children's Hospital. This year's event saw noticeable growth with more raffle baskets, expanded business partnerships and added attractions like Steel City Mobile Mini Golf.

The softball competition was spirited across all divisions. The high school senior class (2027) extended its undefeated streak, winning the high school championship once again. In the competitive division, Team Scott claimed victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Rachel Kirsopp delivered a heartfelt performance of the National Anthem to open the day.



The Hanna family: Livi, Addi, Aiden, Tracy & Paul.



High school division winners : Ball Busters

"It is inspiring to have such a caring community to help children in the Pittsburgh area who are battling cancer," said founder Aiden Hanna. "Next year, we hope to welcome even more business sponsors and continue supporting as many families as possible."

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More details on how you can get involved in an upcoming fundraisers can be found at www.aidenshelpinghands.com.



Recreational Division: Bad News Beers



Hannas' Hood under the Pop Pittsburgh arch.



2026 Cam Jam and Hampton Hitmen

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ing under the influence of alcohol. 1 citation and 16 warnings were issued for various vehicle code violations.

This is the thirtieth year for the North Hills DUI Task Force and to date 268 checkpoints/roving patrols have been conducted.

There have been 2328 individuals tested for DUI, and of those tested, 1094 have been arrested. The North Hills DUI Task Force is comprised of officers from the police departments of Borough of Aspinwall, Borough of Etna, Indiana Twp, Northern Regional, O'Hara Twp, Ross Twp, Shaler Twp, West Deer Twp, Borough of West View, McCandless Twp, Borough of Millvale, Hampton Twp, Borough of Blawnox, and Reserve Township.

This Chart Doesn't Check Out

Imagine opening an email that appears to be from your patient portal, telling you your test results are ready. You select the button in the email and land on a sign-in page that looks just like the real one, so you enter your email address and password. Then a pop-up window appears, stating that an "AI-powered review" found problems with your blood work. To see more, the page says you must complete a quick verification step.

Unfortunately, this email is actually a phishing scam! By signing in, you handed your login details straight to cybercriminals. The "verification" step might ask you to press a key combination, then paste and run a command. If you do, you could install malware on your device as well!

Follow these tips to avoid falling victim to this phishing scam:

- Open your patient portal through the official app or your healthcare provider's website. Don't select a button in an email about test results.
- Never press key combinations, paste commands, or download files because a website tells you to. Real patient portals don't work that way.

Whichever health service you use, and wherever you live, confirm surprising results by contacting your provider directly through a phone number you know is real.

Celebrating Dolly's Legacy



Hampton Fields Village staff gathered around a life sized Dolly Parton poster, paying tribute to the legendary star. Front: Taya McCullough, June Gravitte, Jamie Koteles, Tammy Myers. Back: Reed McLaughlin, Eddie Cavlovich, Don Gent, and Keeton Behr.

Observation Tower

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Built in 1937 as a 300,000 gallon water standpipe, the 102-foot tower became an iconic destination for those climbing its 154 steps to enjoy sweeping 360-degree views. Restoration plans include structural repairs, full interior and exterior refurbishment, safety upgrades, and returning the tower to its original silver finish. The terrazzo floor, domed ceiling, and viewing platform will also be restored.

Surrounding site improvements will introduce native plantings, shade trees, a concrete plaza with stone seat walls, interpretive signage, ADA-accessible walkways, and a one-acre wildflower meadow—reflecting the Prairie style used by Paul Riis and the National Park Service.

"It is a joy to celebrate this moment and look ahead to all that is still to come," said Joey-Linn Ulrich, Executive Director of the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. "We know this tower will once again become a place where families gather, friends share an unforgettable view, and new memories are made."

The over $3 million project is supported by Allegheny County, the Allegheny Foundation, Babcock Charitable Trust, the Richard King Mellon Foundation, and donors to the Bring Back the View campaign. Construction is expected to continue through spring 2027.

Learn more:
acparksfoundation.org/projects/observation-tower/



Hometown-Homegrown Moves to Phipps Conservatory

by Kerry Ford

Hometown-Homegrown, the region's largest celebration of locally crafted foods, returns this fall with a fresh new setting. The event will be held from noon–5 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, offering guests a vibrant showcase of Pittsburgh's dynamic culinary scene.

Produced by GoodTaste! Pittsburgh, the 12th annual festival highlights the restaurants, makers, and artisans shaping the region's food identity. Set against the stunning backdrop of Phipps' gardens, visitors can enjoy exceptional local flavors while meeting the people behind the dishes, drinks, and products that make the 'Burgh such a delicious place to gather. This year's event is sponsored by Oakmont Olive Oil Company and The Roaming Bean.

Guests can sample and shop from dozens of local exhibitors, including All Things Empanada, Jenny Lee Swirl Bread, Pittsburgh Pickle, McLaughlin Distillery, Pittsburgh Spice and Seasoning Company, Batch, and Evanly Bakes, with many more vendors featured throughout Phipps' expansive 15-acre grounds.

The day also includes cooking demos and interactive culinary experiences for all ages. Featured chefs expected to present include Doug Heilman of *The Pittsburgh Dish* podcast, private chef and educator Emily Larsen, and cooking coach Alekka Sweeney.

All activities, samples, and shopping are free for Conservatory members and included with regular admission for non-members. Tickets also provide entry to the Fall Flower Show and can be purchased at goodtastepittsburgh.com.

The List Is Growing with Featured Hometown-Homegrown vendors!

1:11 Juice Bar, All Things Empanada, Artie's Hot Sauce, Batch, Best Ever Granola, Boulevard Sweet Shoppe, Bounty Beneath, BreadShare Bakehouse, Burghblooms, Cherish Creamery, Cutco, Evanly Bakes, Glencoe Gourmet, Honey So Good, Inside Out Cookie, Jenny Lee Swirl Bread, Kyle's Cakes N'at, McLaughlin Distillery, MP Coney Island, New Era Farming, Nico Bakery & Café, Nosh & Curd, Oakmont Olive Oil Company, Pittsburgh Pickle, Pittsburgh Spice and Seasoning, Quiet Storm Bakehouse, The Roaming Bean, Simply You Soap & Candle Co., The Saucy African and Vnilla Cncpt. There is still time to get involved; contact Dee Weinberg at goodtastepittsburgh@gmail.com.

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Discover the World of Dolmenwood!
2nd Saturday of the month, Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th @ 12:00 p.m.
Enter the World of Dolmenwood, a fantasy TTRPG game set in a world inspired by the fairy tales and folklore of the British Isles. Journey through the mysterious and treacherous woods, solve ancient mysteries, foil the machinations of faerie nobles and cults of the old gods, and seek out legendary treasure. This adult program is for anyone who enjoys role-play, meeting new people and just having fun! Registration is appreciated – 412-684-1098.

Hampton Community Library's Genealogy Group
Tuesday, October 6th @ 1:00 p.m.
Curious about your family's past? Then stop in at the library and get the answers with the help of Trish Buben, a professional genealogist. Whether you're just learning or have been researching for years, you'll find support, shared knowledge, and helpful resources at each meeting. This program is designed to meet monthly and build upon previous successes or solve roadblocks! Everyone will learn research tips, discover the library's genealogy tools, and connect with others who enjoy uncovering family stories. All are welcome—no experience needed!

Curious Crafters: Bring, Share, Create!
Starting in October! Tuesdays @ 1:00 p.m.
Do you have a favorite hobby or craft you'd like to share? Bring your current project and connect with fellow crafters! Whether you enjoy crocheting, knitting, card making, embroidery, scrapbooking, paper quilling, origami, watercolor, or another creative hobby, come share ideas, techniques, and inspiration. Mary Garnett, Origami Enthusiast, will be here to guide and lead this creative group. Adults only.

Card Club! Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Card lovers, stop in on Wednesday afternoons for a game of 500 Bid! Show your skills or simply enjoy time with friends, new and old! Beginners welcome!

Mahjong Club! Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.
Are you interested in learning Mahjong or connecting with others who enjoy this exciting, strategy-filled tile game? Then stop by and play. We will be using the American Mahjong. If you have a set, bring it! All experience levels are welcome—from complete beginners to seasoned players. If you've ever been curious about Mahjong, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more and get involved.

****New Program****

Game Night Café
2nd Wed. of the month, Oct. 14th, Nov. 11th, and Dec. 9th @ 5:00 p.m.
Unplug, unwind, and play! Whether you enjoy classic board games, modern strategy games, tabletop role-playing games, or card games, there's a seat at the table. Derry Moore will be our game master to guide and suggest gameplay. Bring a favorite game to share or jump into whatever the group decides to play. Feel free to bring your own dinner or snack. Gameplaying can create an appetite! Leave the

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screens behind and spend an evening connecting through games. Adults only.

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion
Wednesday, Oct. 21st @ 6:30 p.m.
***The Hypnotist*, by Lars Kepler.**
The Mystery Book Group meets in the library.
Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group
Friday, Oct. 16th @ 1:00 p.m.
***Here One Moment*, by Liane Moriarty.**
Betty's Book Group meets in the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

What's On Your Mind? A Conversation Salon
Fridays, Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th and Dec. 4th @ 1:00 -3:00 p.m.
Experience the simple joy of conversation where ideas flow freely—no screens, no scrolling, just real dialogue. We keep politics to a minimum, while staying open to thoughtful conversation about current events, community happenings, and other shared interests. This is your chance to share thoughts, hear new perspectives, and engage with others in a friendly, open setting. Let's see where the conversation leads. Everyone is welcome!

Cooks-N-Books: Veggies! The Iron Chef Version
Thursday, October 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
Love food, friends, and fun conversation? Join *Cooks-n-Books*. This season we are mimicking Iron Chef. Take the chosen ingredient and make an appetizer, side dish, main feature, dessert, or cookies. The possibilities are endless! We meet in the adult lounge inside the Hampton Community Center. Please note there will be a $2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

Creative Writing Workshop for Adults (2 Sessions Available)
Thursday, Nov. 5th 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Unlock the storyteller in you! The crash course workshop is a great introduction to creative storytelling. Presenter Matt Hahn will guide you through the fundamentals of plot, character, setting, prose, and conflict. Bring your own writings or create something new through a few hands-on writing exercises. No experience necessary. Registration appreciated! Call the library to register 412-684-1098.

Navigating the Dementia Journey: A Presentation for Caregivers & Families
Tuesday, November 10th @ 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Caring for a loved one with dementia can be challenging, confusing, and at times overwhelming. Join Tom Garasic, who has experienced the dementia caregiving journey firsthand, and through his advocacy efforts with the Alzheimer's Association, for an honest and supportive conversation about caring for

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Current Events

Pumpkin Carving Contest and Halloween Parade



Saturday, October 24th from 11 a.m. –1 p.m. at the Hampton Community Park. Anyone can participate, but to win a prize, you must be a resident of Hampton Township. Please register online now through October 16th! Pumpkin judging will take place on Friday, October 23rd at 2 p.m.

Pints in the Park: Parktoberfest

Friday, October 9th from 5:00—9:00 p.m.
outside the Community Center.

HTPD Citizens Police Academy

A 10-week community program starts October 6th– December 8th, 2026. Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.—8:45 p.m. at HHS's old library. Ages 18+ For more information, visit: www.hampton-pa.gov or contact Officer Carl Good at 412-486-0400, email: carl.good@hampton-pa.org.

Farmer's Market

Wednesday, October 7th
@ 3:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
at the Hampton Community Park.



2026 HAEE 5K

by Allie Nulf



Lace up your running shoes and join us! The HAEE 5K Run/Walk is our main yearly fundraiser! HAEE 5K race proceeds are used to support innovative and imaginative programs in the Hampton Township School District.

Before the race there will be a flag ceremony by Girl Scout Troop 30450, a performance by the HHS band, a group stretch, games and a DJ! After the race there will be refreshments, photo opportunities with the Hampton Talbot, complimentary massages sponsored by UPMC and more!

If you are registering your children, don't forget to put which school your child attends! The Hampton elementary school with the most registrations wins a trophy and bragging rights for an entire year!

Register now at
https://www.hamptonalliance.org/race.html





Christy Family Establishes Memorial Golf Outing

The Christy family is launching a memorial golf outing on Saturday, October 10th to honor the life and legacy of Larry H. Christy, affectionately known as "Big Lar," who passed away last June. His son Jeff shared in Larry's eulogy that the family hopes to live each day "a little more like Big Lar," a man remembered for his kindness, integrity, and honesty.



Larry spent more than 15 years golfing in the Clover Hill Golf League, often alongside three of his sons. He loved the game, but even more, he loved helping people who needed a hand. His generosity and compassion inspired the creation of the Larry H. Christy Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will support a deserving Hampton High School senior each year. Students will submit essays describing their need, and the family hopes to award at least $1,500 annually — or multiple scholarships if fundraising exceeds $2,000.

Larry's grandson, Ryan Christy, a 15-year-old member of the high school golf team, has taken the lead to seek sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities include tee box signs, event sponsorships, raffle baskets, gift cards, and donations of any amount as the community comes together to carry on Big Lar's legacy of kindness. Scan the QR code to register to golf.

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Bacasa

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plies to be used by the Hampton High School Unified Bocce Team. The existing portable storage box was old, heavy and inefficient. Bacasa chose lighter, more user-friendly materials so the rolling storage box would be easier to transport from its storage location to the high school gymnasium where the bocce team competes. Unified bocce ball is an inclusive, team-based sport that brings students and athletes with and without intellectual disabilities together to compete on the same team as equals. Bacasa's project restores efficiency to the set up and teardown of the bocce court at practice and competition.

A senior at Hampton High School, Bacasa has his sights set on a four-year college to study health sciences and business. He has a heart for helping people and in his pursuit of the health sciences hopes to contribute to society in a way that makes a real difference for others. He credits his time and leadership opportunities with Troop 17 in the Japeechen (Now Chief Guyasuta) District for his desire to excel. His journey through the scouting program has prepared him for what lies ahead.

Lewis Bacasa joins his older brother Charlie as an Eagle Scout. Charlie, now a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh earned the Eagle Scout rank in June of 2024. Charlie's Eagle Scout project benefits the Hampton Soccer Club (HSC) players, coaches and general community. Titled "Talbot Touch Training," Charlie attached videos to QR codes of local community soccer coaches and players teaching the top eight soccer concepts. These QR codes can be found attached to the kick wall once it is replaced. Charlie has been a part of the HSC since 2011 as a player, and now as an assistant coach.



Lewis Bacasa

To get a young person involved in Scouting simply go to https://beascout.scouting.org



Bocce Team with their new storage box

EVENTS

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Carleton Young presents **"Voices From the Attic: The Williamstown Boys In the Civil War."**
Monday, October 19th at 7 p.m.
Hampton Township Community Center
Free and open to the public.

Garage Sale! Saturday, October 10th 9 a.m.—2 p.m. 5137 Hamlet Drive, Gibsonia 15044 Plenty of great finds for everyone! Kitchen items , small appliances , tools, luggage rooftop carrier, home decor, outdoor rug, Cannondale bike, patio furniture, kids items, games, clothes, books, lamp and so much more!

Holiday Flea Market and Bake Sale

Where:
Epworth United Methodist Church
1300 Burchfield Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

When: Saturday, October 10th, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Donations being accepted on October 7 from 6-8 p.m. and
October 8 from 9 a.m.—noon

Circle of Courage Awards

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strated faith and courage in their chosen careers. Award categories include Religion, Government, Education, Business, Medicine, Art, Media, Military, Missions, and Sports. Congratulations to Cindy Rylands and Jenny DeHart on accepting the awards at the Doubletree Hotel.



Cindy Rylands: *Medicine*

A retired pharmacist educated at Duquesne and LaRoche, Cindy's faith has played a major role in her life. She's traveled the county for her job, but her home and family have been in Hampton Township for almost 70 years. She regularly provides daycare for a great niece and nephew and remains a critical part of Hampton Rotary, coordinating membership, handling billing and paperwork, scheduling volunteers for Meals on Wheels, and chairing the scholarship committee where her team interviews and selects recipients. She's also president of the local PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) while also serving on the PA State Chapter.



Jenny DeHart: *Business*

Jenny DeHart is a Program Manager at PNC Bank, community leader, fitness instructor, and brain tumor and stroke survivor. She holds degrees from Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh and has dedicated her career to leading complex initiatives, fostering inclusion, and serving the community. Jenny serves as Vice President of the iGEN EBRG at PNC, co-chairs the Women Connect member engagement committee, and volunteers with organizations including Variety - The Children's Charity, Get Involved, Inc., and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pittsburgh! A mother of two, she is passionate about leadership, mentorship, fitness, and creating meaningful impact through service and advocacy.

photos by Ricco Martello

Library

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someone with dementia.

Discover practical tips and strategies to make caregiving a little easier, better understand the challenges of dementia, and learn more about the resources available to caregivers. Most importantly, connect with others who understand the journey and know that you don't have to navigate it alone. Whether you are currently caring for someone, just beginning the journey, or supporting a family member who is, this program is for you.

Come join the conversation. Light Refreshments provided.

Registration Required, please call the library to register. 412-684-1098.

History in Miniature: French & Indian War

Strategy Game on Saturday, November 21st 12:30—4:00 p.m.

You've heard of *Dungeons & Dragons*—now step onto the battlefield of the French & Indian War! No knowledge of history is required! Just an interest in strategy, gaming, and meeting others who enjoy exploring the "what if?" moments of the past. Using a detailed tabletop battlefield complete with miniature figures and terrain, participants will recreate battles fought between the British, French, and their Native American allies.



Every decision matters, and the roll of the dice determines the outcome. Whether you're a history enthusiast, tabletop gamer, or simply curious to try something new, this interactive strategy game offers a fun and engaging way to spend the afternoon. Experience a conflict that helped shape our region right here in Western Pennsylvania!

Please Register by November 20th (412-684-1098). Please note this program is designed for high-school through adults.

Fall Hours!

Monday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Boo! CLOSED, SATURDAY, October 24th for the DCS Halloween Parade!

Coloring Contest

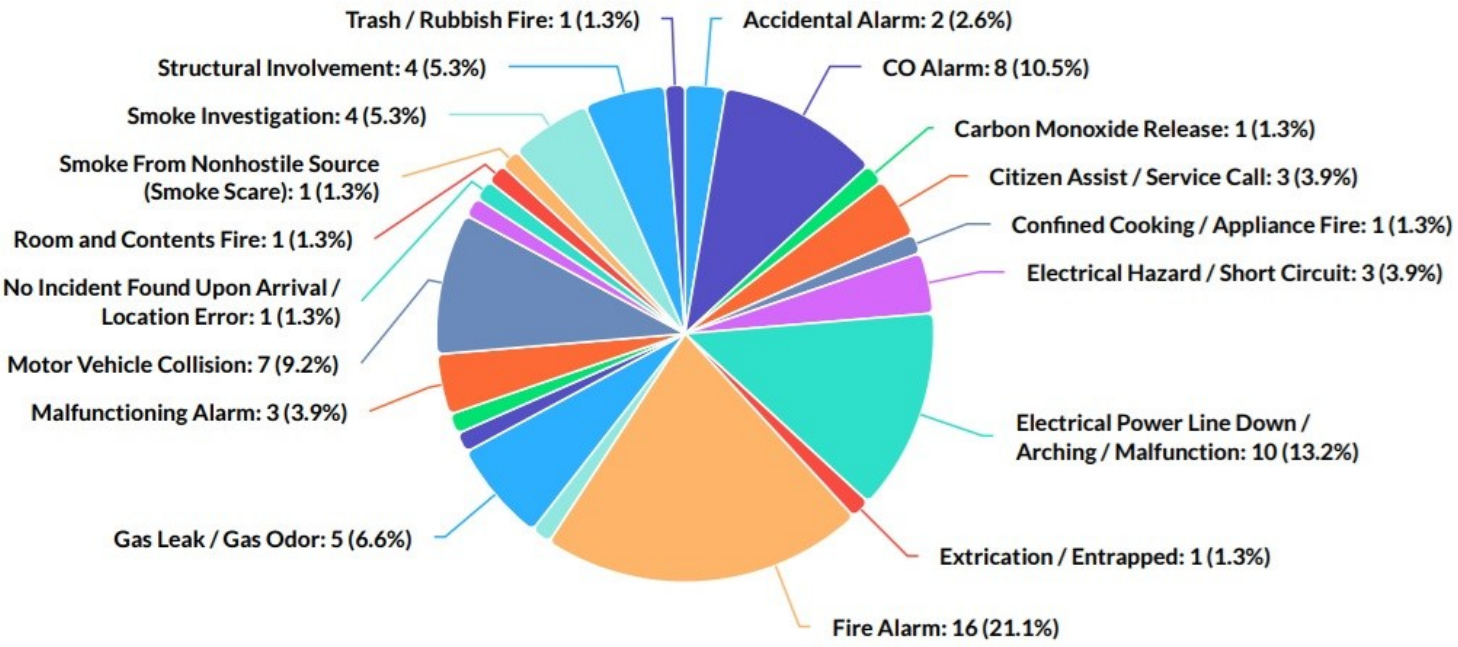


Rep. Jeremy Shaffer congratulates the America 250 Coloring Contest winners at Hampton Community Library. These talented young artists represent age groups 6 & under, 7–9, and 10–12. They were honored for their creativity and patriotic spirit.

HTVFD Activity Report

The Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department has released its August 2026 activity report.

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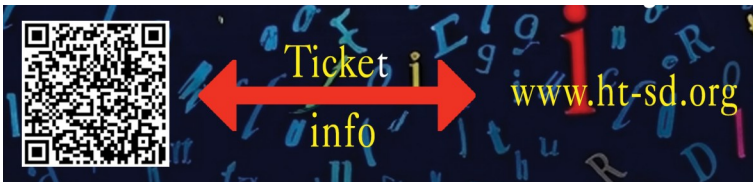
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Santa's Sparktacular—Thursday, December 3rd
6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Neighborhood Santa Tour—Saturday, December 19th
starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center

AARP Chapter 595 Invites Community to November Meeting

by Janet Rushmore

AARP Chapter 595 continues its long tradition of fellowship, learning, and community service as it welcomes guests and new members to its next meeting on November 10th at 12:30 p.m. at Hampton Presbyterian Church. Attendees will enjoy a special colonial song-and-dance presentation by Tiffany, offering a lively and educational look at early American culture.

Looking ahead, reservations are required for the chapter's December 1st luncheon meeting, a popular annual gathering that brings members together to celebrate the season. Chapter 595 remains one of the region's most active senior groups, encouraging social connection, volunteerism, and lifelong engagement.

Annual dues are $10. For more information or to inquire about membership, call Janet at 412-486-7465.

AARP Chapter 595 Welcomes Guests!
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When: Tuesday, November 10th @ 12:30 p.m.
Where: Hampton Presbyterian Church
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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Standing up for Family-owned Businesses

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Every family business has its own story, whether it is a new startup or a staple of the community that has been around for hundreds of years. It can be difficult for a family-run business to stay in the same family, so any work we can do to ensure these businesses continue supporting our communities for generations to come is crucial.

That is why I am joining with the state House of Representatives' newest member, Rep. Brandon Dukes of Butler County, to introduce legislation that will make handling inheritance taxes easier for family-owned businesses.

The legislation, H.B. 2769, would reduce the amount of time a family business needs to remain in the same family to qualify for an inheritance tax exemption from seven years to five years. The legislation would also increase the maximum amount of assets a qualified family-owned business may have to qualify for an inheritance tax exemption from $5 million to $6.9 million.

This will provide family-owned businesses here in the North Hills and across Pennsylvania with more opportunities and much-needed flexibility, while ensuring that our tax system supports families right here at home.

With this legislation, we can help ensure that these establishments stay where they belong — in our communities and in the family.



Jeremy Shaffer

Investing More in Hampton Township

by State Rep. Jeremy Shaffer (R-Allegheny County)

As your state representative, I'm always looking for ways to invest in our communities. I'm proud to share that my office recently secured more than $400,000 in state grants for Hampton Township. Of that funding, $200,000 will go toward replacing the roofs at the community center complex, which house essential township operations and support critical departments that keep our community running smoothly. An additional $205,156 will support the Hampton Township School District, helping make learning environments safer and providing behavioral health support for students and staff.

In the short time I've been serving as your state representative, I've worked hard to bring meaningful resources back to our area, and these grants add to the growing list of projects we've been able to support.

I'm happy to say in total that I've secured more than $1 million in state funding for Hampton Township over the past two years.

The funds will support a variety of projects, including upgrades to the Hampton Township Community Park, the purchase of a new fire truck for the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department, an ambulance for Shaler Hampton EMS and infrastructure improvements along Route 8.

Grants like these are critical because they allow communities like Hampton Township to make improvements without placing additional burdens on local taxpayers.

Earlier this year, my office hosted a grant-writing seminar to help municipal leaders navigate the grant process, and I look forward to hosting similar events in the future to ensure our communities have the tools they need.

Hampton Township is a vibrant community, and these types of investments will help ensure it remains a great place to live, work and raise a family for years to come.



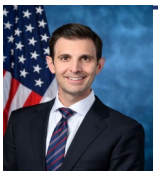
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LISSA GEIGER SHULMAN
DISTRICT 3

Last month I wrote about the coming reassessment in Allegheny County and this month I want to debunk a related common myth. Higher reassessment values DO NOT automatically mean higher taxes. Most properties in the County have appreciated since the last reassessment in 2012 and will have a higher value during the coming reassessment. On average, the countywide rate of appreciation is roughly double the 2012 values. In a typical reassessment, 1/3 of properties will have appreciated at the average rate and those taxes should remain about the same. About 1/3 of properties will have appreciated less, and those homeowners should see their taxes decrease. Tax increases then should only be experienced by the 1/3 of properties whose values have appreciated the fastest. To be completely transparent, some of these increases could be quite substantial.

My colleagues and I are working to comply with the timeline of the recent court-ordered reassessment, grow our capacity to conduct an accurate reassessment, and move to make reassessments a regular and predictable part of being a property owner.

I am working on legislation (13892-26) to prevent future reassessments from creating drastic changes to tax bills and municipal and school district revenue. Allegheny County is the largest municipality in the United States that does not conduct reassessments on a regular schedule. Indeed, 49 other states and the city of Philadelphia all regularly reassess properties. Regular reassessments will provide for a fairer distribution of the tax burden and more predictability for everyone involved.

If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming reassessment, please reach out to me at lissa.geigershulman@alleghenycounty.us.



CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS DELUZIO
Pennsylvania's 17th District

Calling all Western PA students: Apply to serve!

I was in my senior year of high school on 9/11, and in the aftermath of the attacks I was determined to serve our country. I was admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy—and I went on to serve in uniform across several deployments. Now, as our Congressman, I'm honored to nominate the next class of future military leaders.

My office is accepting nomination applications from eligible young Western Pennsylvanians to attend a United States service academy. The service academies are the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs), the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (no congressional nomination required), the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis).

Each applicant for a nomination from my office must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- **Age:** Be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years old (age 25 for the Merchant Marine Academy).
- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
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- **Residence:** Be a legal resident of Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District.
- **Skill / Fitness:** Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 PM EST on Friday, October 9th, 2026. The nomination application is on my website. Any questions should be directed to PA17ServiceAcademyNominations@mail.house.gov or with a call to my Carnegie Flagship Office at (412) 344-5583.

It's a great honor to nominate outstanding young constituents to the nation's service academies, especially as Naval Academy alum myself. I strongly encourage any patriotic young person interested in military service to apply.

If I can help you or your family with issues related to federal agencies, please let my office know. For more on my work in Congress, sign up for my e-newsletter and follow me on social media.

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Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress





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