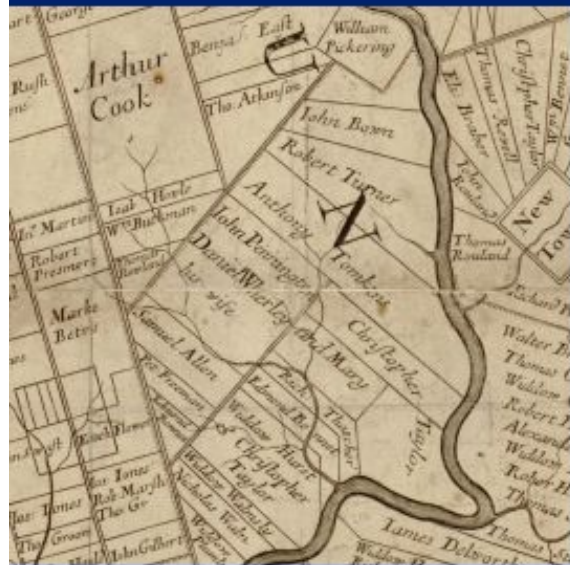


Northampton Township

SPRING 2022



HEAR YE, HEAR YE – NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES ITS 300TH ANNIVERSARY.
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MANY EVENTS PLANNED!



In 1683 William Penn purchased land from the Leni Lenape Indians in the land lying between the Pennepack and Neshaminy Creeks. The area, designated on the Holmes map, shows grants ranging in size from 200 to 2,000 acres to only 26 people.

On December 11, 1722, a petition and a map were presented to the Quarter Sessions Court at Bristol to establish a new township on lands lying "between Southampton Township and other lands and Neshaminy Creek, where 40 families were settled. The petition was signed by 21 petitioners.

The court took this petition under advisement and on December 14, 1722, in just five days, the petition was approved and Northampton Township was born.

Although the origin of the name has never been officially verified, it is believed to stem from Northamptonshire, England: "ham", meaning home and "tun" meaning settlement.



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January

February

March

April

300 SHOEBOX PROJECT

January-February 14

This project was organized through the Northampton Library with a goal to provide 300 shoeboxes, filled with essentials, targeting the needs of pre-school age children. The public was encouraged to fill a shoebox and drop it off at the Library. Shoeboxes are being distributed through the United Way.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Ongoing thru December

Follow the 300th Anniversary Facebook, Instagram and Website weekly to discover historical tidbits, trivia and facts about Northampton Township. Join in Trivia Tuesday, Fun Fact Friday and Story Sunday which will highlight interesting accounts of the past and present. Be up to date with all things 300 in Northampton in 2022.

HISTORICAL SITES GPS Map

Ongoing thru December

Have you ever driven by a location wondering about its' past? With the click of a button, uncover the age and historical recordings of homes and sites throughout the Township. This GPS app can be viewed on your computer, phone or device. It will pinpoint significant addresses, with background information on the role it played in the Township's past. Get the app on the web and social media.

PAINT THE PLOW

Ongoing project

The Northampton Public Works Department is working with local schools to "Paint the Plow". After the winter snow days, plows will be delivered to the schools in April where selected students will develop a 300th themed artwork to paint on the plows. Plows will be displayed at schools and eventually at the Northampton Day festival to be exhibited for all to see and judged for prizes.



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April - May

May

A LIVING HISTORY OF STORIES

Ongoing April thru May

Do you have a story to tell about the Township's past? Perhaps your family's genealogy dates back a few centuries? Register to tell your story on selected days at the James E. Kinney Senior Center or Library. Your story will be videotaped and compiled to create a living history film which will be shown on the Township YouTube & cable channels and at various 300th events.

WOMEN SOLDIERS & SPIES of the CIVIL WAR

Presented at the James E. Kinney Senior Center

TUESDAY, May 12, 2 - 3:30 pm

Performed in period costume, this presentation addresses those women who chose to become soldiers and spies during the Civil War. For info or to register call the Center at 215-357-8199.

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Stop by the Senior Center have your photo taken in "vintage style" for a 300th keepsake. Check for dates and times with the Center.

#### BIKE SAFETY & RODEO Special Guest: THE WHEELMEN

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1 - 4 pm  
at the Civic Center Basin**

Join the Northampton Police and Parks & Recreation for a day of bike safety, helmet and bike checks, skills stations with info from Bucks TMA and Safe Kids. As a special presentation, The WHEELMEN will be dressed in antique costumes with exhibits of old time cycles from the 1930's including high wheelers & velocipedes with stories of cycling through the centuries.

#### 300th PANEL DISPLAY Ongoing thru November

The Northampton Township Municipal Park will have on display historical panels along designated walking trails depicting noteworthy photos and information about the Township's rich history. As you walk along the path, and with the push of a button, you can hear stories that will make the displays come alive! Discover interesting accounts and details from Northampton's past.



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June

### FLAG DAY CEREMONY and NIKE MISSILE SITE EXHIBIT

*Civic Center 6:00 pm*

The Veteran's Commission will conduct a Flag Day ceremony along with an unveiling of display panels of the Nike Missile Base. Missiles from the Cold War era were housed at the now Civic Center location. Educational panels will be permanently installed near the former silos in the park for all to discover Northampton's role in protecting our country.

June - July

### COLONIAL CLOTHING: Textile Artisan Series:

*Presentations are held at the  
James E. Kinney Senior Center*

**Tuesday, June 21 6- 7 pm**  
**FABRIC DYES & LOOM WEAVING**  
Presentation on how fabrics were created with demos and Q&A

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Tuesday, July 26, 6- 7 pm
WOOL SPINNING

Discover how the art of spinning was used in Colonial times to create fashions of all types..
For info or to register call the Center at 215-357-8199.

June - August

CONCERTS in the PARK

Offered selected Thursday evenings.

Details at:
www.northamptonrec.com
Join for evenings of musical entertainment. There will be "threads of 300" at each performance, whether an old fashioned car display, stories at intermission, old time refreshments, games, or just a way to enjoy an evening at the Municipal Park.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE-
Set your goal to read 300 minutes and receive a special prize. Details at the Library.

September

SATURDAY, September 17

ONGOING ACTIVITIES- 10 am - 3 pm

Recreation Center- candle & soap making, calligraphy, colonial kitchen demonstrations and more.

Churchville Nature Center- Visit a Lenni Lenape Village, discover native plantings and displays from the local land.

Langhorne Rod and Gun Club-
An open house including re-enactors to offer presentations and demos how people would hunt and fish for their sustenance through the centuries.

SUNDAY, September 18 - 1-3 pm
Wooden Puppet Show Theater, apple pressing & ice cream social at the Park.



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September Festival Weekend

MUSIC, FOOD TRUCK and BREWFEST

FRIDAY, September 23, 5- 10 pm

Civic Center Basin

Local taverns and gathering places played an important role in early Northampton. Farmers, workers and shop-keepers would gather to meet and relax. Come together as a Community for an evening with family, neighbors and friends. Listen to local bands, play backyard games and grab a bite and refreshments from local food trucks. For those age 21 and over, try a brew from local craft breweries who have created signature-named beers to commemorate significant Northampton taverns and community meeting areas.

Detailed information will be coming in the months ahead with the concert line-up, food truck, craft brewery listing and ticket prices.

SATURDAY, September 24 -ongoing

Programs at the following locations:

Library: 10 am - **HEY DIDDLE NURSERY RHYME BREAKFAST** (Pre-reg required)

Ongoing : **TREASURED HISTORY EXHIBITS**
2:00 pm - **NORTHAMPTON HISTORY** presentation by Mercer Museum Historian, Annie Halliday

James E. Kinney Senior Center (all ages)

CREATE A POMANDER CRAFT- 9:30 - 11 AM
FASHION SHOW THRU THE AGES: 12-1:30 pm
Presentation with demos, music and 'renaissance' refreshments.

POLICE BUILDING TOURS- ongoing 10 am -4 pm.*
Northampton officers will conduct tours of their new facility and provide a history of the Police Dept. *Register for timed tours at :
www.northamptonrec.com

September Northampton Day

SUNDAY, September 25, 10 am - 4 pm

The festival will take place on the grounds of the Council Rock STAR School (formerly Richboro Middle School) and surrounding locations at the Library, Senior Center, and Richboro Elementary.

The popular, family friendly, community event is back for 2022! A 300th theme will be present at the various booths and locations. Stop by Township, County and business booths. Stroll the grounds, visit displays at the Library and Senior Center. Enjoy the many vendors, amusements, food trucks, music and bands.

This favorite annual pastime will bring back memories and create new ones to share!

Visit: northamptontoday.fun



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October - The Gala

A “ HISTORY MYSTERY” GALA

FRIDAY, October 14, 6:00 pm

Northampton Valley Country Club

Did you know that Northampton was a summer getaway for Philadelphia’s high society? Come dressed to the nines to see “Who Dun It?” for this “Mystery with Some History” as a professional theater group will engage you in how the other half lived- or maybe didn’t? A gala dinner, complete with historic memorabilia, delightful entertainment and bit of nostalgia will be on the top of everyone’s social calendar. You won’t want to miss this evening!

October

FIRE PREVENTION DAY AND BUCKET BRIGADE

SATURDAY, October 15, 11 am - 3 pm
Northampton Municipal Park

Join the Northampton Fire Co. for Fire Prevention Week. Learn about the beginnings of Northampton’s first fire companies and how it progressed through the years. Fire trucks, both old and new, will be on display along with an old fashioned Bucket Brigade. Join in to pass the bucket down the line to put out the fire! Activities will be ongoing throughout the day so stop by the Park to meet Northampton’s Fire Fighters.

November

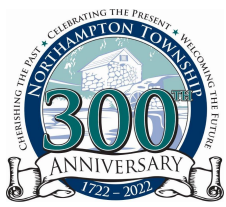
NORTHAMPTON TRIVIA NIGHTS:

Library: TUESDAY, Nov. 15 , 7 pm
NVCC- Tavern on Ten- WED., Nov. 9, 7 pm

Answers for the questions will include clues offered over the months from the 300th web, Facebook and Instagram posts. Let’s see what you know about Northampton and win prizes!

A MONTH OF “EVERYTHING 300”

Northampton Township departments, organizations and businesses will be offering suggestions for 300 challenges. Maybe it will be 300 acts of kindness or event 300 foul shots. It’s all fun and all about 300! Check the 300th website and social media for details.



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November

A TASTE OF NORTHAMPTON

Like the Taverns and “Tap Rooms” of ‘ole, enjoy the many restaurants of Northampton Township this month. Discover their take on special menus, colonial dishes and specialties.

Northampton-named signature craft brews (where beer is served) will be offered as an ‘homage’ to the Northampton of old. Check the 300th website for participating restaurants, dates, menus and information and updates!

ASSEMBLIES AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Special assemblies featuring the Township’s historic past, present and future will be offered to local students through local schools. Working with educators, featured presenters and the Township’s Library, Archives, Historical Commission and Parks & Recreation, the intent is to bring the stories of the past to the younger generation to educate, perpetuate and embrace: “Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Present and Welcoming the Future.”

December

HAPPY 300th ANNIVERSARY!

WEDNESDAY, December 14

7:00 PM

Northampton Admin. Building

Join the Northampton Township Supervisors as the Community celebrates the 300th anniversary milestone of the incorporation of Northampton Township. A reenactment of the signing of the original document will take place along with proclamations marking this historic 300th Anniversary. The evening will be aired live on the Township cable channel and YouTube for all to see!

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Check back to the 300th website, Facebook and Instagram each month. Added programming is in the works as the 300th Committee, along with local businesses, are developing exciting ways to keep the story of Northampton “alive” throughout 2022.

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If you are interested in sponsoring an event, would like to volunteer for one of the many programs or festivals, or have a story to tell please contact the 300th Committee at: [northampton300@nhtwp.org](mailto:northampton300@nhtwp.org) or call 215-357-6800 ext. 249.