

SB&PA JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is normally prepared after the monthly BOD's Meeting which is usually the Second Tuesday of every Month.

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER, print it, save it, mark your calendars for events and REPLY where requested. This will likely be the only email communication you will receive from the business association for this month. So please read.

The Dues Notices for 2026 were sent out in early January. If you have not yet sent in your dues for this year (\$75.00), you can do so by mailing a check to P.O. Box 144 Southampton, PA 18966. We always ask that payment be made by February 28th each year. Non-payment may result in being removed from the website and from our email chain. Government Officials are exempt, but all Businesses, Individuals and Non-Profits need to pay dues. If you did not get a Dues Notice, please contact our web consultant. The contact information for our web consultant is on the front page of our website: www.southamptonbusiness.org.

WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS in 2026: None yet. Remember any "new" member who joins in the 4th quarter of the year is considered also paid for the following year as well.

Our first event of 2026 is coming soon which is our now annual February fundraiser (the first Saturday of February each year). We call the multi-dimensional fundraiser event the "BASH." See the flyer attached with all the details for BASH III. The tickets have been printed and are available. Please call to order tickets. We will also be having volunteers call members to discuss buying tickets, corporate sponsorships and silent auction items. Please do what you can for the fundraiser. The fundraiser events for the last two years have been a blast. The proceeds this year will be split between our organization and the Southampton Library.

In 2025 our association had many events which included: our February bowling fundraiser at Pike Lanes where the food was catered by Mission BBQ and we raised money for our association as well as for the Tunnels 2 Towers charitable organization in New York; In March, we had our annual Irish Cocktail Party joint venture with the NTB&PA at the Richboro Pub where we listened to Irish music and raised money for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt; We then sponsored the Children's Easter Egg Hunt which took place at Tamanend Park in Southampton during the Easter season; In April, we had an Italian lunch at Maggio's with the Township Manager as our speaker and with a focus on advertising in the community; In early May, we had a Cinco De Mayo business card exchange party at Las Margaritas; We then had a seafood fest lunch at the Buck Hotel on May 27, 2025 where our speaker was Bucks County Commissioner, Gene DiGirolamo; next was our family-style Italian lunch at Angelo's held on June 24, 2025 with our Township Library Team as our speakers; our July lunch on the deck at the General where the topics included The Danenberger college award winners and our association web site; our August lunch at Tony's Place in Ivyland where we invited the Bucks-Mont Chamber of Commerce to join us for networking and our speaker was the Sherriff of

Bucks County Fred Harran; the September "State of the State" event with local PA politicians giving an update run by the Bucks-Mont Chamber and we were invited to attend; the October 8th event run by the FBA (Feasterville Business Association) at the Buck Hotel where they had the Bucks County Commissioners as speakers and our group was invited; our annual lunch in October at the VE German Club on Davisville Road where we made a point to appreciate Veterans and Law Enforcement; and our wonderful December Holiday Party at the Iron Oven with great food, the Harpist Cheryl Cunningham entertaining us and with presents, cocktails and gift cards donated by members. All good stuff. I say it was a very good year!

Please note that we will soon have a SCHEDULE posted on the website listing our expected events for the 2026 year.

The focus for our Association is: MARKETING, NETWORKING and COMMUNITY EVENTS.

Our new unique Website is up and running! Spread the word and check it out at: www.SouthamptonBusiness.org. To RSVP for events or to contact our association by email, the email address for our association is: Southamptonbpa@gmail.com. If you need something concerning your website listing or to discuss our website features in general, please contact our website consultant directly. Their contact info is on the front page of the website. Please email them with any website issues. If you need to speak with someone by phone regarding our business association, you can call our President, Gerry Bowen at 215-704-4512.

*Reminder at each luncheon/event, we try to raffle off a gift certificate from the location we are eating at or purchased from one of our restaurant members involved with the event. We want to promote our area restaurants and help them do well.

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage all our members to send an email directly to our new Website Company Consultant if the member wants to put their own personal events on our COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR or if a member wants to discuss their website listing or if a member wants to place a job posting in our new Employment Corner. Please email our website consultant directly with any info, requests or questions.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: That with your membership in our group we provide an annual email blast opportunity program. We offer one (1) email blast opportunity per year per member. Anyone interested, please contact our website consultant directly to make arrangements.

Association Marketing & Advertising News:

1. Our Association has Ads in the current editions of the Carrier Pigeon publication and the Uptight Suburbanite publication. In fact, member John Altimari has generously offered to pay for us to have the Ads in those publications. Thank you very much, John! Given the "win win" situation for all involved, we have extended a free annual membership to John Altimari. He said "Not necessary."

2. Our Association also will continue to have an Ad in the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer editions of the Upper Southampton Township and Park & Rec Newsletter which comes out twice a year.
3. The SB&PA again was a sponsor for the Centennial Education Foundation (CEF) Bruce Beaton Memorial Golf Outing in 2025 and we plan to do so again in 2026. The golf outing is usually in June at Spring Mill Country Club.
4. Our Association will soon try to have Field Banners put up on the local sports fields this Spring to advertise and also help support the children's sports programs. The same Banners were used for our Parade Float in the 2022 Southampton Days Parade and may be used in future parades including our nation's 250th celebration which will be here soon enough.
5. Our Association had an Ad in the Southampton Days Fair Book again for 2025.
6. Our Association will try to be a sponsor again for the Southampton Police golf outing which we expect will take place in August of 2026.
7. We ordered, paid for and installed a new garden plaque for the Veteran's Memorial Plaza which is located at the corner of Street Road and Second Street Pike. The new plaque commemorates how our business association members have helped take care of the corner for the community for decades.
8. We are thinking about a similar type plaque, a kiosk or signs or even a bench to be installed and associated with the new Hiking and Biking trail, part of the Pennypack Trail that now goes thru Southampton. More info to follow.
9. We again in 2025 sponsored the BINGO at the Southampton Days Carnival. We donated \$50.00 each night for the last Bingo Game of the night. We ask that in return they promote our association during the evening. Our members also come out and network while playing Bingo and having a lemonade or something to eat. A total "win win" for all involved.
10. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UPDATE: As some know, our association did all the efforts to store, refit, and hang the Christmas Lights a/k/a The Holiday Lights in Southampton for approximately 35 years. The work necessary overall was enormous. Many people in town did not even know we did the lights. Eventually, we reached the point a few years back where we simply could not physically do the project anymore because we did not have the manpower. Meetings took place over many months where a new issue/obstacle arose which was PECO advising of a new charge of \$150.00 per pole to hang the light fixtures (approx. 70 fixtures) each year. The future of the project was dark and uncertain. Then the skies started to brighten. PECO advised they would waive the proposed pole fees and the Southampton Days Committee stepped forward and announced that they were willing to try and take over the project. At the December 2023 SB&PA BOD's meeting it was unanimously approved to sign over ownership of all the light fixtures and equipment to the Southampton Days Committee. Our Board also voted unanimously to do our best each year within reasonable limits to continue with financial

support of the project. That way, we can continue to play a role in the holiday lights for the community. The Southampton Spirit Local Newspaper printed a nice article about the transition and community team effort in their December 2023 issue. This past year we donated the sum of \$500.00 to help with the holiday lights project.

11. We have an Ad about our association in the annual calendar distributed by the Southampton Lions Group.

12. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS is considering having a Parade Float for our Association in the July 4th Parade this year to celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday. Anyone interested in helping with the parade project or walking with us in the Parade, please contact our President, Gerry Bowen at (215) 704-4512.

13. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS is also considering running a Food Expo & Business Expo Community Event in the Fall of 2026 to take place in an area shopping center. We may also do a Cornhole Throwing Contest fundraiser to raise money and also raise awareness for the Danenberger Foundation. More details to follow.

In Other Community News:

1. There is a new road sign for all local Civic groups now finished on Street Road as you enter Southampton coming from Feasterville. Our Association is included on the sign.
2. We want to shout out a big "Thank You" to Chris Pastorino and Pastorino Landscaping LLC who has performed a lot of landscaping work for many months at Veterans Memorial Corner which is the southeast corner at the intersection of 2nd Street Pike and Street Road. Chris often does this work for free!!! Thank you, Chris! The work Chris did most recently for Veterans Day 2025 was absolutely OUTSTANDING!!! Check it out when you drive by.

See also the new COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR feature on our website:
www.SouthamptonBusiness.org.

Our current Board of Directors and Officers are listed on our website. Anyone interested in joining the board, just contact our President, Gerry Bowen. We are implementing a program to try and add at least 1 new BOD each year so that we can maintain continuity and also build for the future in order to keep our association going strong. At our December meeting each year we approve the proposed Officers and Directors for the following year. Recently, John Altimari and Tom Turnbach have joined the board.

REMINDER: PLEASE GO TO OUR UNIQUE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION.

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