

## **SB&PA MARCH 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 and Government Entities 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. Everyone needs to pay dues so we can pay for the website. Besides, we have the cheapest dues around. The contact information for our web consultant is on the front page of our website: [www.southamptonbusiness.org](http://www.southamptonbusiness.org). The list of members who have paid their 2026 dues so far is set forth below in this newsletter.

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED by the Northampton Business Group (NTB&PA) to an event they are running at Parx Casino on April 1, 2026. This is not an April Fools Prank. The event is a Happy Hour from 5-7 in the Beer Garden at Parx. Just show up. They ask that we park at the West Entrance. Call (267) 525-7344 with any questions.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED to participate in a Veterans Expo being run by State Senator, Frank Fary and State Rep, Kristin Marcell which will take place on Friday April 10, 2026 from 11:00 to 1:00 over the lunch hour at the Northampton Country Club in Richboro. Anyone interested can call Rep Marcell's office 215-364-3414 and ask for Pat.

"Our" next membership lunch event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at noon at the Mt. Fuji Restaurant on Second Street Pike in Southampton, in the Altimari Center in Southampton. Our member, John Altimari has been working hard to set up a delightful lunch program and menu. See the Flyer attached with the details. Come on out and join the fun! Our topic will be Advertising and Marketing in the Community and we are inviting the local advertising publications to come to the lunch.

Speaking of John Altimari, we have a new program for 2026 thanks to him. John has generously offered to pay for a free lunch at one of our meetings for anyone (business or individual) that joins our business association in 2026. So spread the word. We are calling prospective new members and telling them about the program.

In May we will be having a Cinco De Mayo happy hour at Las Margaritas. See the flyer attached for more details. The event will take place on Tuesday May 5, 2026 from 5-7.

Looking back for a moment, our first event of the year, went off with a real BASH, literally back on Saturday night February 7, 2026 (on a cold windy winter night) where our Association members and invited guests partied at the Top of The Buck overlooking the snow-covered surrounding area, with a fireplace warming us, a band playing, cocktails at the bar, great food, trivia, raffles, a music knowledge challenge, a Superbowl Block Pool and many wonderful silent auction items to bid on. We were raising money for our group and for the Upper Southampton Township Library. U.S. Congressman, Brian Fitzpatrick and State Senator, Frank Farry joined us for the evening. By all accounts BASH III was a charming success. Some thank you details are set forth below and the final fundraising net monies are still being calculated with some checks still trickling in. So far it looks like our Total Net Profit will be approximately Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.

Our next event after that (no rest for those who like to network) was on Wednesday March 11, 2026 (always the Wednesday before St. Patrick's Day) from 5-7 at the Richboro Pub where we participated in our annual Irish Cocktail Party which is a joint venture with the Northampton Township Business & Professional Association. Fun was had by all. We had authentic entertainers from Ireland, Irish trivia, door prizes, silent auction items to bid on, Irish food on the menu and cold beverages. We raised money for two good causes and split the money with the Northampton Group. Our cause was the children's Easter Egg Hunt in Southampton. We donated \$475.00 to pay for the Easter Eggs.

The full SCHEDULE for 2026 has now been finalized and uploaded to our website. So, check it out. We are planning a lot of good stuff for the 2026 year.

The focus for our Association these days is: **MARKETING, NETWORKING and COMMUNITY EVENTS**. We do marketing and advertising for our Association so the public knows about us and our members.

Our new unique Website is up and running! Spread the word and check it out at: [www.SouthamptonBusiness.org](http://www.SouthamptonBusiness.org). To RSVP for events or to contact our association by email, the email address for our association is: [Southamptonbpa@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

Special thank you again for all who helped organize and run BASH III: Gerry Bowen, Greg Crompton, Fran Gross, Bob Donnelly, Tom Turnbach, Liam Turnbach, Kim Ingram, Tom Dougherty, Mary Adamow, and Marty Stenson.

Next, a big special thank you and shout out for all the Corporate Sponsors for the BASH III fundraiser: Quaint Oak Bank; The Bowen & Burns Law Office; John Cryan Jewelers; John Altimari (Altimari Properties); Jerry Hill with Homestarr Realty; Todd Savarese, Esquire; Adamow Construction Company; General Asphalt Paving Company; Pennoni & Associates Engineers; State Senator, Frank Farry; State Representative Kristin Marcell; U.S. Congressman, Brian Fitzpatrick; Goldstein & DiPaolo CPA's; Bob Donnelly Investment Advisor; Greg Crompton; Bob Phillips; Tom Turnbach; Larry D'Alessandro with Edward Jones; Dan Ruggiero with Firstrust Bank; Frank Marx; Lou Altomari; Schweons Men's Clothing; Hampton Flowers; Southampton Beverage; Maggio's Restaurant; Steam Restaurant; Angelo's Restaurant; Las Margaritas Restaurant; Palz Restaurant; Spring Mill Country Club; The Richboro Pub; The General Restaurant; The Iron Oven; Tony's Place Restaurant; Don Giovanni's; Manhattan Bagel (Southampton); The Robin Hood Diner; American News & Tobacco; Pike Lanes Bowling Alley; Bruno & Ridgway IT and Web Consultants; Shore & Pocono Properties, Inc. (Mountain House Rentals); Frank Marx; The Richboro Swim Club; Brian McKendry, Realtor; Bruce Beaton Insurance and John Zielinski with Pinnacle.

WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS in 2026: Schweons Clothing and Formal Wear; John Zielinski with Pinnacle; Joe Leight; and Brian McKendry, Realtor. Remember any "new" member who joins us in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year is considered also paid for the following year as well.

#### 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 will again be a hole sponsor for the Centennial Education Foundation (CEF) Golf Outing. The golf outing is on June xxx, 2026.

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 250<sup>th</sup> celebration which will be here soon enough.
5. Our Association will have an Ad in the Southampton Days Fair Book again for 2026.
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 will again in 2026 sponsor the BINGO at the Southampton Days Carnival. We donate \$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 4<sup>th</sup> Parade this year to celebrate our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Those members that have paid their 2026 dues so far are: John Cryan Jewelers; Schweon's Clothing and Formal Wear; Brian McKendry; Joe Leight; Mary Thoma; Mary Held; LS Perennial Landscaping; Richmond Tech; Mark Capirano, DDS; Larry D'Alessandro with Edward Jones; Lou Altomari; Ace Strathmann's Hardware Store; Frank Marx; Community Business Network; Mt. Penn Tool; McKenney's Garage; Bruce Beaton Insurance; Todd Savarese, Esq.; Quaint Oak Bank; Ray Greenberg; Stan Prazner; Valley of Fear; Richboro Swim Club; John Altimari, Altimari Properties; Bowen & Burns Law Office; Dillon & Haney Insurance; John McShane Auto Body; Begley, Carlin & Mandio Law Firm; Tinari; The Southampton Days Organization; Jerry Hill with Home Starr Realty; The Printing Works; Signarama Southampton; T.W. Reiss; Bob Donnelly, Investment Advisor; John Pignatelli, Realtor; Goldstein's Funeral Home; Ivyland Builders; Hampton Flowers; Southampton Beverage; Maggio's Restaurant; Steam Restaurant; Angelo's Restaurant; Las Margaritas Restaurant; Palz Restaurant; Spring Mill Country Club; The Richboro Pub; The General Restaurant; The Iron Oven; Pets Plus; Tony's Place Restaurant; Don Giovanni's; Manhattan Bagel (Southampton); The Robin Hood Diner; American News & Tobacco; and Pike Lanes Bowling Alley. The total so far looks like about 56. If anyone thinks they are missing from the list please call the President, Gerry Bowen.

See also the new COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR feature on our website:  
[www.SouthamptonBusiness.org](http://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. 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.**

This Newsletter was prepared by our President, Gerald L. Bowen, Jr. (215) 704-4512.