

Call for Nominations: Outstanding Seniors Awards 2026

By Kelly Prentice: Phone - 610-829-6302, Email - Kprentice@norcopa.gov

Northampton County, PA—The Advisory Council of the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the Outstanding Seniors Awards 2026. Held in April—National Volunteer Month—this annual event aims to recognize County residents aged 60 and over who have made significant contributions to the community through outreach, personal action, inspiration, public service, sports/educational efforts, and civic humanitarian endeavors.

The agency is seeking nominations for senior citizens whose passion for helping others is evident through their actions and the inspiration they provide. You are encouraged to nominate individuals who have overcome personal challenges to meet the needs of others, as well as those involved in intergenerational efforts and community betterment.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominees must be residents of Northampton County
- Nominees must be aged 60 or over

Nomination Process:

To submit a nomination, please complete the Nomination Form on the Agency on Aging website and attach an essay of 250 words or less, describing why the individual deserves to be recognized. The form can be found at: <https://norcopa.gov/area-agency-on-aging>. You can also request the form by calling 610-829-4509 or emailing mtitus@norcopa.gov.

All nominations must be received by February 27, 2026.

The selected individuals will be honored at the Outstanding Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 23 at the Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer Township.

Northampton County's New Communications Manager

By Northampton County Executive Tara Zrinski

[Northampton County, PA]—Northampton County Executive Tara Zrinski announces the hiring of Kelly Prentice as Communications Manager. Effective immediately, all media inquiries for Northampton County should be directed to Prentice.

This role is part of the Executive's administrative transition, reinforcing her commitment to transparency and clear, consistent communication. Key responsibilities of this role include developing and implementing clear, accurate communication strategies, serving as the primary contact for media, and acting as a liaison between the county and the public. The manager will also help to foster internal communications among County departments and stakeholders.

As part of this transition, the Deputy Director of Administration Jessica Berger will shift into a role primarily focused on serving as Deputy to the County Administrator.

Prentice holds a degree in English and communications from DeSales University, with a specialty in science and technical writing. A communications and public relations professional from Easton, she brings more than 23 years of experience in strategic planning, media relations, and content marketing.

Her professional background includes work in both corporate and nonprofit organizations across the Lehigh Valley and beyond, with experience with organizations such as Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Lafayette College, and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

Media inquiries should now be directed to:

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NCC's Spring Craft Fair to be Held March 14

Proceeds Benefit Ncc Students

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA - Northampton Community College's (NCC) Alumni Association will hold their Annual Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Arthur L. Scott Spartan Center Gym located at NCC's Bethlehem campus. Over 150 crafters will be exhibiting and selling their handmade crafts such as jewelry, food, woodworking, and more.

Proceeds from the craft fair benefit student scholarships, internship awards

and career readiness programming. NCC will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for the student-run food pantries.

General admission is \$2; Seniors (62 and over) and NCC students are \$1; Children under 12 are free.

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