



Northampton Community College Announces 2026 Summer Theatre Season

The Bill Mutimer Summer Theatre Program brings Broadway favorites, family programming, and community collaboration to the stage

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA - Northampton Community College (NCC) is proud to announce its 2026 summer theatre season, featuring a dynamic lineup of productions as part of its Bill Mutimer Summer Theatre Program. The season celebrates the legacy of the program's founder while continuing its mission of providing high-quality, hands-on experiences for students and engaging performances for the community.

This summer's lineup includes four standout productions all taking place at NCC's Lipkin Theatre on their Bethlehem campus:

- A Chorus Line (June 3–14) — A Broadway classic filled with heart, ambition, and unforgettable music
- Gypsy (June 24–July 5) — The legendary story of stage ambition and showbiz dreams
- Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School (June 17–July 26) — A fun, high-energy show for young audiences and families
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame (July 15–26) — A sweeping, powerful musical with soaring melodies

Performances take place Wednesday through Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons, with additional daytime and sensory-friendly shows for young audiences as well as special events including a July 4 celebration with food trucks.

"This season reflects everything our program stands for—artistic excellence, student opportunity, and community connection," said Alyson Krawchuk-Boschen, Associate Dean. "We're especially excited to honor Bill Mutimer's legacy while continuing to grow a program that brings together students, professionals, and audiences in a truly meaningful way."

The Summer Theatre Program provides NCC students the opportunity to work alongside visiting student artists and professional union actors, creating a collaborative, real-world learning environment. The program also engages local community members both on stage and in the audience, strengthening connections across the region.

In addition to the performances, select evenings will feature a "Dinner and a Show" experience in partnership with NCC's student-run restaurant, Hampton Winds, showcasing the college's culinary and hospitality programs.

Tickets are now on sale, with affordable pricing for adults, seniors, students, and groups as well as special "pay what you are able" days.

For tickets and more information, visit Northampton.edu/summertheatre.

LV ZOO Welcomes Two New Residents

Guests will Soon See Another Ostrich and Zebra in the Shared Habitat

By Matt Province

(Schnecksville, Pa.) — Lehigh Valley Zoo is excited to welcome a new common ostrich and plains zebra to its ostrich/zebra habitat on Thursday, May 14, both arriving from Riverbanks Zoo & Garden in Columbia, S.C.

Gabrielle, a 13-year-old female ostrich originally hatched in New Jersey, and Forrest, a 10-year-old zebra born in West Palm Beach, Fla., will soon be joining LV Zoo's male ostrich Bane and female zebra Rylea in the species' shared habitat. Forrest was a guest favorite at Riverbanks Zoo & Garden in part due to unique stripes over each of his eyes that formed the appearance of eyebrows.

Over the next several days, LV Zoo's animal care staff will conduct introductions among the four animals, as well as an initiation of the space to the two new residents, in a process to determine when the animals are all able to coexist safely in the habitat.

For many years, this shared habitat at LV Zoo was occupied by four residents (two ostriches and two zebras) prior to the passing of 16-year-old female ostrich Emmy in February 2025 and 26-year-old female zebra Glenda this past December

Guests can visit all LV Zoo residents, and soon meet the two newest residents, during normal business hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. Tickets can be purchased at lvzoo.org.

As a member-supported non-profit organization, Lehigh Valley Zoological Society was founded in 2004, but it has been treasured community landmark for centuries. Located in the Lehigh Valley's Trexler Nature Preserve, the mission of the Lehigh Valley Zoo is to connect its community with nature to empower people to protect wildlife. We have achieved our mission and educated more than five million people. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the Lehigh Valley Zoo hosts year-round, family-friendly events and activities, educational programs, and camps. To learn more about Lehigh Valley Zoo, we invite you to visit our website, www.lvzoo.org, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Senior Farmers Market Vouchers to be Available Again in Northampton County

By Michael Ortoski

[Northampton County, PA] – Vouchers worth a total of \$25 will be available to Northampton County residents age 60 and over who meet income eligibility criteria thanks to continuation of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The vouchers are distributed by the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging. 2026 distributions will be strictly in-person, no paper applications will be accepted.

Northampton County residents age 60 or over who meet income eligibility (example: \$29,526/yr. for a single person in 2026, and \$40,034 for a couple) may receive the vouchers in June 2026. For married couples

Program policies allow a person to obtain vouchers for another person only if they have a completed and signed proxy form. Additionally, a person may only serve as proxy for up to four other participants and identification with date of birth and address, of the older adult, must be shown when presenting a proxy.

This form will be available for pick-up at the Area Agency on Aging office, 2801 Emrick Boulevard, Bethlehem, at all senior centers, and will also be available on the Area Agency on Aging's website, northamptoncounty.org. Persons may only receive vouchers once during the program, which runs from June 1, 2026 until September 15, 2026. Vouchers will be issued between June 1, 2026 and September 15, 2026. Vouchers may be redeemed between June 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026.

Northampton County is doing in-person distributions for 2026. Emailed or mailed applications will not be processed.

Please see attached PDF for the Voucher Distribution Schedule.