

Turtle Creek Community Calendar

Who	What	When	Where
Opportunity Hub Red Lantern Bike Shop	Thrift Store Bike Shop	Friday-Saturday 11 am-2 pm <i>Thursday 6-8; Saturday 11-2</i>	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry <i>2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am</i>	<i>October 12 November 9 December 14</i>	Human Svcs. Ctr. 413 Penn Avenue
Rotary Club	Rotary Meeting	<i>First and third Fridays at noon.</i>	Papa Rocks Pizza (Haymaker Village) 4512 Broadway Blvd, Monroeville
Turtle Creek Borough	Council Meeting <i>First Monday of each month: 7 pm</i>	<i>November 4th December 2nd January 6th</i>	Borough Building
Turtle Creek Development Corporation	Monthly Meeting	<i>Fourth Wednesday of each month 5:30 pm</i>	1st Christian Church 201 Pine Street
Human Services Center Mon Valley	<u>Hosts offices for service agencies</u>	<u>Open Monday—Friday 7 AM—5 PM</u>	<u>519 & 413 Penn Avenue</u>
Financial Empowerment Center	Receive free one-on-one financial coaching	<i>Wednesdays 8:30am-4:30pm</i>	519 Penn Avenue
Veterans Place Office	Veterans job search, em- ployment assistance	<i>2nd Thursday 9am-12pm</i>	519 Penn Avenue
Winner's Circle	AA	<i>Friday's 6pm-7pm</i>	519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Senior Center www.eaas.net Monday	<u>Classes</u> Chair Exercise 10am-11am,	<u>Cost</u> \$2.00 donation	<u>519 Penn Avenue</u> <i>519 Penn Avenue</i>
Tuesday/Thursday	Silver Sneakers 9am - 10am Silver Sneakers 10am - 11am	Both Free with Silver Sneakers card, \$2.00 for non-members	<i>519 Penn Avenue</i>
Tuesday	Bingo 12:00pm		<i>519 Penn Avenue</i>
Wednesday	Tai Chi 10am - 11am Painting class - 12pm	\$2.00 donation Free – supplies provided	<i>519 Penn Avenue</i>
Friday	Chair Yoga 10am - 11am	Free	<i>519 Penn Avenue</i>

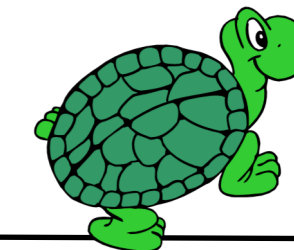


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The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life for Turtle Creek residents, TCDC takes a lead role in housing rehabilitation, home ownership opportunities, and workforce development through a partnership with the Mon Valley Initiative.

THE Turtle Creeker



Turtle Creek Area High School Class of 1974 50th Reunion an Enjoyable Success



The Turtle Creek Area High School Class of 1974 (TCHS '74) held a very enjoyable 50th reunion on September 14, 2024 at the Grandview Golf Club in Braddock. A warm up to the reunion was held the previous evening at the AOH Club in Monroeville. The attendance at both events was very high.

Many classmates were lucky enough to have two evenings to learn what had been happening in the lives of others. Sometimes this took a while and spilled over into the second evening because it was five decades since we had spoken! Those who could not make the reunion were invited to attend the AOH Club event and some came. Those of us who attended both week-end happenings were lucky enough to renew acquaintances with more of our Eagles classmates.

Forty-nine Eagles from all over the country, including many spouses, attended the reunion at the golf club. Hors d'oeuvres and a good dinner was served by Asti's Italian Steakhouse and deserts were so plentiful that some had to be taken home by attendees. Two pictures had to be taken in order for all to be included at a reasonable size. A drawing was held for 13 door prizes provided by various business donors, classmates, and money raised from the ticket fees and two 50/50 cash drawings. Door prizes included meals at restaurants, including a candy basket; various works of art; skin care products; pet supplies; cash; and a laptop computer. A "Turtley Awesome" gift was provided to each attendee - a turtle Christmas tree ornament along with an information card - as well as a bulletin with a wealth of information. Entertainment was provided by The Night Tones who played some wonderful oldies. The planning committee was recognized during the event and members received plentiful compliments!

On a more somber note, an "In Memory" table with names and photos of those who had passed was included to show our respects. Candles were provided in front of each picture. Unfortunately, 23 members of the class have passed since graduation.

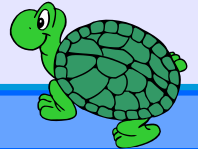
The '74 Eagles were invited to provide photos snapped during both events on the class's FaceBook (FB) page. Several photos were added and many comments were received and are still being shared. Hopefully, the FB site will be one where classmates can continue to share the events shaping their lives for many years to come.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the businesses and individuals who sponsored our reunion, including providing door prizes. Businesses included the AOH Club: Gardners Candies); Patrick T. Lanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, inc.; Fiolas Automotive Service; Lea's Floral; Mary Jo's Pizza; Keller Hardware; Mathey's Service; Jobe Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.; Moerk Liquidators; Norwin Petland; Pinky's Pool room; and Fox's Pizza Den. Individual donors included George Divens, Pam Holmes, Kathy Lihars Kardas, Marci Evancho Mason, Angela and Doug Sellman, and Guy and Sheila Visco. Thank you for your support!

All from whom the planning committee heard expressed how wonderful the reunion was and compliments continue to be expressed on the FB page. Several have noted that we need to plan another one again soon. We are thankful so many Eagles attended. Learning about their lives made the reunion weekend a huge success!

As the class song says, "Now and then we'll find ourselves thinkin' of these days. When we were walking in the halls of TCA." Godspeed TCAHS Class of '74!

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Mon Valley HIV/AIDS Awareness Webinar

Join the Human Services Center Mon Valley to hear from Hazell Azzer Carpenter-Saunders from AIDS Free Pittsburgh about the changing landscape of HIV/AIDS in Allegheny County, and the work happening to combat the spread and raise awareness.

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 12 PM - 1 PM

RSVP to receive the Zoom link: bit.ly/HSCMV

Elder Finance Summit

Join the Human Services Center Mon Valley and Eastern Area Adult Services for a multi-hour event covering a range of finance (or financial) topics for older adults.

To receive updates and more information about this event, visit our website at <https://hscmonvalley.org/financial-event> or email arummell@hscmonvalley.org to sign up for our financial literacy email list!

Friday, November 15, 2024, 10 AM - 1 PM, lunch will be served!

isopen to Turtle Creek Senior Center at Human Services Center Mon Valley, 519 Penn Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Beware! Financial Red Flags

Some financial practices can be SPOOKY! Learn about what to look out for to protect yourself and your finances, including topics like payday loans and other predatory lending, financial scams, and more!

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 12 PM - 1 PM

RSVP to receive the Zoom link: <https://hscmonvalley.org/monthly-webinar/>

Financial Empowerment Center @ HSCMV

The Allegheny County Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) provides FREE, professional one-on-one financial counseling. Staff can help you:

- Better manage your money
- Improve your credit score
- Pay down debt
- Increase savings
- Establish and build credit
- Access safe and affordable banking products to create customized plans to address student loans, buy a house, build financial goals for your business, or start an emergency fund.

Each Wednesday

8:30AM – 4:30PM

Human Services Center Mon Valley, 519 Penn Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Follow the link to schedule your in-person or virtual appointment: <https://neighborhoodallies.org/fec/>

Veterans Place Workforce Development @ HSCMV

Providing veterans with the necessary resources to reintegrate back into the workforce including individualized case management, financial assistance, transportation support, and job training/education.

- Work with staff who are certified resume development strategists
- Get assistance with training and certifications (CDL, fork list, welding etc.)
- Practice interview skills
- Learn to build confidence and reliability in your workplace skills

2nd Thursday of each month, 9am – 12pm

Human Services Center Mon Valley, 519 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek PA 15145

Be a Tax Prep Hero!

Volunteer tax preparers and greeters are needed! No professional experience necessary, and free training is provided. Sign up today to receive more information on how you can volunteer with the Human Services Center Mon Valley this tax season.

Learn more and sign up at swpafreetaxes.org



Dear Turtle Creek Residents,

As we embrace the upcoming fall season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of community respect, toleration, and cooperation during this election season. In our diverse town, it's vital that we listen to one another and honor each other's perspectives. Every voice matters, and when we engage in constructive dialogue, we strengthen our bonds and build a brighter future for Turtle Creek.

We are also reaching out for volunteers to support our Fire Department. Your participation can make a significant difference, whether through direct involvement or by supporting fire safety initiatives. If you're interested in contributing your time or skills, please contact the Fire Department for more information. Get on the truck and help out!

In addition, we are excited to announce another tree planting initiative aimed at enhancing our community's parks and green spaces. Volunteers are always needed to help plant trees throughout our neighborhoods. This is a great opportunity to beautify parts of our town while fostering a sense of community. Through Councilwoman Jill Henkel's leadership, we are making Turtle Creek a greener, more inviting place to live!

I am thrilled to share that the Turtle Creek Valley Bike Trail Connector is in the design process and moving forward. This new trail will not only provide a scenic route for outdoor enthusiasts, but will also bring fresh business opportunities to our downtown area. The trail connector will link the Westmoreland Heritage Trail to the Steel Valley Trail. Let us plan to begin welcoming visitors who will be supporting our local businesses as we grow together.

On a serious note, I want to commend our dedicated police department for their incredible work over the past eight months. They have responded to over 3,400 calls and successfully conducted a major drug bust that removed hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of drugs from our streets. Their commitment to keeping our community safe is commendable, and we are grateful for their service. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we can cultivate a community where respect, safety, and growth thrive.

Sincerely,
Adam R. Forgie
Mayor of Turtle Creek

The Turtle Creek Senior Center has been providing hundreds of senior's services and support for 52 years!

In 1972 The Turtle Creek Multipurpose Center opened as the first senior center in Allegheny County. In 1983 the Turtle Creek Multipurpose Center evolved into Eastern Area Adult Services (EAAS) and was incorporated as a 501C3 (Nonprofit Organization). 41 years later EAAS is still operating in Turtle Creek with our administrative offices in Keystone Commons and the Turtle Creek Senior Center right down the road at 519 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA on the first floor of the Human Services Center Mon Valley building. EAAS is largely funded by programs offered through the Allegheny County Department of Human Services/Area Agency on Aging.

The Senior Center is open to anyone over the age of 60, with the hours of 9am – 3pm Monday thru Friday. Activities, lunch, and information/assistance services are just a few things you can find there daily. Activities include Chair Exercise, Yoga, Tai Chi, Silversneakers, Bingo, educational lectures, health speakers, trips around Pittsburgh, season parties, and much more.

The Senior Center is also a provider of Home Delivered Meals to over 230 participants weekly in 20 different communities in and around Turtle Creek. Last year, 53,697 meals were delivered. Volunteers are always needed to help reach those homebound seniors on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday! EAAS is also proud to be one of 6 "Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittsburgh" Organizations working together to help provide the best services possible to our consumers!

Volunteers can also help in the senior center by serving lunch, teaching a class, or by bringing/sharing new ideas to the center.

Interested in learning more about the Turtle Creek Senior Center or how to become a volunteer? Stop in and speak to any of the staff to learn more or give us a call at 412-824-6880!

