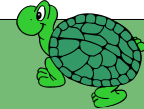


Turtle Creek Community Calendar



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>	July 13 August 10 September 14	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>	July 8 August 5 September 9	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, employment 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	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>519 Penn Avenue</u>
Monday	Chair Exercise 10am-11am,	\$2.00 donation	519 Penn Avenue
Tuesday/Thursday	Silver Sneakers 9am - 10am Silver Sneakers 10am - 11am	Both Free with Silver Sneakers card, \$2.00 for non-members	519 Penn Avenue
Tuesday	Bingo 12:00pm		519 Penn Avenue
Wednesday	Tai Chi 10am - 11am Painting class - 12pm	\$2.00 donation Free – supplies provided	519 Penn Avenue
Friday	Chair Yoga 10am - 11am	Free	519 Penn Avenue

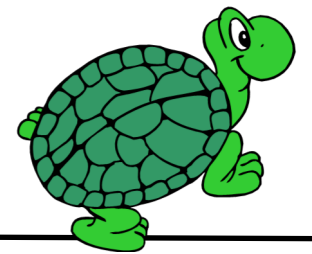


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The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life 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



In Memory of:
William F. Hopbell
4/10/27 - 3/25/24

Many called him Chief. I called him Dad. He always said that he was born in Turtle Creek and was going out the same way. He was very proud to be from here, and never wanted to live elsewhere. This was after his age made his mobility difficult. He was stubborn like that.

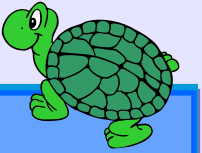


He was born in a room on the second floor of the building at the intersection of Penn and Shaw Avenue. It was April 10, 1927, Palm Sunday. He was baptized on Easter Sunday at St. Colman Church. He joined an older sister, Anna Marie, and was later joined by two more sisters, Mary Louise and Catherine. He, in addition to being a lifelong resident, was a lifelong parishioner. He attended St. Colman school through the 8th grade, then went on to St. Thomas for high school. After his mother had a falling out with one of the school administrators, he transferred to Turtle Creek High School and graduated in 1945. He was a good student and was involved in a number of activities, including football, baseball and the minstrel shows.

Two weeks after graduating, he was on a train to Florida. He had been drafted into the US Army. He often talked about the time in basic training in the wilds of Florida and of his first cruise on USS Lejune, it would be his last cruise, so he vowed. He served 2 years, first as a driver, then as a clerk typist in post-war Germany. Upon his return to the states, he enrolled at the Indiana State Teachers College, now IUP. His wish was to teach. He mostly commuted to and from home, though he did manage to get a room on occasion with one of the townspeople, especially during the winter. He never completed his degree there. Life gets in the way.

He secured employment with Westinghouse and stayed there for several years. He met his future wife, Marilyn Ross, after being set up by friends. They were married in May 1952. At this point, Westinghouse had a policy against married couples being able to work in the same division/plant. Since Marilyn had a more desirable job, he resigned. He applied to a position with the Turtle Creek Police Department. Once hired, he stayed with the borough until he retired in the mid 1990's. He progressed within the department from patrolmen, to motorcycle patrol (it was the old trike), to juvenile officer/lieutenant, to assistant chief, and finally chief. He even had the opportunity to complete his desire to teach. He taught some classes at CCAC through a program with IUP. During this time, he and Marilyn raised 6 children Eileen, Sharon, Julia, Bill, Marcelyn, and Maureen. He also attended the University of Pittsburgh at night working towards a bachelor degree in Administration of Criminal Justice. He was also a member of the Optimist Club, for many years even coaching their little league team. He was always involved in something. He also was an assistant director of the Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps. He finally completed his degree in 1973 and graduated just ahead of his oldest child. It only took him over 25 years for a 4-year degree! He was stubborn like that.

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Credit Card 101 webinar

Learn about the difference between debit and credit cards, how interest works, how to use credit cards to improve your credit score, and more! Credit cards don't have to be a mystery. Join us to learn tips and resources for understanding credit cards.

This presentation will include information for everyone, whether you've had a credit card before or you're thinking about signing up for your first one.

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

6pm - 7pm

On Zoom

isopen to **RSVP to receive the Zoom link: <https://hscmonvalley.org/monthly-webinar/>**
Everyone who RSVPs for the event and attends the event will be entered to win a \$50 gift card!

Financial Empowerment Center @ HSCMV (flyer attached)

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

Food Pantry Distribution Dates

The Human Services Center Mon Valley is proud to partner with the Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs to provide food access to our neighbors in and around Turtle Creek. The Pantry holds distributions monthly, on the second Saturday from 8:30am to 10:30am. The drive-up distributions are held at 413 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek PA 15145. Upcoming distribution dates:

- July 13
- August 10
- September 14

Mayor's Corner



Dear Residents of Turtle Creek,
I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a safe and active summer season. As we continue to work closely with the Borough Council, I am pleased to share some exciting updates and important reminders with you. I am delighted to report that the partnership with the Borough Council and the mayor's office continues to yield positive outcomes for our community. Together, we have been working tirelessly to enhance the quality of life in Turtle Creek, by focusing on initiatives that benefit all residents.

One of the most significant achievements this year has been the expansion of our police department. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Borough Council and my office, we plan to increase our police force from four full-time officers to seven full-time and two part-time officers by mid-July. We are immensely grateful for their dedication and service to our community, and their presence ensures that Turtle Creek remains a safe place for all residents. It is vital that we support our police department by staying vigilant and reporting any suspicious activity promptly to 911. Your cooperation plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety and security of our neighborhoods. A reminder to all residents: the borough curfew of 10 PM remains in effect for anyone under the age of 18. This curfew is in place to ensure the well-being of our youth and to maintain peace and order within our community.

Our ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure are making steady progress. Road repairs, park upgrades, newly purchased equipment, and enhancements to public spaces are all part of our commitment to ensuring Turtle Creek remains a wonderful place to live and visit. Council has approved the demolition of 11 unsafe or abandoned structures all throughout the borough. You may have also noticed the paving of Monroeville Ave near CVS, which was overdue for repairs. The project will continue to the stretch of road in front of the borough building this fall.

We continue to prioritize our parks, green spaces and waterways. Initiatives such as tree planting programs and community clean-up days have received overwhelming support, proving our dedication to preserving our natural surroundings. Opportunity for more fall clean up days and in the works!

It is with great excitement that I invite you to participate in a fantastic community event: the Turtle Creek Rotary's 5K Turtle Trot Race! The Turtle Trot Race is not just an opportunity to stay active and enjoy the outdoors; it's also a wonderful way to support our community. Hosted by the Turtle Creek Rotary, this event helps raise funds for local initiatives that benefit all residents of our town. The race is being held on July 27th, 2024 at 9:00 AM (Registration ends at 8:45 AM) starting at the Human Services Center 519 Penn Ave, Turtle Creek.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the summer and beyond, there are many more exciting plans on the horizon. We remain committed to listening to your feedback and implementing initiatives that reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. Your participation is crucial to the continued success of Turtle Creek. Whether it's attending community meetings, volunteering for local events, or simply sharing your ideas, your involvement makes a difference. Together, we can build an even stronger Turtle Creek.

Stay updated with the latest news and events by following us on social media and visiting our official website. We encourage you to reach out to the Mayor's Office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have by calling 412-823-0154 or emailing to mayor@tcboro.com Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making Turtle Creek a place we are all proud to call home. Here's to a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer for everyone!

Warm regards,
Adam R. Forgie
Mayor of Turtle Creek