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Turtle Creek Community Calendar			
Who	What	When	Where
Opportunity Hub Red Lantern Bike Shop	Thrift Store Bike Shop	Friday-Saturday 11 am-2 pm Thursday 6-8; Saturday 11-2	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry 2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am	March 8th April 12th May 10th	Human Svcs. Ctr. 413 Penn Avenue
Rotary Club	Rotary Meeting	First and third Fridays at noon.	Papa Rocks Pizza (Haymaker Village) 4512 Broadway Blvd, Monroeville
Turtle Creek Borough	Council Meeting First Monday of each month: 7 pm	March 3rd April 7th May 5th	Borough Building
Turtle Creek Development Corporation	Monthly Meeting	Fourth Wednesday of each month 5:30 pm	1st Christian Church 201 Pine Street
Human Services Center Mon Valley	<u>Hosts offices for</u> service agencies	<u>Open Monday—Friday</u> <u>7 AM—5 PM</u>	<u>519 & 413</u> Penn Avenue
Financial Empowerment Center	Receive free one-on-one financial coaching	Wednesdays 8:30am-4:30pm	519 Penn Avenue
Veterans Place Office	Veterans job search, em- ployment assistance	2nd Thursday 9am-12pm	519 Penn Avenue
Winner's Circle	АА	Friday's 6pm-7pm	519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Senior Center	<u>Classes</u>	Cost	519 Penn Avenue
<u>www.eaas.net</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	Painting class - 12pm	Free – supplies provided	519 Penn Avenue
Friday	Chair Yoga 10am - 11am	Free	519 Penn Avenue

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Hey friends and neighbors. Go visit Better Feed and Garden Center at 965 Airbrake Ave. TC! The store has been in our town for many decades but is now has different ownership.

Barry Gongaware had worked at "Best Feed" for 26 years before purchasing the business in August of 2024. It's a nice feeling of stepping back in time with friendly, knowledgeable service.

They carry a variety of pet foods and accessories of many sizes for cats, dogs, birds, rabbits and others. Lawn care items, seed, fertilizer, flowers and vegetable seeds are sold by weight. For our Winter weather they have shovels, pet friendly and regular salt.

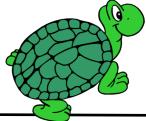
Stop in-say hello and support the TC team!! **OPEN Tuesday-Saturday 9-5** 412-823-3722





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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.



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FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 28th - April 9th Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9AM - 3PM and 4PM - 7PM 413 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

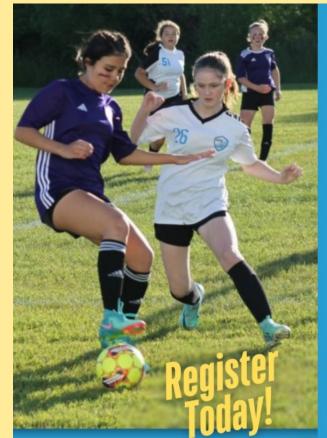
You may qualify if your 2024 total household income was up to \$65,000, or up to \$45,000 if filing as an individual. APPOINTMENTS ONLY. Schedule now by calling 2-1-1, visit PA211.org/VITA

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Taxes 101 Webinar

Learn more about the basics of taxes, how to file yours, and how to better understand your tax documents. Join us on Monday, February 24th from 12pm - 1pm on Zoom. RSVP to receive the Zoom link:

online: https://hscmonvalley.org/monthly-webinar or email: arummell@hscmonvalley.org





The Woodland Hills Youth Soccer Association offers recreational soccer programs for children age 2 to teens age 19.

www.woodlandhillssoccer.org

Mayor's Corner

Dear Turtle Creek Residents,

This year's winter weather has surely been quite unpredictable and challenging. I want to take a moment to thank our street department's efforts on keeping our roads cleared and in a timely manner. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Please be advised that there are a few borough ordinances that need to be addressed. We have seen an uptick in violations all across our town. In many cases we believe that it is simply about not being informed of the existing policies. First off, property owners are to shovel the walkways in front of their homes when they are covered by snow. Secondly, vehicles are not permitted to be parked in yards. They must be parked on a space that is brick, concrete, or asphalt. Finally, garbage cans should be set out on Tuesday evenings, which is the day before our Wednesday pick up day and then gathered on the pick up day. The can must have a lid and can not be stored on the front porch, or in front of the house.

While we are on the topic, let's keep talking trash! You may have recently noticed that this year our garbage rates climbed up to \$90.75 a quarter. Next year those rates are expected to be over \$1 million collectively for the borough. Borough Council is very concerned about the raise and they are being as proactive as they can to find a solution. Inflation is impacting our lives in so many ways. It is literally like throwing money away.

As always, we are looking 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. Be sure to check your smoke & carbon monoxide alarm batteries. If you are able and willing, get on the truck and help out!

It is important that I publicly commend our dedicated police department for their incredible work over last year. They responded to over 4,000 calls professionally, and safely. 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 are thriving.

Sincerely, Adam R. Forgie Mayor of Turtle Creek

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