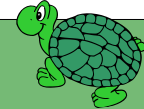


# Turtle Creek Community Calendar



Who	What	When	Where
Opportunity Hub Red Lantern Bike Shop	Thrift Store Bike Shop Open House May 4th!!	Friday-Saturday 11 am-2 pm <a href="https://www.facebook.com/redlanternbikespa">https://www.facebook.com/redlanternbikespa</a>	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry 2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am	May 11 June 8 July 13	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	May 6 June 3 July 8	Borough Building
Turtle Creek Development Corporation	Monthly Meeting	Fourth Wednesday of each month 5:30 pm	First Christian Church 201 Pine Street
Turtle Creek Home Plate Vegetable Garden	Volunteer-run community garden, vegetable stand	Opening Soon!! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HomeplateGarden">https://www.facebook.com/HomeplateGarden</a>	Hamilton Park
Human Services Center Mon Valley	Hosts offices for service agencies	Open Monday—Friday 7 AM—5 PM	519 & 413 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, employment assistance	2nd Thursday 9am-12pm	519 Penn Avenue
Winner's Circle	AA	Friday's 6pm-7pm	519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Senior Center <a href="http://www.eaas.net">www.eaas.net</a>	Classes	Cost	519 Penn Avenue
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	\$2.00 donation	519 Penn Avenue

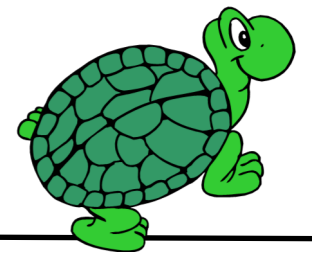


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The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life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



## Turtle Creek Fire Department



I recently had the opportunity of meeting our Fire Department Chief, Captain Jack Goblesky. For Jack, it all started when he was 6 or 7 years old and lived across the street from the fire department. He was always looking out his bedroom window to see the trucks and especially when they left the station - sirens blaring and lights flashing. He knew then, at this young age, that he wanted to be a fireman. - and it eventually became his vocation.

In 1989 he passed all the tests and was on the road to finally realizing his dream. He started his career at the Wilmerding Fire Department and was there for five years. In 2003, Jack joined the Turtle Creek Fire Department and became the assistant chief. He held that position for eight years.

He also had belonged to the Wilmerding - Turtle Creek Ambulance Service for 25 years (now Eastern Area Prehospital Services). Jack's job back then was to handle the EMS staff and the firemen. "There is no such thing as retiring, you just resign," Jack told me. There were yearly elections for any changes for fire and ambulance personnel.

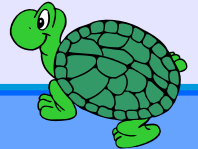
The Fire Department is in need of volunteers. You can go to the Borough Building for applications and more information.

- Jack also asked me to inform everyone as to what to do to prevent fires.
- # Change batteries annually in your smoke detectors, replace detectors every ten years.
  - # Have electricians check your house wiring when needed.
  - # Have a plumber check your gas lines when needed.
  - # Don't leave candles unattended.
  - # Don't leave varnish rags in plastic bags as this can cause a chemical reaction fire.
  - # Remember, a lightning bolt can start a fire.
  - # Keep ovens and stoves clean. Grease build-up can ignite.
  - # Keep cardboard and papers away from the furnace and water heater.
  - # Don't overload outlets or extension cords.

A personal note:  
On Thanksgiving Day our carbon monoxide detector started sounding an alarm. We called 911 and the Fire Department and ambulance were at our house very quickly. The firemen started going through the house and the paramedics were taking blood pressure - heart rate, pulse etc. It was determined that we had a small leak in the exhaust pipe in our furnace. That was fixed immediately, and as we were due to change our carbon monoxide detectors, we did so the next morning. Needless to say, our Thanksgiving dinner was only delayed, not cancelled, thanks to the immediate response of our Fire Department and EMS. Thanks again to all.

AND THE GREAT NEWS IS:  
CCAC offers a FREE training program called FIRE VEST. If interested, please call CCAC and check it out. I've been informed that you can earn an Associates Degree through this program.

So, follow the Fire Chief's guidelines, and have a safe, happy summer.  
Submitted by Jeann Topper



**Topper's Say**

Okay folks, hop in the Wayback Machine and let's take a ride. Where: Turtle Creek, When: Yesteryear, Place: Penn Ave. Check out the Dari Delite on your right, 35 cents for a 'burger, fries, and a coke.' Just up the road is Best Feeds, Mary's Dairy, Mraz's Drug Store, Keller Hardware (Still there!!!! Thanks Dave) Caesar's Bar, Taylor's Men's Shop, Ferri Bros. Market, Eddie Powers (fashions in flowers), Carfagna Furniture, Johnson the Florist, Whew! Hey, do you remember Jeannie's Restaurant on the side street just up from Speelman's Bank Cafe? (Best Boston Cream Pie Ever!)

I want to shout out a few "off the main drag" businesses right about here cause we got a lot of ground to cover. Remember Caligaro's Barber Shop, Kukurin Beer Distributor, Glew, Jobe, Quinlan, and Knee Funeral Homes? Lots of churches too. Rutter Lumber Co., Antrilli's Florist. We're just getting started, but space is limited so we'll save the rest for the next issue of The Creeker.

As always, a shout out to my old buddy Rick McGrath. I'll pick up the fare for this ride, Rick. I had a good year. By the way, "Are you a Turtle?" Til next time fellow Creekers, hold on to those "Memories" ---Jim Topper

This is a poem I wrote in 1994 for my 30th TCHS class reunion. It was enlarged and posted for all to read. I signed it JT, as there were 3 or 4 JT's in our class, just to keep people wondering. Someone figured it out pretty quickly. Anyhow, I hope you enjoy "It's all rock 'n roll to me."

" Alas!, the 60's so long dead and gone.  
 But memories (or flashbacks ) may still linger on.  
 Anti-war activists and soldiers so brave.  
 People who took, people who gave.  
 Peace symbols, love beads, and hair down your back.  
 Lee Harvey Oswald, why'd you have to kill Jack?  
 Love and hate, what a(n) ubiquitous pair.  
 If you don't remember, you prob'ly weren't there.  
 Big V-8 engines, the Beatles craze.  
 So turn if you will and look back through the haze.  
 The people, the place, the sound and the smell.  
 Sweet dreams of Heaven and nightmares of Hell.  
 Three decades later, we gather once more.  
 Some happy, some sad, some rich and some poor.  
 We'll put on big smiles and tell little lies.  
 "My life is fantastic, just sunny, blue skies.  
 My kids are all Einstein's, my job is the best.  
 My life is just perfect, I speak not in jest."  
 We'll laugh and shake hands and say "you look great!"  
 Even to people that we used to hate.  
 So enjoy the reunion, have a laugh, shed a tear.  
 After all, my dear classmates, isn't that why we're here?  
 Perhaps if God's willing, and we're still alive.  
 We'll do it again when we reach thirty-five.

**Senior Citizens....Did you know?!**

That the **Turtle Creek Senior Center** is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is located at 519 Penn Avenue in Turtle Creek on the first floor of the Human Services Center Mon Valley. The Turtle Creek Senior Center provides a number of daily activities along with information and assistance services to any one age 60 and older.

Some center activities include; SilverSneaker, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Bingo, Parties, Etc...

Turtle Creek Senior Center also provides home delivered meals to over 200 participants in 20 different communities in and around Turtle Creek. Volunteers are always needed to help with the deliveries of these meals.

Interested in learning more about the Turtle Creek Senior Center? You can always stop in and speak to any of the staff to learn more or give us a call at 412-824-6880!

**Join us on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Turtle Creek Senior Center Open House**

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

9am – 2pm

Bring a copy of this Turtle Creeker article and get registered the same day for the center, to get an entry to win a gift card to Giant Eagle!

**What's Happening in WHSD?**



All throughout the month of February, Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy teachers and students had the opportunity to decorate their classroom doors as part of the third annual Black History Month Door Decorating Contest. Woodland Hills administrators, staff, and community members visited to judge the final products. Judges voted in three distinct categories: The display that best features student artwork and talents while including a STEAM element; the decoration that provides the most unique details about a person or event that contributed to STEAM or celebrates a unique or uncommon individual or idea; and the design that best showcases hometown influences and recognizes men and women from our surrounding area who have made an impact on STEAM.



Woodland Hills High School student Devontez Moses won the upper division monologue contest as part of Pittsburgh Public Theater's 30th Annual Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest. The annual contest featured over 800 area students from grades 4-12. The lower division highlights students in grades 4-7, while the upper division features students in grades 8-12. Each division has a category for a monologue and for a scene performed by a duo or small group. All of the finalists had the chance to perform at the O'Reilly Theater on Monday, February 26. Devontez selected a monologue where he performed as Antony from Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra" for his showcase. Several other students from the Woodland Hills School District earned honorable mentions for their performances. Gus Barnes of Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy was recognized for his monologue from "King Lear," while Nathaniel Willson and Katelyn Pittler were honored for their scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Colette Ciocco and Natalie Steiner were recognized for their scene from "Merchant of Venice."

Four high school students earned honorable mentions for their monologues: Juliana Connolly (Queen Margaret from "Henry IV"), Zack Barron (Bottom from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"), Liv Rocco (Phoebe from "As You Like It"), and Robby Steiner (Peter Quince from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"). Mia Damico and Isabel Concepcion earned an honorable mention for their scene from "The Merchant of Venice."



The fifth annual Woodland Hills Student Summit took place on Friday, March 8 and included students from nearly 20 urban, suburban, and rural school districts talking about mental health, racial and social equity, police relations, gun violence, mental health, creating positive change in schools, humanitarian services, LGBTQ issues, and animal and environmental considerations. This year's summit was hosted by Penn State Greater Allegheny as nearly 250 students descended on the McKeesport campus for the day. Every student took part in three sessions, with each lasting nearly an hour. Student leaders guided each session, with some receiving assistance from mentors and experts like author and motivational speaker Leon Ford.

The sessions featured presentations by the student leaders, activities for participants, and offered opportunities for all to share their perspectives and stories. Students also had the opportunity to visit an activity fair that featured representatives from Penn State University and community organizations, as well as interact with therapy dogs and therapy mini horses.

The Woodland Hills School District has been honored with the Best Communities For Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 25th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement for providing music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, WHSD answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas. WHSD is one of 975 districts in the United States to receive this honor, putting their music program in the top 7% of the country.

Fifth graders from all three Woodland Hills School District elementary schools will perform together at the annual fifth grade spring concert on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy auditorium. This was a project planned prior to the pandemic and is now rocking and rolling! This show is a great opportunity to prepare the students for the sixth grade orchestra and concert band at Dickson, which they'll be able to participate in next school year.