

Turtle Creek Community Calendar

Who	What	When	Where
Opportunity Hub Red Lantern Bike Shop	Thrift Store Bike Shop (Currently closed-stay tuned)	Friday-Saturday 11 am-2 pm https://www.facebook.com/redlanternbikespa	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry 2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am	February 10 March 9 April 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	March 4 April 8 May 6	Borough Building
Turtle Creek Development Corporation	Monthly Meeting	Fourth Wednesday of each month 5:30 pm	1st Christian Church 201 Pine Street
Turtle Creek Home Plate Vegetable Garden	Volunteer-run community garden, vegetable stand	Closed for the season-Stay Tuned! https://www.facebook.com/HomeplateGarden	Hamilton Park
Human Services Center Mon Valley	Hosts offices for service agencies	Open Monday—Friday 7 AM—5 PM	519 & 413 Penn Avenue
PA Career Link Office Hours	Job Search, Employment Assistance	1st & 3rd Tuesdays-2pm-4:30pm	519 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
The Open Door Inc.	Housing assistance for HIV-positive individuals	June 29, 12pm-2pm	519 Penn Avenue
Winner's Circle	AA	Friday's 6pm-7pm	519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Senior Center www.eaas.net	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
Wednesday	Tai Chi 10am - 11am Painting class - 12pm	\$2.00 donation Free	519 Penn Avenue
Friday	10am - 11am		519 Penn Avenue

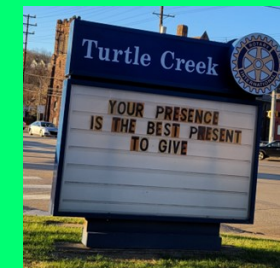
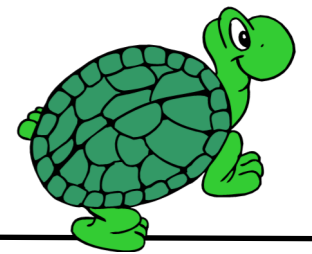


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The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life 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 Valley Rotary Celebrates 100 Years!!!!



Turtle Creek Valley Rotary Club will be celebrating 100 year of service in the near future. You might know us by our Rotary sign on the Tri-Boro or our Rotary clock which was decorated by the school children.

We are part of one of the largest service organizations in the world. We provide service to others, promote integrity, advance world understanding and goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. If you are interested in learning more about rotary, please go to www.rotary.org and [facebook.com/tcvalleyrotaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/tcvalleyrotaryclub) then email us at turtlecreekrotary@outlook.com.

Save the date for the Turtle Trot 5K Run or Walk on Sat. July 27, 2024. We use this fundraiser to donate to the food banks in the area and partnerships with the schools (Turtle Creek STEAM Elementary Academy, Westinghouse Arts Academy and East Allegheny). We provide food, clothing, books and high school scholarship applications.

Our focus was on Veterans this year as we supported the Grand Opening of the VA Facility in Monroeville, Adapt Fore Vets Golf at the South West Veterans Center - residents, friends and support staff putting green and Nov. 2023 Veterans School Assembly. Guardian Angels support to train two service dogs for Veterans as well as the groundbreaking of the new training facility in western Pennsylvania.

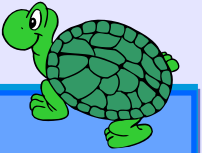
Weekly we discuss a variety of local and global projects such as funding The Red Dress at The Frick Pittsburgh and a water project in India.

Rotary International is part of a global effort to end polio and our club supports that effort as they address disease as well as what impacts women and children.

Consider looking into rotary and coming or possibly speaking at our Turtle Creek Valley Rotary weekly meeting on Fridays at noon at Papa Rocks Pizza Pub or the Rotary Satellite meeting on Wednesday nights after 6:30 pm twice a month.

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Free Computer Classes: Microsoft Word
Mondays, February 5 - March 18
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gain an overview of Microsoft Word features including how to change font and alignment, adding bullets and numbers to documents, and other common formatting tasks. Learners will take the NorthStar assessment and have an opportunity to earn a certificate they can add to a resume. Sign up by calling 412-829-7112.

How to Effectively Use Your Tax Refund

Thursday, February 15, 2024 12pm - 1pm On Zoom

For most Americans, a tax refund is the single biggest lump sum of money they will receive all year. Join HSCMV and the Allegheny County Financial Empowerment Center to learn how to effectively use your tax refund to set yourself up for success the rest of the year.

Senior center is open to anyone age 60 and older. We are open Monday - Friday from 9am - 3pm
Registration s required to participate in activities.
Lunch daily at 11:30am, reservations needed 2 days in advance by 11:30am, donation of a \$1.50
Volunteer Opportunities available.

Get your TAXES done for FREE!

Our IRS-certified tax preparers will help you get the refund you deserve. No hidden fees or charges.

The Human Services Center Mon Valley is pleased to provide:

FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 30th - April 10th

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

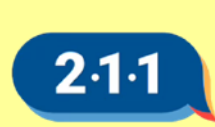
9AM - 3PM and 4PM - 7PM

413 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

You may qualify if your 2023 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, scanning the QR code below, or visiting PA211.org/VITA



What's Happening in WHSD?



Production is ramping up on Woodland Hills' spring musical, and this year's show comes with a twist. "Wonderland" will hit the stage April 25-27 and May 2-4 in the Thomas G. Crone Auditorium. The box office opens March 7 in the main lobby of the high school, as well as at whhs.ludus.com.

"Wonderland" is a pilot production, as Woodland Hills is one of two schools in the entire country that will be performing the show for the first time at the high school level. "Wonderland" is a reimagining of the classic "Alice in Wonderland," and it has been changed considerably since it first debuted on Broadway. The show is being presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about this unique opportunity for the Woodland Hills Performing Arts Department.

"Wonderland" follows up on the junior musical production of "Annie," which wowed audiences in early January. The show, which included students from Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy and underclassmen at the high school, featured Evabelle Rinsema and Adore McFadden in the titular role of the 11-year-old orphan, Richard Master as Oliver Warbucks, Noelle Brubaker as Grace Farrell, and Olivia Safran and Jae Saunders shared the roles of Miss Hannigan and Sophie. Luke DeVore played Rooster Hannigan, Delaney Cass and Cameron Peretti played the role of Lily St. Regis, while Ruslan Connelly and Elijah Pittler performed as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and dogcatchers. Annie's fellow orphans included Thea Wilk as Molly, Jordin Burgh as Pepper, Elizabeth Ansell as Duffy, Peyton Sarafis as July, Amiyah Holeman as Tessie, Caroline Elston as Kate, Elizabeth Ketcham as a featured orphan, and Kymaura Edmondson as a featured orphan and Cecille.



Thanks to support from Project SEEKS SES – a grant partnership between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and Allegheny County Department of Health – the Woodland Hills School District installed a Calming Room at Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy. The room follows the concept of the Resiliency Room at Woodland Hills High School. Equipped with dim lighting, beanbag chairs and a variety of activities to help a student calm down, the district is thrilled to provide its youngest learners a safe, calming space in times of need. "The students can come to that room and take a break from the everyday stressors that they're dealing with," said Pamela White, the district's Director of Administrative Services and WHOA Coordinator. "A lot of our students deal with trauma, and we want to give them a safe space to take as much time as they need." A Calming Room is also being installed at Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy.



Woodland Hills has launched a new robotics club at the newly opened Rankin Community Center specifically geared toward young girls. The Mother-Daughter VEX Robotics Club meets twice a month and allows for fourth and fifth grade girls in the district to work with their mothers as they work with VEX Robotics kits and learn more about STEM education. Approximately 20 students and their mothers are participating in the club, and they spend the bulk of the meeting time with their hands on one of the VEX kits. They follow instructions to build a robotic vehicle, then put the vehicle through a series of tests, including an obstacle course, using a coding a program on a tablet.

STEM education principles encourage improved communication, encourages creative thinking and development of unique ideas, and enhances students' ability to solve problems and troubleshoot issues. The mother-daughter club will continue into to meet into the spring. Woodland Hills is also developing

other STEM opportunities for students through the VEX Robotics curriculum, including a middle school club that meets weekly and a competitive robotics team.