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Attention Residents: Garbage pick-up is now Wednesday for the entire Borough!!

# **Turtle Creek Community Calendar**

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Who	What	When	Where
Opportunity Hub Red Lantern Bike Shop	Thrift Store Bike Shop (Closed for remainder of 2023)	Friday-Saturday11 am-2 pm https://www.facebook.com/ redlanternbikespa	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	<b>Food Pantry</b> 2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am	October 14 November 11 December 9	Human Svcs. Ctr. 413 Penn Avenue
Rotary Club	Rotary Meeting	First and third Fridays at noon, as long as indoor seating is allowed in restaurants	Papa Rocks Pizza (Haymaker Village) 4512 Broadway Blvd, Monroeville
Senator Brewster 's Representative	Office Hours	Tuesdays 9 am—4:00 pm	Borough Building
Turtle Creek Borough	<b>Council Meeting</b> First Monday of each month: 7 pm	October 2 November 6 December 4	Borough Building
SNAP Outreach	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	Local office closed. Contact 1-833-822-SNAP (7627)	
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 Thank you patrons!	Hamilton Park
Human Services Center <u>Mon Valley</u>	Hosts offices for service agencies	Open Monday—Friday <u>7 AM—5 PM</u>	519 & 413 <u>Penn Avenue</u>
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	Exercise Classes	Monday—Friday Call 412-824-6880 for times	519 Penn Avenue



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# **Eastern Area Prehospital Services An Essential Local Resource!!**

In the heart of our community, there's a silent guardian that stands ready to assist during life's most critical moments: Eastern Area Prehospital Services. It's a vital resource we rely on, and today we'd like to stress the importance of an ambulance subscription and how it can help support this essential service.

The Ambulance Subscription: A Lifesaving Investment An ambulance subscription is more than just a donation; it's an investment in the well-being of our neighbors and loved ones. When you subscribe to Eastern Area Prehospital Services, you contribute to its sustainability and the timely response it can provide during emergencies. Turtle Creek's yearly mailer went out in July of 2023.

Here are some key reasons why an ambulance subscription is crucial: transport (deductible or co pay) after an insurance company pays their portion. equipment, and training, ensuring they can provide top-notch care when seconds count.

### A Call for Support

Supporting Eastern Area Prehospital Services goes beyond individual, household, or business subscriptions. As a community, we have a collective responsibility to ensure its continued success. Here are some ways we can all contribute: Advocacy: Stay informed about the challenges our ambulance service faces and advocate for adequate funding at lo-

- cal and state levels.
- written off on your taxes.

## **Total Return Rate: A Community Effort**

Out of 3,259 households in Turtle Creek Borough, only 202 (6.3%) have subscribed to Eastern Area Prehospital Services. While we appreciate the support from those households, we believe there's room for growth. Increasing the number of subscriptions can help improve our total return rate and, more importantly, enhance Turtle Creek's community's safety and wellbeing.

### In Conclusion

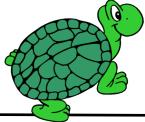
Eastern Area Prehospital Services is a lifeline we cannot afford to lose. By subscribing, advocating, or donating, you become part of a network that ensures our community remains safe and that Eastern Area Prehospital Services continues to save lives. Let's remember that your support today could make the difference between life and death for a neighbor, friend, or even yourself in times of crisis. Together, we can ensure Eastern Area Prehospital Services remains a beacon of hope and assistance in Turtle Creek Borough.



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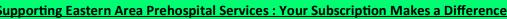
The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life for Turtle Creek residents, TCDC takes a lead role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

TCDC meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church (201 Pine Street).



American Heart Association.

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Cost-Efficiency: Subscribing can save you significant money by covering the out-of-pocket costs of ambulance

Essential Funding: Subscription revenue helps Eastern Area Prehospital Services maintain high-quality personnel,

Donations: Consider making a charitable donation to Eastern Area Prehospital Services to help cover the costs of training, equipment, and outreach programs. We are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation and all donations can be

# Thank you for your commitment to the well-being of our community.

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#### **Free Computer Classes**

HSCMV is partnering with Literacy Pittsburgh to host a free computer class series on Google products. Attendees will learn how to use Gmail, Google Calendar, and Google Drive. Classes will take place on Thursdays in October (October 12, 19, and 26) from 10am-12pm. Classes are open to the public and will take place in-person at the Human Services Center Mon Valley, 519 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek PA 15145. Registrations required. Please RSVP by calling 412-209-8468 or emailing digitalpgh@literacypittsburgh.org.

#### Saving for Your Child's Future webinar Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 6 – 7pm

Staff from Fund My Future PGH and the PA Treasury Dept. will discuss savings methods available for Allegheny County residents including PAABLE accounts for individuals with disabilities and the PA529 College and Career Savings Program. Join us for a chance to win a gift card for attending and hear how you can receive TWO chances to win \$1,000 in the Fund My Future PGH raffle in December. Sign up for the webinar at https://hscmonvalley.org/monthly-webinar/

#### FAFSA webinar Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 12 - 1pm

Staff from PHEAA, the PA Higher Education Assistance Agency, will discuss the financial aid application process, what types of aid are available for students, and strategies to think about affordability before applying for post-secondary school admission. Join us to learn more about the new FAFSA process and for a chance to win a gift card for attending. Sign up for the webinar at https://

#### Senior Safety and Wellness Expo Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 10:30am - 1pm

State Senator Jim Brewster and State Representative Matt Gergely will be hosting this event at the McKeesport Palisades, 100 Fifth Avenue, McKeesport PA 15132. You can partake in flu shots, health screenings, refreshments, and door prizes. Seniors can also learn about state benefits, including free senior bus passes.

HSC Mon Valley's HIV/AIDS Working Group organizes several HIV awareness and education events throughout the year including events for World AIDS Day (December 1st) and National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk is Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 am in Turtle Creek (519 Penn Avenue Turtle Creek) Registration begins at 8:00 am, at 8:30 am we will have our opening ceremony, and the Walk begins at 9:00 am. For more information, visit our events page or contact us at 412-436-9537 or dkear@hscmonvalley.org.



# What's Happening in WHSD?



ty of live music.

The menu featured Asian, Botswanan, Halal, Honduran, Mexican and Italian food specially prepared for the event, as well as food from Tanya's Catering and from Nutrition, Inc. Attendees also had a chance to chat with organizers of various high school clubs and activities, as well as learn more about a few of the district's community partners. The gym was also home to performances from the Woodland Hills Jazz Band, featuring students and staff. As guests ate and mingled, they were treated to music from a bagpiper and a mariachi band. The second portion of the evening featured performances in the auditorium. Kuumba African Drumming and Dance got everyone moving, while the Tamburitzans wowed with their traditional Armenian, Jewish and Serbian dances and music.

Her Excellency, Ambassador Mmasegkoa Masire-Mwamba of Botswana to the Kingdom of Belgium was the evening's special guest. The ambassador gave brief remarks praising the celebration of culture and the importance of coming together through food and music. She also shared some information about Botswana before student representatives presented her with a few mementos to thank her for coming to Woodland Hills. The evening was capped off with fireworks. Administrators hope to make the International Festival an annual event celebrating the district's diversity.



# 2023 Woodland Hills High School Homecoming

The 2023 Woodland Hills High School Homecoming Court was recognized on Friday, Sept. 22 during halftime of the football game against Norwin. Dorian Wells was selected as Homecoming King, while Isabel Concepcion was chosen as Homecoming Queen. The two were officially crowned on Friday, September 22 during a pep rally at the high school. Dorian and Isabel then joined the rest of the court to be recognized at halftime that evening.

The first runners-up for king and gueen were Moyosoreoluwa Adebajo and Bree Boyd, while the second runners-up were Andre Smith and Brianna Mason. This year's court also featured Mia Marie Curler, Naomi Pollard, Jazlynn Sanders, Brook Scott, Terrell Bush, Antonio Nash, Aidan Potter and Nathan Scott.

The pep rally also featured the crowning of the Woodland Hills Faculty King and Queen, Mr. Robert Carr and Ms. Julia Kuzy, as well as a celebration of all of the fall sports, the marching band, and the cheerleaders. The seniors won the annual homecoming float contest.



# **International Festival**

The Woodland Hills School District hosted its first International Festival on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the high school. The evening featured authentic cuisine from around the world plus a varie-



