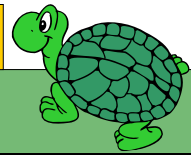


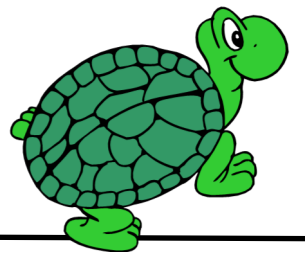
Attention Residents: Garbage pick-up is now Wednesday for the entire Borough!!



## Turtle Creek Community Calendar

Who	What	When	Where
Red Lantern Bike Shop and Opportunity Hub	Thrift Store Bike Shop	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	April 8 May 13 June 10	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	Council Meeting First Monday of each month: 7 pm	April 6 May 1 June 5	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	Starting Early Spring!	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	Thursdays 9am-12pm	519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Senior Center <a href="http://www.eaas.net">www.eaas.net</a>	Exercise Classes	Monday—Friday Call 412-824-6880 for times	519 Penn Avenue
	Open House!!	Tuesday May 23 @ 10 am– 12 pm RSVP requested– 412-824-6880	519 Penn Avenue

# THE Turtle Creeker



### 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSCMV) celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in December of 2022! For 40 years, HSCMV has been working to support the people of the Mon Valley. The agency serves nearly 1,000 people each year through its programming thanks to its dedicated staff and critical community partners. After years of helping neighbors improve their lives, with support from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, the HSCMV did a little self-improvement, too. After a yearlong rebranding process, on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the HSCMV gathered to celebrate 40 years and unveiled its fresh new name, new look, and URL with its partners and supporters. Of course, the HSCMV is in the same handy location in Turtle Creek, delivering the same wonderful programs with the same caring staff, but now has a name, logo, and message that more accurately reflects its work: People powering people. Every day, the HSCMV is inspired by the children, families, and adults it serves. And every day, it's proud of the progress made, whether achieving financial stability, education or career goals, or making today better than yesterday.

### BACKGROUND

The Mon Valley is an economically depressed region due to the collapse of the steel industry, which has contributed to high poverty and unemployment rates for the region, accelerating the effects of other social problems. The Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSCMV) was established in 1982 as a human services "mall," currently houses 12 tenant agencies, and is utilized as an outreach base by more than 80 external programs serving more than 750 residents daily from 38 communities within the Mon Valley. Enhancing cooperation and coordination among human services providers, while promoting a supportive, responsive environment for the delivery of services is a goal of the HSCMV. Over its first decade, the HSCMV built a base for the delivery of human services. Through its development, the HSCMV has extensively involved the provider community, and has served as a catalyst for revitalization. A wide range of community needs as well as supportive services are addressed by our network of providers. Central information and referral, case coordination/advocacy, and community outreach are strengths of the agency, as well as network coordination for service delivery enhancement.

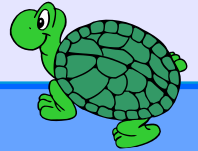
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The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life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

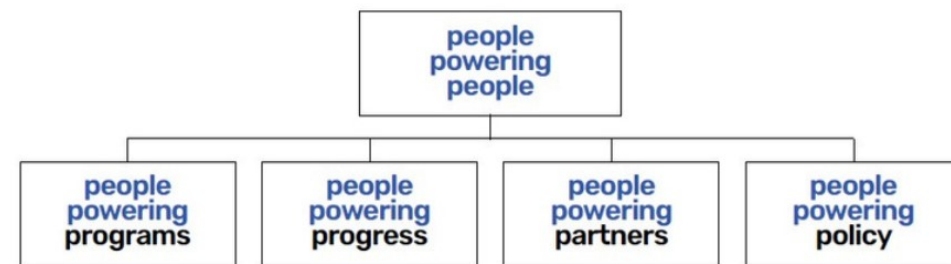


## Human Services Center Mon Valley

### MISSION

The HSCMV improves the quality of life for children, adults, and families in the Mon Valley Area. It fulfills its mission in four ways:

- \*Serving as a collaborative leader by promoting and supporting a network of providers within and outside the walls of its multi-purpose center.
- \*Serving as a bridge between human service organizations and those who develop policies and funding that impact the quality of life in the Mon Valley area.
- \*Monitoring community needs and initiating innovative strategies to fill service gaps.
- \*Providing essential services to both community members and human service organizations.



**People Powering Programs** – These are the programs we run such as Supports for Success, the Emerging Leaders Program, the Youth LIFE After-School and KOOL Summer Programs, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and more.

**People Powering Progress** – This demonstrates how we look to identify needs in our community and find ways to fill those gaps such as in our Mon Valley Providers Council.

**People Powering Partners** – Demonstrates how we make and build connections with partners such as funders, tenants, school districts, community organizations, and businesses.

**People Powering Policy** – This pillar represents the advocacy work the HSCMV does on behalf of the people we serve.

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### The Turtle Creek Senior Center

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. Lunch is available daily for a voluntary donation. Information and assistance is available on services including transportation, meals on wheels, rent rebates, and PACE. Exercise classes are held daily and include t'ai chi, yoga, chair exercise, and Silver Sneakers.

Stop by the Center or call at 412-824-6880 to learn more and have your questions answered. Information on additional programs are on Eastern Area Adult Services' website, [www.eaas.net](http://www.eaas.net). The Center is funded in part through Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging. Jodi Trovato is the Center Manager and is assisted by Lee Sindorf, Pat Milton, and Robert Drost.

**Open House, Tuesday, May 23, 10 am – Noon, RSVP requested 412-824-6880**

## What's Happening in WHSD?



Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy student Jonas Divelbiss and Woodland Hills High School student Annelise Hanson were both selected for the showcase of finalists at the Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest at the Pittsburgh Public Theater. Over 700 students in the tri-state area competed in the preliminary rounds during the first two weeks in February. Five monologue and scene finalists performed in the finals of each division.



- Two of Woodland Hills students excelled at the Allegheny County Calculus Competition at Duquesne University. Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy student Isaac Rihn and Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy student Gabe Watson each tied for third place in the individual competition.
- The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association has selected Woodland Hills High School to receive this year's Outstanding Pennsylvania School Library Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding school library programming, instruction, and services which are integral to the students' education. Under the leadership of librarian Kevin McGuire, the Woodland Hills High School library provides an educational program that meets the varied needs of the students, faculty, and school community at large. It supports the curriculum, provides a creative atmosphere for learning and exploration, and fosters a life-long interest in seeking knowledge and building connections. According to the Consortium for Public Education Program Director Debbie Pixton and Executive Director Jacqueline Foor, the Woodland Hills High School library is a model of what future-oriented thinking should be. They explain, "While some may have the perception that libraries are the place for academics, WHHS focuses on their library being the place to include all students in inquiring, exploring, collaborating, and engaging in a wide variety of curated experiences for their futures. This includes a variety of literature and so much more."

Woodland Hills High School hosted its fourth Student Summit on Friday, February 10, where it gave students from nine districts a platform to talk about issues that impact their daily lives. Students led discussion groups that delved into these critical topics and empowered their peers to effect change in their communities.

Founded by Woodland Hills High School English teacher Ms. Erin Wall, the Student Summit began during the 2019-20 school year as a response to a series of traumatic events in the Woodland Hills community. The first year exclusively featured Woodland Hills students. The second event took place during the COVID-19 pandemic and was held virtually, but it incorporated students from other districts with discussion groups hosted by Woodland Hills student leaders. In the 2021-22 school year, students from multiple districts met in person for the first time.

This year, the Student Summit expanded to include nine school districts - Aliquippa, Avonworth, Belle Vernon, Greater Johnstown, Mt. Lebanon, Penn Hills, Shaler, Westmont Hilltop, and host Woodland Hills. The discussion topics were handpicked by the students and included Women's Rights, LGBTQ issues, Mental Health, Quality Animal Care, Racial and Social Injustice, Gun Violence, and Climate Change. Student leaders from the various districts hosted three separate breakout discussions throughout the day about each topic, giving students a chance to engage with a variety of their peers.

This year's summit featured a keynote speech from author and community organizer Leon Ford, who is the co-founder of the Hear Foundation. Mr. Ford was paralyzed at the age of 19 when he was shot by a police officer in a case of mistaken identity. He shared his experience with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as the concept of post-traumatic growth and the importance of self-care.

