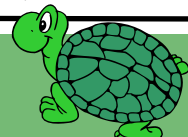
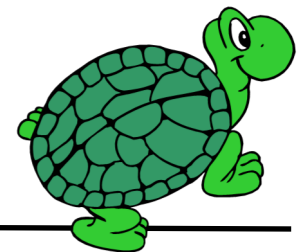


Turtle Creek Community Calendar



Who	What	When	Where
Turtle Creek's Human Services Center	Hosts offices for service agencies	Open Monday—Friday 7 AM—5 PM	529 & 413 Penn Avenue
Visit https://hsc-mvpc.org/events-calendar/ for the most up-to-date events at the HSCC!			
Red Lantern Bike Shop and Opportunity Hub	Thrift Store Bike Shop	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	December 11 January 8 February 12 March 12	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	December 6 January 10 February 7 March 7	Borough Building
SNAP Outreach	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	Local office closed. Contact 1-833-822-SNAP (7627)	Human Svcs. Ctr. 519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Development Corporation	Monthly Meeting	Fourth Wednesday of each month 5:30 pm am	1st Christian Church 201 Pine Street
Turtle Creek Home Plate Vegetable Garden	Volunteer-run community garden, vegetable stand	CLOSED FOR THE SEASON	Hamilton Park
Women's Law Project	Provide free confidential services for those who have experienced sexual harassment/assault in school or work	Local office closed Contact downtown Pgh. office at 412-281-2892	Human Svcs. Ctr. 519 Penn Avenue

THE Turtle Creeker



Honoring Special Creekers!

Congrats Chief!!

For 30 years, Dale Kraeer was a Turtle Creek police officer. He served as police chief for the past 25 years, until his recent retirement. "Being a police officer is almost a calling," he says. "You've got to want to do the job. It's a cliched thing to say, but you have to want to help people, you have to want to help the community. As the chief, you want to make sure your officers are OK—and that the community is OK."

Born and raised in Turtle Creek, Mr. Kraeer has watched the borough change since his childhood. Many reading this know Dale, and some even grew up and attended school with him. "Growing up, everyone either worked in the Westinghouse or United States Steel. When they started shutting down, things got rough. People moved away to find other jobs, houses were being sold, houses were being rented out." One thing in Turtle Creek that hasn't changed over the past 30 years, Kraeer says, are the kind of people who live there. "People are dedicated," he says. "They have roots here."

Residents shouldn't be afraid to get involved, Kraeer says. "You've just got to take the initiative. I've had many people come to me over the years and say, 'we need this or that.' Well, do it. You can make things happen—you just have to want to do it." Kraeer thanks the many groups and volunteers that do exist in Turtle Creek and provide much needed services to our community.

Mr. Kraeer has always had a love for horses. He has been involved in taking care of and boarding horses for some 40 years. He has his own place now and in retirement he hopes spend time giving lessons and hosting other equestrian events. It's his work, but it's therapy. It's relaxing a way to clear the mind.

The former chief has also received the 'Partner of the Year' award from Turtle Creek Development Corporation in recognition of his dedication and years of service. He was given this award in a virtual ceremony conducted by the Mon Valley Initiative on October 21st.

Congrats Chief on your retirement! Relax and enjoy life. We look forward to seeing you around the Crick!



Linda Patchel's Patch

When Turtle Creek Home Plate Garden started 5 years ago, vegetables were not the only thing on the menu. Long time gardener/enthusiast Linda Patchel thought that having flowers would be a great addition to this project. She moved forward with this idea of adorning the garden with all kinds of flowers, annuals and perennials alike.

Linda has moved away since the inception of the garden, but the flower garden remains a beautiful addition. Many bouquets have been taken home by our happy patrons. Valued insects and butterflies also enjoy these colorful floras.

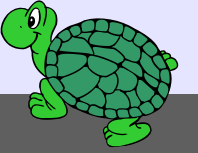
The members of Turtle Creek Home Plate Garden are proud to name this flower garden "Linda Patchel's Patch" in honor of her work and dedication. Linda will always be a valued member of this community gem!



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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).



Mayor's Corner



Mayor Kelley Kelley

Hello TC! I've thought a lot about what I wanted to share in my last Mayor's Corner for the Creeker. Of course, I want everyone to know what an honor it's been to serve two terms as your Mayor, and I thank all of you who have supported me during my time in office. I also thank those of you who have been critical of my service, reminding me of the things I need to improve upon. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the community I love.

While we've accomplished so much during my two terms, using this space to talk more about those accomplishments would seem appropriate, but I feel the best way to bring my time to a close would be to encourage others in the TC community to get involved and think about running for a local municipal office. One of the biggest challenges I've faced during my time as Mayor has been getting more residents involved in community service. While there seems to be such passion and advocacy for change online and in social media platforms, when it comes to getting involved and doing the work, few show up.

Currently many municipalities are struggling to find people to run for local elected offices and those who do run, run unopposed and have already served for many years. Some communities have elected positions they're unable to fill because no one will run. Holding an elected position can be one of the strongest ways to create the change you're looking for. It's a wonderful way to give back to your community and for you to play a major role in the day-to-day lives of residents. You can also have an impact on those issues you feel most strongly about, advocating for things like criminal justice, education, and health care reform. We also need local government to reflect our diverse communities and all too often many don't see themselves represented.

As I finish up my term, I encourage you all to take some time and think about what you can do to improve your community, not what everyone else should be doing to improve it. We all have relevant experience and talents to share that would benefit our communities. Positive change happens when residents work together with their elected officials and others tasked to make improvements. Please take some time and think about the things you feel need to change and how you can make that happen. Maybe it isn't as an elected official, maybe something like creating a community volunteer group to organize days of service best fits your time and talents. We all play a part and together we can do amazing things.

Below are some links with additional info on how to run for a local office and if you would like more info, you can send me an email mayor@tcboro.com

Allegheny County Department of Elections:
https://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny_Home/Dept-Content/Elections/Docs/General%20Information%20for%20Running%20for%20Office.pdf

Local Government Academy:
<https://localgovernmentacademy.org/programs/runforoffice/>

Again, thank you all and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the future.



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Office hours are by appointment only.

Changes and updates to the schedule are posted to her Facebook page:

[Turtle Creek, PA—Office of the Mayor.](#)

Also visit the **Crime Watch** page: [Turtle Creek, PA Crime Watch.](#)

Council meetings are the first Monday of every month at 7pm in council chambers.