

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 https://www.facebook.com/redlanternbikespa	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry 2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am	January 14 February 11 March 11	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	January 9 February 6 March 6	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	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 www.eaas.net	Exercise Classes	Monday—Friday Call 412-824-6880 for times	519 Penn Avenue

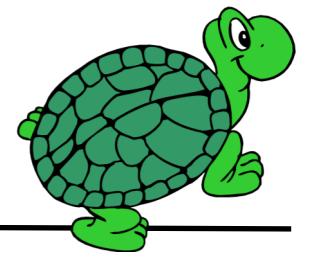


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The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) is committed to revitalizing and sustaining Turtle Creek as a livable community. TCDC is an all-volunteer organization. In addition to a variety of activities geared toward improving the quality of life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

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

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Merry Christmas to Days Gone By!!



Winter Wonderland— 1905



Thanksgiving Day in 1950. Direan's garage at the end of Brown Ave and Penn Ave extension.



This is how they plowed snow in the early 1900s!



Remember these??



Check out the icicles on the Westinghouse building on Braddock Ave.

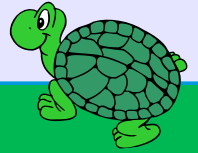


The Great Appalachian Snow Storm 1950. Thirty-one inches of snow fell on South Western PA



In 1936 the rivers froze 2 to 3 feet deep. Yes, people walked on them!

Thanks to "Turtle Creek Valley Historical Society"



Things to know!



To a neighbor in the Mon Valley, a tax refund will make a world of difference. You can make it happen.

In our community, 59% of taxpayers earn less than \$20,000 a year. When you volunteer in our Free Tax Prep program, you're helping your neighbor put their hard-earned money to good use. Join us and see the good you can do.

- Free simple training
- No experience required
- Just three hours a week during tax season

To learn more or sign up, contact Stephanie Eson at seson@hscmonvalley.org or 412-437-8229.



Foreclosure Assistance Still Available!

Pennsylvania homeowners facing foreclosure or other financial hardships because of the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for help.

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund will help homeowners whose annual household income is at or below 150 percent of the area median. The program is designed to prevent or ease mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, displacements and utility disconnections.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly allocated \$350 million in federal funds toward the relief effort. Mon Valley Initiative is one of the agencies that will provide help through the program.

To find out more information, call housing counselor Jonathan Weaver at 412-464-4000, ext. 4008, or email jweaver@monvalleyinitiative.com.

Christmas Thoughts

Christmas time, 1958. All I wanted was a black and yellow Sabre Jet. I had seen it on T.V. (in black and white, of course) and it was the coolest thing I'd ever seen because it actually FLEW!!!! It had a small gasoline engine that you started with a 9-volt battery and was controlled with 2 lengths of fishing line attached to the tip of the wing. Now my folks didn't have a lot of money, so I thought my chances of getting this coveted beauty were about slim to none. Can you imagine my delight on Christmas morning when I saw the exact plane I wanted under the tree! I don't think it dawned on me at the time that this "jet" had a propeller. Anyhow, I couldn't wait to try it out. I ran over to my best friend Billy's house to show off my amazing gift and to get his help. We lived on Miller St., a short, dead end (sorry, "Cul de sac") off the old Greensburg Pike. So, with me at one end of the street and Billy at the other, we were ready to go. The plan was to "taxi" the plane back and forth between us. On the very first "taxi" my precious plane gained enough altitude to be out of reach. We stood and watched in awe as it soared off into the gray December sky, never to be seen again. I think that was the day I learned that patience is, indeed, a virtue. Merry Christmas Everyone. Jim Topper-Class of '64'

Christmas Trivia

- The first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday was Alabama in 1836.
- Noel is the word which is used in place of Christmas in France. The word was derived from the French phrase "les bonnes nouvelles" which means "the good news" and it refers to the gospel.
- The American Puritans wanted to make the festival of Thanksgiving Day the prime festival instead of Christmas.
- Father Christmas has two addresses, Edinburg and the North Pole. If someone writes a letter and wants to send it to "Toyland" or "Snow Land", then that particular letter goes to Edinburg. But, if someone sends the letter to "The North Pole", then it has to go to the North Pole because there is a place called North Pole.
- Listen to the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" and count the number of gifts in the song. You will realize that gifts were exchanged 364 times. Thus the gifts are exchanged everyday of the year.
- In the Ukraine, if you find a spider web in the house on Christmas morning, it is believed to be good luck. There once lived a woman so poor, says a Ukrainian folk tale, that she could not afford Christmas decorations for her family. One Christmas morning, she awoke to find that spiders had trimmed her children's tree with their webs (at the time they left their trees outside). When the morning sun shone on them, the webs turned to silver and gold. An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees.

There are so many more trivia about Christmas. Take some time to explore the meaning of Christmas. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023.