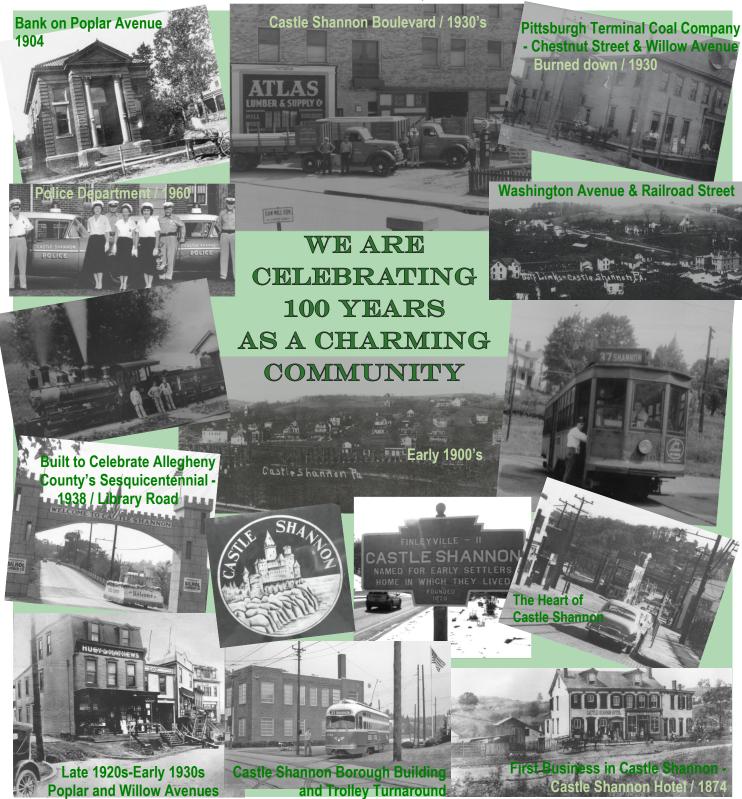
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Borough Council

Second and Fourth Mondays of each month Municipal Center, 7 PM

Planning Commission

Third Monday of each month as needed Municipal Center, 7 PM

Castle Shannon Youth Association

Third Sunday of each month Municipal Center, 7 PM

Friends of the Community Library of CS Meets on call at the Library

Castle Shannon Seniors

Last Saturday of each month Community Library of Castle Shannon, 1 PM

St. Anne Seniors

Third Wednesday of each month Harkins Hall, 1 PM

St. Winifred 55 - Plus Club

First Tuesday of each month St. Winifred Gym, 1 PM



Veterans Day Ceremonies SATURDAY, November 10, 2018 11:00 a.m. **Memorial Parklet**







Manager's Message



VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

Please make plans to again attend our annual

VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES to honor the men and women of Castle Shannon that are serving or who have served in all branches of the United

States Military. Ceremonies will be held on Veterans' Day (Saturday) November 10, 2018 at the Memorial Parklet behind the Ice Castle at 11:00 a.m.

This ceremony has grown from its inception and will prominently feature all military service banners.

MAYOR BAUMGARTEN RECEIVES TRUSTEE AWARD

At the 107th Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), Mayor Donald J. Baumgarten was awarded the prestigious Trustee Award for over 45 years of service to the Borough of Castle Shannon.

The Mayor received letters of congratulation from Congressman Lamb and State Senator Fontana and personal remarks from County Councilman Palmiere.

Mayor Baumgarten is shown accepting his Trustee award from PSAB President William S. Rossey.



2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RIP)

The Borough's annual road improvement program for 2018 was awarded to El Grande Industries.

The RIP is composed of two (2) separate funding sources; dedicated Capital Improvement Funds which will address the following segments: on Grove Way from-McRoberts Road to the end; on Myrtle Avenue-Pine Avenue to Castle Shannon Blvd; on Ridgeton-Sixth Street to the end; on Wabash Avenue-Edgewood Avenue to Killarney Drive; on Grant Street from House 3717 to House 3769 and on Hoodridge Drive from the Chateaugay Apartments to the Hoodridge Court Parking Lot-\$196,318.

And, Liquid Fuels Funds to address segments on Willow Avenue from Chestnut to Poplar Avenue and on Hastie Road from Willow Avenue to House 1037-\$127,667.

By the date you receive the newsletter, both contracts should have been completed and final restoration has either concluded or will be concluded directly.

It is worthwhile to again note that Castle Shannon has, due to previous proactive maintenance operations on road sub-base conditions, annually reduced our final costs to values well below initial estimates.

These preventive measures have continually decreased this component in our yearly RIP.

The RIP is developed in part through a systematic 10 year roadway segment improvement schedule which allocates previously identified investment levels to ensure the Borough's twenty six (26) roadway miles will be preserved.

Ms4

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM OR (MS4) COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

As we have previously mentioned, Castle Shannon, along with many other urbanized communities state and nationwide, operate and maintain storm sewer assets or MS4 operations.

In December 2018 Castle Shannon's current five (5) year National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, which began in 2013, will expire.

Our new permit is proposed to be issued in March 2019.

As part of our renewal process, we are required to develop a plan that within five (5) years reduces approximately 360,000 pounds of sediment from our tributaries to Saw Mill Run.

Although plan specifics have not yet been determined, we envision that by restoring approximately 350 feet of stream bank this requirement can be met.

Multiple options for this are being reviewed and considered by Council along with our engineers.

When finalized, actual construction is tentatively scheduled to be initiated in 2021/22.

The program for this permit cycle has been estimated to cost between \$400 to \$500K.

In addition to finalizing the above referenced sediment removal project, we have continued our compliance directives **Minimum Control**

Measures (MCM) I - "Public Education and Outreach" by Stormwater Management

convening a "State of the Watershed-Saw Mill Run" program for all municipalities in the Saw Mill Run Watershed.

The State of the Watershed event, in addition to conducting inspections of all storm water inlets and piping structures within the Borough and repairing same when needed; developing a watershed presentation program with the Keystone Oaks School District; holding mock assessment audits and conducting training for all Council Members and Staff, will ensure that when Castle Shannon is "invited" to participate in a program compliance audit we will have all state/federal activities successfully addressed.



BOROUGH STUDIES IMPLEMENTATION OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FEE

As has been highlighted in several editions of past municipal newsletters,

compliance with MS4 MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM requirements mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Protection Agency is currently an un-funded mandate. As of the date of this newsletter, only Townships of the Second Class and Home Rule Municipalities have the ability to levy fees to assess activity requirements of this law. Currently the Borough has

been able to undertake compliance activities through Real Estate Tax allocations; however this has proved to be an unsustainable proposition. To this end, the Borough on April 11 and July 30, 2018 conducted public meetings to present the Storm Water Fee Study report and take public comment same. Although no official decision has been made yet on ways to implement said fees in the interim if you have any questions please contact Manager Thomas C. Hartswick at the Borough Offices.

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES

Castle Shannon Building and Codes Official Paul Vietmeier has been aggressively targeting the so called "blighted properties" in the Borough with assistance from Allegheny County through the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG).

Since 2012 we have successfully secured grant funding and demolished over ten (10) vacant properties Borough wide. Each demolition can total in excess of \$10,000.

In 2018 the Borough cleared two (2) properties: 3236 May Street and 3473 McRoberts Road. Both properties were removed entirely through grant funding.

In 2019 we have proposed several additional structures for demolition:

1214 Prospect Avenue



1215 Prospect Avenue



3750 Myrtle Avenue

To assist in our efforts, we will be applying for demolition funding through SHACOG/Allegheny County for \$35,000 and assuming good bids, we should be in a position to have these properties cleared next year.

Although the Borough has worked successfully with Allegheny County/HUD in securing resources for these types of projects, considerable concern has developed about the future of Community Development Block Grant Funding and other federally supported programs through HUD. With a perceived new direction in this program, at the federal level, the future of this effort remains uncertain.

The above lots are liened for the full cost of demolition as well as any back municipal taxes or fees prior to a future sale. Additionally, the Borough assumes no ownership.

Most lots cleared by demolition are buildable. Further information pertaining to zoning restrictions and building permit requirements can be obtained at the Municipal Offices 412-885-9200. Liened amounts can be accessed at Allegheny Department of Economic Development 412-350-1000.

We work extremely close with property owners to attempt continual general property upkeep and only when this proves to no avail move the property forward, to attempt to address maintenance conditions through the legal process.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY INTERN

In 2018 Castle Shannon Borough was invited to participate in the Municipal Internship Program sponsored by the Local Government Academy (LGA).

Our project involved the reorganization/evaluation of the Borough's Code Inspection and Property Maintenance procedures. The project generated many strong candidates; however, after much discussion and evaluation, Ms. Jessica Routzahn was selected as the Borough's intern.

Ms. Routzahn, originally from the Philadelphia area, is in

the final semester of her Master's Degree at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

Ms. Routzahn worked for the Borough for twelve (12) weeks from June through August.

This is the fifth LGA sponsored intern to complete projects in Castle Shannon since 2002.



Plan

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE APPROVAL

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan serves many purposes: It brings together the analyses of the social, economic, and physical characteristics (such as the distribution of population, industry, businesses, open spaces, and publicly built facilities) that led to the plan; it examines special problems and opportunities within the community and establishes community-development objectives; it coordinates land development with transportation, water supply, schools, and other facilities; it proposes ways to accomplish these coordinated objectives over time; it relates the plan to its impact on public revenues and expenditures; and it proposes regulations, policies, and programs to implement the plan.

In summary, a Comprehensive Plan is a "guide" to making daily development decisions in terms of their long-range consequences.

Throughout 2017/18 the Castle Shannon Planning Commission conducted studies/hearings on the Plan and recommended a series of modifications/refinements of the existing Comprehensive Plan from 2006.

The comments, endorsements/recommendations officially endorsed by the Planning Commission were presented to Borough Council which then conducted several meetings and two public presentations on the Plan. Council added several additional sections of comments which were included in the existing plans narrative sections.

Borough Council officially adopted the newly updated Comprehensive Plan on June 25, 2018.

În 2018/19 Castle Shannon will continue with a series of municipal improvement and maintenance projects to address maintenance objectives the Borough's community infrastructure and public facilities.

Borough Council views the challenges posed by the continued maintenance and upgrades of our transportation and recreational assets as potential opportunities and is committed to their successful resolution through a "hands on" approach to ensure public input and involvement.

Continued . . .

Taken together our Annual Road Improvement Program, sanitary and storm sewer line upgrades and ensuring maintenance of same allows our public infrastructure to function in an inter-related process, which improves municipal services delivery and addresses mandated environment, health and safety issues.

In closing, on behalf of Mayor Baumgarten and all members of Borough Council, we wish all residents a joyous

holiday season.

CASTLE SHANNON COMMUNITY DAY 2018

11th Year Anniversary Celebration



SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2018 HAMILTON PARK

On May 28th Castle Shannon presented the 11th BOROUGH'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY **CELEBRATION**" at Hamilton Park.

The original goals of our Community Day Celebration were and still are the promotion of the many assets of the Borough within a family oriented venue.

Over the years our Community Day celebration has been widely recognized as having one of the best assortments of music and entertainment to start off the Summer season.

Since the inception of Community Day in 2007, we continue to see year to year increases in community interest, support and participation in our signature event of the summer.

Varied musical entertainment, vendors and fireworks conclude a fun filled family oriented day/evening.

This year Castle Shannon again provided one of the Pittsburgh area's best musical venues of the Summer.

Our first musical act this year was the House Band from the School of Rock. This House Band is comprised of young musicians who all attend the School of Rock Studio located on Route 88 and Rockwood Avenue. Following was the Justin Fabus Band. Mr. Fabus is a local artist whose band features country music.

The third act was Radio Tokyo. Radio Tokyo covers current Top 40 contemporary artists.

Musical entertainment concluded with the Tony Janflone, Jr. Band. Mr. Janflone and his band are among the Pittsburgh area's most accomplished performers of blues and classic rock.

And, of course, no Community Day Celebration would be complete without fireworks provided by Pyrotechnico.

In Castle Shannon, Community Day is what the name implies - a day for the community to come together with the entire family and celebrate the reasons why Castle Shannon is a special place.

On behalf of Mayor Baumgarten, Borough Council and the Community Day Committee, I want to thank all residents who joined together at Hamilton Park to celebrate Castle Shannon. We so our community



Castle Shannon Accessible Path and Station Connection Project

By Michael Warhold Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation

Although much uncertainty still exists regarding the final plans for the Shannon Transit Village (STV), a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project to be located along Castle Shannon Boulevard and Mt. Lebanon Boulevard, the borough is moving forward to implement the installation of Phase One of an important infrastructure improvement project in the Borough's Central Business District. The project funded in part through a 1.6 million dollar grant from PennDOT, is an important step forward to link two of the Borough's commercial districts and install the necessary infrastructure improvements to integrate the project into the surrounding community.

Infrastructure improvements to the existing site conditions will include new street lighting, sidewalk enhancements, pedestrian safety upgrades, improving sidewalk connections, crosswalks and other amenities.

Final application requirements are being undertaken with PennDOT and a ground breaking could be undertaken later this year.

As your state representative, I always welcome any opportunity to connect with the people who live in the district. Whether it's attending a community event like the Fall Festival or Community Day or working with the Police Department to bring the annual spring shredding event to the folks in Castle Shannon, I really enjoy getting out in the community to hear what's on your mind.

As I prepare for the upcoming 2019-2020 legislative session, I would like to invite you to a Town Hall Meeting that will take place at the Community Library of Castle Shannon on Wednesday, November 28th at 7 p.m. I will talk a bit about what we accomplished – or didn't accomplish - in Harrisburg over the last legislative session, and I will share what I hope we will be addressing when we get back to Harrisburg in January. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, and I'll do my best to

State Representative Dan Miller

invites you to a

42nd Legislative District
Town Hall Meeting

November 28 • 7 p.m. **Castle Shannon Library** 3677 Myrtle Ave.

Join us for an update from Harrisburg, recent legislative efforts, and Q&A on any state policy issue. Staff will be available to answer questio on any state-related programs or services.



answer them as directly and completely as possible and to consider your ideas when formulating my positions.

I always enjoy seeing familiar faces in the crowd, and I hope to see many of my friends from Shannon on the 28th. I'd also like to extend a special invitation to those of you who have never attended a Town Hall before. If vou'd like to hear more about what's happening in Harrisburg or have a question you'd like an answer to, I look forward to seeing you there!

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	QOL-5.J.	Insect/Vermin infestation	\$25.00	15 DAYS	blight in the Borough.
	QOL-5.L.	Snow/ice removal from sidewalks	\$25.00 \$25.00	15 DAYS 15 DAYS	Code enforcement is the most effective
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	QOL-5.R.	Storing of Firewood	\$25.00	15 DAYS	recently enacted its Quality of Life O
	QOL-5.S.	Property Maintenance	\$25.00	15 DAYS	which empowers a government official v Borough, in this case the code enf
	QOL-5.P.	Registration of tenants	\$25.00	15 DAYS	official, to ticket an offender of the ordina
	QOL-5.Q.	Permits and approvals	\$25.00	15 DAYS	also helps to avoid cost to the Borough
	QOL-5.B.	Storing of hazardous material	\$25.00	15 DAYS	abatement of the violations.
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A Proactive Solution to Combat **Community Blight**

> Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Castle Shannon Paul Vietmeier



Memo from the Mayor

As Mayor of Castle Shannon it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of our community.

There is a saying that goes, "Nobody minds paying taxes, they just don't want to hear about it." If that is true then you probably don't want to read on.

For years we have heard about tax reform out of Harrisburg, but it's hard for voters to get excited about a proposal that makes an obnoxious, already high tax (ie., the property tax) just a little less high at the price of ratcheting up another obnoxious tax (the income tax) when the federal/state/local taxing of income is already at an uncomfortable level.

The larger, more fundamental problem is the property tax itself. This form of taxation was appropriate in America's 19th century agrarian society, but is out of place today.

In the 1800's, when there was no income tax and it was considered none of the government's business how much money anybody made, the property tax served as a proxy for income. This made a lot of sense then, because it was logical to assume that the person farming 80 acres of land had a higher income than one farming 40 acres.

Today, the homesteads of most Americans are not their source of income but merely where they live. Why then, take more money from a person with a house of 1,500 square feet than one with 900?

One of the elementary principles of prudent taxation is that, to avoid harming people, taxes should take into consideration the individual's ability to pay.

Today, one's ability to pay depends far more on one's income than on the size of one's house. To continue taxing people as if their house were generating their income is absurd.

An additional fault of the property tax is that it can jeopardize home ownership. On the surface, it appears that once a person has paid off the mortgage on his house, then he owns it free and clear. But this is not so. If the homeowner falls on hard times and can't pay his property taxes, the sheriff comes and the home is subject to sheriff sale.

Under the present system, a person doesn't really "own" his home completely, but in effect rents it from the local government, which permits him to keep it only so long as the "owner" continues to pay taxes on it.

We have heard of senior citizens, wonderful, law-abiding people who worked hard for decades to buy their own homes, having to sell their home because they couldn't afford the taxes. This is abominable.

How many of America's homeless people became so because they fell on hard times and were evicted from their homes because they couldn't pay their property taxes?

In an era when it has been the federal government's policy to facilitate home ownership as a central feature of "The American Dream," it is anomalous for local governments to make it difficult for some people to keep their homes.

The property tax is outmoded, unfair, irrational and destructive. Its time to abolish it and find a better solution



Police Chief



Dear Reader,

The mission of the Castle Shannon Police Department is to provide law enforcement services to the community, and to affirmatively promote, preserve, and provide as much as practicable and given existing resources, a feeling of security and safety among all persons within our agency's jurisdiction.

To that end, we feel it is important that the community know us and feel comfortable communicating needs and ideas to our officers and staff.

This year we instituted a trading card program for community outreach. While the program is primarily designed to engage our youth, the officers and staff have also been featured on our website on a weekly basis (at www.csboro.com) and in our annual community outreach magazine (Crime in America).

If you run into our officers in your neighborhood or you stop by the Borough building, please engage our staff, introduce yourself and collect a trading card.

For the youth, any child who collects all 18 cards, will receive a collectable challenge coin and a water bottle as a thank you for their interest.

Please remember to dial 9-1-1 for emergencies and as always, If you see something....say something.

Kenneth M. Truver, Chief of Police (412) 885-9300 x110, (412) 885-9252 FAX ken.truver@csboro.com FBINA Session 225

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ommunity Outreach Trading Card Program - Meet an Officer...collect their card

Congratulations Connor!



7 year old Connor Maloney of Castle Shannon is the first resident to collect all 18 CSPD trading cards. Connor is pictured here with Officer Daniel Janeda (Trading Card Program Organizer).

Connor has been

persistent in finding our staff, introducing himself, and being an enthusiastic participant in the program.

He was presented with a CSPD Challenge Coin and water bottle, and for being the first successful collector, he received a CSPD T shirt.

Connor is in 2nd grade at Myrtle School and he lives in Castle Shannon with his parents Cathy and Jason Maloney.



Once again in December 2018 we will participate in the 'Presents from Police' program started by Aspinwall Officer David Nemec to deliver donated presents to children that are hospitalized over the holiday season.

Donation boxes will once again be located at the municipal center main entrance and the Community Library of Castle Shannon.



Thank you for your continued support!



At a recent Council
Meeting Brian McKeown
was sworn in by Mayor
Donald Baumgarten as

Lt. Brian McKeown.

Brian's wife Lyndsay and son Killian were present to pin on his bars.



Officer Justin Majors was recognized by The Allegheny County EMS Council as an EMS champion on 06/14/2018. This award was for saving an infant baby. Thank you Officer Majors for saving a life.



Officer John Kiefer was recognized for certification as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) to combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs.

Lt. Brian McKeown received the FBI Leadership Trilogy Award - Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute.



D.A.R.E. Essay Winner for Myrtle Avenue Elementary Chayla Baang.





Lt. Lane was given a token of appreciation from the FBI National Academy Associates for being the President of the association in 2017-2018 and prior to that also served as the Vice-President in 2015-2016. Lt. McKeown was honored by becoming the new Vice-President starting in 2019 to serve a two year term.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON

Stay Up to Date on Upcoming Programs & Events:

Make sure to LIKE the Library's
Facebook page, check out our website,
or ask to be put on our email list so you
always know what exciting programs
will be coming up!

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, November 12th - Veterans' Day

THANKSGIVING OBSERVED:

Wednesday, November 21st - Closing at 5 p.m. Thursday, November 22nd - Closed Friday, November 23rd - Closed

CHRISTMAS OBSERVED

Monday, December 24th - Closed Tuesday, December 25th - Closed

NEW YEAR OBSERVED

Monday, December 31st - Closed Tuesday, January 1st - Closed

Enjoy Books

The 2019 Enjoy Books have arrived! The Enjoy Book features savings at hundreds of local restaurants. In addition, the coupons apply at the movies, at special events, on services, and much more. Start using the coupons immediately!

\$30 per/book



Library Hours

Mondays 1p.m.-9p.m.
Tuesday 10a.m.-9p.m.
Wednesday 1p.m.-9p.m.
Thursday 10a.m.-9p.m.
Friday 1p.m.-5p.m.
Saturday 10a.m.-5p.m.
Sunday 1p.m.-5p.m.

Like the Castle Shannon Library on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/castleshannonlibrary

3677 Myrtle Avenue 412-563-4552

Outside the Library Walls

Now more than ever before, effective libraries aim to focus on providing worthwhile, creative, and relevant connections not only inside the library but also, outside the library walls. Striving to meet this demanding challenge, our community library offered a number of neighborhood outreach initiatives intended to spark community engagement and encourage citizen contributions.

A shining example of a recent success story of this kind originated from a grant applied for and awarded to our Children's Librarian, Heather Weleski. As a result of Ms. Weleski's efforts, sixty-four children residing in the Alvern Garden Neighborhood personally connected with her outside



their family homes when each of them received a free book. This innovative initiative generously provided by the Penguin Random House Foundation was intended to emphasize the importance of reading, the benefit of making a personal connection to a child and parent, and to encourage the practice of reaching out to residents across the community.

Besides this unique example of a library outreach initiative, our librarians and staff participated in other offerings such as participation in the KOSD Summer Lunch Program Roundup with fifty-five children, eight monthly Children's Choice Award Classroom Visits at Myrtle School, three monthly Children's Choice Award Classroom Visits at St. Anne's School, Battle of the Books Competition held at Keystone Oaks High School featuring KOSD elementary school students, monthly Coffee Book Discussions at Coffee, Etc. on Willow Avenue, and participation in Castle Shannon Community Day, the Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation Party on Park and Fall Festival Events, and the annual community Halloween Parade.

In closing, our library staff and board remain committed to continue searching for creative ways to make the important library connection and provide customized library programming that reaches far and wide corners of our community. I encourage each of you to visit, support, and take advantage of what your library has to offer you no matter whether it occurs inside or outside the library walls. Castle Shannon residents are so fortunate to have such an invaluable community resource!

Marian L. Randazzo Community Library Trustee



YES! I would I love to DONATE to the Community Library of Castle Shannon

Name:		
Address: (Please include city & zip code)		
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Upcoming Programs for Children and Teens at the Library

Please note that registration is appreciated for all programs. This helps us prepare adequate materials. Register for a program at least one day in advance by stopping at the Library, calling, or emailing Miss Heather at weleskih@einetwork.net.



Book Explorers: Join us each week as we explore the world of books! We will decide as a group what we will read (Juvenile Fiction) and discuss the book as we read it. Registration is preferred so enough copies of the book are available. Snacks will be provided.

Mondays, 3:45-4:45 PM

(Ends December 17)



Arts and Crafts: Join us as we spend time making various arts and crafts at

the library. Each week we will spend time learning about a new style of art, followed by a free time of creating!

Mondays, 4:45-5:45 PM (Ends December 17)

PYTHON GAMING

Coding & Gaming at the Library: Stop by the library after school for a free coding experience!! We will be interacting with Scratch, Python, and more to create games and activities for all to share!

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM (Ends December 18)



Toddler Time:

Bring your little waddlers to the library for a time of crafting, playing, listening to music,

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and reading stories!! This program is appropriate for 2-4 year olds!

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:00 PM (Ends December 19)

Music & Dancing:

Come to the library for a special time of music and dancing at the library. This will be a great time of movement and singing. This is open to children of all ages.

Wednesdays, 4:00-4:30 PM (Ends December 19)

Open Play: Stop in to the downstairs area of the library during this time to play with toys.

We have puzzles, activity tables, blocks, games, and more!



This is open to children of all ages. Wednesdays, 4:30-5:00 PM (Ends December 19)

WORK

Homework Zone:

Need help with your homework? Stop in the library to get help from Ms. Heather, a former teacher!! She can help with any project or assignment you may have!!

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 PM (Ends December 19)



Songs and Stories: Join us each week for a story or two, as well as lots of music and movement. Each week we will explore a different theme and sing a variety of songs to go with our story. Space is limited and registration is required. Caregivers must attend with your little one. Ages Birth to 3.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 AM (Ends December 20)



Open Play: Stop in to the downstairs area of the library during this time to play with toys. We

have puzzles, activity tables, blocks, games, and more! This is open to children of all ages.

Thursdays, 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (Ends December 20)

Rhyming Readers:

This story time is designed for those who are 4-7 years old. Come get creative with us each week as we



explore different story themes, sing songs, and make a craft that matches the theme! This story time will also help children learn skills they may need in school.

> Thursdays, 3:45-4:15 PM (Ends December 20)



Readers Theater:

Come to the library for a fun program that mixes reading and performing in a theater production! We will spend time reading a

script, learning lines, and telling a story! The final performance will be filmed and shared with the community!

> Thursdays, 4:15-5:00 PM (Ends December 20)

discovery

Discovery Club: Come to the library for a special STEAM time of building, discovering, sensing, and transforming! This program is open to children of all ages.

Thursdays, 5:00-5:45 PM (Ends December 20)

Junior Librarians:

Have you ever wondered what Ms. Heather and the other workers at the library do every day? Sign up to be one of our Junior Librarians. Children will have the chance to help check out books, put books away, and learn things about the library.

Tuesday, November 6th @ 6:30 PM

Tail Waggin' Tutors:



Sign up to join us for a special reading program! Each child will have the

opportunity to read to one of our special doggie tutors. Register for this event to ensure we have enough dogs present. Tuesday, November 20th @ 7:00 PM



Exploring Tech Night: Stop by the library for a time of exploring various types of technology...iPads, Snap Circuits, robots, and more will be here for some hands-on exploration!!

Tuesday, November 27th @ 6:30 PM



Gingerbread House Making:

Bring your family to the library to make a gingerbread house together!!

We will provide the graham crackers and icing!! Bring candy with you to decorate your house!! Please register for this program so we have enough materials on

Tuesday, December 4th @ 6:30 PM



Holiday Party: Join us for a night of holiday stories, games, crafts, and more. The whole

family is welcome, so bring everyone! Tuesday, December 11th @ 6:30 PM

Family Movie Night:

Join us for a Christmas Triple Feature!! We will be showing three holiday classics, each last- Family Movie Night ing roughly 30 minutes



long! Light refreshments will be served. Tuesday, December 18th @ 6:30 PM



A Day of Musical Fun:

Bring your kids out on for a fun day of musical fun where they will get hands on experience with guitars and participate in other musical activities!! Brannon Lyons of Lyons Guitar &

String Lesson Studio will be on hand to answer any questions parents may have about starting their child in a

guitar lesson program. Sponsored the Pittsburgh Classical Guitar Society. Saturday, November 3rd

from 2 PM -4 PM



Breakfast with Santa: Make sure you save the date for our annual breakafast with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Tickets will go on sale for this event on Thursday, November 1st @ 10:00 AM and sell out quickly!

Saturday, December 8th @ 10:00 AM

Upcoming Programs for Adults at the Library

Please note that registration is appreciated for all programs.

Register for a program by stopping at the Library or calling 412-563-4552.



Thursday Night @ the Movies

Third Thursday of every month at 7pm! Light refreshments provided. Registration is appreciated.

Call 412-563-4552 for the titles!

> November 15th @ 7pm

December 20th (a), 7pm





Crafternoons for Adults at the Library

What is it? An afternoon solely devoted to the joys of craft. The only three conditions are that the activity must be after midday, crafty, and with friends! Join us the third Wednesday of each month for Crafternoons. We will meet downstairs from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Bring your best craft ideas with you. This is an informal gathering and a chance to meet new people and learn new craft ideas. Adults ages 18 and over welcome. Registration is appreciated for this program because it helps us prepare adequate materials.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, November 14th Special Time: 7 p.m.

Chalk Art Signs with local Castle Shannon business

Poor Johnny's

Cost will be between \$35.

Payment is due at registration. Registration is limited to 20 people. Cash or checks made out to Poor Johnny's will be accepted.

> Wednesday, December 19th Ornaments

Wednesday, January 16th Rolled Book Page Designs Wednesday, February 20th **Book Page Roses**

Wednesday, March 20th Wood Circle Designs

Wednesday, April 17th Card Making with Arla

Wednesday, May 15th Flower Pinecones

Starting in 2019, a \$3 donation is appreciated for Crafternoons.



July 24th

Cook the Book Discussion Group

Do you love reading cookbooks and making new recipes? If so, then this is the club for you!! We pick the cookbook or theme, you select and make a recipe from that cookbook or theme. Please call the Library or stop in to register.

Next Dates:

Make it Fast, Cook it Slow by Stephanie O' Dea Jan 23rd March 27th Tasty: Latest & Greatest: Everything you Want to Cook Right Now by Tasty

May 22nd When We Found Home by Susan Mallery (recipes inspired from the book)

Pretty Dish by Jessica Merchant

Sept 25th Super Tuscan by Gabriele Corcos and Debi Mazar workout. Registration is through PayPal with Amethyst by emailing her at pittsburghbellydance@gmail.com or stopping in the Library.

> Upcoming classes: Wednesday, November 7th Wednesday, December 5th

Classic Movie Showings

Join us the fourth Friday of each month at 2:00pm for a classic movie showing! Relive your younger years while watching some of America's favorite movies! Light refreshments will



be provided. Registration is appreciated. Call 412-563-4552 for the titles!

> Friday, November 30th at 2pm Friday, December 28th at 2pm



Beginner Belly Dancing Classes

Join Amethyst from Pittsburgh Belly Dance & Healing Arts for belly dancing classes at the Library. All ages are welcome to attend! The classes will cost \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Classes are from 7pm-8pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month. No experience necessary. Build confidence, muscle, stamina and knowledge while getting a full body

Coffee & Friends...An Informal Book Discussion

Join us the first Wednesday of every other month from 10am-11am at Coffee, etc. to chat about books. First cup is on the Library! Coffee, etc. is located at 3754 Willow Avenue.

Next Date: Wednesday, December 5th from 10am-11am

Reader's Choice-Bring a holiday book to share with the group!



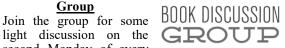
Intro to Tai Chi Class

Find Balance, Relieve Stress, Build Vitality Come to the Library to take an Intro to Tai Chi class from 1:30pm-2:30pm. Gurney Bolster from Tai Chi for Health Pittsburgh will be the instructtor. The class is \$10 per person.

Registration is appreciated. Upcoming Classes: Friday, November 16th

Monthly Book Discussion Group

second Monday of every





month at 7pm in the lower level of the Library. Stop in the library to pick up your copy of the book.

The group will be discussing...

November 12th The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd December 10th Mrs. Miracle by Debbie Macomber



Upcoming Friends Programs & Events at the Library

Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 13th @ 7pm
Find out who the Friends are and how important they are to the Library.

All are welcome to attend!

Downloadable Materials Available With Your Library Card

Do You Have an.....iPad, Kindle, Nook?

You can now download eBooks and eAudio to your eBook Readers and Portable devices for FREE! To find out more information, log onto www.castleshannonlibrary.org, click on the eBooks and More link at the top right side of the webpage.

Donations Accepted



The library accepts donations of gently-used books, audio books, DVDs, music CDS and video games. Donations are encouraged to be dropped off when the library is open. Donations are either added to

the library's collection or sold at the Friends of the Library Book Sales to support programming at the library.

Gifts and Memorials

The library is pleased to receive gifts of money designated for the purchase of library materials, equipment, or furnishings. You can also make a monetary contribution to the library for a book memorial to honor a friend or give a gift of a book in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, graduation or any other special occasion. Recommendations for books and other library materials are welcome.

Contributions begin at \$10.00 and you may suggest a specific book or general subject. A personalized bookplate is placed in each material with the name of the honored person and the name of the donor.

On receipt of your contribution, a special card will be sent to the family or individual and an acknowledgement will be sent to you.

Memorial Forms are available at the library and on the library's website at www.castleshannonlibrary.org.

Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon

Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon and the United Way

Please designate the Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon for your United Way contribution. Please use the code number 10319077 when making your contribution. Thank you!

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon support and fund the library. The Friends support the library through fund -raising and volunteer activities throughout the year. These activities include Story Time, the Summer Reading Program, the Halloween Parade, and various other programs held at the library year-round.

How do I become a Friend?

You can help support programming at the library and become a member by donating \$5 for a Regular Membership, \$15 for a Family Membership or \$25 for a Patron Membership. We are also looking for volunteers to help out a few hours a year at our annual fundraising events.

Become A Friend Of Your Library

Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon Membership Registration

Name:		
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The Three Hundred Year Fad: The Forgotten History of Tattooing in America

Come to the Library on Thursday, November 8th at 7pm to hear Alan Gutchess from

the Fort Pitt Museum. His presentation will examine the somewhat hidden and obscure history of tattooing in America. Long overlooked accounts in newspapers and other sources document that far from being a rather recent fad, tattooing among European Americans was rather commonplace throughout the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Mr. Gutchess will present this evidence and discuss America's collective amnesia when it comes to our grandparent's tattoos.

Alan Gutchess is the site director of the Fort Pitt Museum, where he oversees the staff, exhibits, and programing. He is recognized for his knowledge of the material culture of the colonial American frontier and has acted as a consultant to numerous history museums and documentary films. Prior to

joining the History Center team, he had worked at the Museum of the American Revolution, Sauder Village, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Come to the Library to participate in the AARP Driver Safety Class. The cost for the class is \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for Non-AARP Members. Proof of AARP Membership is needed. Checks are REQUIRED and can be made out to AARP. Pre-registration with payment at the Library is required. Participants 55 and older can receive a 5% discount off of their car insurance for completing this program. This class is highly recommended for those wanting to learn the effects of aging on driving. Please bring your Driver's License and AARP card (if a member) to the class.

Thursday, November 15th Friday, November 16th from 9 am-1pm **AARP**

WOMEN'S HEALING SEMINAR

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October 10, 2018

2018/2019 HOLIDAY FOOD GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity and once again we are turning to you for help. Please help to make this year another joyous holiday season for less fortunate families in our community.

For over 40 years, numerous families in our community have enjoyed happier holidays through generous donations to the Holiday Food Giving Program. This year there are approximately 95 families whose holidays will be brighter because of your donation.

Your donation to the Holiday Food Giving Program will provide less fortunate families in Castle Shannon complete Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners. Precooked dinners are available for those who are unable to prepare their own dinners. Additionally, each child of these same families will receive gifts at Christmas. All donations are used to purchase food, trimmings and children's gifts. This program does not receive any funding from outside agencies and needs over \$10,000 to continue to provide these dinners and gifts.

To help to increase the number of donations we are offering incentive packages to everyone who contributes to this worthy cause.

- For a \$35.00 donation, you will receive one \$10.00 gift certificate from the Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save PLUS one certificate for a FREE Signature Car Wash from Mr. Magic Car Wash (\$18.00 value) PLUS a certificate for a FREE large pizza from The Pizza Company (\$14.00 value) in Castle Shannon
- Total value for this package is \$41.00
- For a \$50.00 donation you will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from the Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save PLUS a certificate for a FREE Signature Car Wash from Mr. Magic Car Wash (\$18.00 value) PLUS a certificate for a FREE large pizza from The Pizza Company (\$14.00 value) in Castle Shannon PLUS a certificate for a FREE regular oil change from Steel City Collision, Inc. in Castle Shannon (\$32.99 value up to 5 quarts or \$10.00 off synthetic or high mileage oil change NOT TO BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT) AND a FREE Pennsylvania State inspection from Steel City Collision, Inc. (\$29.99).
- Total value for this package is \$104.98.

We would like to thank, Mr. Magic Car Wash, Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save, The Pizza Company and Steel City Collision, Inc. for their generous support. If you have any questions on the Holiday Giving Program, please contact Dave Kreisel at (412) 531-4190.

Please give generously to keep this worthwhile program available. Checks should be made payable to "Holiday Food Giving" c/o Castle Shannon Borough, 3310 McRoberts Road Castle Shannon, PA 15234

Holiday Food Giving Committee -- Dave Kreisel - Bobbie Shock - Bob Dempsey

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Garbage & Recycling

There will be big changes in 2019

NEW RECYCLING RULES

ONLY plastics #1 and #2 will be accepted without caps and/or lids.

Please check bottom of containers for numbers.

Aluminum, Steel, Paper & Cardboard will still be accepted.

Glass will NO longer be recyclable. Recycling can NOT be in plastic bags.

Clean recyclables thoroughly - Do not put anything with food residue or other sorts of grease into the bin. Rinse all #1 and #2 containers well. There is no way to clean before items go through recycling and therefore contaminate all recycling.

If these new rules are not followed Castle Shannon Borough will incur fines.

PLEASE DO NOT recycle items that YOU feel are recyclable if they are not on the list - they will contaminate other items, slow down the process thereby costing more and in the long run end up in the landfills. - More information coming in 2019.

By Borough Ordinance #745 . . .

trash shall be placed curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding collection.

Failure to comply may result in a ticketing fine.

2018 Recycling Schedule December

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Beginning in 2019, regarding trash and recycling please direct any questions to Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460 or www.wm.com

DISPOSAL OF TIRES AND ELECTRONICS / TVs ARE <u>PROHIBITED</u> BY STATE LAW

2019 Recycling Schedule

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Right Up Nite

Everyone is invited to join us for Castle Shannon's Community Light Up Nite on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. awaiting the tree lighting and Santa's arrival at 7:00 p.m. in the Port Authority parking lot at Castle Shannon Boulevard and Mt. Lebanon Boulevard.

Santa will be arriving in style on a **Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department** Fire Truck and will have treats for all children. Carols will be sung and we will once again be lighting our tree.

> Refreshments will be available for a small donation.

This is a Borough tradition and is enjoyed by all!