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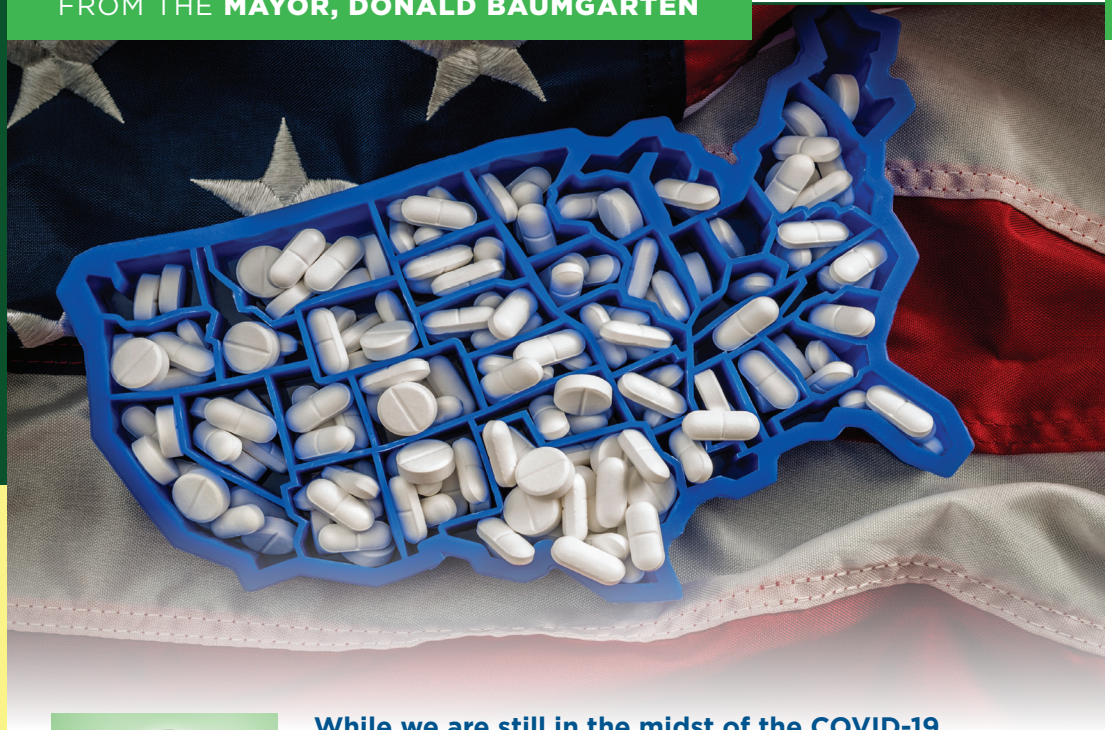
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FROM THE MAYOR, DONALD BAUMGARTEN



While we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 epidemic, we are also in another epidemic – opioids.

In 2020, over 93,000 Americans died from drug overdoses. Some 75% of them involved opioids

in the two-decade old opioid epidemic

Overuse and misuse of prescription opioids, and later, heroin, drove the first two waves of the epidemic. Now the epidemic is in a deadlier third wave, caused by synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl. Fentanyl is cheaper and easier to produce, and far more potent than its natural analogues.

Fentanyl is far more lethal than heroin because of its potency and because it is intentionally or negligently added to other drugs, like heroin or cocaine. It

is 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine, and 10 to 20 times as potent as heroin. A mere two milligram dose can be fatal.

Most fentanyl users are unaware that they are even taking the drug. They tend to be heroin or cocaine users who may not know that drug cartels use fentanyl to cut their drug of choice, most of which are also white powders.

Heroin and cocaine users are now playing a game of Russian roulette, never knowing if their drug has been laced with fentanyl until it is too late.

We should all be on the alert for what effect this drug may have on our families and communities, for there is no vaccine that will cure this disease. 🍀

Castle Shannon extends heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Jeff Schumacher, who worked for the Department of Public Works for 32 years. May all the years ahead bring you great joy and relaxation, you will be missed!



Dear Residents,



The changing of seasons is always something I look forward to in Castle Shannon. This year, our Borough is experiencing many changes,

perhaps none more important than a positive change in leadership.

I am thrilled to announce the hiring of Katie Stringent as the new Borough Manager of Castle Shannon. Katie brings with her over 13 years of municipal government experience throughout Allegheny County.

Katie was most recently a Borough Manager of Sewickley Heights, where she oversaw the Police, Public Works, Parks and Administrative Departments. Her expertise includes budget preparation, developing strategic and comprehensive plans, grant-writing, constituent engagement, and many other important parts of public life. Katie even served concurrently as the Tax Collector of Sewickley Heights while she was Borough Manager.

Prior to her time in Sewickley Heights, Katie also worked at the Township of Upper St. Clair and the Borough of Dormont with responsibilities in planning and zoning as well as community revitalization and environmental policy. She has earned a Master of Public Administration degree from University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), and her Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University in Crime, Law and Justice.

But do not just take it from me – here is Katie's take on joining Castle Shannon: *"I am extremely excited to serve as the Manager for the Borough of Castle Shannon. As a community rich*

"I look forward to building relationships with residents, business owners, and stakeholders to help realize the vision of the Borough."



with history and tradition, I understand the important role the Borough Manager will play in connecting the past with the future as new projects are developed and implemented. I look forward to building relationships with residents, business owners, and stakeholders to help realize the vision of the Borough."

Katie and her husband Bill live in Ben Avon with their cat, Frederick Fitzgerald. They enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, and improving their cooking skills.

All of Borough Council and Staff are thrilled to welcome Katie to our neighborhood. The timing is right for

her joining; we have a number of important projects for her to deliver on. Our Streetscape project (Spring 2022), parks redevelopment (2022-2026), wayfinding investments and other major improvements to our quality of life will require a capable Manager.

Katie will be attending borough meetings and events throughout the rest of 2021 and beyond, so *please stop by and say hello!*

We wish all our constituents a happy and healthy Fall and Winter. 🍀

Yours in service,
Mark

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK? DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN WHILE HELPING?



WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!

We're looking for a few community members to help work our weekly bingo. This community support would allow many of our active members to concentrate on other aspects of the fire department like training and equipment maintenance. Every little bit of helps whether it's one night a month or several.

If you're willing to answer our call or have any questions, please contact our business office at 412-884-7913 and a member of our Bingo Committee will contact you with additional information.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

From Kenneth M. Truver,
Chief of Police -

**Dear Residents
and Business Owners,**



Our Police Department website www.csboro.com continues to be a good source of information about our agency, personnel, and services we provide to the Borough of Castle Shannon. If you subscribe to the site, you will get push notifications about local news and events, a weekly crime blotter, road construction impacting traffic, and other useful information.

We continue to explore programs and technology to assure our officers are productive and efficient, while protecting those individuals who live, work, visit and travel through our community.

One of our latest achievements was training in Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE). If you haven't see the news story recently aired, please visit our website for an explanation of the program. Essentially, our officers are trained to recognize misconduct, mistakes, and/or officers in emotional trouble, and to intervene to prevent harm to officers and the community we serve.

As mentioned in previous communications, the most frequent contact we have with our residents involve complaints about parking and traffic volume and speed. Long time residents know that parking is not permitted on the street between 2am and 6am. This becomes even more important as we approach winter months, when parking is restricted, without exception, when there is inclement weather or treat of same.

Insofar as traffic volume and speed complaints, please know that we address these concerns as call volume and staffing permit. As a community that services through-traffic from Pittsburgh to the south suburbs, we have many feeder and cut-through neighborhood roadways. The police department keeps track of these communications and circulates them to our officers for attention, on a continual basis. Our website has a **"CONTACT US"** button for your use, but my contact information is also readily available. 🍀



FBINA Session 225



The **40th Anniversary Run** took place from June 7th - 9th, featured over **500 participants** representing more than 50 law enforcement teams, and raised more than **\$50,000 for Special Olympics**.



CSPD participants were
**Ofc Kalas, Ofc Kiefer, Ofc Majors and
Ofc Janeda — THANK YOU!**

**CSPD Officers recognized for their
actions to assist Mt. Lebanon at an active
shooter event on 7-29-21.**



*Pictured: Chief Truver, Ofc Kiefer, Lt Lane, Ofc Janeda,
MLPD Chief Lauth, Lt O'Brien.*

Please call CSPD at **(412) 885-9300 x 110** with questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Get your membership online [MRTSA.com](https://www.mrtsa.com)

MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

Household Membership \$80

The household membership rate covers all individuals living at the listed address and non-resident family, guests and visitors who are transported from the residence.

Individual Membership \$60

The individual rate covers only the individual named on the membership card. Residents living alone may choose a household membership to protect guests in their residence.

Business Membership \$100

The business membership rate covers all individuals working at the listed address who are transported from the employer's premises. This makes your Business Membership a valuable employee benefit.

10,000 calls
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6 communities
1 mission



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

1. Dial **911**
2. Clearly tell the operator:
 - A. **LOCATION** of victim, incident or accident
 - B. **YOUR NAME**
 - C. **YOUR ADDRESS**
 - D. **YOUR PHONE NUMBER**
 - E. Nature of emergency
3. If inside, **TURN ON OUTSIDE LIGHT** to identify the location.
4. **STAY CALM**, help is on the **WAY**.

LEADERSHIP



Meet our new Chief of Operations!

Joshua Worth is a dedicated EMS Professional with experience in community education, operations and training. Josh leads our EMS providers to provide excellent patient care through data-driven EMS decisions, evidence-based practice, preparedness and constant improvement.

Meet our Lieutenants!



Robert Kmetz (L1)



David Terkel (L2)



William Sukitch (L3)



Office Administrator
Gerry Barnett,
MSHS

Castle Shannon
**Original and All-Around
 Great Guy Bill Reffner**
 is retiring as Fire Chief at
 the Castle Shannon
 Volunteer Fire Department.

Bill has been a Volunteer Firefighter for more than **50 years**, and **Chief for more than 20**. As a Firefighter, he has rescued some of us, helped save the things we hold dear, protected our community, educated us, and trained new generations of firefighters to take care of their communities.

He has always been deeply involved with the community - if you have ever attended a Christmas Tree Lite Up Nite, CSVFD Carnival, Community Day, Memorial Day, or even St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh, Chief Reffner was there, working tirelessly to bring joy to all. He will continue to be involved with the Fire Department and Castle Shannon community events, so make sure you give him a wave when you see him or a hello when you're at the Trolley Barn Eatery.

We at the Borough are all deeply grateful for his service and dedication to the Volunteer Fire Department and Castle Shannon. **Thank you for all you do, Chief!** 🍀



CASTLE SHANNON COMMUNITY

2021 Lite Up Nite

Sunday, December 5
6:30 - 7:30 PM

**At the corner of Castle Shannon
 & Mt. Lebanon Blvds.**

- A Visit from Santa
- Christmas Carols
- Refreshments
- Treats for the Children
- Lighting of the Tree

Everyone is invited to join us in the Port Authority parking lot at Castle Shannon Blvd. and Mt. Lebanon Blvd. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm awaiting the tree lighting and Santa's arrival is at 7:00 pm.

Santa will be arriving in style on a Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department fire truck and we 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!



HOMETOWN PRIDE

CASTLE SHANNON VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT APPAREL FUNDRAISER

After much success in the spring, we are happy to announce we are reopening our apparel store this fall. Some new options have been added to store. All orders will be available for pickup or delivered by Christmas. CSVFD clothing would make great Christmas presents or stocking stuffers!

Our site went live on October 5, 2021 and will remain open until November 14, 2021.



To order, simply scan the QR code above
or visit the website directly at
[https://Shieldsembroidery.tuosystems.com/
stores/csvfdholiday](https://Shieldsembroidery.tuosystems.com/stores/csvfdholiday)



Be sure to also follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all department related activities including...

Department and Public Announcements, Department Training,
Fire Response Information

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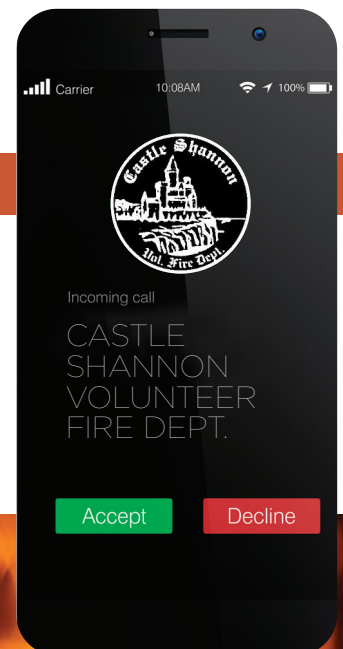
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A FULL LINE-UP OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

Monday Night Book Discussion Group

Join our Monthly Book Discussion group on the 2nd Monday of every month. The next discussion will take place on Monday, November 8th at 6:30pm. A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles will be discussed.

Request a copy of the book through the online catalog: <https://librarycatalog.einetwork.net/>

Download an electronic version through the Libby app from Overdrive: <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, December 13th Mr. Miracle
by Debbie Macomber

Books & Brews

Like Books? Like Beer (or other beverages)? Come join us on Wednesday, November 10th at 4:30pm at Mindful Brewing Company for book discussions, beverages and food! It's a great way to meet new people, discover new titles and simply relax.

Appetizers are on us, drinks are on you! Feel free to buy additional food and drinks while we have our discussion. Registration is appreciated. Call us at 412-563-4552 or email us at castleshannon@einetwork.net.

Mindful Brewing Company Located @
3759 Library Road

Crafternoon

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1pm-3pm for Crafternoon. Please email castleshannon@einetwork.net to register. For those 18 & Older. A \$3 donation is suggested. Please call or email to find out what craft will be made each month.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, November 17th
Wednesday, December 15th

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 email castleshannon@einetwork.net to register. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, November 17th at 6pm
Modern Comfort Food: A Barefoot
Contessa Cookbook by Ina Garten

Book Discussion Group

Join us for our monthly Thursday Night/ Wednesday Morning Book Discussion. No need to register.

Our next book discussion will be Thursday, November 18th at 7pm. If you cannot make it that night, we will be meeting again on Wednesday, December 1st at 11:30am.

November is Reader's Choice...you choose what you are reading!

Request a copy of your book through the online catalog: <https://librarycatalog.einetwork.net/>

Download an electronic version through the Libby app from Overdrive: <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>





PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR KIDS, TWEENS & TEENS

Bookworm Babies –

***Mondays at 11AM,
Until December 13th***

Bounce, sing, and hear a story all while working on the earliest skills of literacy at this story time! Specially designed for caregivers and their children 6-18 months.

Registration is appreciated but not required.

Time for Tots –

***Wednesdays at 11AM,
Until December 15th***

A story time that is specially designed for toddlers and their grown-up! We will hear stories, sing songs, and may have a special activity! This program is designed to promote early literacy skills for ages 18-36 months with an accompanying adult.

Registration is appreciated but not required.

Preschool Story Time –

***Thursdays at 11AM,
Until December 16th***

Join us every Thursday for Preschool Storytime at the library. We will listen to stories, sing

songs, and sometimes have a craft! This program is designed to promote early literacy skills for ages 3-5.

Registration is not required.

Library will be closed Nov 11th & Nov 25th

Tween Time –

***Mondays at 3:30PM
Ages 10-13***

We've got games, crafts, and all kinds of fun planned for you at the library! Stop by after school to hang out with your friends and if you're lucky there may be a snack!

Registration is not required.

Teen Library Club –

Thursdays at 3:15PM

Ages 13-18 - may only attend at 18 if still enrolled in a high school education program.

Calling all teens of Castle Shannon! Join us at the library every Thursday for a variety of programs. We will be doing Book Bingo, Chip & Paint, and playing video games! Stop in after school to enjoy some fun activities!

Registration is not required.

Library will be closed Nov 11th & Nov 25th

STEAM Adventures –

***The last Tuesday of the month at 5PM
Ages 5-12
Nov 30th, & Dec 28th***

Join us for STEAM Adventures on the last Tuesday of the month!

Registration is appreciated but not required.

Fall Craft Night –

***Tuesday, November 16th at 4:30PM
Ages 7-12***

Join Miss Amber in making some fun fall crafts! We will be making wind socks, melted crayon pumpkins, and some fun paintings.

Registration is appreciated but not required for this event.

Welcome Winter Party –

***Tuesday December 21st from
5:30PM-7:00PM
All Ages***

Let's all welcome winter together by having a fun party at the library! We will have crafts, music, hot chocolate and cookies! Miss Amber will be reading a few special winter stories as well! Stop in for as long as you can or whenever you're free!

Registration is not required.



FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON

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.

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 fund-raising events.

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!

LIBRARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED

The library accepts donations of gently-used newer books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, puzzles, board games and video games. Please place items in our RED DONATION BIN near the front door. Donations are either added to the library's collection or sold at the Friends of the Library Book Sales to support 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. 🍀

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\$5 Regular Membership

☐

\$10 Family Membership

☐

\$25 Patron Membership

☐

\$_____ Other Amount

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you interested in volunteering for any of these events? (check one)

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Halloween Parade

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Flea Markets

☐

Book Sales

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Baking for Misc. Event Bake

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Breakfast with Santa



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE-UPCOMING CLOSURES:

Veterans' Day
Thursday,
November 11th

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday,
November 25th

Friday,
November 26th
Saturday,
November 27th

Christmas Holiday
Thursday,
December 23rd*

Friday,
December 24th
Saturday,
December 25th

New Year's Holiday
Thursday, December 30th*
Friday, December 31st
Saturday, January 1st

(*Close @ 5pm on Thursday)



HOURS ARE:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30am – 7:30pm

Wednesday & Friday: 10:30am – 4:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED

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\$5

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\$10

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\$25

_____ \$ Other Amount

You can send or drop off your donation at:

Community Library of Castle Shannon
3677 Myrtle Avenue, Castle Shannon, PA 15234

— OR —

Donations are accepted online at
[https://aclalibraries.org/library-finder/
community-library-of-castle-shannon/](https://aclalibraries.org/library-finder/community-library-of-castle-shannon/)



**FACE MASK OR COVERING
IS REQUIRED UPON ENTRY.**

Due to a Castle Shannon Borough mandate, all
visitors to the library must wear a mask
no matter your vaccination status.

Keep Leaves and Other Debris Off Borough Streets and Storm Drains



Fall is here and we are enjoying the beautiful colors of the trees.

But the time will come to deal with the leaves that have fallen. Borough ordinance states that roadways should be kept clear of leaves, snow, dirt, mud and gravel. Blowing leaves, grass clippings or other debris into the street can cause problems. Here are some reasons why this is not the best practice for dealing with yard wastes.

1. The leaves are a safety hazard. Road conditions under the leaves is unknown. An accumulation of wet leaves can cause roads to become slick.
2. The leaves can block storm drains. Clogged storm drains can cause sewer backups in homes, street flooding and damage to local watersheds.
3. Water quality can be affected by the buildup of decayed leaves in the storm drains.

Leaves should be collected and placed in biodegradable paper bags for leaf collection. 🍀



LEAF WASTE COLLECTION DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR THE FALL.

Leaf Waste can be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before pickup in biodegradable paper bags.

If your garbage is collected on Mondays, your leaf collection dates are as follows:

LEAF COLLECTION DAYS
October 18th & 25th,
November 1st & 8th & 15th

If your garbage is collected on Thursdays, your leaf collection dates are as follows:

LEAF COLLECTION DAYS
October 21st & 28th,
November 4th & 11th & 18th

STREETSCAPE UPDATE!

Castle Shannon is happy to announce that M.A Facchiano Contracting Inc. submitted the winning bid for the Castle Shannon Streetscape Improvement Project.



M.A. Facchiano Contracting Inc. has been a South Hills fixture since 1956, when Michael Facchiano, Sr. started the company out of his residence in Carrick. They bring a wealth of construction experience to our Downtown renovation and have completed similar projects in Brookline and Greensburg. Facchiano is a Union Contractor and are signatory with the Laborers Union No. 1058, the Carpenters Union No. 2274, the Operators Union No. 66, and the Cement Masons Union No. 526, as well as a Pre-Qualified Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Prime Contractor, which is important, as Castle Shannon Boulevard is a PennDOT road.

Due to pandemic-related supply chain and labor disruptions, as well as the approach of seasonal inclement weather, it was decided to postpone the project until Spring. Michael Facchiano Jr. said "The parties mutually agreed to start in Spring, which eliminates the possibility of weather impacting the quality of work or delaying the date of completion. With current supply and manufacturing disruptions, a Spring start presents a better opportunity to get materials in place. Postponing the project will also eliminate interruptions to your Downtown businesses during their profitable holiday season."

He added, "We look forward to these kinds of projects where our team is working in a local community, particularly in the South Hills. We enjoy visiting the local merchants – restaurants, coffee shops, retail stores – many on our crews are from the South Hills and prefer to buy local. We want everyone in the community to be happy with the way we work, as much as the end result of our work."

Castle Shannon, too, looks forward to welcoming M.A. Facchiano Contracting Inc. to our community and the successful revitalization of our Streetscape. See you in the Spring! 🍀

COMING SOON

PERMANENT GLASS RECYCLING BIN

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CASTLE SHANNON

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Recognizing and appreciating the service of our first responders and veterans is one thing. Acting to help them is another.



Every day, first responders across our state act selflessly to protect people and property, which is why I wanted to highlight a bill I recently authored

which is designed to provide help to every firefighter in every department – included those who faithfully serve the residents of Castle Shannon.

Fire service is dangerous, and while many line-of-duty deaths and injuries relate to that work directly, many others develop under the surface after the work is done. The link to cancer and heart-related disease in firefighters is clear, and, unfortunately, we lose too many to suicide.

In many cases, those lives could have been extended or saved entirely with early detection and prevention measures. In recognition of these heightened risks, some fire companies have started to require annual physical examinations that include stress tests and preventative health exams to be proactive in catching diseases early. Where implemented, these programs have been proven to save lives.

Unfortunately, for too many departments across Pennsylvania, this is not the case. These exams typically run around \$500-\$600 per firefighter, which can present a financial barrier that prevents firefighters from protecting themselves.

That is why I am introducing HB 1853, Connecting Firefighters with Preventive Physical and Mental Healthcare, which would provide a new grant pathway for fire companies that choose to require annual physical examinations. It would cover the cost of such an exam for each firefighter who complies with the requirements. The bill would preserve personal medical privacy, assure collective bargaining rights, and would be available for every firefighter in every department that answers at least 15 calls a year. To be eligible for the grant, a fire company would need to certify that each firefighter receives at least two hours of mental health training annually that is specifically focused on the impact fire service trauma may have on them and their brothers and sisters with whom they serve.

I also want to note a very good bill that I support which is authored by a senator from the other side of the aisle, a bill



which would help all first responders deal with workplace trauma. Senator Camera Bartolotta's SB 774, Workers' Compensation for First Responders with PTSD, would change the standard that a first responder must meet to establish a workers' compensation claim for a post-traumatic stress injury (PTSD). This change would make it easier for first responders to receive the care that they need when they are experiencing PTSD from their heroic efforts.

These bills reflect the need for Pennsylvania to do better in supporting our first responders. Caring for them means caring for their health – physical and mental – and ensuring that if they are harmed in some way, they are not alone. Evidence shows a direct relationship between firefighters' service and their greater risk for long-term health challenges. They have our back, and we should have theirs. 🍀

2021/2022 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 43 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. Incentives for our donation levels are being finalized at this time.

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

We would like to thank, Mr. Magic Car Wash, Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save, and Steel City Collision, Inc. for their generous support. If you have any questions on the Holiday Giving Program, please contact Bob Dempsey at (412) 571-0373. 🍀

**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

- Bob Dempsey
- Judy Wolfe
- Nancy Dempsey
- Scott Schumacher



The Castle Shannon Youth Association is pleased to report that we had more teams in 2021 than we have had for a very long time...

including girls' 10u slow pitch and 12u fast pitch teams, as well as T-ball. Municipal field on McRoberts Road was very busy in 2021.

In addition to the great fun and learning on the field, this season we had tournaments for the 10u boys, 10u girls, and 12u boys at Municipal field and it couldn't have gone better. The 10u girls made it to the tournament elimination round with a big win against Mt. Lebanon. They fought hard, and we're incredibly proud of how they competed against some very solid ball players.

Both the 10u and 12u boys played great ball throughout their tournaments and

in the end were able to take home a trophy for their hard work. The final game for the 10u boys, unfortunately, was rained out, but they earned their trophies, and we couldn't be prouder. The 12u boys came very close to reaching the championship game but took care of business and won third place.

Many of our families donated food, and our concession stand knocked it out of the park (pun intended). It was a team effort, and we couldn't do it without our wonderful Board members and our amazing families. We do this for all the kids, not just our own, and welcome every parent to come on out and help as well, in whatever capacity they can. We understand schedules are tight and

people may not be able to commit to an entire season, but the little things truly count and can make a huge difference. We are planning our Annual Shindig for the start of the 2022 Spring season. Keep an eye on our Facebook page.

As with many volunteer organizations that depend on events to raise money, the last year and a half has been difficult. We'd like to thank all the businesses and individuals who continue to provide support, and those who are new sponsors. We are happy to partner with our community and promote local businesses – we want them to succeed just as they would like us to succeed.

The Castle Shannon Borough's Department of Public Works has been amazing, and we couldn't ask for a better working relationship.

Overall, the entire season was wildly successful – great kids, great competition, great families, and a great community - organizations like ours only thrive with the help of good people. Their dedication to the happiness and well-being of our community's kids and the operation of the CSYA is outstanding. From the bottom of our hearts – thank you! 🍀



SUMMER REC



The Summer Recreation Program is back! Brian Gigliotti jumped in as the new director in 2021 and looks forward to many more summers spent teaching and having fun with Castle Shannon's kids.

Brian has spent years in education, and enjoys finding all the ways learning can be fun. He taught Health and Physical Education at both the Elementary and Middle School level for 17 years and has been involved with youth sports since his daughters were able to play T-ball. He has been everything from assistant coach to head coach, and for the last five years has served as the head coach of slow pitch softball. Brian has also been the Vice President of the Castle Shannon Youth Association for three years.

Brian, Assistant Director Alexis Shandor and the counselors made significant changes to the program this year; the kids all played together and weren't sorted by age group. That allowed Brian & Co. to develop games and activities based on ability and interest, so the kids got to choose how they could participate for maximum fun and learning. There were no rules about electronics, but the kids were asked to do their best and enjoy their time with friends. And they did! The kids talked, laughed, crafted, played, competed and

had fun without being attached to the digital world. Brian reported that he felt like a kid again because of the way the kids interacted.

They had theme days like Red, White and Blue Day to celebrate Independence Day, Arts and Crafts Day, Neon Day, Waterslide Day, and more. On one occasion, the kids got to decorate their own cookies through a special donation from Eat 'n Park and a great local family. There were four Kona Ice Days, two Pizza Days, and a Junk Food Day.



Our local organizations pitched in, too. The Castle Shannon Youth Association donated the funds for one of the Kona Ice Days. The Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department brought a fire engine and showed the kids how it works, after which they got to shoot the hose at targets. Miss Amber, the new Children's Librarian at the Community Library came for a day; she introduced herself to the kids and gave them a run-down of services and programming available to them through the library.



It was a hot summer, and Water Days were wonderful and refreshing. Brian says of Water Days, "These days let the kids truly let loose and just be crazy and wacky kids. The counselors had just as much fun I would say. We will continue to offer things like this next year and hope to add on with the addition of MRSTA coming and doing a class or two with the kids. There are many more ideas coming forth and we look forward to next year."

Brian adds that he is thankful that Alexis Shandor signed up as the Assistant Director this year and looks forward to working with her again. All the Counselors and Counselors-in-Training deserve a big round of applause, too, for the great job they did engaging with the kids.

"Finally, I want to thank all the parents and families for trusting me with their kids and their kids' safety. With everything that has happened in the last couple years I felt privileged to be able to do this job this summer and being entrusted to keep the kids safe was my first priority. Not only did they trust me but they helped make the program successful with all their donations and caring items sent in on a weekly basis. And finally, thank you to the CSYA for donating a free Kona Ice day for all the kids in attendance. The generosity of this community is unmatched."

Well said, Brian, and Castle Shannon thanks you, Alexis, the Counselors and Counselors-in-Training for all your hard work to make the program a success. See you next year! 🍀

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency – Police / Ambulance / Fire	9-1-1
Borough Administration	412-885-9200
Police Information	412-885-9300
Fire Department Information	412-884-7913
Medical Rescue Information / MRTSA	412-343-5111
Mayor Donald Baumgarten	412-885-9200
Real Estate Tax Collector	412-885-9260
Earned Income Tax Collector, Jordan Tax Service	412-835-5243
Community Library	412-563-4552
Animal Control	412-279-6911
District Justice David Barton	412-885-2111
District 6 Allegheny County Council Representative John Palmiere	412-350-6550
State Senator Wayne Fontana, 42 nd Senatorial District	412-344-2551
State Representative Dan Miller, 22 nd Legislative District	412-343-3870
U.S. Representative Conor Lamb, 17 th District	412-344-5583
U.S. Senator Bob Casey, Jr.	412-803-7370
U.S. Senator Pat Toomey	412-803-3501
Waste Management	1-800-866-4460
Castle Shannon Borough Municipal Center	412-885-9200
Administration	Extension 100
Borough Manager	Extension 103
Building & Zoning	Extension 105
Real Estate Tax Collector, Eileen O'Malley	Extension 107
Mayor Donald Baumgarten	Extension 108
Castle Shannon Police Department	412-885-9300
Administrative Assistant	Extension 111
Overnight Street Parking	Extension 120
Shift Supervisor	Extension 120
NON-EMERGENCY Allegheny County Dispatch	412-473-3056

Contamination 101

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS IT



As recycling programs have grown and transitioned to single stream processes, recycling simply has become more confusing to consumers and WM has seen a significant uptake in contamination. Contamination in the waste stream increases the risk to WM workers, raises the cost of recycling, and hampers our ability to recycle effectively (and in some cases results in products not being recycled). By targeting the following items and preventing them from ending up in the recycling, we can clear up the waste stream, keep workers safe, and make a difference for recycling.

PLASTIC BAGS

What's the problem?

- **They interfere with the machinery** – WM workers have to enter clogged machinery in order to remove plastic bags. Bags jam up the screens that separate recyclables from other material meaning fewer recyclables are captured. The machines have to be cleared manually which is risky for WM staff.
- **They can make other recyclables look like trash**– Bagging your recyclables in plastic adds another step to the sorting process. Specialized labor is necessary to unbag these materials, making recycling a more expensive process. Additionally, if they are confused for trash, these materials cannot be recycled.

What to do:

- Place recyclables loose in your bin. Find out where you and your community can recycle plastic bags at plasticfilmrecycling.org.



NON-PROGRAM MATERIALS & BULKY ITEMS

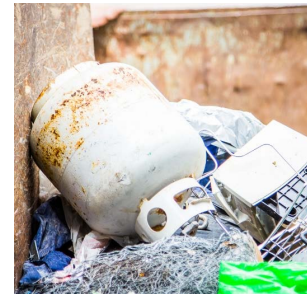
(e.g. hoses, car parts, etc.)

What's the problem?

- **Cumbersome items have to be removed from the waste stream manually** – This can be risky for sorters and increases the labor costs of recycling, which raises the overall cost of recycling.
- **The equipment can't handle big heavy items**– They cause jams, break machinery, and can lead to plant shut downs, all of which limit WM's ability to recycle efficiently.

What to do:

- Check local programs for local reuse and recycling options first, before putting them in your waste bin. Visit Earth911.com to find programs available in your area.



LIQUID AND FOOD

What's the problem?

- **It contaminates the recyclables**– Food-soiled recyclables are less valuable to buyers, which increases the cost of recycling. Liquid and food that is released in trucks or in recycling facilities attracts pests that lead to unsafe working conditions.

What to do:

- If available, put eligible items in the compost, otherwise use the trash container. ♻️





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GARBAGE & RECYCLING 2021-2022 SCHEDULE

November 2021 - April 2022

Recycling will be collected bi-weekly. Please see below for your recycling service schedule.
Recyclables must be clearly marked as recycling. Please do not bag recyclables.

NOVEMBER 2021						
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 Recycle Week
 Holiday

To report a missed pick-up or for any questions, please contact Waste Management: 1-800-866-4460 | www.wm.com