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FROM THE MAYOR, DONALD BAUMGARTEN



It seems that whenever the news media writes or says anything about police it is a negative article or story.

The following
is a copy of a
police report
from February
23rd, 2022:

"On 2-23-22 at 1721 hrs CSPD Officers were dispatched to a medical emergency at 300 Mt. Lebanon Blvd. The report was that a male was unconscious but breathing. Officer Recker was on scene in less than 2 minutes. He immediately assessed the patient and determined that he was not breathing and had no pulse.

Officer Recker started CPR and notified incoming units of the situation. Officer Platt arrived less than 3 minutes later, simultaneously with Chief Worth from MRTSA. Platt prepped the patient for AED use, applied defibrillator pads, and issued a shock when advised to by the device.

A Pulse was regained, and the patient was transported by the medics to the hospital. On 2-24-22 we were advised that the patient was doing well and expected to survive.

Chief Worth credits the Officers prompt response and quick actions for saving the patient's life."

On about the same time, a similar occurrence happened and again the officers who responded were able to keep him alive until the paramedics arrived.

I could tell you many more incidents like this, but my intent is to tell you how important that we have well trained officers who in many cases are the first responders. 🍀

Welcome to the newest member of the hardest-working Public Works crew: the 3-Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner / Vacuum Truck, by Pipehunter Equipment.

Features of this truck include a 600 gallon stainless steel water tank, 3,000 cubic feet per minute vacuum blower, and a telescopic hydraulic boom with 250 degrees of range.

This specialized sewer cleaning machine jets water at high pressure into the manhole to flush out all debris lodged in sewer pipes. It is also used to suction water and debris out of the sewer pipes to prevent system overloads. A less common use of the sewer cleaner / vacuum truck is for hazardous materials spills.

Most importantly, it means fewer in-person, in-sewer visits by our dedicated Public Works staff, which it seems they all appreciate. 🍀



FROM THE **BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: MARK HECKMANN**

Dear Constituents,



A few months ago, the City of Pittsburgh woke up to the news of the collapse of the Fern Hollow Bridge in the East End. The disruption caused by this event is

significant, well beyond the additional traffic and detours necessary to rebuild. While not all failures of government to provide and maintain public services are as obvious as a bridge collapse, the effect of even small errors is the same – an erosion of faith in the system.

Most citizens enjoy the fruits of effective government daily; our police are on the

streets, our parks are manicured, our roads are safe, our library is open, our sanitary system works, the trash is collected, etc. A simple trip to the grocery store would validate that our local government is functional and working to the benefit of our community, and you wouldn't even know it...

...until you hit a pothole, or a water main break causes a street closure, or you receive an unwanted parking ticket. At that moment, local government goes from invisibly working well to visibly not working well for you. It is likely that you see frustrations like these expressed publicly on social media, adding to what can feel like cynicism towards government doing anything right.

But for all those individual moments when it seems government doesn't work well for you, my pledge as Council President is that the "invisible" good work of the borough will always outweigh the frustrating moments. We always strive to minimize or mitigate instances in which our constituents may feel burdened, but it is also our job to help the public see and understand the excellent quality of life we have here in Castle Shannon.

There are several significant ways that our borough will be enhanced in the coming years; we are proud of those efforts and investments, but I find most of my pride for this community in the smallness and subtlety of our everyday good service to our constituents. 🍀

Yours in service,
Mark

FROM THE **MANAGER: KATIE STRINGENT**

Dear Residents,



It is with great excitement that I write my first article for the Spring 2022 newsletter. Since becoming Borough Manager in October, I have

had the opportunity to participate in community events, town hall meetings, and engage with residents and business owners on issues impacting the Borough. You welcomed me into these conversations and shared with me information vital to my success. I thank you for the warm welcome and look forward to continuing to serve the community as new and exciting projects come to fruition.

One such exciting project is the Downtown Streetscape project. The

successful revitalization of our Downtown Streetscape demonstrates the Borough's commitment to strengthening the local economy and providing the community with a strong sense of identity. Throughout this process the Borough will work closely with the contractor to ensure that our businesses remain open, and parking remains available. We aim to keep disruptions to a minimum and focus on allowing access to and from Willow Avenue and Castle Shannon Boulevard. Please continue to frequent downtown and know that one short construction season will result in decades of improvement.

I am also pleased to announce that Community Day will be returning to Hamilton Park on Sunday, May 29, 2022. This year's event will include local bands, food vendors, community

resources, and fun and games for the kids. I thank the hard-working Borough staff for their dedication to what is certain to be another successful year. Please stop down, enjoy the unofficial kick-off of summer with your neighbors, and say "hello" - I look forward to meeting you.

With spring comes renewal, growth, and new opportunities. As you read this issue of our newsletter take time to reflect on accomplishments to date with a fresh perspective and embrace new opportunities to engage with your elected officials, neighbors, and local businesses. As we kick off the winter dust, please stop to introduce yourself and share how important this community is to you. 🍀

Happy Spring!

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



From Kenneth M. Truver, *Chief of Police*
Dear Residents and Readers,

3310 McRoberts Road
 Castle Shannon, PA 15234
 412-885-9300
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We call your attention to the terrific work your officers do on a regular and consistent basis. While they never seek acknowledgement for what they expect to perform during daily duty shifts, we continue to be proud of our team.



FBINA Session 225

On our website **www.csboro.com** under the "About Us" tab, we strive to keep updated material about good things that are happening at CSPD. Please visit the website and consider signing up for push

notifications. We push out crime information as well as road work which impacts traffic and other important news. There are also interactive maps with crime and traffic activity.

As you might expect, the most common concerns raised to us by residents are parking and traffic related. Please call 911 to report acute issues needing police attention right away. For personal parking questions and traffic complaints about speed and/or volume, my contact information follows.

We address traffic complaints as call volume and staffing permit, and we assign officers to problem areas on a rotating basis.

We continue to be proud to serve the Borough of Castle Shannon. 🍀



CSPD participated in the **PA Special Olympics Polar Plunge** on February 26, 2022.



Officers will participate in the **Special Olympics Torch Run** in Spring 2022.

Thank you to Officers...

Christine Platt and Mike Kalas for getting back into Myrtle Elementary for the **DARE** program.



National MEDICATION



Sat., April 28
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DEATakeBack.com

3 COLLECTION LOCATIONS ALL YEAR LONG:

- **Castle Shannon Borough Building**
3310 McRoberts Rd
 - **Asti's South Hills Pharmacy**
250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd
 - **Lebanon Shops Pharmacy**
300 Mt. Lebanon Blvd
- ALL DONATIONS ARE ANONYMOUS.

Rid your home of potentially dangerous prescription drugs.
(Please no liquids or needles)



Lt Lane and Ofc Janeda recognized by Amen Corner for bravery, for their actions at an incident in Mt. Lebanon in Aug. 2021.



On Monday February 28, 2022 at the Borough Council meeting, Chief Truver and Lt Lane received "Life Saving" awards for their response to a CPR patient who survived.



Pictured L to R Chief Truver, Medical rescue Team South Chief Worth, Lt Lane.

K9 Dixon in Training with Handler Officer Justin Majors



Dave Novak photography

Go to **www.csboro.com** to see a live video of Dixon's training.

Watch to the end
<https://youtu.be/ImXzrfnqyOE>



Support Your Local EMS Agency

Pay only 50% of what your insurance doesn't cover

**SIGN UP AT
MRTSA.COM**

MRTSA is asking for donations in order to upkeep and train our therapy dog CJ

Send a check to MRTSA - Therapy Dog Fund

Medical Rescue Team South Authority
P.O. Box 10399
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-0399

MRTSA offers multiple classes to the public and to medical professionals

**CPR, First Aid, Stop the Bleed
ACLS, PALS, BLS**

*Subject to COVID-19 Restrictions

\$60

Individual

\$80

Household

\$100

Business



@mrtsa780

Baldwin Twp.

Castle Shannon

Dormont

Green Tree

Mt. Lebanon

Whitehall

CASTLE SHANNON VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT APPAREL FUNDRAISER

We are pleased to announce the return of our apparel fundraising site dedicated for the CSVFD. Now you can support the fire department financially and display your pride for us at the same time. Our apparel store will be open several times a year to allow everyone to keep up to date with our newest fashion options. Best of all, your purchase can be made from the comfort of your home and will be shipped directly to you.



Our site will remain open until **April 25, 2022.**

To order, simply scan the QR code or visit the website at
<https://shieldsembroidery.tuosystems.com/stores/csvfd22p>



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, Fundraiser Updates

<https://www.facebook.com/CSVFDUSA/> Or view our website at www.csvfd.org

In the Fall-Winter 2021 issue of the Castle Shannon Newsletter, Chief Bill Reffner's retirement from the Volunteer Fire Department was announced. In this Issue, we are pleased to announce the

new Fire Chief – Chief Bill Reffner!

Some of you may be scratching your head right now, so to clarify: the outgoing Chief was Bill Reffner, Sr., while the incoming Chief is Bill Reffner, Jr. Bill Reffner, Jr. is also a lifelong Castle Shannon resident and has been with the Castle Shannon VFD since 1999. His nickname is, coincidentally, Junior.

Since joining the VFD, he has held numerous positions within the department including Firefighter, Engine Operator, Truck Operator, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and now Fire Chief. In addition, he has held many administrative positions within the organization including Treasurer, Board of Director, and President of the Relief Association.

The various duties of a fire chief are many, but the primary responsibility of the Fire Chief is to prevent the loss of life and property through rescue, fire suppression, training, and public education. This is achieved by overseeing and directing a safe, rapid, and effective response to all emergencies in the fire district; deliver the highest quality of trained, skilled, and caring professionals to each incident; maintain

the latest in vehicles, equipment, and firefighting techniques; promote fire prevention and safety through outreach and educational programming; and proactively reduce the risk from fire through the application and enforcement of Fire Codes and Investigations.

Chief Reffner reports that the biggest challenge all VFDs face is the recruitment and retention of members. Throughout the country, the volunteer fire service has seen a steady decline in membership in the past fifty years. In Pennsylvania alone, the fire service has gone from 300,000 members strong in the 70's, to only 38,000 members today.

He expressed his concerns by saying "... without a steady stream of new members, who's going to answer the call when your fire department is needed most? So, I ask the residents of Castle Shannon, come be a part of a dynamic organization and give back to your community. Our needs are great – from needing active firefighters, to those willing to help raise much-needed funds, to those willing to support our administrative tasks – but the rewards are many. Call today, join YOUR fire department, and make



Chief Reffner Jr, left - Sr, Right

a meaningful difference for your family, your neighbors, and your community."

What is Chief Reffner's favorite part of the position, thus far? "Overall, this is an exciting time to be in a leadership role in the fire department. As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary with an Open House on May 22nd from 12 pm – 4 pm, the organization just accepted our new strategic plan with a renewed focus on recruitment of new members, enhanced firefighter training, and the purchase of a new Engine that when delivered in late 2023 will serve our community for the next quarter century.

Personally, I look forward to following in my father's footsteps. After fifty years of faithful service, my dad just retired as Fire Chief and there was no greater honor than at his retirement ceremony, he presented me with his Chief's badge. I will wear it with pride and continue his legacy of serving this department – and this community – with integrity, empathy, and humility." 🍀

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL? ***Members Needed Now, All Ages, All Backgrounds!***

• Accountants • Mechanics • Electricians • Retail Workers • Truck Drivers • Cooks • Retirees • Students*

No Experience Needed

We Offer Several Different Membership Levels

- Firefighter (*Interior or Exterior*)
- Associate
- Special Service

Benefits of Membership

- Free Training
- Free Life Insurance
- Hall Rental Discounts
- Use of Fitness Center
- Free Uniforms/Apparel
- Free Parking at LRT lot

** Free tuition through CCAC'S FireVest Program*

**Contact Us Today to Learn
More About Becoming a Member of
your Volunteer Fire Department**

412-884-7913
csvfdmembership@gmail.com
www.csvfd.org/join



THE CASTLE SHANNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: 100 Years of Dedicated Service

By Fred Molly – Firefighter

Within two years after the new Borough of Castle Shannon was carved from the Baldwin Township borders, a dedicated group of citizens laid the groundwork for an organized firefighting force. In March of 1922, this new citizens' group elected temporary officers and began to seek out members and personnel from this new town. 140 men and women paid \$1.00 to be considered for membership in what would evolve into the Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department. One month later, the fledgling fire department had 45 firefighters and new officers were elected to formal, term-limited positions. Among this new membership were well-known Castle Shannon names: Laughlin, Schenot, Vitte, Waterman, and many more. By the summer of 1922, a new Howe/REO firetruck was ordered and by the fall was delivered. This first vehicle was motorized and painted red; the firetruck color would not be corrected to green until 1946, when a new, Kelly green Amrens-Fox pumper was delivered. Castle Shannon's green

trucks have henceforth been known as "The Green Hornet."

Ed Laughlin provided an outbuilding of his funeral home to house the truck and gear. Mrs. Mary Schenot lent her office at Schenot's Hotel (now the empty lot next to Laughlin Memorial Chapel) as a meeting room and supplied an incoming phone line to accept emergency calls. Eventually, a siren was placed there as well, to sound out fire calls.

This initial year also saw the Fire Department's first automobile raffle, with tickets being sold to benefit this new fire company. On Labor Day, a 1922 Chevrolet was raffled from an outdoor event held by the Department at Grove Station, now the Linden Grove area. This event was the precursor to what would become our Summer Carnival.

A portion of the McKee property in the triangle of Park and Myrtle Avenues and Castle Shannon Boulevard was acquired, and in 1939 the new, permanent firehouse was completed. The Fire Department was housed here until

1979, when the station on Library Road was completed.

The Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department is grateful for the citizens of Castle Shannon, as well as the residents of the surrounding municipalities we serve and the people that participate in our events, raffles, and hall rentals.

The photos you see on this page offer a glimpse of our past; the Castle Shannon VFD would like to show you our present and work together to craft a vision for the future. To celebrate our 100 years, we present to all an open house for you to share a day with us. On Sunday, May 22nd, from noon until 4:00 pm, we invite you to become a part of our fire company for a day. Interactive displays and demonstrations will be featured and, of course, refreshments provided.

We remain grateful for our community, neighbors, and supporters, and will be thrilled for your family to become a part of our family on this very special day, Day One of Year 101! 🍀



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 at 6:30pm.

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:

April 11th: The Broken Girls
Simone St. James

May 9th: The Last Green Valley
Mark Sullivan

June 13th: Can't Wait to Get to Heaven
Fanny Flag

July 11th: The Four Winds
Kristen Hannah

August 8th: Of Mice and Men
John Steinbeck

September 12th: The Outsider
Stephen King

October 10th: The Room on Rue Amelie
Kristin Harmel

November 14th: An Anatomy of a
Scandal, Sarah Vaughan

December 12th: Bring Me Home for
Christmas, Robyn Carr

Books & Brews

Like Books? Like Beer (or other beverages)? Come join us on Wednesday, May 11th 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



Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, July 13th
Wednesday, September 14th
Wednesday, November 9th

Crafternoon

Crafternoon for adults will continue all summer on the third Wednesday of the month from 1pm-3pm. We will have fun this summer creating beach themed crafts in honor of our Oceans of Possibilities Summer reading theme. Please email castleshannon@einetwork.net to register. For those 18 & Older. A \$3 donation is suggested.

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.

Cook the Book will take place Wednesday, May 25th and Wednesday, July 27th. Join us for some fun eating and book discussion. Check our Facebook page or sign up for our emails to find out what cookbooks we will be discussing.

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, April 28th at 7pm. If you



cannot make it that night, we will be meeting again on Wednesday, May 4th at 11:30am.

My Name is Lucy Barton
by Elizabeth Strout

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, April 4th - May 16th and June 13th - August 8th

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

Registration is not required.

The library will be closed Monday May 30th and July 4th.

Time for Tots -

Wednesdays at 11AM, April 6th - May 18th and June 15th - August 10th

A storytime 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 not required.

Preschool Storytime -

Thursdays at 11AM, April 7th - May 19th and June 16th - August 11th

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.

Crafterschool -

Mondays at 3:30PM, April 4th - May 16th Ages 5-12

Join us after school for a free craft!

Registration is not required.

Game On! -

Thursdays at 3:30PM, April 7th - May 19th Ages 8-14

Join us afterschool for a mixture of board games, card games and videogames! We have a wide variety of games to offer!

Registration is not required.

Pop-Up Programs

All Ages

Keep an eye on our social media accounts to see when we are having pop-up programs! We are hoping to be able to have programs in the yard of the library and down at the Myrtle Parklet! A variety of crafts and activities will be available during these times.

Miss Amber will be out of the Library from Saturday, July 16th through Monday, July 25th.

No programming will take place.

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as Castle Shannon Library presents "Oceans of Possibilities" during our summer library program.

Programs will be running from June 9th - August 12th.

Activities may include ocean-related crafts, art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more. We will offer reading challenges for all ages again this summer!

Summer Reading Kick-off:
Thursday June 9th at 12pm; All Ages

Join us
Thursday June 9th
from
12pm-2pm
for a yard party
kick-off to
summer reading!

There will be games, pizza, popcorn, and crafts for the whole family. If we have poor weather the activities will be moved inside!

There is an ocean of possibilities for you at the library!

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.

Please visit

<https://castleshannonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>
for the 2022 Calendar of 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 letter will be sent to the family or individual and an acknowledgement will be sent to you.

Memorial Forms are available at the library. 🍀

SPRING FLEA MARKET SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH | 9AM-2PM

20+ Tables to Shop from, 50/50 Raffle, Refreshments and Bake Sale
Lower Level of the Library



Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon Membership Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I wish to donate:

(check one)

- ☐ \$5 Regular Membership
- ☐ \$10 Family Membership
- ☐ \$25 Patron Membership
- ☐ \$_____ Other Amount

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Flea Markets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking for Misc. Event Bake | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales |

WE'RE OPEN -
IN-PERSON, CURBSIDE, ONLINE



HOURS ARE:

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

Wednesday & Friday: 10:30am – 4:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE-UPCOMING CLOSURES:

Friday, April 15th-Saturday, April 16th
Easter Holiday Weekend

Saturday, May 28th through Monday, May 30th
Memorial Day Holiday Weekend

Saturday, July 2nd through Monday, July 4th
Fourth of July Holiday Weekend

Saturday, September 3rd through Monday, September 5th
Labor Day Holiday Weekend

**Stay Up to Date on Library
Information, Programs & Events**

Make sure to like our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, check out our website www.castleshannonlibrary.org, or ask to be put on our email list so you always know what is going on with the Library and it's programs and events!



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- ☒ GET READ-A-LONG KIDS' BOOKS
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**YES, I WOULD LOVE TO
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LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I wish to donate: *(check one)*

☐

\$5

☐

\$10

☐

\$25

_____ \$ Other
Amount



**PLEASE SEND OR
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Community Library of Castle Shannon
3677 Myrtle Avenue; Castle Shannon, PA 15234

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/)



MAY 29, 2022

FROM
2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CASTLE SHANNON COMMUNITY DAY IS BACK!

MAGIC

**Balloon
Twists**

**Bounce
Houses**

**Local
Businesses &
Vendors**

FOOD

MUSIC

- The School of Rock
- The Stickers
- Identity Crisis

FREE SHUTTLE

will run continuously to and from the CSVFD parking lot on Rt. 88 to Hamilton Park starting at 1:30 pm.

**FIREWORKS
AT DUSK**

MEMORIAL DAY 2022

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - Mayor Don Baumgarten
MARCH MARSHAL - Bill Reffner, Sr.



The Castle Shannon Borough Annual Memorial Day March

will be held on **Monday, May 30, 2022.**
The parade begins at **10:30 am** and will travel from Hoodridge Drive to the Veterans' Memorial in the parklet between Ice Castle and the Willow Avenue T-Stop.

SUMMER REC

The 2022 Castle Shannon Summer Recreation Program will soon be accepting registrations.

This program will begin **June 23 and end August 4** - it is open to Borough children who have completed Kindergarten through age 12. The registration fee is **\$20 per child (maximum \$40 per family)** due at registration. A \$20 fee will be assessed for any returned check.

New this year: if your child is 12 years old, they can sign up to participate in our **Counselor in Training program**. This program teaches kids the skills they'll need to become a Counselor in upcoming years while helping Counselors and Staff and participating in all the amazing activities.

Enrollment will be held Saturday, June 4 from 10 am until noon at the Castle Shannon Community Library and the Castle Shannon Municipal Center."

REGISTRATION FORM—Castle Shannon Summer Recreation Program June 23 – August 4, 2022

Family Name (last name) _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Participant's First Name	Age	Grade	Resident	TOTAL
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

Do any of the above participants have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please name participant and explain: _____

Castle Shannon Borough - Statement of Understanding & Release

We, the undersigned, as parents and/or guardian of _____ hereby enroll our minor children in the Summer Recreation Program for the Borough of Castle Shannon.

In so enrolling our child/children, we recognize and agree that:

1. Participation in programs and recreational activities can result in serious injury, disease including but not limited to COVID-19, and disabilities to our child(ren);
2. As the parents/guardians of said child/children, we are responsible for any and all medical expenses and/or injuries sustained by our child/children as a result of participation in the said Program;
3. Health insurance coverage for any child participating in the Summer Recreation Program is not provided by the Borough of Castle Shannon. Responsibility for providing medical insurance, if any, is that of the parents and/or guardians;

In consideration of the Borough agreeing to accept our child/children in its Summer Recreation Program, we hereby release and hold harmless the Borough of Castle Shannon, its officers and employees, from any and all liability for any injury, liability or claim that might arise by reason of our child(ren)'s participation in the Program.

Signature Required: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to Castle Shannon Borough.

REC SHARE PROGRAM DORMONT POOL

The pilot Rec Share program with **Dormont Pool** made such a splash, we're diving in again! Castle Shannon swimmers get **50% off** the Dormont resident price for season passes.

So, **WATER**
you doing this summer?

THIS SEASON'S CASTLE SHANNON RESIDENT RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Child rate - \$37.50
Adult rate - \$47.50
Family rate - \$80.00
KOSD Senior rate - \$35.00

To register for a season pass at the Dormont Pool, please contact the Borough of Dormont at (412) 561-8900 ext. 1, or email Beth Bachman at bbachman@boro.dormont.pa.us.

**OPENS SAT., MAY 28, 2022 THROUGH
MON., SEPT. 5, 2022**

HOURS OF OPERATION:

WEEKENDS/NON-SCHOOL YEAR:
12:00pm-8:00pm Daily

WEEKDAYS MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 10
AND AUG. 19 THROUGH SEPT. 2:
4:00pm-8:00pm

TENTATIVE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Memorial Day – Noon until 6:00pm
July 4th – Noon until 5:00pm
Labor Day – Noon until 3:00pm

DAILY RATE: \$8

**Please note there is only one daily rate; there are no daily rate discounts based on residency, age or time of entry.*

As in previous years, if the outside ambient temperature is less than 68 degrees, the pool will not open for the day. Entry to the pool is weather permitting and there are no rainchecks or refunds.

ANNUAL SPRING STREAM CLEANUP IN CASTLE SHANNON

Saturday, Apr 23, 2022
9am to Noon

James Street Parking Lot

Watersheds of South Pittsburgh and Castle Shannon Borough invite you to join us for our annual Spring Stream Cleanup in Castle Shannon.

Watersheds of South Pittsburgh has been coming to Castle Shannon to educate about the importance of and assist with cleaning Saw Mill Run twice a year for 7 years. WoSPgh "...is a rallying point for people who are concerned about the health of their local streams, watersheds, and communities. WoSPgh exists because there is a growing movement among residents who are concerned about increased flooding, unsightly litter and toxic pollution, and abandoned lots or industrial storage areas along Saw Mill Run and Streets Run."

Michael Brothers Hauling & Recycling has been providing dumpsters for the Stream Cleanup for the past 2 years – we are thrilled to partner with them again this year. Michael Brothers has a variety of resources for residential and commercial recycling and hauling – you may know them from the permanent glass container in the VFD parking lot.

If you are looking to help improve the environmental health of our region, but don't know where to start, come on down to the James Street parking lot between 8:30 am and 9:00 am on Sat., April 23, 2022. Castle Shannon Borough will provide lunch for Stream Cleanup volunteers at Willow Station.

We provide gloves, safety vests, and trash bags. We also provide waders to folks who don't have their own. The event will be rain or shine, so dress for the weather and wear waders or other water-friendly footwear. **Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated for COVID-19.** Masks will be available. We cancel only in the most inclement weather; high winds and torrential rain. Cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page by 8:30 am on Sat., April 23rd. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Registration is not necessary. 🍀



PERMANENT GLASS RECYCLING STATION NOW AVAILABLE IN CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH



Pennsylvania
Resources
Council

envisioning a Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted

Castle Shannon Borough residents can now conveniently recycle glass bottles, jars and jugs following the installation of a permanent recycling dumpster in the Castle Shannon Fire Department lot.

Since December of 2021, residents of the Castle Shannon and surrounding municipalities have been dropping off all colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs thanks to a partnership between Castle Shannon Borough and the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) that provides reliable, uninterrupted glass recycling access.

"Residents of Castle Shannon are interested in recycling glass even when it isn't collected curbside, and we're excited to make this opportunity available every day of the week," according to Borough Manager Katie Stringent. "With the help of PRC, the borough has set up a permanent glass recycling station and will implement a campaign to educate residents regarding glass recycling and other waste reduction activities."

The blue recycling dumpster is located in the Castle Shannon Fire Department lot (3600 Library Rd., 15234) and will be available for self-serve drop off during daylight hours seven days a week. Individuals can drop off glass bottles, jars and jugs of all colors (no sorting

required). Containers should be empty and rinsed, with lids and labels still on. Bags and boxes used to deliver glass must be discarded off-site.

"Glass is still one of the most recyclable materials we generate in our homes, and the market for glass recycling is very strong," according to Ashley DiGregorio, PRC Recycling Markets and Grants Manager. "It's important from an environmental perspective to keep glass out of landfills, and PRC is dedicated to building an efficient, region-wide glass recycling collection network with partners such as Castle Shannon Borough."

The Castle Shannon permanent recycling site is sponsored by Castle Shannon Borough and is made possible through program sponsorship from Owens-Illinois, Inc. and CAP Glass in partnership with Michael Brothers Hauling & Recycling.

For more information regarding glass recycling, visit the PRC website at www.prc.org/glassrecycling or call 412-488-7490.

"Reasons for recycling glass include the fact that glass can be recycled endlessly, and recycling glass requires 70 percent less energy than when manufacturing glass from raw materials," said DiGregorio. "Studies show that 90% of consumers believe glass recycling is important, and the success PRC has experienced with its existing program definitely shows that people want to recycle glass whenever possible." 🍀



GLASS IS **100% RECYCLABLE**

GLASS CAN BE **RECYCLED ENDLESSLY**

RECYCLING GLASS **USES 70% LESS ENERGY** THAN RAW MATERIALS

IN A LANDFILL, GLASS TAKES **1 MILLION YEARS** TO DEGRADE

A GLASS BOTTLE CAN GO FROM RECYCLING BIN TO STORE SHELF IN **30 DAYS**



This is my sixteenth year as the Code Official and in the past year and a half I have noticed a lot of younger residents buying homes.

This is great in so many ways!

It is nice to see homes getting a makeover. House flippers are renovating damaged homes, including two condemned houses that were scheduled to be demolished. Most of these homes are being turned into rental property.

Unfortunately, the downfall to this is that it keeps me busy with the many ordinances that residents are unaware of. New (and existing) residents are surprised that you are not allowed to have trailers, campers/RVs or vehicles over one ton parked in the front of your house.

The most common violation keeping me busy pertains to the rodent population. It is a toss-up between the garbage or the feeding of birds and animals. Weekly garbage should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before pickup and empty cans should be removed by midnight the night of pickup. Animals get into garbage bags and what they don't eat is left scattered in yards and streets. As far as feeding the animals and birds, I cannot get over how fast the rats show up. We've even had a call that a resident could not get out of their house because of wild turkeys. Not to mention the reports of turkeys pecking at cars, especially shiny, dark-colored cars.

Let's not forget the parking of vehicles on grass. This causes mud to be dragged onto our streets which affects the storm sewers. Stagnant water can develop in the deep ruts left in yards creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes that could lead to West Nile virus. 🍀



CSB 311

This spring the Borough will be launching a 311 Citizen Request Management (CRM) app for both Android and iPhone devices.



With a focus on boosting citizen engagement, trust, and satisfaction the Borough has made the determination to offer the 311 app as a tool to allow you, the resident, business owner, and visitor to engage directly with the Borough without the need to ever pick up the phone. By downloading the 311 app entitled "Castle Shannon Cares" you will be directly connected to Borough staff who will be able to address your property concern, pot hole in the roadway, or refuse and recycling issue digitally.

Once your request has been submitted, it will be directly routed to the correct department or employee, based on pre-set request categories with a required response due in a pre-determined amount of time ensuring your request is addressed promptly. You will actively be able to monitor your request progress every step of the way until completion without any necessary phone calls, walk-ins, or manual follow-ups with the Borough.

Implementing the 311 Castle Shannon Cares app, is an excellent way to allow residents and Borough officials to work together to improve their shared quality of life. Castle Shannon Cares will help Borough staff acknowledge concerns quickly, alert users when their issue is resolved, prioritize your inquiry based on the nature of the request, and better manage Borough resources. As a result, your requests, concerns, and issues will be heard quickly, acknowledged, and resolved without ever having to leave your living room.

With the launch of Castle Shannon Cares residents can be actively engaged with Borough staff, report issues impacting your day, and efficiently seek resolution. The Castle Shannon Cares app is available for download on both Android and iPhone devices in the App Store. 🍀

FROM REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER



Be sure to mark your calendars for our signature event, the **Annual Disability & Mental Health Summit!** This event has become

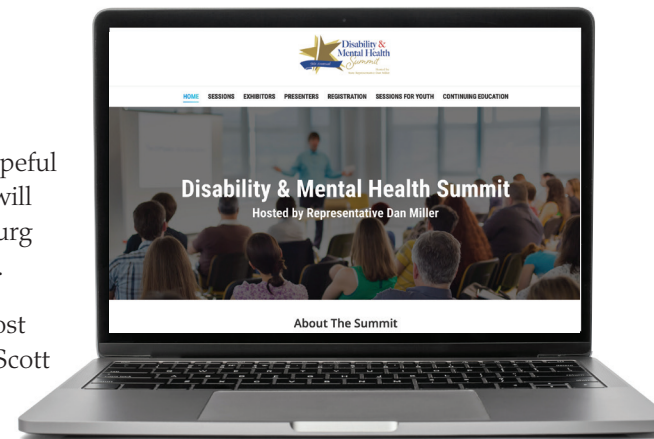
the largest collection of disability and mental health resources in southwestern Pennsylvania, and it's back with an all-new format for 2022. Rather than taking place in a single week, this year's Summit will involve a series of events spread across the springtime months.

This past March, we kicked off with our Legislative Panel, where legislators from both chambers of the legislature and both sides of the aisle gathered to discuss critical issues impacting people with disabilities. Experts, advocates and families who have been impacted by the direct support professional workforce crisis and the need for a more robust mental health system shared their perspectives and answered questions

about their experiences. We are hopeful that the legislators who attended will take their insights back to Harrisburg and work to improve the situation.

We will return to our traditional host location, Beth El Congregation in Scott Township, on April 28th. Our keynote speaker that day will be Michael Gamel-McCormick, Senator Bob Casey's Disability Policy Director, who will share an update on federal disability initiatives. Five sessions will follow that, with topics ranging from supporting those at risk of suicide to planning for college with a disability. Detailed information about our sessions and a link to the free registration page can be found at disabilitysummit.com.

We are also finalizing plans for a second full day of programming, likely in late May, as well as a resource fair featuring a range of organizations that support



and serve those with disabilities and mental health concerns.

Whether you are looking for resources for a loved one, family supports, or you are new to a diagnosis – our event is meant to provide as much information as possible, and it is, as always, free to attend. As your state representative, advocating for people with a disability or a mental health diagnosis has been a major priority for me, and I always look forward to bringing this key event to our district. 🍀

Please visit **DisabilitySummit.com** over the coming weeks for event details including speakers, exhibitors, and sessions!

GRILLING SAFETY

Reminders from the CSVFD

By the time this newsletter reaches your household many of you are making plans for spring and summer activities, many of which include outdoor grilling. It is not unusual for the Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department to respond to a call involving a gas grill mishap during the grilling season. Fortunately, most of these mishaps involve little personal injury or property loss.

First responders including EMS, fire, and police periodically conduct review of procedures to be prepared when emergencies arise. You, as the griller also should review the safety guidelines

related to outdoor grilling to help prevent such emergencies or know what to do when such an emergency occurs.

Your best source of information on the proper use and safe operation is in your "OWNERS GUIDE" which should be included when you purchase a gas grill. If you do not have this information, you should be able to obtain such information by contacting the manufacturer. Review this information to fully understand how a propane gas grill operates. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has a nice single page article on basic safety grilling tips for both propane and charcoal grills.

Be sure the grill is assembled properly. If not sure contact the retail dealer you purchased the grill from or manufacturer for assistance.

Secure a safe place away from structure, at least 10 feet, and place on a flat, level surface. Do not use under porches or on your apartment's balcony. The use

of grills on balconies most likely is governed by the building owner and or by the municipality in which you reside. Never grill indoors.

Before using your gas grill check that all the gas connections are properly secured.

Keep children and pets away when grill is in use.

Keep your grill clean. A buildup of grease from the grill and in the tray below will create a hazard.

Have the proper type of fire extinguisher available. ABC type is preferred.

Among the most important things to remember is to be prepared for an emergency. If a physical injury occurs or a propane grill malfunctions and you are not sure what to do, IMMEDIATELY CALL 911 FOR HELP.

The men and women of the Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department wish all our friends and neighbors a safe and fun filled summer. 🍀



JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON OPPORTUNITY



Any KOSD, Bethel Park, or Seton LaSalle high school student who is entering their junior or senior year in the fall of 2022 is encouraged to submit their resume to Castle Shannon Borough Council for consideration as Junior Councilperson.

See <http://csboro.org> for a complete job description and instructions to submit a resume.



SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time employment opportunities are available with the **Public Works Department for the summer of 2022.**

Applicants must be 18 or older, full-time college students, or high school seniors who will enter their first year of college.

For a full job description please see <http://csboro.org>. Applications are available at the Municipal Center from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

THE HOLIDAY FOOD GIVING PROGRAM

Thanks You

On behalf of the **Holiday Food Giving committee** and the recipients of the program, we would like to **thank all of the businesses and individuals that donated:** making the program possible. Because of your generosity many families who otherwise may have gone hungry were able to have a complete holiday meal. If you are a resident of Castle Shannon and need assistance with your holiday meals, please contact us at 412-571-0373.

Thank you again for your generous support,

The Holiday Food Giving Committee

CASTLE SHANNON NAMED A 2022 BANNER COMMUNITY

The Borough of Castle Shannon has been recognized as a 2022 Banner Community by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM).

This marks the tenth year of the program which recognizes municipalities that show a commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. Castle Shannon Borough is one of 80 organizations recognized this year.

“For the eighth year in a row the Borough of Castle Shannon has been recognized as a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) and Allegheny County,” said Borough Manager Katie Stringent. “This recognition is reflective of the annual dedication and hard work of Borough employees, Council, and the Mayor. The Banner Community designation is a distinction of which Castle Shannon is proud to hold.”



In order to be eligible for consideration for the Banner Communities Program, the municipality's elected and appointed officials must:

- Participate in educational or training programs through ALOM, the Local Government Academy or the PA Department of Community & Economic Development or participate in a governing mentoring program
- Be active members in good standing with ALOM and the county municipal associations, and have a representative attending at least a minimum of 50% of county association meetings
- Be active members in good standing in a COG and attend COG meetings, participate in a COG cooperative purchasing program and participate in at least one shared municipal service
- Conduct a Local Government Week activity by conducting a local activity promoting local government or communicating with the community about delivery of services
- Conduct an effective Citizen Communication Program by offering a municipal newsletter or web-based communication effort, and participate in a class discussion on local government or conducting a shadowing program for junior or senior high school students
- Promote and implement long term sustainable governing practices by earning certification through Sustainable Pittsburgh, managing employee pensions at funding levels of 90% or above, participating in the annual ALOM Wage and Salary Survey Program, and implementing goals of an up to date Municipal Comprehensive Plan 🍀

The Allegheny League of Municipalities, a nonprofit organization created in the early 1960s to coordinate the needs of the area's local elected officials. In 1974, it was officially established as the Allegheny League of Municipalities to coordinate, advocate and educate the hundreds of elected officials within its member municipalities in Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania. The organization educates elected officials, delivers essential resources, and advocates for sound policy and legislation.



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Castle Shannon 2022 Collection Schedule



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.

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 Recycle Week
 Holiday

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