

September 2023

Castle Shannon News

Castle Shannon Borough Monthly News and Updates

Borough News

Fall is on its way, school is back in session, and there are countless events and programs happening in the Borough! Construction projects are moving along, and Fall Sports are about to begin.

Convey 911: Language and Communication Enhancement



The Castle Shannon Police Department is proud to announce the adoption of Convey911, an innovative language solutions tool that revolutionizes communication between our agency and citizens. Convey911 facilitates seamless and bi-directional communication through text messaging and video. It allows our Borough Office and Police Department staff to engage with complainants of non-emergency situations.

With support for real-time language translation in nearly 200 languages, individuals can now communicate with us in their native language.

We hope that this new technology will help us better interact with our residents, and give us a step up in communication with our community!

Castle Shannon Police Department Receives Accreditation from The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police

The Castle Shannon Police Department received Accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police on April 25, 2023. The status was ratified at the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Conference in July and Chief James Adams, Accreditation Program Director presented our plaque at the Borough Council Meeting of August 14, 2023. We are very proud of our agency for reaching this milestone, but especially our Accreditation Manager Lt. David Lane for shepherding us through the process.



Mayor Baumgarten Receives Longevity Award



Mayor Donald Baumgarten was recognized at the Pennsylvania State Mayors Conference in July with the Abbie Montecalvo Longevity of Service award for 53 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Castle Shannon. The Mayors' Association President James Nowalk, Whitehall Borough presented the mayor with a plaque at the Borough Council meeting of August 14, 2023. Congratulations, Your Honor!

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Construction Updates

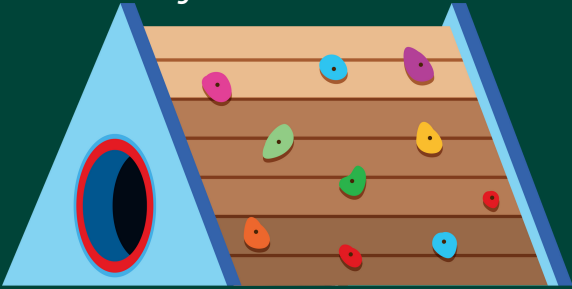
PennDOT Bridge Replacement



A contractor has started work on the PennDOT bridge crossing Saw Mill Run Creek at Castle Shannon Blvd and Poplar Ave. The work, which requires closing the eastbound traffic lane on Castle Shannon Blvd, will last for 2 months. The work and lane closures are projected to be finished by mid- to end of- October. Eastbound traffic will be diverted to the westbound lanes at Castle Shannon Blvd and Poplar Ave, and all traffic on Castle Shannon Blvd will be one way eastbound between Poplar Ave and Library Rd (Route 88). Thank you for your patience with this PennDOT project!

Parks Plus Plan Updates

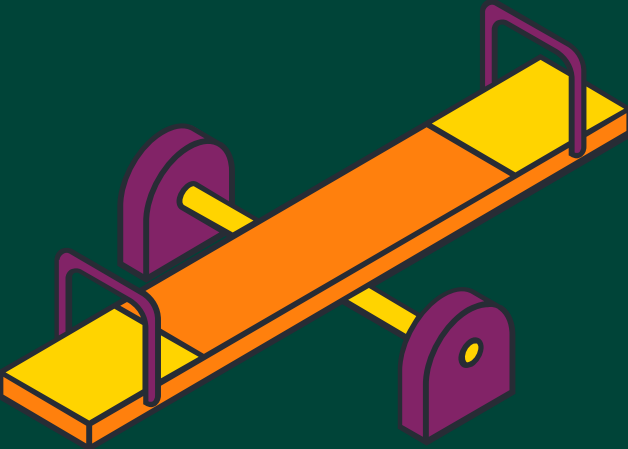
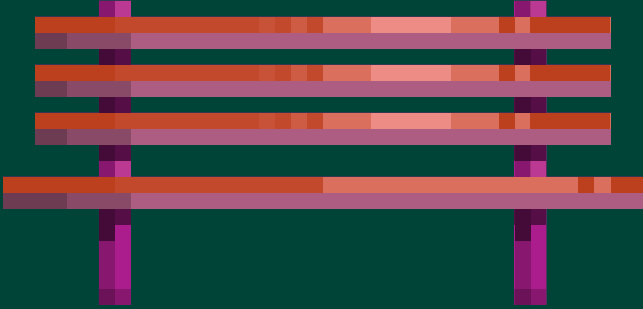
Group 1 of the Parks Plus Plan consists of the library, Prospect Park, and Myrtle Park, and all of these projects are nearing completion! Myrtle and Prospect Parks received some much-needed updates and new play equipment, and the library's new entranceway and outdoor reading areas look lovely!



Group 2, Lower Hamilton Park, has been fully excavated and is in the process of removing debris to make room for the new pavilion and facilities. The projected end date for Lower Hamilton is mid-May.

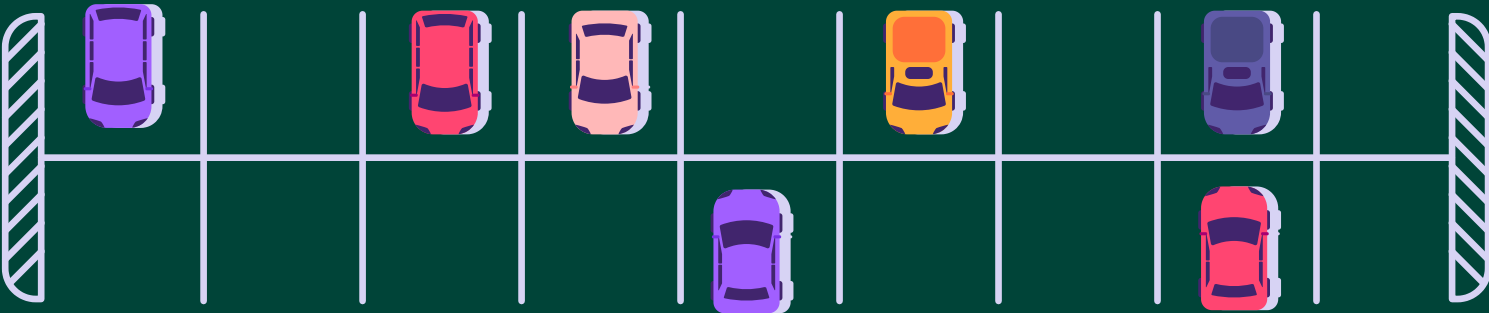


Group 3, Upper and Mid Hamilton Park, is currently ahead of schedule and is projected for a 2024 construction season with an opening to the public in early 2025.



Parking Lot Updates

A bid has been accepted to pave and line the parking lot at 981 Castle Shannon Boulevard. This will be used as free parking for residents and visitors to the Downtown Castle Shannon area until a full revitalization and development plan for the building is finalized.



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Library Events



Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Thursday, September 14th through Saturday, September 16th
Come out and support the Friends of the Castle Shannon Library at their
Fall Used Book Sale!



Flavor Your Life: Growing Your Own Herbs Tuesday, September 19th at 12PM



Penn State Master Gardener, Joan Kluger will be here to
present Flavor Your Life: Growing Your Own Herbs.

Cultivating and harvesting herbs has long been a
favorite activity for anyone interested in preparing
tastier dishes, adding beauty to their gardens, bringing
nature into their homes, or making unique handmade
gifts.

Joan will cover these topics during her presentation as
well as explain new and best varieties. She'll also have
recipe handouts.

Learn to grow, maintain, propagate, and extend the
season of these useful and attractive plants both inside
and outside the home.

Please reserve your spot by Monday, September 18th.

Empower Me! Series: Sharpen Your Dollar Sense Tuesday, September 19th at 7PM ~Women Only Event~

Are you interested in building your financial literacy? Curious
about what it takes to become a homeowner or wondering
how to avoid deceptive predatory loans?

Then join us for this second class in our limited series of
programs designed specifically for women.

Kelly Bowman, Home Ownership Counselor from Dollar Bank,
will facilitate this all-important workshop. She will help us to
better understand how to obtain a mortgage, how to become
savvy borrowers, and how to develop good dollar sense.

**Please register for this event by calling the Library at 412-563-4552,
by emailing the Library at castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org
or messaging their Facebook page.**



Cook the Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00PM-7:30PM
~Adult Programming Event 18+~

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.

Join us for some fun eating and book discussion!
We will be reading True Roots by Kristin Cavallari.
Books are available at the library.

Pick a recipe from the book, make it for September
27th so everyone can enjoy!

**Please register by emailing
castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org.**



**For a full list of Library Events, visit their website at
castleshannonlibrary.org**