

# Fall-Winter 2023

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The Castle Shannon Newsletter is a periodic, official publication of Castle Shannon Borough.

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The Castle Shannon Planning Commission meets the 3rd Monday of each month as needed. Please contact the Building & Zoning Department for more information.

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# Welcome our New Manager

C. Michael Foote joined the Borough of Castle Shannon on September 4, 2023, as its new manager. Michael was most recently the Township Manager for Lancaster Township, Butler County from 2021-2023. He was previously Borough Manager for Indiana Borough, PA from 2018-2021. Prior to Indiana, Michael was the Sustainability and Solid Waste Manager for the City of Reading. He is relatively new to Pennsylvania after spending 20 years in the Mountain West – but is excited to get to know our community!



Michael spent 30 years in the private sector, both self-employed and working for a variety of businesses ranging from Fortune 500 to family owned. That private sector experience has allowed him to learn to support the success of smaller, locally owned businesses. He has collaborated effectively with the business sector in each of the communities he has worked in, and is happy to see such thriving small and local businesses in Castle Shannon!

He began his municipal career with the City of Gillette, Wyoming, as their first Sustainability Manager. Michael found that he enjoyed public service so much, he decided to return to school to obtain a second master's degree in public administration. Michael earned his MPA from the University of Wyoming and an MA in Psychology from Naropa University, Boulder, CO. Michael is eager to assist the Borough as it embarks on multiple projects to improve the quality of life in Castle Shannon, and hopes to help us make a greater community for our residents.

*Welcome, Michael!*





## MAINSTREET CASTLE SHANNON

Exciting times are upon us as our downtown business district has experienced a surge in new businesses over the past few years. This remarkable growth has not only revitalized our area but has also provided us with a diverse range of offerings to enjoy.

In recent years, a vibrant array of businesses have made our downtown their home. From charming gift and craft stores to the trendiest hair and nail salons, from a unique golf simulator experience to a cozy bar/restaurant perfect for gathering with friends, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Antique and vintage enthusiasts have also found a haven in our district with a number of stores dedicated to one-of-a-kind treasures.

The addition of Willow Station Restaurant & Bar, Polished Nail Studio & Spa, Anthos Bakery & Cafe, Likely Treasures on the Boulevard, DH Hair Studio, Boulevard Tax & Gold with Notary, Miller Mulligans Golf Simulator, Apples to Rainbows, and R. Hill Construction have brought fun, convenience, and choice to our community.

But that's not all! Our downtown continues to grow, with three more exciting establishments set to open their doors soon. An indoor plant and craft store will cater to those with a green thumb or a penchant for handmade creations, while a sports card and memorabilia store will surely be a destination for sports enthusiasts and collectors. We're also looking forward to breakfast at Yianni's, an irresistible Greek diner.

This surge in new businesses demonstrates the vibrancy and resilience of our downtown community. It's a testament to the dedication of entrepreneurs who believe in the potential of our area and the ongoing support of our local and regional residents.

## From Mainstreet

While we celebrate the influx of exciting new businesses in our downtown district, let's not forget the cherished establishments that have been the backbone of our community for years. Our favorite restaurants, cozy coffee shop, soulful spirituality store, welcoming salons, trusty barber shop, quirky oddities shop, rejuvenating chiropractor, soothing masseuse, talented photographer, reliable dentists, beloved brewery, dedicated realtors' office, skilled tattoo artist, and lively bars have been integral to our lives. Their commitment to serving us with dedication and passion has made our downtown the vibrant place it is today. Let's continue to show our support by patronizing these treasured businesses! They are the soul of our community, and your continued patronage ensures their enduring presence. Together, we can keep our downtown thriving and flourishing for years to come.

Next time you're looking for a unique gift, a fresh hairstyle, a delicious meal, or a cozy spot to relax, remember to explore our downtown business district. Let's continue to support these local businesses and celebrate the thriving heart of our community.

As we look forward to these new additions, let's cherish the growth and prosperity that our downtown district is experiencing. Together, we can make it an even better place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for being a part of our flourishing downtown community!



Krista Mosher  
Main Street Manager







## WE ARE AN ACCREDITED AGENCY

The Castle Shannon Police Department received **Accreditation** from the PA Chiefs of Police on April 25, 2023.

The status was ratified at the PA Chiefs of Police Conference in July and Chief James Adams (*right*), 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 James Nowalk recognized Mayor Baumgarten at the August 14th Borough Council meeting for his many years of service.



*Our  
Mayor*



Mayor Tom Riel presented Mayor Don Baumgarten with the **Abbie Montecalvo Longevity of Service** award for 53 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Castle Shannon at the PA Mayors Conference in Lancaster-July 2023.



CSPD Officer Gavin Rebholz was sworn in by Mayor Baumgarten on Monday August 14, 2023.

Gavin's wife Shannon pinned his badge on his uniform in front of friends, family and his new peers.

**Welcome aboard Officer Rebholz!**



**CONVEY911**

**The Castle Shannon Police Department Enhances Communication with Convey911:  
A Revolutionary Language Solution for Non-Emergencies**

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.

This breakthrough technology eliminates any burden on our citizens to purchase an app or sign up for the service. Through the user-friendly Convey911 interface used by our employees, citizens gain the ability to respond to text messages effortlessly. With support for real-time bi-directional language translation in nearly 200 languages, individuals can now communicate with us **in their native language**. Convey911 supports streamlined communication during **non-emergency incidents**.

Convey911 has been successfully implemented by our Communications Staff, enabling effective communication between our agency and citizens during **non-emergency** and administrative calls. Citizens should be aware that we may be interacting with them via text message. Text Borough Office — 412-885-9200 and Police Department — 412-885-9300. **RESIDENTS SHOULD USE 9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES.**

**Languages Supported By Convey911:** Akan, Afrikaans, Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Assamese, Aymara, Azerbaijani, Bambara, Burmese, Basque Spanish, Belarusian, Bengali, Bhojpuri, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Catalan Spanish, Cebuano, Chadic, Mandarin, Chinese Traditional, Columbian Spanish, Croatia, Czech, Danish, Divehi, Dorgi, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Ewe, Filipino, Finnish, Fiteny Malagasy, French, Frisian, Gailican, Georgian, German, Greek, Guarani, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hawaiian, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Icelandic, Igbo, Ilocano, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Havanese, Kannada, Kazakh, Khmer, Kinyarwanda, Konkani, Korean, Krio, Kurdish, Sordish (Sorbian), Kyrgyz, Lao, Latin, Latvian, Lingala, Lithuanian, Lunganda, Luxembourgish, Macedonian, Maithili, Malay, Malayalam, Maltese, Marathi, Neitellon, Manipuri, Mizo, Mongolian, Myanmar, Nepalese, Norwegian, Nyanja, Odia, Oriya, Ormo, Pashto, Perisian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Sanskrit, Scottish Gaelic, Sepedi, Serbian, Shona, Sindhi, Sinhala, Slovak, Slovenian, Somali, Southern Sotho, Spanish, Sudanese, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Tartar, Te Reo Maori, Telugu, Thai, Tigrinya, Tsonga, Turkish, Turkmen, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Welsh, Xhosa, Yiddish, Yoruba, Zulu.



CSPD announces a "NO SOLICITORS" list available for subscription for Borough residents.

The residential "DO NOT SOLICIT" list will be provided to vendors when they apply for soliciting permits. (Only the address will show and no personal information.)

Solicitors who violate the ordinance by visiting residents on the list risk citations and revocation of their permit.

Even if residents have signed up for previous No Solicitor lists, we encourage you to apply for this list:

[www.csboro.com](http://www.csboro.com) / FORMS / DO NOT SOLICIT FORM and fill out the form on line.

If you do not wish to entertain solicitors/canvassers, CSPD still encourages residents to post a No Soliciting sign prominently on your residence. An example is shown here...





# From the Fire Chief:

## Bill Reffner



As the Fall and Winter Months quickly approach with shorter days and the colder temperatures, I immediately start thinking about making soup, the holiday baking, hosting Steeler game parties, and Sunday dinners. This got me thinking about this year's fall Newsletter Article - the Theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU!" which runs from October 8-14, 2023.

### PRACTICE SAFE COOKING

- Never leave your stove unattended while cooking. Stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food. If you have to leave the room—even for just a moment—turn off the stove.
- Keep your cooking area free of combustible materials. Keep anything that can catch fire, such as food packaging, oven mitts and towels, away from your stovetop.
- Create a kid-free zone. Create a space of at least three feet around your stove and other areas where hot food is prepared.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. This way, they can't be bumped into and children can't grab them.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Make sure you have the correct type of extinguisher and know how to properly use it.
- Keep cooking equipment clean. Crumbs in a toaster, built-up grease on the stovetop, and excess dust behind your appliances are fire hazards.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Long Hair. If you have longer hair be sure to have it pulled/tied back or kept under a hat while cooking near gas stoves.
- Never throw hot grease in the garbage. Let grease cool before disposing of it in the garbage. Never pour grease or oil down the drain.
- Avoid using kitchen appliances if you're sleepy or have consumed alcohol.

### IN CASE OF A FIRE

By practicing safe cooking in the kitchen, you can help reduce the risk of fire or injury. If a fire does occur, it's important to be prepared.

- Your safety comes first. If you cannot safely extinguish a fire, get outside quickly, close the door behind you to contain the fire, and call 9-1-1.
- Smother grease fires. To smother a small grease fire, slide a lid over the pan, turn off the stovetop, and leave the pan covered until it's completely cooled.
- Keep oven and microwave fires contained. Turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the flames are completely out.



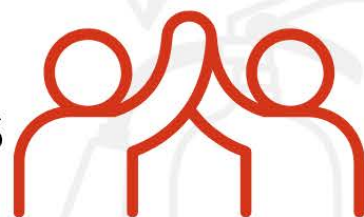
According to [www.NFPA.com](http://www.NFPA.com), cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries, causing 49% of home fires that resulted in 21% of the home fire deaths and 45% of the injuries. We are always here for you, so if you need anything, have questions please feel free to reach out to us at 412-884-7913.



# Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department



Ladies Auxiliary  
Call for New Members



Are you interested in helping your community? The CSVFD Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members to join their organization. CSVFD Ladies Auxiliary is a group dedicated to helping the fire department in their fundraising endeavors to maintain the Department and to continue to protect the Castle Shannon and Baldwin Township Communities.

Members of the Auxiliary work one bingo a month on Tuesdays and attend one meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The Auxiliary organizes two fundraisers annually, a flea market in May and a craft show in November. In addition, the Auxiliary assists the Department with the annual carnival, and sportsmen and purse bash fundraisers. If you are interested and want more information, please contact the Fire Department Business Office at 412-884-7913. Bring a friend and join us!



**CASTLE SHANNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT**

# **SPORTSMEN'S FALL Bash**

## **Saturday, October 28, 2023**

**12:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Doors Open 11:30 AM**

**Location:** The Castle Shannon V.F.D. Memorial Hall, 3600 Library Rd. Castle Shannon, PA 15234

**Food & Drinks Provided from Noon – 4:00 PM (See official on this website)**

**Only 1,000 ticket available**

**Ticket Donation: \$50 each**

**MUST be 21 or older to enter**



# From Representative Miller:

Today in the United States, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that about 1 in 9 people - 6.7 million Americans - age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's Disease. By the time people are 85 or older, a third will have developed Alzheimer's. As the number of seniors in the U.S. continues to increase, so too will the number who are living with this disease. In fact, barring breakthroughs in prevention or treatment, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's could grow to 12.7 million by 2050 and 13.8 million by 2060.



While the numbers alone are staggering, they only tell part of the story. Alzheimer's, like other serious illnesses, impacts not just the person with the disease, but also their loved ones. With Alzheimer's, though, the impact can be particularly devastating, robbing the individual who is ill of the knowledge of who they are – and the knowledge of who the person is that is sitting by their side and holding their hand. Its effects impact minds, bodies, relationships, finances, families – virtually every aspect of life. But there is reason for hope, as research continues to lead us to new understandings and new treatment possibilities.

That is why I am hosting an event called Understanding, Treating, and Preventing Alzheimer's Disease at the Castle Shannon Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26th. Our speakers at this event are both local experts on Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Jennifer Lingler, Director of Outreach, Recruitment, and Education at the University of Pittsburgh's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and Sara Murphy, Vice President of Programs and Services at the Greater Pennsylvania Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will share information and answer questions about Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. They will talk about the importance of early identification, discuss newly approved treatment options, share information about what we can all do to reduce our lifetime risk of developing Alzheimer's, and talk about supports and services for individuals with the disease and their loved ones.

If you are concerned about how Alzheimer's disease might impact your life or the life of someone you love, now or at some point in the future, I hope that you will join us for this special event on Thursday, October 26th. The event is free to attend, and no pre-registration is required. If you have questions or are looking for information, this will be a great place to find some answers!





# The Young Marines

The Keystone Oaks Young Marines is currently seeking recruits and volunteer adult staff members interested in being a part of our nation's premiere 501C(3) award-winning youth organizations in its Drug Demand Reduction efforts. Representing the YOUNG MARINES locally in the south hills of Pittsburgh, PA since 1996, KEYSTONE is proud to be a part of this organization available to boys and girls between the ages of eight through the completion of high school. The Young Marines motto of "Strengthening the lives of America's Youth" focuses on the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, good citizenship, physical fitness, team building, honoring veterans near and far, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle as they transform into adulthood. Training is consistently modified to include other areas that impact our youth such as bullying and cyber-safety. Friendship and camaraderie is foremost!

Want to bring the HERO out in you? For more information visit  
[www.youngmarines.org](http://www.youngmarines.org)

Drills are Wednesdays, except for the 1st Wednesday of the month, in the gym at the Castle Shannon Municipal Building 3310 McRoberts Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Stop in for a visit.

Contact information: Adjutant Bettina Radcliff at 412-606-5080 or email at [radcliff5@comcast.net](mailto:radcliff5@comcast.net).

Fall 2023 Recruit Training is scheduled to start this 4th quarter 2023.

Tax free donations made payable to "Keystone Young Marines" are welcomed to support operating costs and expanding this program into our region.

Thanking you in advance!





# From the Library:



Did you know that the Community Library of Castle Shannon is a **GOLD STAR** Library through the PA Forward Star Program?

In 2019, the Community Library of Castle Shannon achieved the highest level, the **GOLD STAR** library status, with the Pennsylvania Library Association in the PA Forward Star Program for successfully demonstrating that our programs and services support the 5 literacies needed to be successful in the 21st century.



The five literacies include:

- Basic
- Civic & Social
- Health
- Information
- Financial



## **GOLD STAR**

A gold star is awarded once a library has achieved the Bronze Star and Silver Star status in each of the five literacies, and has shown how it has fully integrated the PA Forward Initiative into its library programming and a commitment to providing the programming fuel to move PA Forward.

To maintain the GOLD STAR status, our library must complete four core actions, three literacy actions per literacy and two bonus actions on an annual basis by participating in the Maintaining Your PA Forward Gold Star program.

The Community Library of Castle Shannon is committed to bringing diverse programming options to Castle Shannon and we hope that you will continue to support us and take part in our many events and function! Make sure to visit our website, LIKE our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram and X/Twitter to find out what is new & happening & at the Library!





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

Make sure to like our Facebook page, follow us on X/Twitter and Instagram, check out our website [www.castleshannonlibrary.org](http://www.castleshannonlibrary.org), or ask to be put on our email list by emailing us at [castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org](mailto:castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org) so you always know what is going on with the Library and it's programs and events!

### Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10:30am-7:30pm  
Wednesday and Friday: 10:30am-4:30pm  
Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

### Holiday Closures

- Tuesday, October 31st - Halloween-Close at 5pm
- Friday, November 10th - Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 23rd-Friday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday, December 25th - Christmas



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You can help make our wishes come true! A donation to the library benefits the whole community. Purchasing an item from our Amazon wishlist is a meaningful way for you to shop and donate items directly to the library. View our wishlist here: <https://a.co/8rwG2kw>



# RAD Pass

What is RAD Pass?

RAD Pass is an online ticket lending system that allows Allegheny County library cardholders ages 18+ to access free or discounted tickets to regional attractions. RAD Pass helps make our region's cultural resources available and accessible to everyone. Visit <https://radpass.org/>



Library Donations Accepted

The library accepts donations of gently-used newer books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, puzzles, board games and video games. Donations are either added to the library's collection or sold at the Friends of the Library Book Sales to support the library.



NOW CIRCULATING!

## EXPERIENCE KITS

Thanks to our partnership with the Heinz Center Affiliates Program and other Allegheny County libraries, we are offering **FREE ADMISSION** for up to four people to a number of museums and historical sites around Pittsburgh! Plus, each pass comes with virtual access to educational information, itinerary ideas, and other fun content.

Our kits this year include:

Duncan & Miller Glass Museum  
Heinz History Center (includes admission to Fort Pitt Museum and Meadowcroft Rockshelter)  
Historic Fort Steuben  
Merrick Art Gallery\*  
Old Economy Village  
Somerset Historical Center  
West Overton Village Museum & Distillery  
\*Pass used in lieu of suggested donation; check with the site about ticketed events.



## 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.



## Programs and Events for Adults & Seniors

### **Evening Writers Café - Third Thursday of the Month, 6:00-8:00pm**

A group for creative writers, whether beginner or seasoned. Each session will open with a discussion on an element of the craft of writing followed by time for sharing, and time for writing. Coffee and tea provided.

### **Second Monday of the Month Evening Book Discussion - Second Monday of the Month, 6:30pm**

Join our Monthly Book Discussion group!

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:

November 13th - The Silent Patient Alex Michaelides

December 11th - Mr. Dickens and His Carol Samantha Silva

### **Crafternoon/Crafterdark (18 & Older) - Third Wednesday of the Month,**

**1:30-3:030pm, 6:30-8:30pm**

Join us for some fun crafting with friends! We meet the third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. A \$3 donation and registration is appreciated. Please sign up at the front desk, by calling the Library at 412-563-4552, by emailing the Library at [castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org](mailto:castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org) or messaging us on our Facebook page!

Nov 15th

Pumpkin Wine Glass Candle Holder - turn a wine glass upside down and paint it to look like a pumpkin! The flat top gives you the perfect place for a candle - your Thanksgiving table will look complete with this centerpiece!

December 13th (Special Date)

Winter Fairy Garden - using miniatures make a winter fairy wonderland .

January 17th

Frosted Jars- use Epsom salts to turn a jar into a snowy decoration.

February 21st

Paper Heart Wreaths -book pages will become roses to create a heart wreath.

March 20th

Pot of Gold Organizers - use a paint can to make a cute organizer for keys, makeup , whatever you choose!

April 17th

Butterfly - transform old kids books into beautiful butterfly wall hangings.

### **Bingo for Adults - Fourth Friday of the Month, 1:00pm**

Stop by the Library to play 10 games of Bingo and win prizes! FREE to play.

Doors Open 15 Minutes Early—Games Start at 1pm.

Registration is required. Please sign up at the front desk, by calling the Library at 412-563-4552, by emailing the Library at [castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org](mailto:castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org) or messaging us on our Facebook page!

### **Last Thursday of the Month Evening Book Discussion Group - Last Thursday of the Month, 7:00pm**

Join us for our monthly Thursday Night book discussion!

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/>

- October 26th - The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel
- November 30th - And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer by Fredrik Backman
- December 21st - \* Reader's Choice! You Pick What You Want to Read! \*Earlier Date due to the Holidays

### **Made into Movies Movie/Book Club**

A movie club for individuals interested in answering the question, "Was the book really better than the movie?" A short discussion period will follow the showing of the film. Books will be available to check out at the library. Light refreshments will be provided. We will meet quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1pm. Books are available at the Library.

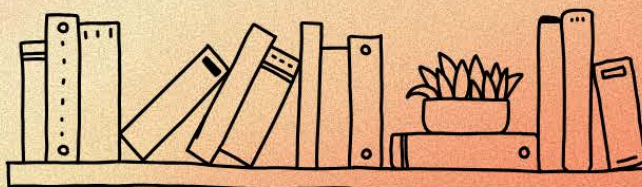
- December 5th - My Policeman by Bethan Roberts

### **AUTHOR VISIT - Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00pm**

Join us when author, investigative journalist, and true crime podcaster **JAMES RENNER** will be here to talk about his book **LITTLE, CRAZY CHILDREN**.

Set in the idyllic, upscale community of Shaker Heights, OH, Little, Crazy Children examines the 1990 investigation into the murder of 16-year-old Lisa Pruett, who was found stabbed to death behind her boyfriend's family's mansion. Tragically, the case remains unsolved. Renner's dedicated investigation highlights the case's troubling aftershocks as well as the disquieting secrets teens will tell- and keep. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

One-hour program, Registration is appreciated.





### **All-Witches Jamboree - Tuesday, October 24th, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

This event is the third program in our women only series. For it, we will gather for a magically fun social jamboree. Please conjure up a favorite appetizer or something sweet or mix up a cauldron of your best alchemical brew (non-alcoholic) and bring it with you for sharing. During the jamboree, stop by The Crafty Witch Table to create a potion or spell, then test your powers of recall at The Literary Witch Table. Registration is required by Saturday, October 21st at the latest.

\*Also available at The Jamboree will be Tarot or Oracle readings (your choice) by Michele and Rune Stone Readings by Susan. Readings will run between 15-20 minutes each and the cost per reading will be \$20 payable to the reader the evening of the event. Registration by timeslot is required. Contact the library by calling 412-563-4552 or stop by the front desk to register. There are a limited number of timeslots available, and registration is on a first come basis.

### **DIY Basic Home Repair for Women - Saturday, November 4th, 12:00pm**

This practical workshop is fourth in our series of programs designed to empower women. Facilitated by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh, participants will learn how to perform some basic home repairs. This class is for every woman who has ever wanted to better understand simple repair processes and save dollars by handling household fixes herself. In addition, Habitat for Humanity will discuss their exciting Women Build Project which empowers women to come together to gain skills and build homes. Registration is appreciated.

### **Munch & Learn: Battle of the Monongahela: Braddock's Defeat - Tuesday, November 21st, 12:30pm**

Join us as Shawn MacIntyre from Braddock's Battlefield History Center discusses the Braddock Campaign to take Fort Duquesne, and how the campaign met its disastrous end at present day Braddock, Pennsylvania. This presentation will be of interest to anyone wanting to know more about local history. Registration is appreciated.

### **Travel Smart, Travel Safe - Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00pm**

This is the fifth and final program for 2023 in our limited for-women-only series. Carrie Duffner and Joelle Schultz from Wanderlust Journeys will be here to discuss safety tips and smart traveling advice for women touring solo or in a group. This class is for any adventurous woman who longs to explore new locations safely and with good travel sense. Come learn about places that are women friendly, and those areas where travel is risky. Registration is appreciated.

### **Macrame Workshop: Boho Chic Jar Covers - Monday, December 18th, 6:00-8:00pm**

Join us for this creative macramé class facilitated by Andrea from Poor Johnny's. The workshop fee is \$18, payable to the facilitator the evening of the event. Jars and cords for making the covers will be provided. Part of the proceeds benefit the library. Registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling the library at 412-563-4552, stopping by the front desk, or messaging us on FB.

### **Solar Observing and the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse - Wednesday, March 6th, 2:00pm**

Are you interested in learning more about the upcoming April 8th solar eclipse? If so, join us when Larry McHenry of The Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh visits. He will explain what causes a total solar eclipse and inform us of where and how best to view it. Registration is appreciated.

### **Ghost Hunting: Haunted Teachings - Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30-8:30pm**

Get ready to explore the world of spirit when Whispering Souls Paranormal Investigations presents Haunted Teachings. If you are curious about the supernatural realm, ghost hunting, or investigating otherworldly phenomena, then you will not want to miss this fascinating presentation. Registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling the library at 412-563-4552, stopping by the front desk, or messaging us on FB.

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Friends of the Community Library of Castle Shannon Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Please include city & zip code)  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact: ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Text Msg ☐ Email

I am willing to help with the following:

- ☐ Flea Markets  
☐ Book Sales  
☐ Baking for Misc. Bake Sales

In addition to/in lieu of volunteering, please accept the following donation (checks can be made payable to the Friends of the Castle Shannon Library): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Community Library of Castle Shannon or mail.

*The Friends of the Castle Shannon Library is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

## **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?

Fill out a membership form. 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 2023 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!



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Please include city & zip code)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate: (check one)

☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$ Other Amount

PLEASE SEND OR DROP OFF YOUR DONATION TO:  
 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/>



# Programs and Events for Children & Teens

## **BOOKWORM BABIES - MONDAYS AT 11:00AM**

OCTOBER 16TH-DECEMBER 18TH\*, FEBRUARY 5TH- APRIL 29TH\*

AGES 6 MONTHS - 18 MONTHS

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. \*NO BOOKWORM BABIES ON OCT 30TH, NOV 20TH, DEC 25TH, & FEB 19TH

## **TIME FOR TOTS - WEDNESDAYS AT 11:00AM**

OCTOBER 18TH-DECEMBER 20TH\*, FEBRUARY 7TH- APRIL 24TH

AGES 18 MONTHS - 36 MONTHS

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

\*NO TIME FOR TOTS ON NOV 22ND& DEC 27TH

## **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - THURSDAYS AT 11:00AM**

OCTOBER 19TH-DECEMBER 21ST\*, FEBRUARY 1ST-APRIL 25TH\*

AGES 3 - 5

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.

\*NO PRESCHOOL STORYTIME ON NOV 23RD, & DEC 28TH

## **CRAFTERSCHOOL - MONDAYS AT 3:30PM**

OCTOBER 16TH-DECEMBER 18TH\*, FEBRUARY 5TH- APRIL 29TH\*

AGES 5-12

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL FOR A FREE CRAFT! REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

\*NO CRAFTERSCHOOL ON OCT 30TH, NOV 20TH, DEC 25TH, & FEB 19TH

## **GAME ON! - THURSDAYS AT 3:30PM**

OCTOBER 19TH-DECEMBER 21ST\*, FEBRUARY 1ST-APRIL 25TH\*

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.

\*NO GAME ON! ON NOV 23RD, & DEC 28TH

## **LEGO CLUB - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3:30PM**

DECEMBER 1ST, JANUARY 5TH, FEBRUARY 2ND, MARCH 1ST, APRIL 5TH

AGES 5 - 12

VISIT THE LIBRARY FOR A CHANCE TO CREATE SOMETHING AWESOME! LEGO BRICKS WILL BE PROVIDED AND THERE WILL BE A FREE HOUR TO BUILD WHAT EVER YOU'D LIKE! ALL CREATIONS BUILT MUST BE DECONSTRUCTED AND PUT AWAY AT THE END OF THE EVENT. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

## **HALLOWEEN PARADE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 1:00PM**

ALL AGES

JOIN US AT THE CASTLE SHANNON LIBRARY FOR A FUN AFTERNOON IN YOUR COSTUME! WE WILL BE STARTING AT 1PM THIS YEAR TO ALLOW SOME MORE TIME FOR THE FUN ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE PARADE. THERE WILL BE TABLES-OF-TREATS, CRAFTS, AND MUSIC. WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS OF THE LITERARY PUMPKIN CONTEST AFTER THE PARADE! PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 2PM. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

## **WELCOME WINTER PARTY - TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH FROM 5:30-7:00PM**

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.

## **CANDY BAR BINGO - TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH AT 6:00PM**

ALL AGES

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING OF BINGO, AND RAFFLES! ADMISSION AND ALL BINGO GAMES WILL BE FREE; ALL MONEY RAISED DURING THE SALE OF RAFFLES WILL GO TO THE LIBRARY. REGISTRATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

## **SHAMROCK SHAKE DANCE PARTY - FRIDAY MARCH 15TH AT 3:30PM**

AGES 2-10

PUT ON SOME GREEN AND JOIN US FOR A LITTLE DANCE PARTY AT THE LIBRARY! WE WILL BE DANCING TO SOME CLASSICS "HEAD, SHOULDER, KNEES AND TOES" AND SOME MAYBE NEW TO YOU MUSIC LIKE "WE ARE THE DINOSAURS". REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

## **TEEN TUESDAYS - OCTOBER 17TH-DECEMBER 19TH\*, FEBRUARY 6TH-APRIL 30TH\***

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CRAFTS, GAMES, AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. THE 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IS DEDICATED TO OUR TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL.

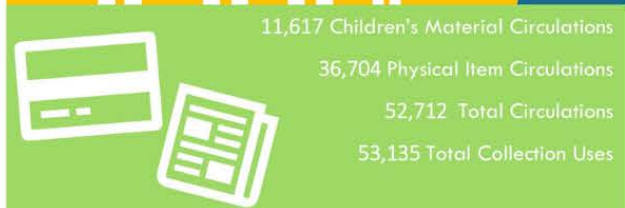
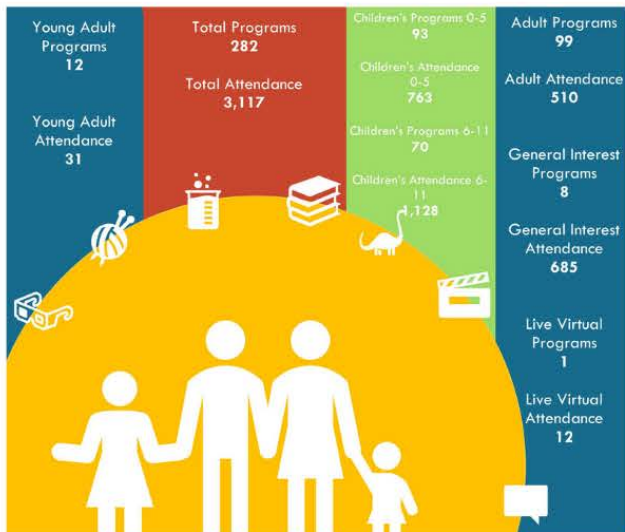
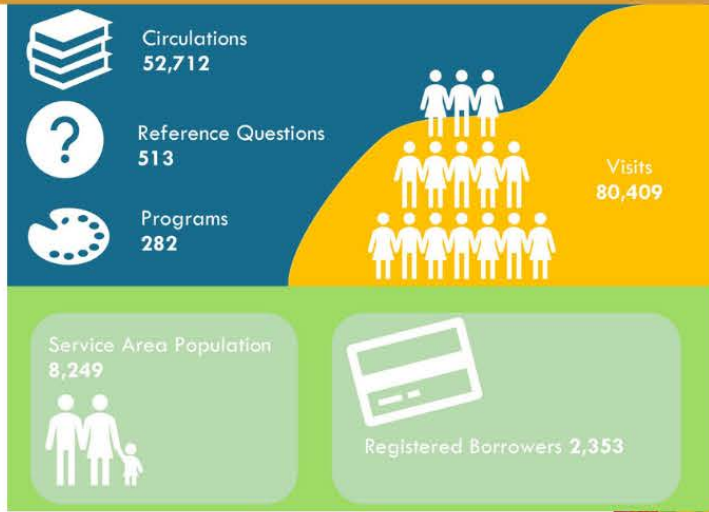
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL MISS AMBER AT [MORGANOPITZA@CASTLESHANNONLIBRARY.ORG](mailto:MORGANOPITZA@CASTLESHANNONLIBRARY.ORG).

\*THERE IS NO TEEN PROGRAMING ON NOV 21ST, DEC 26TH & APRIL 23RD

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO SCHEDULED CHILDREN OR TEEN EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE ON CHANGES THAT MAY BE MADE AND DROP IN OPPORTUNITIES.



# 2023 Library Overview



*Castle Shannon Library*  
**VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18TH**

**10AM-3PM**

**Free Entry**

**REFRESHMENTS | 50/50 | GIFT AUCTION**

**3677 Myrtle Avenue  
Castle Shannon, PA 15234**

## Castle Shannon Library is FINE FREE!

This includes the removal of overdue fines from the past! Even though fines will be waived, items will still have due dates. Any items not returned or returned damaged to the library will still be subject to replacement costs.

We encourage you to visit the library to check the status of your library card, or to get a library card!



# Planning & Codes:



As the beautiful colors of autumn take over, leaves float down from trees, creating a lovely fall scene. However, beneath the beauty lies a potential problem for storm sewers. Fall leaves, though charming, can pose challenges to our infrastructure and the environment. Fall leaves can impact our storm sewers and cause many problems.

One of the primary concerns with fall leaves is their tendency to clog storm drains. As leaves accumulate on streets and sidewalks, they can be washed into storm sewers during rainfall. When these leaves block storm drains, it hampers the flow of water, potentially leading to localized flooding.

The decomposition of fallen leaves can also have a detrimental effect on water quality. As leaves break down, they release organic matter and nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, into stormwater runoff. These pollutants can find their way into local water bodies, contributing to water quality issues like algal blooms and oxygen depletion.

While fall leaves add charm to the autumn season, they can have a significant impact on storm sewers if not managed effectively. The accumulation of leaves in storm sewers can lead to blockages, which can be time-consuming and expensive to address. To help address this, please take proactive steps to help keep yards and streets free of leaves. There is leaf collection during October and November, and we encourage you to participate.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) are collection systems designed to transport rainwater and snow melt through a series of drains, pipes, ditches and open channels to our streams and rivers. The water that flows into the storm sewer system is called stormwater runoff. Before entering the system, it becomes contaminated by oil and grease from roadways, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites, and carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles.

In a separate storm sewer system, stormwater runoff is not treated; therefore, all of the pollutants it carries flow directly into our waterways, where they can contaminate drinking water supplies and interfere with the habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms.

To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into MS4s, certain operators are required to obtain NPDES permits and develop stormwater management programs (SWMPs). The SWMP describes the stormwater control practices that will be implemented consistent with permit requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants from the sewer system. Castle Shannon Borough was issued a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Implemented through the Clean Water Act, the permit's numerous requirements are through six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs). These six MCMs consist of the following:

- Public Education and Outreach – Distribute educational materials and conduct outreach to inform citizens about the impacts that stormwater runoff has on water quality.
- Public Involvement/Participation – Provide opportunities for residents to participate in the stormwater management program or other programs which improve water quality.
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – Develop and implement a plan to detect and eliminate non-stormwater discharges into the stormwater system.
- Construction Site Runoff Control – Develop, implement and enforce an erosion and sediment control program for construction site activities that disturb one acre or greater.
- Post Construction Site Runoff Control – Develop, implement and enforce a program to address discharges of post-construction stormwater runoff from new development or redevelopment areas.
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping – Develop and implement a program that reduces or prevents pollutant runoff from municipal operations.



# Youth Association

As of the current date, the Castle Shannon Youth Association (CSYA) baseball and softball seasons have been exciting and eventful, demonstrating the dedication and talent of young athletes in the community.

The CSYA baseball teams have showcased strength and unity on the field, with players displaying exceptional skills and teamwork. Teams have been competitive and have shown significant growth throughout this early season. We have seen the emergence of promising young talents within the CSYA baseball league. These young athletes have demonstrated potential and passion for the sport, contributing positively to their teams.

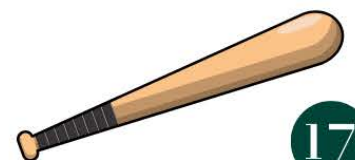
The CSYA softball teams have exhibited skillful performances, with players showcasing their dedication to improving their game. The level of play and sportsmanship has been commendable. These ladies have the platform for the development of the young players, honing their skills and building their confidence. This softball season has emphasized the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork. Players have demonstrated respect for opponents and officials, enhancing the overall experience of the game.



Over the summer both boys and girls teams hosted tournaments throughout the month of July. They ranged from 8U boys coach pitch to 12U girls fastpitch. The 8U boys had a really good showing and showed signs of great promise for the future. The 10U girls fastpitch team had never played in a tournament before and really showed that they could be a force moving forward. The 12U girls fastpitch team played their way into the championship game and through some timely hits and excellent pitching were able to take home the 1st place trophy. Matching the girls were the 12U boys team who also won their tournament with a decisive win in their championship matchup.

Overall, the Castle Shannon Youth Association's baseball and softball seasons have been marked by dedication, growth, and community involvement. These young athletes have shown promising talent and a passion for the sport, setting a positive tone for the remainder of the season.

On a separate note, the CSYA board has been very active finalizing plans for their Golf Outing being hosted on October 7th at Butler's Golf Course. They will send a shout out to all of the sponsors that have graciously stepped up to support the community's youth by being a hole sponsor. We are forecasting over 80 golfers heading out this year to the links for a great round of golf and a good meal to follow. Our youth thank everyone that will help make this a huge success. More to come in the next newsletter.





# Revitalization



Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation takes extreme pride in honorably displaying our Military Tribute Banners from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day each year. This year the banners made their return to the Business District and Route 88 after a short hiatus due to the construction. Currently we have 360 individuals who have honorably served this country on display in the Borough. To honor these heroes, we strive to keep our banners in the best condition possible and this means that banners are replaced on a regular basis. If you currently have a banner that is in need of replacement, CSRC will reach out to let you know with further instructions. Unfortunately, some of our banners become orphaned and no longer have a contact for replacement. If you would like to help keep these banners displayed, you can donate any amount to the Military Banner Tribute Program. Scan the QR code here to donate or to order a new banner.



Always forgetting to put out your flag on the holidays? Let us take care of that for you! Introducing Stars and Stripes over Shannon, a flag fundraiser supporting Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation. We will place a full-size flag in your front yard around the following holidays: Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day and Veterans Day. To sign up or to renew your service, scan the QR code.

Want to be part of Castle Shannon  
Revitalization Corporation?  
Contact us at [csrc15234@gmail.com](mailto:csrc15234@gmail.com)

Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation has many exciting upcoming projects and events! Be sure to Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/castleshannoncorp> or scan the QR code below:





# Construction & 311

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With the Castle Shannon Cares/311 App, you can easily report non-emergency issues within our community. Take a picture, give a location, or give a description via the app and it will be directed to Borough staff. You can report a variety of issues, including potholes, road hazards, animal control, sidewalk damage, and more!



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.**

Thank you for your patience with this PennDOT project!

The parking lot at the corner of Castle Shannon Blvd. and Myrtle Ave. has been paved! It has also been lined for parking spaces. This lot will be additional free parking for visitors to the Downtown Castle Shannon shops.

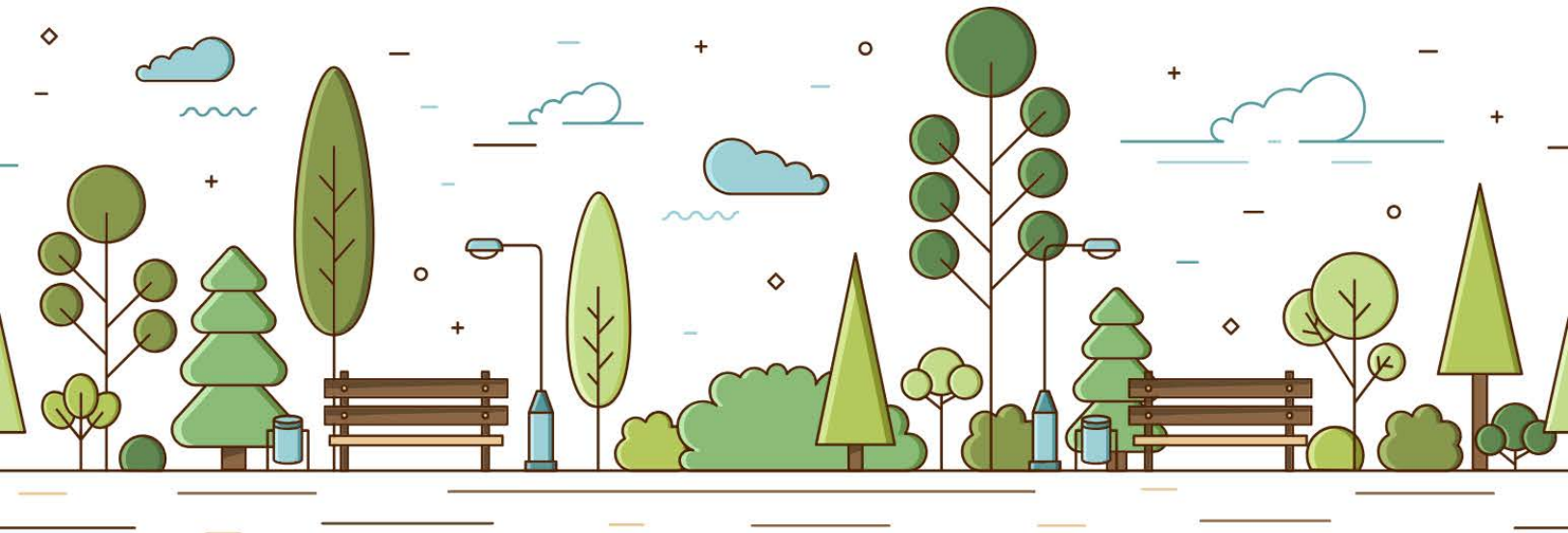




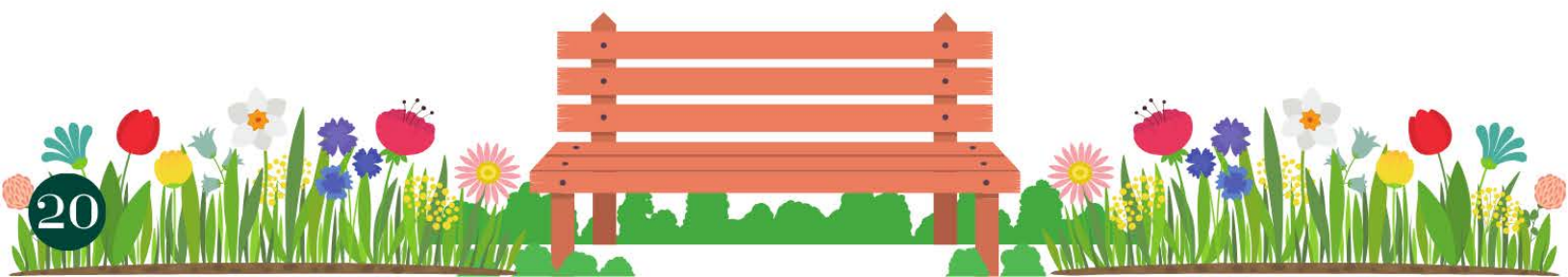
# Parks Plus Plan Construction Updates



The Parks Plus Plan is well under way, and we're incredibly excited to have the first phase completed! The Parks Plus Plan is a comprehensive update for all of the Borough parks and public gathering spaces, with new construction, play equipment, and field updates.

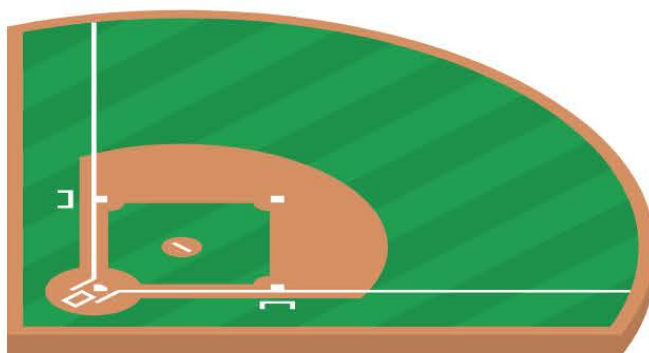
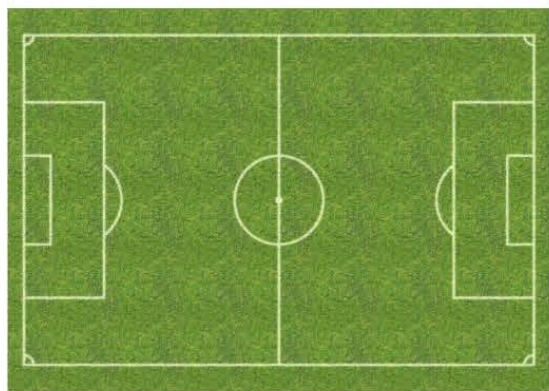


Group 1 Projects consist of Prospect Park, Myrtle Park, and the Community Library of Castle Shannon. Both Myrtle and Prospect Parks received some new play equipment, more benches and seating, and updated pavilions/shelters. The Library has a new concrete and stone entrance walkway that provides seating areas for readers who want to sit outside. Shade sails have also been installed, offering shaded grass areas to lounge and read. Stop by the parks or Library and check out the new amenities, and enjoy some time outside before winter comes!





Group 2 of the Parks Plus Plan includes Lower and Rear Hamilton Park. Construction is underway, and on track to be completed in late May of 2024. The grass field and baseball field will be re-turfed, creating a seamless transition between baseball and soccer fields, as well as giving a safer level playing surface. A new pavilion is being constructed, with updated amenities including bathrooms and kitchen appliances. Rear Hamilton Park will also be resurfaced along the basketball court.



Group 3 of the Parks Plus Plan includes Upper and Mid Hamilton. These areas are slated for a 2024 construction period, and will include new pavilion/shelter areas, new play equipment, and updated amenities such as bathrooms and kitchen appliances. Upper Hamilton will also be receiving a Splash Pad along with new play equipment!



For more information on the comprehensive Parks Plus Plan, you can visit [csboro.org](https://csboro.org) and find plans under “Quick Links.” The entire plan is also available at the Borough Offices for residents to look through.





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## **Borough of Castle Shannon Announcements**

**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 23rd & 30th, November 6th, 13th & 27th

If your garbage is collected on **Thursdays**, your leaf collection dates are as follows:  
Leaf Collection Days: October 26th, November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th

### **Election Day - November 7th**



Halloween Parade at the Community Library of Castle Shannon:  
October 22nd at 1:00 p.m.



Halloween "**Trick or Treat:**" October 31st from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Although not a municipally sponsored event, please use CDC recommended safety guidelines if you choose to participate. Visit the Borough website for additional information at [csboro.org](http://csboro.org).

