

Castle Shannon News

Castle Shannon Borough Monthly News and Updates

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Colder weather is heading our way! As we gear up for the holiday season, enjoy some local fall and winter programming from our Fire Department and Library. Our downtown Castle Shannon is home to many shops and studios that are ideal to begin your holiday shopping at! Stop down, take a walk, grab a coffee, and find the perfect presents for your family and friends!



Election Day is November 7th

Are you registered to vote in this year's General Election?

You can check your registration status and polling location at <https://www.vote.pa.gov>.

There is also a list of polling locations at the Borough Offices, if you need help finding yours.



Leaf Waste Collection

Leaf Waste Collection dates have been set for the fall. Leaf Waste can be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before pickup in biodegradable paper bags.

If your garbage is collected on Mondays, your leaf collection dates are as follows:
Leaf Collection Days: October 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

For residents on Hoodridge Drive and Vermont Avenue, pickup will take place on:
November 1st, 2nd, 15th, and 16th



Light Up "Nite"

Sunday, December 3rd from 6:30-7:30pm
Corner of Castle Shannon and Mt. Lebanon Blvds.
in the PRT parking lot

Join the Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department in celebrating one of Castle Shannon's longest traditions!

Enjoy Christmas carols, refreshments, treats for kids, and a visit from Santa himself! Gather with your community as we light our tree and celebrate.

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Fall and Winter Fire Safety

Fire Safety Tips to Follow this season

Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. Help reduce your risk to winter fires and other hazards, including carbon monoxide and electrical fires by following these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association.

Be cautious of space heaters

December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires, and space heaters account for 43% of U.S. home heating fires, according to the NFPA. Space heaters should be placed a minimum of three feet away from anything flammable, such as upholstered furniture, tapestries, mattresses or bedding, and must be turned off when you leave the room or go to sleep to help prevent a fire. In addition, never store clothing on or around the unit, and never cover the cord or put anything on top of it. Also have a three-foot kid-free zone around space heaters.

Play it safe in the kitchen

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home injuries, so it's important to know what you can do to help keep your friends and family safe while entertaining during the holidays and winter season (NFPA). The primary cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended stovetops and ovens. If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the kitchen and use a timer for reminders. When cooking for longer periods of time, don't forget to use the exhaust fan or vent above your stove to help prevent carbon monoxide (CO) from collecting inside your home.

Decorate with care

As decorations come in and out of storage during the winter months, they also come with potential fire hazards. For instance, a report from the NFPA revealed that nearly two-thirds of fires involving decorative lights are due to electrical failures or malfunctions. An important winter fire safety tip is to check light strings for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Also, avoid plugging too many lights into an outlet; overloaded circuits can overheat and cause an electrical fire. In addition, place any festive holiday decorations no closer than three feet from open flames, lamps and other sources of heat.

Practice candle safety

Between 2013 and 2017, an average of 7,900 home candle fires were reported each year by the NFPA. When burning candles for holiday lighting, keep them at least a foot from anything flammable, never leave them unattended and place them out of reach of children. Make it part of your winter home safety routine to check that all flames are extinguished before you go to bed or leave the room.

Have a fire extinguisher on hand

Having fire extinguishers – and knowing how to use them – is an important part of maintaining a safe home for you and your family this winter season. When seconds count, having a fire extinguisher nearby is crucial for fire safety and rapid response. Fire extinguishers should be stored where they are easily reachable and in key rooms where there is a higher risk for fires such as the kitchen and garage. For general fire protection, it's best to select a multi-rated fire extinguisher that is capable of handling most household fires.



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Library Events

Fall Vendor & Craft Fair

Saturday, November 18th from 10:00am-3:00pm

Come out and support local crafters and vendors! Get a start on your holiday shopping, treat yourself to something, and appreciate crafting, art, and much more from nearby artists and vendors!

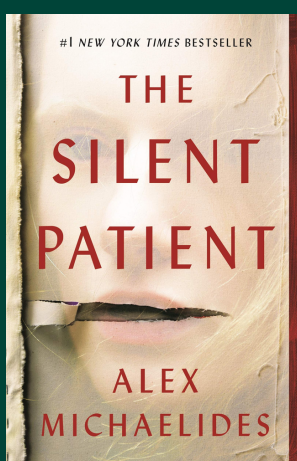
DIY Basic Home Repair for Women Saturday, November 4th at 12:00pm

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.

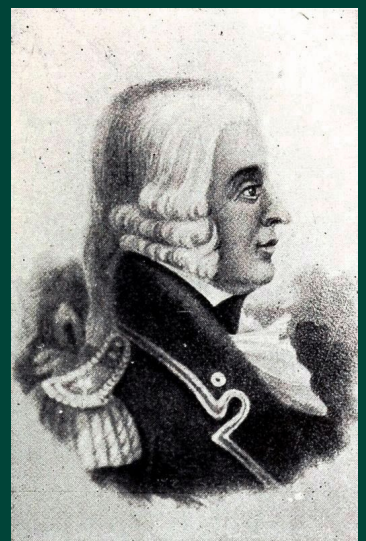
Second Monday of the Month Evening Book Discussion Monday, November 13th from 6:30-8:00pm



Join us at the library for our Monthly Book Discussion Group on the second Monday of every month. The next discussion will take place on Monday, November 13th at 6:30pm. We will be discussing The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

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

Join us when Shawn MacIntyre from Braddock's Battlefield History Center will be here to discuss 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.



Cook the Book Discussion Wednesday, November 29th from 6:00-7:30pm

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, November 29th at 6pm. Join us for some fun eating and book discussion with The Dinner Party Project by Natasha Feldman! Books are available at the library.

Please register by emailing:
castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org.
Pick a recipe from the book, make it for November 29th so everyone can enjoy!



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