

Castle Shannon News

Castle Shannon Borough Monthly News and Updates

Borough News

Winter is on it's way! Cozy up in the Library with a good book or fun event, start your holiday shopping at our great local shops, and grab a nice hot coffee at our Downtown restaurants. It may be cold outside, but there are plenty of events this month to warm you up!

Castle Shannon Police Department

CSPD Presented with the highest "Platinum" Award from AAA for efforts in Traffic Safety

AAA-East Central held their annual Community Traffic Safety Award Ceremony in Cranberry Township on November 8, 2023.

Since 2009 The Castle Shannon Police Department has been awarded the highest recognition, the "Platinum" Award for their efforts in traffic safety.

Among the highlights of the program submission this year... Ofc Christine Platt received certification as a Motor Carrier Safety Officer, joining Sgt Jim Fleckenstein. Sgt John Kiefer continues to serve as a Drug Recognition Expert for DUI-Drug cases. Castle Shannon Police continue to partner with Mt Lebanon DUI Task Force, MLPD, NHTSA and Buckle Up, Pa for increased enforcement of seatbelt laws, DUI and Aggressive Driving.



AAA-East Central President Terri Petrick and Castle Shannon Police Chief Ken Truver.



Our engineering efforts continue, to remediate unsafe traffic movements, to include a new signalized pedestrian crossing at Mt Lebanon Blvd and Cooke Lane. Our School Crossing Guards continue to be unsung heroes protecting our children. Guard Audrey Turek was featured on national news for her over 50 years of service.

We are proud of our officers for their unwavering dedication to safe roads in the community.

Support "Stuff a Store" for Children This Holiday Season

Castle Shannon Police are supporting "Stuff-a-Store" this year to provide holiday assistance to local families.

Every year Western PA Police Athletic League's Stuff-a-Store collects toys for local law enforcement to distribute to families in their communities. A project that started in 1971 by the late Jimmy Cvetic, who wanted to ensure that all kids in the community he served and protected enjoyed a Holiday filled with Happiness.

How can you help?

Donate unwrapped toys at 4 locations in Castle Shannon.

- Castle Shannon Borough Building Lobby
- Castle Shannon Police Dept Lobby
- Castle Shannon Library
- Coffee Etc... on Willow Ave

Help us identify local families in need:

Email Chief Ken Truver ken.truver@csboro.com



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Cold Weather Safety Tips and Reminders

Help keep yourself, your pets, and your neighbors safe

Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us may not be ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you are more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

Prepare Your Home

- Winterize your home.
 - Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
 - Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
 - Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.
- Check your heating systems.
 - Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
 - Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
 - Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.
- If you do not have working smoke detectors, install one inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning emergencies.
 - Install a battery-operated or battery backup CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check or change the battery when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.
 - Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Prepare Your Vehicle

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level.
- Check your tires' tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
- Keep the gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. The kit should include:
 - Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries.
 - Items to stay warm, such as extra hats, coats, mittens, blankets, or sleeping bags.
 - Food and water.
 - Booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction).
 - Compass and maps.
 - Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries.
 - First-aid kit; and
 - Plastic bags (for sanitation).
- Parking on Streets:
 - Remember that there is NO overnight street parking allowed in Castle Shannon during winter weather, including snow and ice conditions.

Prepare for Emergencies

- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers.
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged.
- When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.
- Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including:
 - Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and lamps.
 - Extra batteries.
 - First-aid kit and extra medicine.
 - Baby items; and
 - Cat litter or sand for icy walkways.

Be safe and prepare so that you can enjoy your winter and holidays with peace of mind!

Visit the CDC website for more Winter Weather safety tips at <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/index.html>

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Library Events

Travel Smart, Travel Safe - For Women Only Tuesday, December 5th at 7PM

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. Please sign up at the front desk, by calling the Library at 412-563-4552, by emailing the Library at castleshannon@castleshannonlibrary.org or messaging us on our Facebook page!



Crafternoon & Crafterdark

Wednesday, December 13th at 1:30PM-3:30PM and 6:30PM-8:30PM



A monthly gathering in the afternoon and evening for Adults 18+ dedicated to a different craft each month.

Let's make a Winter Fairy Garden!

A \$3 Donation & registration is appreciated.

You are more than welcome to bring snacks and drinks!

Macrame Workshop: Boho Chic Jar Covers Monday, December 18th from 6PM-8PM

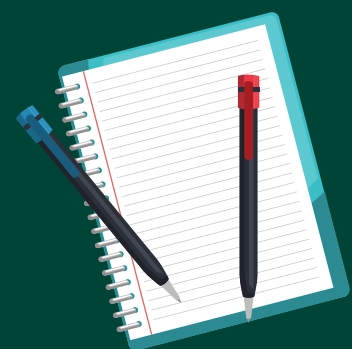
Join us for this creative macramé class facilitated by Andrea from Poor Johnny's. The workshop fee is \$18, payable to the facilitator the evening of the event. Jars and cords for making the covers will be provided. Part of the workshop fee will benefit the Library.

Registration is required.

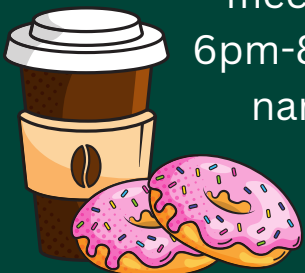


Evening Writers Café

Thursday, December 21st from 6PM-8PM



New and seasoned creative writers welcomed. We will meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month from 6pm-8pm. Each gathering will include a brief discussion on narrative craft, time for sharing, and time for writing.



Have a cuppa and join us!



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