



The Borough of East McKeesport

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PUBLIC MEETING - BOROUGH COUNCIL

Borough Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, located at 907 Florence Avenue. The Borough Engineer will give a presentation on Stormwater issues and will open the floor for input and questions. Please plan to attend.

FAMILY MOVIES UNDER THE STARS AT EAST FIELD Disney's Zootopia

Sponsored by Friends of the North Versailles Library Friday, July 15th. From the largest elephant to the smallest shrew, the city of Zootopia is a mammal metropolis where various animals live and thrive. When Judy Hopps becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Determined to prove herself, Judy jumps at the opportunity to solve a mysterious case. Unfortunately, that means working with Nick Wilde, a wily fox who makes her job even harder.

Minions

Sponsored by East McKeesport Borough Recreation Friday, August 19th. Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlet Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world. Join in the fun and dress as your favorite Minion! What to know: Feel free to bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on. The movies begin just after sunset. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the concession stand. Pets and glass bottles are not permitted. Lastly, please remember to properly dispose of your trash and gather up your belongings before you leave. We look forward to seeing you for two spectacular nights at East Field.

MUSIC MYSTERIES AND MORE

Hey, everyone, looking for a fun-filled night out with a bunch of grown-ups??? This is your opportunity, right here in East McKeesport!!! Our very own Recreation Committee is planning a MUSIC MYSTERIES AND MORE, dinner and a show, at the East McKeesport Senior Citizens Center on Friday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. (BYOB). This is a great opportunity for getting together with neighbors and friends, and it will be right in our own back yards. At just \$25/person, which includes both dinner and entertainment, it sounds like the perfect choice for all of us. Please call Linda Nolan at 412-508-7906 for reservations by 8/21/2016.

OUR RECYCLING EFFORT IS IN JEOPARDY

Smile you are on camera!! When we saved the Residents money by switching to County Hauling, we also had the superb fortuity of getting a very comprehensive recycling program. Unfortunately, some residents have chosen to abuse the system by throwing TVs, computers, etc. into the recycling bins or just throwing these electronics out with the garbage. Please do not recycle through convenience because our refuse company cannot condone the misuse of their services and may be forced, through our negligence, to discontinue recycling bins in our neighborhood. County Hauling will provide an on-call, door to door, E Waste Collection to our residents. Just call them at 724-929-7694 between the hours of 9am and 4pm and they will make arrangements to pick up these items. Please, please, please do not put anything in the recycling containers that is not listed on the containers! Many of us in the community are delighted with this service, and we would be very sad to lose it. If you feel confused about the differences between garbage, recycling and E Waste, please call Connie at 412-824-2531 or County Hauling at 724-929-7694 and ask questions. Do not be the negligent resident who causes us to lose this wonderful service. Thanks

PET ADOPTION WEEK

After the fabulous success of last year, Steven Gazda's Farmers' Insurance Agency, 1164 Broadway, along with the Animal Rescue League and Wildlife Shelter, will once again be sponsoring Pet Adoption Week at the agency from June 6th to 11th. Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, everyone can come and adopt Kittens/Cats and check out the Chinese and Silent Auctions, 50/50 and other fun activities. Wednesday will be VIP Night - businesses in East McKeesport and North Versailles will be invited to attend (must RSVP). Saturday from 10-4 will be the MAIN EVENT. There will be a cookout, Kittens/Cats and Puppies/Dogs (and maybe even some bunnies) up for adoption, Sponsor Tents and additional giveaways. Invite your friends from in and out of town, and let's make this an even bigger success than last year! (And we can give some needy animals loving homes.)

CHILDREN'S GARDEN CLUB

Fabulous new event for kids ages 5 to 12 this year in East McKeesport. May 25th was the opening date for our CHILDREN'S GARDEN CLUB, held every Wednesday through the summer from 6-7 p.m. We know the newsletter was not out in time, but it is not too late to register.



Just call Linda Nolan at 412-508-7906, and you can begin right at that moment. Our kids will have a great time (and learn a few things along the way). The plan is to plant a pizza garden (a garden that will produce products that will be used to make pizza in the fall). In the process, our kids will learn about natural fertilizers (coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.) and will bring them to nurture their garden. Sounds like a huge amount of fun. Call Linda now!

FACES OF EAST MCKEESPORT OFFICER MARTELL FONTAINE

Joining the force nine months ago, Officer Martell Fontaine has been a wonderful addition to our East McKeesport Police Department. A 2009 graduate of McKeesport High School, he attended Seton Hill for Criminal Justice and then went Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Police Academy, held at Carnegie Mellon University. He plans to go back to school this fall, as well, to enhance his education by taking business classes/criminal law classes. Martell, the only son in his family (he has 3 sisters), spent all 4 years in high school being a track star (he excelled in the triple jump) and decided as a freshman that there were too many kids headed in the wrong direction, and that he should become a 'cop' to try to make improvements in the behavior of young people. Officer Fontaine worked as an EMS for White Oak for 5 years, and he worked for a year in Versailles Boro before becoming a member of our force. We are delighted to have Officer Fontaine as a member of the East McKeesport Police Department.



THAT'S ITALIAN

All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner at New Life Fellowship at 541 Chicora St on Friday, June 24, 5-8pm. Come out and enjoy a great time of friendship and feasting! Spaghetti, fresh bread, salad, desserts, drinks! Adults \$7.00, children \$3.50. Hope to see you there!

DEDICATION OF OUR POLICE

On Saturday, May 7th, 2016, Officer Scott Lowden attended the Allegheny County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at the Allegheny County Law Enforcement Memorial on the North Shore in Pittsburgh. He had the opportunity to become a part of the Memorial Service by taking part in the role of Honor Guard. The ceremony paid tribute to the fallen officers who had paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in 2015. All of the fallen officers from past years were also honored. During the week of May 10th through 15th, Officer Lowden also attended the National Police Memorial Services in Washington, D.C., where he represented the East McKeesport



Police Department. He attended the Candlelight Vigil held on the National Mall Lawn overlooking the Washington Monument and the next day attended the Memorial Services (Sunday,



May 15th) held on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building. Over 25,000 police officers attended both services to pay tribute to 137 officers that had lost their lives in the United States during 2015. Thank you, Officer Lowden, for always putting forth the extra effort as you support our community,

and thank you for your dedication and the dedication of our entire police department.

COMMUTEINFO

Commuteinfo is the regional ridesharing organization for the ten counties of Southwestern Pennsylvania. The program is coordinated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses, and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA. Commuteinfo is designed to increase the number of people who travel to work or school by riding transit, carpooling, vanpooling, or bikepooling. The goal is for commuters living, working, or attending school within the ten-county Southwestern Pennsylvania region, which includes Allegheny County to choose ridesharing at least twice a week.

Interested?? As a commuter you can register with Commuteinfo to request a free commuting options report that includes a list of other individuals make similar commutes who are interested in sharing their ride. Commuters can register online at commuteinfo.org or by calling toll-free, 1-888-819-6110. Need more information??? Stop in to Connie at the Boro Building and get a brochure that further explains the program.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are thrilled to announce that the Habitat for Humanity home at 1019 Park Avenue will be ready for habitation by August/September. The family who will live there will receive a 30 year interest-free mortgage and will provide 350 family sweat equity hours in exchange for the privilege. Additional information can be found at

mmorgan@pittsburghhabitat.org. Here's an interesting

sideline. We all know that all the work done in preparing these houses is volunteer, and, although we don't know the names of all the volunteers, there is one group of local women we applaud. They call themselves the Women of Energy and they are all employees of People's Gas (which by the way,



only 22% of their employees are women). Anyway, every year People's Gas gives 8 hours of paid leave to each employee to do volunteer work. Not everyone takes this leave, but in January of 2015, a group of 12 women,

led by Lindsey Coy, decided to form the Women of Energy and give back to the community. Last year they helped re-establish a home in Penn Hills; this year our Park Avenue home has been gifted by them. We are so pleased that a family will get a beautifully restored home, and we are delighted to recognize and thank the Women of Energy for their hard work and support!

NEW LOCAL FARMERS' MARKET

When the diligent residents of East McKeesport thoughtfully filled out their surveys last year, one of the things they most wanted was a farmers' market. In our last newsletter, we announced that there is now one in Wilmerding (Fridays from 4-7 at the old high school). Even better news this newsletter! East McKeesport resident, John Pribanich, owner/operator of Cher Ban Tire, will be using part of his parking lot for North Versailles Township to bring ANOTHER farmers' market to our residents. Beginning July 13, every Wednesday, from 4-7, a real life farmers' market will be operating on Cher Ban's parking lot in North Versailles. Thank you, John, for your on-going support of our Communities - and I suggest that all of us who use the venue to get our fruits/vegetables take a moment to thank him for his on-going generosity.

MOPS COMING TO EAST MCKEESPORT

Did you know preschoolers ask an average of 300 questions a day? If you're a mom, you do! We know how you feel, and MOPS is just what you need! We're proud to inform you that we are starting a Moms of Preschoolers (MOPS) chapter at New Life Fellowship. MOPS is an international organization created to provide support and friendship to young women and their kids. They connect moms all over the world to a community of women, in their own neighborhoods, who meet together to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of being a woman and a mother. MOPS groups are rallying women to be more honest, to feel more equipped and to find their identity by journeying alongside one another. We are thrilled to be part of it right here in East McKeesport! Join us for a "get to know you" gathering Thursday Aug, 4th' 6:30 pm. For additional information follow the link at newlifepitt.org or call Jamie at (724) 420-1520.

NEW BUSINESS IN EAST MCKEESPORT THE KING'S KIDS BARBERSHOP

On February 3rd East McKeesport welcomed a new business to town, The King's Kids Barbershop, at 1164 Broadway (on the corner of Route 30). The owner, Russell Spence, says his barbershop has a "spiritual based atmosphere where everyone is a child of God" He states, 'The King's Kids Barbershop is a positive impression in today's barber and hair culture. We stay professional by utilizing traditional principles of yesterday's barber trade, combined with current technological advances and trends, including artistic designs and intense color services. The King's Kids Barbershop's main goal is to create positive relationships with our clientele and community by reflecting a positive image in this day and age. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM until 6:30 PM. Bring a copy of this paper and get your first cut at 15% off.



YOUTH OF EAST MCKEESPORT

JESSICA KENDALL

Jessica Kendall, middle daughter of 3 (Stephanie, Erin), an honor graduate from EAHS 4 years ago and currently an honor graduate from Duquesne, is a young woman of many talents. In elementary school she played softball and



basketball, was a Girl Scout, danced at Ken and Jean's for 7 years, and started in the orchestra in 4th grade as a viola player, which she still plays. In junior high, she continued in orchestra and dance, was in the book club and successfully completed the adult program for NANO.org. In high school, Jessica was in the

Opus II Symphonata (a community adult and young people orchestra), directed by Mr. Beswarick. Jessica was also in the school marching band (Drum Major her senior year), orchestra and chorus. She performed in all the school musicals, belonged to the indoor percussion group (grades 9-12) and, as a senior was in the Acapulco ensemble. In addition to all this, she took piano lessons. Jessica graduated in the top 10 of her class with a 4.0 average.

Following the completion of a very successful high school experience, Jessica entered Duquesne University, where she lived on campus the first 3 years, majoring in Music Education and played viola, piano, cello and violin. She has also been working with the Pittsburgh Orchestra's Audience of the Future program through her music fraternity, Mu Phi Epsilon. Once again, she graduated with honors and was nominated for Senior Music Education Student of the Year. We are proud of Jessica Kendall, East McKeesport resident, for all of her accomplishments and look forward to hearing about her in the future.

ED MANDICH'S MEMORIES OF EAST MCKEESPORT

Ed Mandich, retired East McKeesport mailman, had some information in the last newsletter and lots of you seemed to enjoy it. Continuing where we left off: Down Broadway at Miami Street was the home and offices of Dr.'s Masters. Next, on the left side of Broadway, was the home and business of Rose Katz (cleaning and laundry business). Going back to 5th Avenue, the first business was Jones' Pharmacy, and next was Feo's Barbershop. Across the street at Chicora was Star Meat Market, and in the next block was a hardware store (anyone remember the proprietor?). Past the hardware store was the local newspaper business, run by Mr. McCurdy, and a little further on the left was Stauffer's barber shop. Fay Stanley's Beauty Shop was at 5th and Miami, with Feit Funeral Home across the street. Next was the Star Bakery, where my father-in-law worked. Farther along was Urban Hardware, right next to B&B Market, which, by the way, was Byron and Byron." Thanks, Ed, we appreciate the memories.

CLEAN UP DAY A SUCCESS

Sunday, April 24th was the perfect day to take a walk around East McKeesport. After a winter of litter and other trashy build up, our Borough was immaculate!!! Thanks to everyone who participated: Public Works employees, Nick Bernhardt and Chris Russo; Borough Manager, Connie Rosenbayger; Council Members, Lynn Brown, John Ekiert and his wife Dolly, Carley Sciulli and her daughter Sophie, Paul Rosa and his wife Amy and daughter Kaylee; Officer Scott Lowden and his daughters McKenzie and Allyson, Officer Eric Hess; Michael & Mariann Rosenbayger, Democratic Chairman Joe Kleppick; Mayor Butch Howard; Anna Leonard, Jansen and Judi Simone; Miranda Smith; Krysta Stophel; and Ashley Irvin. We are delighted to send a special thanks to Louise and George Beswick, of North Versailles, who always help us organize this special event. And we are also delighted to send a big thank you to John Simone, who donated 5 homemade Italian Hoagies - GO, JOHN!!!

It is so gratifying to see the results of a committed group of citizens, proud and dedicated to their community, and working so hard on a Saturday morning when they could have chosen to sleep in or relax around the house. THANKS TO EVERYONE who participated in our East McKeesport Clean up Day on Saturday, April 23rd!!!

NOTES AT THE END

Mark your calendars now for our annual kids' parties: All kids, 12 and under, are invited to our Halloween Party on October 23rd from 1-3, and to our Christmas party on December 16th from 1-3.

Do you know a person or a business or a current event you would like to read about in the newsletter? Send your information to kathi722@aol.com or call 412-823-8831 and ask for Kathi. Thanks

NORTH VERSAILLES LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS

Weekly youth programs run from June 16 through August 11

Little Readers Story Time - Ages 0-5, Mondays, 10:30 AM.

Rhymes, songs and stories.

Lunch Bunch - Mondays, Lunch served at 11:00, fun story time and activity begins at 1:00.

On Your Mark, Get Set...Readers! - Kids entering grades K-5, Tuesdays, 4:30 PM. Summer Reading Club. Games, crafts and books.

Get in the Game...Readers! - Students entering grades 6 through 12. Wednesdays, 4:30 PM. Games, crafts and books.

Lego Club - School age kids. Thursdays, 4:30 PM.

Summer Reading Kickoff Cookout - Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 PM -Food, games, crafts and you'll get all your Summer Reading Club materials.

Life Size Game Night - All ages welcome. Sign up is required. Thursdays, 4:30 PM.

Kids Only Summer Bingo - All ages welcome. Sign up is required. Thursday, July 14. 6:30 PM.

Ice Cream Social - All ages welcome. Sign up is required. Thursday, July 28.6:30 PM.

Y on the Fly - School age children. Sign up is required. Fridays, June 17th and August 5. 1:00 PM. The YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh and PNC financial have partnered to bring games, activities and healthy snacks. There will be 60 minutes of physical activity and 30 minutes of snack making.

End of Summer Olympics - All ages welcome. Sign up is required. Thursday, August 11, 6:30 PM Olympic themed games and crafts. Summer Reading grand prizes will be drawn.

On Your Mark, Get Set...Read - Ages Birth through 5th Grade (and their families). Readers set their own goals this summer and earn tickets to be entered in a grand prize drawing at the end of Summer Olympics. For every hundred minutes read, 1 ticket is earned. Tickets can also be earned by attending programs, registering for Summer Reading Club, visiting the library, completing the activity chart, and more!

Get in the Game...Read! - Teens, grades 6-12 Readers set their own goals this summer and earn tickets to be entered in a grand prize drawing at the end of Summer Olympics. For every hundred minutes read, 1 ticket is earned. Tickets can also be earned by attending programs, registering for Summer Reading Club, visiting the library, completing the activity chart, and more!

Adult programs

Sandin Home Health Discussion - Thursday, June 9. 3:30 PM. Representatives from Sandin HH will discuss services provided, quality of care and any questions regarding nursing or rehabilitation concerns.

Novels at Night Book Club - Thursdays, June 2, July 7 and August 4. 6:30. Refreshments served. Call ahead to library to get each month's selection.

Afternoon Crafting - Mondays from June 6 to August 29.

4:30 P.M. Bring whatever craft you love and mingle with other crafters.

Walking Club - All ages welcome. Wednesdays from June 8 to August 31. 9:30 AM. Come to the EAHS track for a walk with others.

Computer Classes - Sign up required. Tuesdays, June 7, July 5 and August 2. 6:30 PM. Limit 4 per class.

Exercise Your Mind...Read! - Ages 18 and over. Every time you check out any reading material all summer, you earn 1 ticket for our weekly drawing (2 books and a pedometer).