



The Borough of East McKeesport

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FREE FLU SHOTS

Once again the Borough's ambulance service, Eastern Area is offering free flu shots for anyone 18 and older. Come to the East McKeesport Senior Citizens Community Center at 539 Chicora Street on Saturday, October 13th between the hours of 10:00 am to Noon and be vaccinated before the upcoming flu season begins.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 12-2. Costumes will be optional. We will be playing some spooky Halloween games and eating a very scary lunch. If you would like to attend please call Connie at the Borough office to register by October 22nd, @ 412-824-2531. Hope to see all the little scary ones there!

GARDEN CLUB

We have come to an end of our third year of the Garden Club. The children had fun while growing flowers and vegetables. There were lots of crafts and activities enjoyed by the children and volunteers. The "Make Someone Smile"



project was a hit with the residents of Evening Star and Gardens of Lincoln Court nursing homes. The flower mugs the children delivered, thanks to the donation of Lea's Floral Shop, brought smiles to all. See you in the Spring!

LEAF RECYCLING PROGRAM

Every fall the Borough has a leaf-recycling program for our residents. Leaf pickup will begin in October and is available as long as the weather permits. Public Works will collect leaves every Friday. You just have to rake them to the curbside and they will pick them up and get them out of your way. Please call the Public works department at 412-824-3550 and leave your address for collection. Happy Fall!

QUICK REMINDERS

1. The Spray Park will be officially closed for the season after Labor Day weekend.
2. School has started, please watch for the little ones at the bus stop, drive safely and respect the flashing red lights of the buses.
3. The park on Chicora Street is open to all. We do not reserve it for parties. There is no grilling or drinking of alcoholic beverages allowed.

GETTING READY FOR A NEW LOOK!!

In our last Newsletter we were pleased to announce our receipt of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to renovate a significant portion of our "Downtown" area. After many hours of discussion and design, we have developed the plan for the project. Our engineer, Don Glenn and Associates, have prepared the specifications. These Plans and Specs are now ready for a last formal review before being sent out to contractors for Bids. There will be a Public Meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:30 pm, in the Council Chamber of our Borough Building on Florence Avenue. All interested residents and business owners are invited to attend for this final review. Please join us!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

All of us in East McKeesport are lucky to live in a community that does not have many of the types of crime that you see on the news on a daily basis. We still have our share as we did recently when numerous unlocked vehicles were entered and items were taken and one vehicle was stolen and eventually recovered. With this the police department asks that if you see anything or anyone out of the ordinary in your neighborhood to call 911 to have it checked out. Your call can prevent crimes from happening or provide the police with a starting point if something has happened in your neighborhood.

RED CROSS SHELTER TEAM

Become a part of your community Shelter Team! A community Shelter Team is a small group of people within a community who are willing to learn how to open a small emergency shelter and to take on the roles necessary to run the shelter. Our local team is recruiting for new members. The American Red Cross will provide all of the training. You can stay local or use your training as a stepping-stone to deployment as part of the national American Red Cross disaster response workforce. Time commitment is minimal beyond the initial training; members must be 18 years or older. For more information call Judy Jamison: 724-575-3084 or Will Brimer: 918-625-7690

FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY

On Thursday, August 30th, Farmers Insurance expanded their business to include IdentoGo (identity services). They will do fingerprinting, FBI background checks and passport pictures. They are conveniently located right off of Route 30 at 1164 Broadway Street. When you stop in for any of the above services you can also ask for a quote on auto, home, renters or life insurance. If you are a teacher, firefighter, police officer, doctor or nurse you might also qualify for a discount. Stop in and take advantage of all the services we offer.

SUMMER SPLASH



We had our first Summer Splash party on July 7th. It was the perfect day for an outside party. Lots of sunshine and lots of little kids. We had a mini carnival in the parking lot, the spray park to cool

the kids off and the park to run around. Let's not forget we also had a D.J. who happens to be one of our own Councilmen, Bobby Hampshire.

The kids played games, won prizes, danced and had lunch.



It was so good to see all the children having a great time. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to help make this venture a success. We tried to do something a little different for the

kids this year. If anyone has any suggestions as to what types of kids activities you would like to see in the future please email me at CSciulli@eastmckeesportboro.com.



KINGS KIDS BARBER SHOP



During the second week of August, Kings Kids did a wonderful thing for the kids of this community and the surrounding area. They gave out backpacks full of school supplies.

We can't express how

thankful we are for the businesses that help out the kids of our communities. We are a small community so anytime someone helps others it's a wonderful thing to witness. Thanks Kings Kids for thinking of our children!



CURVES

We have all new classes this quarter starting in September. Tai Chi, Kickboxing, and cardio Dance. We will still continue our regular Zumba fitness class along with line dancing, Balance, Yoga and Stretching classes. It is always sad to hear of a gym closing but especially the YMCA because they provided so many wonderful youth programs and other services to keep us healthy. We are offering 2 free weeks at curves for any misplaced YMCA ladies who would like to try our program and new classes. Our strength training program gives you the option to work with your body type, your skill level and physical abilities. We'll give you great ways to work your whole body, through strength training and cardio along with a variety of classes. With an emphasis on strength training, you'll continue to burn calories after your workout. Strong muscles provide the support for bones and joints that keep your body stable and working properly. We have had more than four members who were able to stop taking their blood pressure medicine and seven people who were able to stop taking their diabetes medications. Strength training works! Come check us out. 30 minutes of strength training can change your life.

RABIES BAITING

Back in early August, employees and volunteers from both Allegheny County Health Department and the United States Department of Agriculture have been visiting every community in the County spreading bait to help keep wild raccoons from contracting rabies. To do this they use 2 different kinds of bait. One is a plastic sachet, they say it looks like a ketchup packet coated in fishmeal. While the other is the same thing but enclosed in a fishmeal block. The idea is the scent attracts the raccoons who will eat the bait and vaccine. The agencies say the ill effects to humans and animals is minimal, but advise the public to avoid contact if possible. If one of the packets does need to be moved, it should be done with rubber gloves or a shovel.

JUNIOR EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Did you know that our Fire Department has a Junior Emergency Program for children starting at age 14? Junior Firefighters are able to take various classes based on their age. If you have someone or know someone who would be interested in this you can go to the Fire Department located at the corner of Broadway and Punta Gorda on a Tuesday evening and find out more.

NORTH VERSAILLES LIBRARY

Youth Events

Story Time - Weekly evening pajama friendly story time for children of all ages. A great time for preschoolers and early elementary kids to wind down for the night. Every Tuesday from 6-6:30 p.m.

Lego Club - Build onto your Lego masterpiece each week and have it displayed in the Library. Start with a fresh idea the next month. Every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

New release family movie night - On Thursday's of each month we'll feature newly released family movie. Come in your p.j.'s, bring your favorite blanket, and enjoy the movie and light refreshments. All ages welcome.

WWII Footlocker Outreach Program - Presented by Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, The Footlocker Outreach Program is aimed at educating people of all ages. Using a footlocker full of unique military artifacts, this presentation will focus on a WWII soldier's life in the war including the equipment they carried and the experiences they went through. Stories about the sacrifices of local veterans are also included. Thursday, September 20 from 6-7:00 p.m.

You will need to register for many of these events, so please call the library at 412-823-2222 or visit the library to sign up.

UNITED VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

It's time for the Third Annual Holiday Craft/Vendor show! If you didn't make it last year you really have to try to come this year. On Saturday, December 8th, from 11-3 at the East McKeesport Senior Center, United Volunteer will be holding their vendor show. Last year there was a wide variety of items from which to choose. So if you are looking for that special gift or have some last minute shopping to do, please come over and see what we have to offer. What better way to say "Merry Christmas" than to support your local Fire Department. If you are a vendor looking for somewhere to showcase your crafts, please don't hesitate to reach out. Tables are \$25 each, with limited electricity available, and we ask that you provide a donation for the Chinese Auction. Application are due November 30th. If you would like an application, please send an email to uvfrfundraising@gmail.com and someone will get back to you. We look forward to seeing you in December!

