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Spring 2013

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The Shamrock

Annual Flower Planting

The Annual Flower Planting at the intersection of Tri-Boro and Electric Avenue will be held this year on Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



With the help from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, EPEDC, Lanigan Funeral Home, and volunteers like *YOU*, the garden is in its 17th year!

Linden Avenue Repair

Repair of the huge bump on Linden Avenue will begin in late June and take approximately one month to complete. For the first three weeks, traffic will be alternating one lane of traffic. For the final week, Linden Avenue will be completely closed to all traffic. Detour signs will be posted.

The bump has been a problem for a long time and we are very happy to finally get it fixed!

Take Back Drugs

The East Pittsburgh Police participate in the DEA's Take Back Drugs event several times a year. The most recent event was on Saturday, April 27. Three cartons of old/unused drugs were collected. This is a wonderful opportunity to dispose of harmful pills/liquid medications and not overburden our sanitary systems.

Cat Clinic

For our Spring Cat Clinic, Chief Lori Payne coordinated with Frankie's Friends, which is a vet and staff that brings a mobile unit to provide shots, spaying/neutering

and vaccinations at a low cost. During the Winter Cat Clinic, 40 cats were spayed/neutered and received vaccinations. This time we expanded the services to include spaying/neutering of small dogs and rabies shots for all animals.

There will be another Cat Clinic scheduled for later this year. Notices will be posted on the Web site as well as listed in this publication.

Local Business Spotlight

NEWSLAND

Dean Kerkentzes is the second generation owner of a well-known "corner store" located at 824 Linden Avenue in the East Pittsburgh Mall. The store is located between Gregg Services and Bufalo Flowers.

John and Mary Kerkentzes (Dean's mom and dad) opened NEWSLAND in 1968. Dean took over ownership in 2004. This successful and friendly business is conveniently located and stocked with goodies, newspapers, magazines, sundry items, an ATM machine and the Pennsylvania Lottery.

NEWSLAND has served the East Pittsburgh residents and local area for 45 years. Stop in for your next lucky ticket or weekly newspaper.



Dean, Mary and John Kerkentzes

New Basketball Hoops

Basketball hoops are coming to Quarry Field! The hoops are expected to be installed in late June.

Quarry Field is a safe place for playing basketball because it is away from traffic.

This project was funded by the EPEDC.

Election Day

Please vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Voting is held at the Bessemer Avenue Community Center on Bessemer Avenue for all wards. Every election is important and your vote *does* count!



Emergencies

Please remember to dial 911 for any call for police service. Do not second guess whether or not it is an "emergency" call. If you would like the police to respond, please call.

The non-emergency telephone number to call for ordinance complaints or questions is 412-824-0447. This number rings in the police station. Please expect to leave a message since our Officers are out patrolling the Borough and are not often in the station. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.

2013 Flea Market

The East Pittsburgh Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals will be hosting its Annual Flea Market on

Saturday, July 13, 2013
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Bessemer Avenue Community Center

Donations will be accepted up to the date of the Flea Market. Please call 412-824-0447 to make arrangements to drop off your donations.

Books, CDs and DVDs, Games, Toys, Clothing, Jewelry, Dishes, Shoes, Purses, TVs, Outdoor Items and much more will be offered for sale at great prices!

Join us!



Crime Watch Meeting

The next Crime Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bessemer Avenue Community Center.

East Pittsburgh Police Abused and Neglected Animal Fund

The East Pittsburgh Police Department Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals was established in 2000. Over the years, the amount of abused and neglected animals found on the streets of East Pittsburgh and surrounding communities has sadly increased. Our Police Officers often dedicate their own time and money into treating and safely removing these animals from life threatening situations.



The East Pittsburgh Police Department Abused and Neglected Animal Fund is a non-profit fund that exists and operates on proceeds raised through fund raising, recycling, and private donations. All contributions go towards food, shelter, and medical care of animals rescued by the Police Department. Donations are sometimes made to other non-profit agencies assisting in the rescue and treatment of animals in our community and region.

Contributions may be made to:

East Pittsburgh Police Department
Animal Care Fund
811 Linden Avenue
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Candy Bar Sales

Sarris candy bars can be purchased at the East Pittsburgh Borough Office or at the Senior Citizens Center for \$1.00 a bar. Proceeds benefit the Abused and Neglected Animal Fund.



Recycle Your Small Electronics

Help earn funds for the East Pittsburgh Police Abused and Neglected Animal Fund by recycling the following items:

Cell Phones Laptops
Digital Cameras Headphones

MP3 Players
GPS Systems

Printer Cartridges
Toner Cartridges

A collection box is located in the East Pittsburgh Borough Office at 813 Linden Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112.

Recycling these products is good for the environment and raises funds for the Abused and Neglected Animal Fund.

Drop off hours are 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Hot Weather Tips for Children and Adults

Make sure there is plenty of water available for you and your children.

Don't forget sunscreen, even if it's a cloudy day and the kids are only going to the neighbors'.

Don't let your kids play outside between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This is the hottest time of the day.

Dress in light clothing. Dark clothing absorbs the heat and attracts insects.

Playing in shady locations is best.

Hot Weather Tips for Your Pets

Take a trip to your vet. Have your pets tested for heartworm (even if they are on year-round protection).

Make sure there is plenty of water and shelter available 24/7.

Do not over exercise your pets in hot weather. If you are hot, imagine how they feel wearing their fur coats.

NEVER leave your pets in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are open.

New Tax Office Location/Hours

The East Pittsburgh Tax Office has moved to 809 Linden Avenue. New Tax Office hours are Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Taxes will *only* be accepted in the Tax Office.

Public Works Department

We are pleased to introduce you to our new Public Works Supervisor - Jake.

Jake has a lot of relevant experience including plowing, landscaping, working for another borough public works crew, has management experience, and has operated heavy equipment.

The Borough has also hired part-time help and we are hoping with this new crew we can accomplish a lot of improvements this summer including Clean-Up Day and the Community Service Program.

Unfortunately, a lot of our Public Works' time is spent cleaning up litter! *PLEASE PICK UP YOUR LITTER!*

You can contact the Public Works Department by visiting the Web site and clicking on the Public Works tab.

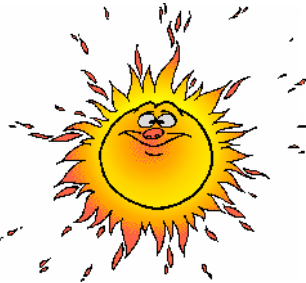
East Pittsburgh Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC)

EPEDC is a volunteer, nonprofit Community Development Corporation committed to revitalizing and sustaining East Pittsburgh as a livable community. As a member of the Mon Valley Initiative (MVI), EPEDC takes a lead role in housing rehabilitation, home-ownership opportunities, workforce development, and community enhancement for East Pittsburgh.

These are just a few examples of what EPEDC has accomplished in East Pittsburgh:

- Developed and built Shamrock Square.
- Finished numerous houses as part of MVI Rehab for Resale Program.
- Plants and maintains the garden at the intersection of the Tri-Boro Expressway and Electric Avenue in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.
- Erected the Tot Lot at 516 Bessemer Avenue in collaboration with the Borough of East Pittsburgh and the East Pittsburgh Athletic Association.
- Sponsor the East Pittsburgh Children's Holiday Party.
- Conducts weekly community clean-ups targeting a different street each week.
- Planted 40 trees throughout the community in partnership with TreeVitalize.

EPEDC knows that people are the strength of the community. Your strength can help. Membership is open to any resident with new ideas who wants to bring about positive change in East Pittsburgh. EPEDC invites you to become a part of this group which is working to ensure East Pittsburgh continues to be a great place to live.



EPEDC meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building on Grandview Avenue. For more information, please contact EPEDC's representative at Mon Valley Initiative, Jo Ellen Welsh at 412-464-4000 x4023 or jwelsh@monvalleyinitiative.com.

Ordinance Reminders

With summer coming, people are spending more time outdoors. Below are a few reminders . . .

Curfew – no child under the age of 18 shall be on the streets unless accompanied by a parent after the hour of 10:00 p.m.

Dogs – all persons must keep their dog(s) confined within premises, secured by collar and leash or chain, and within reasonable control. All dogs on public streets must be on a leash.

Protection of Trees – it is unlawful for any person to maliciously club, stone, cut, break, climb upon, or in any manner injure or destroy, or permit any animal to injure or destroy any tree growing along any street, road, alley, highway, or other property owned by the Borough.

Public Right-of Way – it is the policy of the Borough that all public right-of-ways (roadways) exist primarily for the movement of traffic for the public at large and are not to be used as playgrounds.

Skateboards – no person shall ride skateboards on any street or alley within the Borough, nor upon any public property unless specifically designated for that purpose.

Basketball – no structure or construction of any nature, edifice, pole, post, basketball standard with hoop and backboard shall be erected or allowed to exist or remain in the public right-of-way. In addition, no basketball and/or hoop shall be constructed on private property in such proximity to the public right-of-way so that it results in participants playing or using such structure within the public right of way.



Unlawful Deposit of Waste – no person shall permit any trash or debris to be dumped, deposited, or accumulated on any property in the Borough.

Vegetation Growth – no person shall permit the growth of any grass, weeds, or other vegetation to grow on their property exceeding a height of ten inches.

Garbage collection in the Borough is on Thursday. No one

is permitted to put any trash out for collection until after 6:00 p.m. the night before the designated collection date. If a holiday falls in a particular week the collection date is moved until Friday for that week only. In that case, trash should not be placed out until Thursday evening.

All trash must be placed out in containers with air tight lids. Failure to do so allows animals to get into the trash and spread it onto the street. Not placing trash out in the proper manner is a violation of local ordinance and can result in a citation being filed against the tenant, landlord, or homeowner.

There are also ordinances in place designed to maintain public order. These restrict activities such as unreasonable noise, loitering, failure to disperse, profanity and offensive or fighting behavior, drinking intoxicating beverages on the streets, etc.

Call Chief Payne 412-824-0447 for more information on any of the Borough ordinances.

Remember When . . .

East Pittsburgh had two elementary schools: Bessemer Avenue School (1938-1987) and St. William (1916-1987). The Bessemer Avenue School was used as the



Borough Offices before being demolished several years ago. St. William school was torn down and replaced with apartments for senior citizens.

May Borough Council Meeting

Because of Election Day falling on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, the May Borough Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2013**. The Meeting will be at the Senior Citizens Center located at 700 Grandview Avenue and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and express their views and concerns.

Your Elected Officials

Your elected officials are always available to answer any questions or address any concerns you have. Elected officials are:

John Corbett
Kevin Narey
Lou Payne

Joe Esposto
Renee Pekarcik
Denny Simon