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# The Shamrock

## Steelers Gift Basket Raffle



The Steelers Gift Basket was raffled off at the Children's Christmas Party on December 8. The lucky winner is Linda Menenfield. Enjoy all

your goodies, Linda!

## The Few. The Proud. The Marines.

On September 13, Ashley Cain of Maple Street *earned* her place as a United States Marine after undergoing her final phase of training - the Crucible. The Crucible is the final phase of Marine Corps Recruit Training that tests every skill learned and every value instilled. Recruits are challenged for 54 continuous hours with little food and sleep. To complete this final test, recruits must have the heart—and the intestinal fortitude, the body—and the mind, the desire—and the ability. The recruits must pull together or fall apart. Win as one or all will fail. Succeed, and you will carry a sense of accomplishment that will last forever.



Ashley's family moved to East Pittsburgh in 1998. She graduated from Woodland Hills High School on June 6, 2014 and left for training at Parris Island on June 9, 2014.

Ashley was honored by the Borough and EPEDC on

September 20, 2014, at the Community Unity Festival.

Semper Fi, Ashley! Hoo Rah! Your commitment to our country makes us proud!

## EPEDC Volunteer of the Year

Each year, the EPEDC is asked to nominate a person whose selflessness merits the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Our Volunteer of the Year for 2014 is Bernice Dougherty. You'll probably recognize Bernice from when she worked at the Sunoco Station on Center Street and Route 30.



At one time, Bernice worked for the PPG Zoo and Aquarium in their catering department. As part of this job, she would have to zip around the Zoo on a golf cart making sure everything was perfect for the catering events. Not so unusual, right? Well, Bernice usually had a companion riding shotgun - a cheetah!

In addition to her current full-time third-shift job in downtown Pittsburgh, she has graciously made the time to clean the Borough and Police offices during the day. Bernice has done this for over 20 years and, during that time, came to appreciate just how much our Police Officers do for us to ensure our safety.

As a result, Bernice makes sure the East Pittsburgh Police Officers who are required to work on the holidays are not forgotten. On each and every holiday, she provides food, drinks, desserts and snacks for the Officers working and for any other

Officer who stops in. She makes sure the Police Office is appropriately decorated for the holiday, too. She has done this for the 20-some years she has worked for the Borough.



On Thanksgiving and Christmas, Bernice cooks full-course dinners (turkey, stuffing, ham, veggies, and dessert) for the Officers and serves it at the Senior Citizens Center.

When asked why she does this, she said the police put their lives on the line for us every day and this is the least she can do to show them how much they are appreciated. She refuses to accept monetary help from anyone. This is her way of letting the officers know just how much they mean to the town.

## East Pittsburgh Slovak Social Club Apartments



When the Mon Valley Initiative (MVI) first acquired the prominent corner property at 501 Main Street, it was a vacant, blighted former nuisance bar that stood adjacent to a community playground and gym, as well as an MVI-owned building. The owner of the property expressed a willingness to give the property away.

MVI and members of the East Pittsburgh Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC) immediately investigated the property and determined that water damage to the upper floors made the building infeasible for rehabilitation.

Next door, however, the former Slovak Social Club was closing due to lack of membership, and its headquarters were up for sale. That building included a decent first floor open space with a prominent bar and small kitchen, topped with two

apartment units which had not been occupied in years.

The availability of the two properties proved an interesting proposal, so MVI purchased both in 2008. The first floor space was immediately leased to a boxing academy and gym relocating from Turtle Creek.

A second phase of redevelopment and the transformation of this visible corner is now in motion. Working with EPEDC and Lami Grubb Architects, MVI laid out four loft style, one bedroom units that share a common laundry. Every attempt has been made to maintain and restore the historic exterior while creating highly efficient and marketable rental units. Smaller units help add to the mix of MVI-owned rental properties in East Pittsburgh, which includes 9 large family units on Bessemer Avenue.

Disaster Restoration Services (DRS) won the bid for construction, and MVI is in the process of securing permits. Construction is to start in late 2014/early 2015. Based on current interest level and existing waiting lists, MVI expects that all four units would be preleased.

To inquire about these rental units, please contact Zinat Naderi at [znaderi@monvalleyinitiative.com](mailto:znaderi@monvalleyinitiative.com) or call 412-464-4000 x 4004.

## Community Unity Day

Quarry Field was buzzing with activity on Saturday, September 20, as the EPEDC and Restore To Grace Ministry held its first Community Unity Day.



The event was held from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Activities such as a water balloon toss, free throw basketball contest, and half-court basketball tourney were held. Children could also have their faces painted and enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs and chips.

Pastor Mike Engenlauf opened the event by dedicating the new basketball hoops.

Health Awareness and Drug Awareness Counselors were also available to talk to everyone. The turnout was great and EPEDC hopes to add this to their yearly events schedule.

## 2014 Girls and Guys Night Out



The EPEDC joined with North Braddock Cares (NBC) to sponsor a Girls and Guys Night Out on October 18. Eighteen vendors displayed their

products and had catalogs available.

Food and beverages were provided by EPEDC and NBC. The turnout was great and everyone had a good time! We hope to make this an annual event.

## Remember When

Bessemer Terrace was a self-contained community where you could get everything you needed without leaving town!

There was the Star Market for large grocery purchases and Brown's, Grofic's, Yankes's, and Poach's if you just needed a loaf of bread or a quart of milk or penny candy. Fresh fruits and vegetables were purchased from Jimmy the Greengrocer.

You could get your prescriptions filled at Terrace Pharmacy, Harry Hohman's or Brozda's and sit at their soda fountain counter and have a sundae, milk shake, or frozen Lemon Blend and spin on the stools while you waited. Doc Newhouse made house calls and also had office hours in his home on Franklin Street. If you had a toothache, you saw Doctor Lloyd or Doctor Nevin.

Clothes need cleaned or repaired? There was Nick the Tailor & Dry Cleaner on Bessemer Avenue and Ton fixed everyone's shoes. Cars were repaired by the O'Hara Brothers or Willie Visco.

On Saturday night, you could catch a first-run movie at the Terrace Theater or bowl at the Terrace

Lanes. The guys who worked at the mill and Westinghouse had their after-work beers at Alexander's, Kelly's, or Barman's. If you were a member, you could socialize at the VFW, the Fireman's Club, the Slovak Club, or the GBU.



Men's hair cuts were provided by Jack or Jimmy. Women were styled by Vi or Sammy Z. Wedding photos were taken by Riche Studio on Bessemer.

Dawson's bus garage was also on Bessemer and public transportation was great! About the only time we had to leave the Terrace was to buy clothes in Turtle Creek or Braddock. Those were the days!

## Baron Gets Certified

Baron is a five-year old full champion working line German shepherd dog who enjoys going on long 16-mile hikes. He started training last year for search and rescue in Indiana through AMPWDA. Baron and



his human companion, Dana, drive out at least once a month for the monthly trainings. Baron and Dana are residents of East Pittsburgh and have a

good working relationship with the Police Chief. They could be an asset to the Borough. They plan to make level two Certification in the Spring and continue on with HRD (human remains detection). Anyone interested in joining or learning more can contact either AMPWDA directly ([www.ampwda.com](http://www.ampwda.com)) or Dana by email at [d8cassley@yahoo.com](mailto:d8cassley@yahoo.com). If you are looking for a working dog or a pet, she works very closely with several rescues and there are many pure-breeds and some fantastic mixed breeds looking for good homes. Search and rescue is a rewarding program for you and your dog to enjoy and bond over, plus an amazing chance to provide an invaluable service to your community. Whether helping find a lost child or elderly loved one or a criminal, the

experience of working as a team is fulfilling.

## Part-Time Position Available

The Borough of East Pittsburgh is currently seeking candidates for a part-time Public Works position. The successful candidate should have experience driving a dump/salt dispensing truck and snow plow.

Interested persons can obtain an application by:

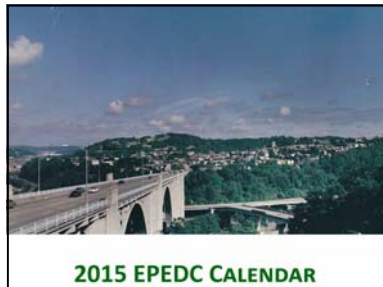
- Calling the Borough Office 412-823-7124.
- Visiting the Borough Office at 813 Linden Avenue.
- Accessing the Borough website: [www.eastpittsburghborough.com](http://www.eastpittsburghborough.com) and selecting the Documents, click on Forms/Permits and select Employment Application - Borough.

## Snow Removal Reminder

Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall. Uncleared sidewalks can cause slip and fall accidents.

## 2015 Calendar

Wouldn't it be great to have a calendar with pictures of East Pittsburgh to send to friends and relatives who no longer live here? The EPEDC is selling 2015 calendars and the cost is \$10.00 each. Contact Lou Payne at 412-824-4471 if you are interested in getting one.



Donations will benefit EPEDC-sponsored community projects such as the Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Health Fair, and new basketball hoops.

## 2014 Children's Christmas Party



The 2014 Children's Christmas Party was held on December 8. The children got to sit on Santa's lap and received a small gift. They also enjoyed watching a Magician. Along with

visiting Santa, the children were treated to hot dogs, chips, cookies, and a drink. They were able to make bird feeders and have their faces painted. A good time was had by all who attended.

Pictures of the party can be viewed on our website.

## Annual Police Appreciation Dinner

This year's Police Appreciation Dinner was held on Thursday, December 18, at the Senior Citizens Center. The Borough and its citizens recognize the importance and value of the services performed by our Police Department and offer our heartfelt thanks to each and every Police Officer. If you wish to learn more about the Police Appreciation Dinner and how you can participate, please contact Kath Keating (412-824-8313 or [kbk535@verizon.net](mailto:kbk535@verizon.net)).



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chief Lori Payne and Andy Frunceck who were married on November 22. Chief Frunceck is back on the job after honeymooning in Las Vegas and Hawaii.

## Mark Your Calendars

### 2015 Council Meeting Dates

The Borough of East Pittsburgh will hold its 2015 council meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center located at 700 Grandview Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112 on the following dates:

January 20	July 21
February 17	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

The public is welcome to attend and participate.

Comments, questions, or suggestions for articles for The Shamrock should be directed to the Editor, Kathleen Keating, at 412-824-8313 or [kbk535@verizon.net](mailto:kbk535@verizon.net)