

The Shamrock

East Pittsburgh's Quarterly Newsletter



Working Together for Better

Markus Adams, Mayor

Hi everyone.

I wanted to let you all know about the Town Hall meeting held on Friday, April 30th. First, a big thank you to everyone who attended. You all will help to shape things to come. Secondly, even though the weather was questionable the meeting was not: it was a solid success. Members of the community; residents, property owners, business owners and educators alike showed their dedication to our borough by voicing their concerns, expressing their views, giving advice and most importantly, offering assistance that will help to nurture change.

It is important to understand, though, that the change that is needed will not magically appear, nor will it happen overnight. But, it's the positive attitude and willingness to commit to the needed work displayed at that meeting that will help bring East Pittsburgh out of the slump that we are in. Some of what was discussed will be noticeable sometime soon; some of the other things, not so much. Good things, sometimes, take time.

If you have positive contributions that you'd like to add, it's not too late. There will be more Town Hall meetings in the future. Or, you can send an email to mayor@eastpittsburghboro.com to let us know what you think will help to propel our community forward.

Events like that Town Hall meeting make me proud to be Mayor and very happy to run for reelection because I want to see this come to fruition. So, I'm hoping you'll vote for me to get out front and lead the rebranding of East Pittsburgh. But, 'who' am I? I know some of you have questions so, now's the time to address them.

Who am I? I'm just a working class guy; no better or worse than the next working class person. Simply, I'm just like many of you. I'm a life long Pittsburgh resident, but I moved here to Sunnyside Avenue

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Important Contacts

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Garbage Pickup—
(724) 379-4331

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Borough of East Pittsburgh

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East Pittsburgh, PA 15112
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Mayor: Markus Adams

Council:

Mary Carol Kennedy—President

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Paul Borkowski

Earnest Frazier

Jonathan Reyes

Borough Manager:

Seth Abrams

From the Manager:

Self—sufficiency. This is difficult for a small borough to achieve. Financial resources are scarce. When I arrived here in 2019 one of the goals I had was to make East Pittsburgh as independent as possible. While independence is nice, we also know that “better together” means something.

We achieved full partnership with River’s Edge Fire Company, Braddock and Rankin Boroughs., are completing a 3 year process for a new comprehensive plan with Braddock and North Braddock, and will continue to seek ways to leverage our partnerships to make us stronger.

In 2021 we will achieve independence and long term cost savings by being able to store and load our own salt in the winter. For those who were not aware, we used to contract with Turtle Creek, which worked well except when they were not on the same schedule as us or they ran low on salt. We will also be able to engage in a modest street sweeping program.

One area where we can look inwards to be better is how we care for our land. As a local government we try to keep up with litter, keep the parks clean and beautify where we can (see page 3 for your next opportunity). On April 30th, Mayor Adams held a town hall meeting to find out what you, as the tax payers wanted to see happen at Quarry Field. He also raised a call to action. His question is: Will you do your part to keep our borough clean and livable? I hope your answer is a resounding “YES!”. See page 5 for ideas and opportunities.

Looking forward to 2022, we will own our own municipal building instead of paying rent. This will also locate us closer to most of you as our residents. Look for construction to begin on this later this summer.

Regards,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager

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in the summer of 2012. But, after the first couple of years, things began to change in a negative way. I found myself in that age old dilemma where I can sit back and complain or I can get involved and work to effect change.

My involvement in community service began in 2017. I was involved in a work related accident and was in between jobs when I volunteered to work with the Summer Lunch Program. That same summer shortly before I started the job I now have, I also volunteered to organize a Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank distribution when Mayor Lou Payne was taken ill. The distribution normally would be held indoors, but because flea market items used all available spacing, it needed to be held outside.

Not long afterward, I was made aware of, by Council member Paul Borkowski, and accepted the offer to take a seat on the Planning Committee. I was one of the members who considered the presentation of Nathaniel Carter Jr. for ‘This Generation Connect’ and forwarded it for final approval from Borough Council in 2018.

In 2019 I was asked, by Council member Stacey Simon, to consider moving from the Planning Committee to take a seat on the Zoning Hearing Board. When Merrion Gas and Oil failed to renew or seek an extension to maintain the Conditional Use Permit because they were unable to pass requirements set forth by Department of Environmental Protection I helped to keep our seniors and children safe by not allowing Merrion to add even more deadly toxins to our already polluted air by voting to not renew an expired Conditional Use Permit in 2020.

What is my platform? The Rebranding of East Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, there have been several regrettable events that have cast East Pittsburgh in a

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Annual Flower Planting on the Tri-Boro

Please join us to plant the annual flowers at the triangle on the Tri-Boro Expressway/ Braddock Ave.

Planting will occur on **May 20th and 21st from 6—8 pm** and on **Sat, May 21st from 9am—1 pm.**

People of all ages and abilities are welcome to help add some sunshine to our community.



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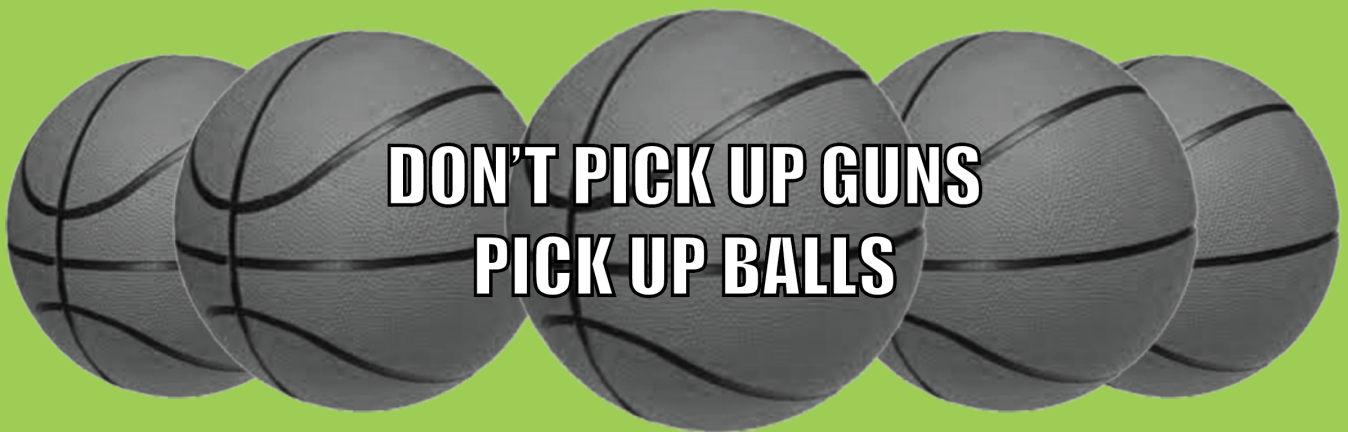
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BASKETBALL CLINIC

2021



SAT. JUNE 26, 2021 - SAT. AUGUST 7, 2021

YOUTH AGES 6-17

EAST PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY CENTER

LOCATED AT: 506 BESSEMER AVE.

11:00AM-1:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PLEASE CONTACT: THOMAS MOORE

AT (412) 853-0220

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Property Maintenance Reminders



With our recent rains this is the time to think about your property maintenance. **Grass** and other plant growth must be kept at a height of less than 10 inches—well past your ankle. Trees and shrubs must also be kept trimmed so as not to interfere with sidewalks, streets, and alleyways.

Spring and summer is also when we see **mosquitos and other pests**. Tires and other objects that could hold standing water should be covered or emptied on a regular basis.

Trash needs to be placed into waste cans with a lid in order to prevent animals from tearing open your trash bags. Trash that is left out and scattered by animals or others will be ticketed under Ord. 929 and Chapter 315 of the Borough Code.

If you have any questions about your responsibility as a resident please contact Code enforcement at 412-823-5473 and leave a message or call the Borough Office at 412-823-7124. You may also email firemashal@eastpittsburghboro.com

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Open Burning Regulation

FACT SHEET



Open burning may only be conducted in accordance with ACHD Article XXI §2105.50 "Open Burning." Municipal ordinances may only be equal to or more stringent than ACHD regulations.



No person shall conduct, or allow to be conducted, the open burning of any material, except where the Department has issued an open burning permit, or where the open burning is conducted in accordance to Article XXI §2105.50 and is done in a manner which contributes a negligible amount of air contaminants.



No material other than clean wood, propane or natural gas may be open burned EXCEPT for:

- Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters in order to start a fire
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only



Fires may be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long by 2' high.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Air Quality Program
 301 39th Street Building #7
 Pittsburgh, PA 15201-1811
 PHONE: (412) 578-8103 FAX: (412) 578-8144

burnfactsalleggheny.info



FOR A FULL COPY OF ACHD REGULATIONS:
www.achd.net/air/pubs/pdf/Article21.pdf



Fires must be at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area, including:

- Property line
- Sidewalk
- Roadway
- Public access area



Wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action days, with the exception of burning for the commercial preparation of food.

Subscribe to receive email, text or smart phone app notifications of burn ban days at:
www.allegghenycounty.us/alerts



Burning may be prohibited/reduced if considered a nuisance, based on the following criteria:

- The severity of the amount of air pollutants
- The duration or frequency of open burning
- The topography of the surroundings
- The meteorological conditions



Open burning permits are available for ceremonies fostering of agriculture, abatement of a public health hazard and firefighting instruction; however, all permitted open burning is prohibited on Air Quality Action Days.

Contact ACHD at (412) 578-7963 for more information

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negative light. The exodus of Westinghouse and all the ‘satellite’ businesses played an even bigger role in the downward trajectory of our community. It is time to change that and move forward.

That touches on the ‘who’, ‘what’, the ‘why’ and some of the ‘how’ of my thought process and re-election. We already know the, ‘where’: it’s here, our home the place that we work to build up, live and our children play.

That leaves the, ‘when’. This is worth reiterating- the condition that East Pittsburgh is in did not happen overnight and it will not be resolved overnight. I cannot put a date on and tell you ‘when’ things will be better. Recovery and progress of a struggling community does not work like that. It will take a lot of work, a lot of funding, and unfortunately, a lot of time. But that’s the way it is for every community that has found itself in place that we are in.

All things considered, it’s not all bad. There are other municipalities that are far worse. There is light at the end of the tunnel. I am both hopeful and excited about our future. What it holds is completely in our hands.

I am be proud to be your mayor and would like to remain your mayor to help rebrand our community so that we can shine a different light.

Thank you.

Markus E. Adams

Mayor

Spring and Summer Construction

The 2021 construction season brings with it the continuation of the following projects:

- Dooker’s Hollow Bridge reconstruction
- Completion of Route 30 paving project
- People’s Gas—gas line replacement, which will include repaving and sidewalk replacement.



New this year:

- Demolition of the following properties:
 - ◆ 210 Bessemer
 - ◆ 545 Bessemer
 - ◆ 534 Center St.
 - ◆ 315 Glosser
 - ◆ 611 Sagua
- Telephone Pole replacement along Bessemer Ave
- Paving of Grandview Ave from Howard Ave. to Maple Ave.

Q: What are the restrictions on where fireworks can be used?

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- **They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.**
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Also, it is recommended that you check with your local municipality, as you may also be subject to applicable local ordinances.

<https://www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/Pages/fireworks-safety.aspx>



PRIMARY ELECTION—MAY 18TH

East Pittsburgh's new polling location is the American Legion Post 527 located at 401 Draper St.

Please contact the Borough at 412-823-7124 with any questions.

Western Cape Government
www.westerncape.gov.za

Fireworks Safety Tips



Obey the law
Only discharge fireworks at designated sites away from people, animals, homes and cars.



Supervise children
Your children and their friends should be supervised at all times when around fireworks.



Launch outdoors
Don't discharge fireworks indoors.



Don't re-ignite
If a firework doesn't work, don't attempt to re-light it.



Protect yourself
Never keep lit fireworks in your hand.



Don't contain it
Don't light fireworks inside any type of container.



One at a time
Light only 1 firework at a time.



Keep pets at home
Put ID tags on them in case they run off.



No chinese lanterns
The Community Fire Safety By-law prohibits the use of Chinese lanterns.



No alcohol
Never discharge fireworks whilst under the influence of alcohol.



Body conscious
Your clothes should not hang over the fireworks when you ignite them.



Follow instructions
Only use fireworks as directed by the instructions printed on the package.



Don't DIY
Don't try to modify fireworks or make your own.



Igniting and watching fireworks can be a very exciting time but they can also lead to severe injuries. Use these safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

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1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month

GREEN GROCER

APRIL - NOVEMBER 2021 SCHEDULE

Green Grocer is a mobile farmer's market truck. We sell fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat and dry goods in your neighborhood.

FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED

- Cash
- Credit and Debit Cards
- SNAP/EBT (Food Stamps)
- FMNP and SFMNP vouchers
- Food Bucks Rx
- Food Bucks

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Masks/face coverings over nose required
- Boarding the truck not permitted
- Observe 6 ft. social distancing from others

SNAP (food stamps) can help you buy food. Call the Food Bank for help applying. **1-833-822-SNAP (7627)**

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Green Grocer does not operate when the temperature or windchill is below 25 or when roads are dangerous.

Recycling—In

the spring of 2020 we began an experimental program to provide for recycling. We currently have 2 small dumpsters that are marked for recycling in the parking lot of the Community Center. While recycling is not mandatory in the borough, we are pleased to see that a number of residents are using the single stream recycling offered. We are asking everyone to please **ONLY PLACE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS** in these dumpsters. If regular rubbish is found in the recycling bins, Big's must treat the entire dumpster as trash.



Pet Waste— By Borough ordinance and for sanitation, please make sure to pick up after your pet when out in public. The Borough has a pet waste station at the community center on Bessemer, near the playground at Grandview and Ridge and on Cliff Street.. Nobody likes to clean up someone else's dog waste from their yard.



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Stay up to date on the latest information liking and following us on Facebook @eastpittsburghboro and visiting our web page for official updates at www.eastpittsburghboro.com



Borough information for new and established residents is now available on our website by navigating to About Us>Groups>Community. The link is [Resident Welcome/Information Packet](#). It can also be reached directly with the following link: <http://bit.ly/3cZSgLB>

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