

SHALER TOWNSHIP PENNSYLVANIA

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Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Township Directory

Business Office	412-486-9700
Property Tax Department	412-486-9700
<i>(Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. – 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</i>	
Shaler North Hills Library	412-486-0211
Police Administration	412-492-2222
Shaler Hampton EMS	412-487-6590
Hampton Shaler Water Authority	412-486-4867
www.hswa-pa.org	

All Emergencies 9-1-1

Municipal Meetings - Open to the public

Board of Commissioners	2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.
Planning Commission	3rd Monday at 7:30 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM
Library Board at SNHL	2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM
<i>(except July, Aug., & Sept.)</i>	
Committee Meetings	4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
<i>(except May, June, July, Aug.)</i>	
Pension & Insurance	9:00 AM (meets qtrly.)



The Township Office will be closed on:
Thursday, November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving
Monday, December 25 and 26 for Christmas
Monday, January 1 for New Year's



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Don't Miss a Meeting
All Board of Commissioners Meetings
are now available to watch live
on Facebook Live!



**Sign receive email notifications
regarding Township news, alerts, events,
and meetings at www.shaler.org.**

YARD WASTE PICK UP



2023 FALL LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There is no need to schedule as the entire community will be serviced for Leaf and Yard Waste Collection on the dates listed below.

Saturday, October 28	Saturday, November 4
Saturday, November 11	Saturday, November 18
Saturday, December 2	Saturday, December 9

- Yard waste includes leaves, garden residue, shrubbery with no dirt attached, limbs, twigs, brush and tree trimmings, and similar items, but does not include grass clippings and mulch.
- Yard waste must be placed in a bio-degradable paper bag. Tree trimmings are not to exceed 3-inches in diameter. Brush, limbs, twigs and shrubbery must be bundled in lengths not to exceed 4 feet in length and 1-foot total diameter.

BAG YOUR GARBAGE, DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLING!

Electronic Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Collection
To schedule a collection time, call County Hauling at 724-929-7694 Ext. 2 or visit their website at www.countyhauling.com



"Extended Travel" Billing Waiver Request – also for sale of a vacant home

Form and information located at www.shaler.org under Forms and Trash Collection.

Reminder!

Trash and recycling bins must be placed at the curb for pick up no earlier than 4:00pm the day before pick up and must be taken away from the curb by midnight the day of pick up.

Storing Trash and Recycling Bins

Shaler Township Ordinance #225-138 specifically states the containers shall be stored either inside a garage or shall be located or placed behind the front facade line of the dwelling.

Recyclable Materials

Place only the following materials in your recycling cart.

Aluminum cans	Steel cans
Corrugated cardboard – broken down	Phone books
Newsprint and inserts	Paperback books
Office paper	Junk mail and envelopes
All Glass	Boxboard (tissue, dry food boxes cereal, noodle and cake boxes)
Plastics No. 1 - 2	

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash pick up will be delayed by one day only if your pickup day falls on or after the holiday. If the holiday falls on the weekend, there is no delay.

- New Year's Day
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Christmas Day

Christmas Trees

Christmas tree removal is scheduled from January 2 through January 30. Place your tree at the curb during your scheduled pick-up day.

A special thank you to Noble Environmental for awarding Shaler Township with the Christmas in July Award for \$2,500.

COURT RESURFACING – ELLEN HUGHES, STONERIDGE AND DUSS PARKS

In June 2023, the Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to Dun Rite Construction for the resurfacing of 6 courts in various Township parks. The following courts were resurfaced the first week of August and completed in mid-September:

Stoneridge Park – 1 hockey court, 1 combination pickleball/tennis court
Ellen Hughes Park – 1 hockey court and 1 combination pickleball/tennis court
Duss Park – 1 tennis court, 2 pickleball courts.

The delay in completion of the courts was necessary as the asphalt had to cure before the coating surfaces were applied. The contract award for this project was \$296,760.

The Township recognizes the popularity of pickleball and has added these additional courts for all to enjoy. This project continues the Township's effort to improve recreational facilities throughout the Township for all to enjoy.



GLENSHAW PUBLIC LIBRARY FUN FACT

Did you notice the two red lamps that burn brightly in the windows of the Glenshaw Public Library each night? These are replicas of the old oil lamps from the stagecoach days. These lamps were donated to the library by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Thomas as a memorial to their sons, Robert and Edgar. We believe in keeping this memory alive.






SHALER TOWNSHIP'S TRICK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31 6:00-8:00PM

Please leave your porch light **ON** if you are handing out candy.
 Please leave your porch light **OFF** if you are not handing out candy.

BE SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



POST 785 AMERICAN LEGION AND VFW POST 9199
 Shaler American Legion Post 785 and VFW Post 9199 will conduct a Veterans Day Memorial Service at the monument at Shaw Place along Mt. Royal Blvd. on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 at 11AM. All are welcome to attend.



SAVE THE DATE!
2023:
Santa and Me!
Saturday,
December 16, 2023
11:00 am—2:00 pm

Glenshaw Public Library
 1504 Butler Plank Road
 Glenshaw, PA 15116
Glenshawpubliclibrary.org



Holiday House Tour & Craft Fair
Saturday, November 11, 2023
from 10:00am - 3:00pm

Start your holiday shopping at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 1719 Mt. Royal Blvd. No entry fee for this event.
Then, tour 3 beautiful Glenshaw homes decorated for the holidays.
Presale tickets are available at the Shaler North Hills Library, at glenshawcenturyclub.org, or from any club member for \$25.
Day of event tickets are available at the church or any of the houses on the tour for \$30.
Bus schedule: Leaving the church at 10:00am and approximately every 20 minutes after until 2:40pm.



House #1
Larry and Cindy Bock
1500 Ella Street
Glenshaw, PA 15116



House #2
Edmond and Deborah Olszewski
403 Glenshaw Avenue
Glenshaw, PA 15116



House #3
Gregory and Mary Hartman
1526 Butler Plank Road
Glenshaw, PA 15116


GLENSHAW CENTURY CLUB EVENT
November Delicious Dinner to Go
 By Heavenly Cuisine Custom Catering

Friday, November 3, 2023
3:00-6:30pm
Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Coleslaw, and Pumpkin Pie

Pickup at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church
 1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116

\$15 per Meal—At Time of Pickup

To order, call (412) 487-7194 by end of day on Wednesday, November 1
 Or email glenshawcenturyclubinc@gmail.com
 Include: Name, Phone #, Pickup Time, # of Dinners



Benefits:
 Glenshaw Century Club, Inc.
 Scholarship Grants for Shaler Area Seniors
 A 501(c)(3) Organization Serving Our Community



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Township would like to bring the following items to your attention.

Township Right of Way – Removal of Structures: As the Township Public Works Department prepares for winter road maintenance, please remove all basketball hoops and other obstructions or structures within 10 feet of the edge of the paved portion of the public street or highway in the Township.

Chapter 225-107 of the Township Zoning Code states that it is illegal to place any structure within 10 feet of the edge of the paved portion of any public street or highway in the Township.

If these obstructions or structures are not removed from the public right-of-way, the Township will not be responsible for any damage sustained to the structure as a result of snow removal in that area.

Snow Removal on Roads: Please assist the Public Works Department during the winter months and snow removal by following the suggestions below:

- ✓ Whenever possible, please park in your driveway and not on the street during a winter storm. This will help the drivers on their snow routes.
- ✓ Do not blow or shovel snow on the street after it's been cleared. This is a violation of Township Code Chapter 192, Article II, and carries a fine of \$600.00.
- ✓ Monitor winter storm tracking through the media, plan accordingly and try to avoid unnecessary travel during these storms.
- ✓ Unless you have an emergency, please do not call the Township office to report that your street has not been cleared. Rest assured, if it's snowing, we're working.

In addition to Township streets, our crews are responsible for all county and state roads with the exception of Route 8, Babcock Blvd, Saxonburg Blvd, and Sharpshill Road. Streets are prioritized according to high traffic, public transportation and school bus routes first.

PREPARE FOR WINTER DRIVING

Winter driving can be extremely hazardous, especially in Western Pennsylvania. With the drop in temperatures, you should always prepare for snow and ice on our roadways. Stay informed of fast changing weather patterns by signing up for local weather alerts to receive text messages and optional storm alerts for your area.

The first thing you should do is make sure your vehicle is ready for winter. A properly winterized vehicle will help make these months a little less challenging to navigate. A quick walk around your vehicle will tell you if you're ready or not.

- ✓ Snow tires are always recommended as they have deeper, more flexible tread and are designed for snow covered roads. But, if you are using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch.
- ✓ Check your wiper blades and replace if needed. Be sure to use winter rated washer fluid for temperatures as cold as -30 degrees.
- ✓ Check your vehicle lighting: headlights, brake lights, turn signals, etc.
- ✓ Check your cooling system and top off any other fluids.

Winter Driving Tips

- ✓ If heavy snow and ice are in the forecast wait out any storms if possible or leave yourself extra time for getting to your destination.
- ✓ Know your vehicle's capabilities: traction control, anti-lock braking system, etc.
- ✓ Completely remove all snow and ice from your vehicle to include the windshield, headlights, taillights, mirrors, etc.
- ✓ It is also recommended to clean off any front or back cameras. These cameras allow assistive driving features like automatic braking systems to function properly.
- ✓ When driving, accelerate and decelerate slowly and avoid fast braking. Increase following distance between vehicles and avoid aggressive driving maneuvers.
- ✓ Always keep a minimum of a half tank of fuel in your vehicle.

Winter Driving Essentials

- ✓ A cellphone and charger
- ✓ Jumper cables
- ✓ Blankets and extra clothing
- ✓ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ✓ Shovel

Remember, the most important things any time of the year are to always Buckle Up, Use Child Safety Seats Properly, and Never Drink and Drive.



HSWA 2023 by April L. Winklmann, Executive Director

It seems that everywhere you go, there are help wanted signs, or signs that remind us to be kind or have patience, we're short staffed. HSWA has been blessed with many tenured and talented staff that have provided years of dedication and service to our customers. This year alone, we needed to thank and recognize the following employees: Tim Getz, Distribution System Supervisor (27 years); Michael Cavlovich, Utilityman (14 years); Laura Berzonski, Business Manager (24 years); and upcoming retirement of Robert Sheetz, Distribution System Supervisor (24 years). In 2022 there were 2 employees that retired with service times like those retiring now. As you can see, a lot of talent is leaving to enjoy retirement. There have been warnings over the past decade that certified water operators are aging out (retiring). This means new people are needed to learn the systems, continue the hard work of fixing and replacing lines and pipes in every weather condition with the right skill set to accomplish this. Also, Certified Plant Operators are needed to make critical process control decisions. HSWA has been diligent in obtaining new talent. These young but well-seasoned and trained individuals bring new enthusiasm and "can do" attitudes. As changes occur, the management team reevaluates the structure of the organization, continues to capitalize on internal talent, and leverage technology.

HSWA has invested in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) over the past 2 years. This investment is showing a return in increasing time management of projects. Project use of inventory is now recorded in the system electronically – rather than tic marks counting the use of materials over the course of a month. GIS allows for pinpointing repairs in the mapping system for later identification during planning of projects (replacement) or coordination of paving work anticipated by the member communities. The biggest improvement is in the maintenance and timely repairs of hydrants. The electronic system then reports the information to the supervisor for action. Lastly, this is also permitting HSWA to specifically identify where leak detection has occurred, what's been found (or not), and the scheduling of repairs. Please note that small leaks are found and managed until they can be remedied during regular work hours. This permits staff to be rested and ready, customers given advance notice, and control costs.

Rising costs and supply chain issues continue to be a challenge. Reliability to get needed parts, equipment and pipe when needed is still a very real concern. This has been a major issue with the new mainline to leave the plant and go up the steep hill behind the plant to Friday Road. This has been delayed due to both production schedules for the materials and rebidding due to bids significantly over the engineer's estimates.

Mainline replacements continue to be a priority, especially in neighborhoods where paving is planned by the municipality and where we have a history of breaks. In 2022, HSWA installed 5,000 feet (just under a mile) of pipe. I am pleased to say HSWA's rates are among the lowest in western Pennsylvania. HSWA charges \$5.35 /thousand gallons in consumption whereby comparison Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority charges \$14.64/thousand gallons. We're frequently asked if there will be a rate increase; the answer is most likely. HSWA's Board of Directors prefer to make minor changes to the rate to keep up with costs rather than waiting a few years and passing a large hike in rates.

Last, let's discuss the invoice you receive – "the water bill". For most of the readers, the bill comes every two months. There is the "ready to serve fee" covering the basic operations of HSWA, and next is the fee per thousand gallons of water. This combines for the total amount that HSWA keeps to make the water, operate the pumpstations and tanks, upgrade and repair the system, read the meters, install/repair meters, process the payments, handle customer requests/questions, pay the utility bills for all the facilities, staff, outside consultants, permits, annual fees for operating a water system, and emergencies that may arise. All this and with an average usage of 10 thousand gallons of water it's a bargain at \$73.50 every two months. All the other fees belong to other agencies for which we simply provide the billing service. Paying by the due date ensures saving on any late fees or penalties. An easy way to ensure timely payment is signing up for ACH payments along with electronic billing. The electronic bill looks just like the paper invoice, so you will know what will be pulled out of your account. Contact the office at 412-486-4867 or visit the website.



VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

Bauerstown VFD
www.bauerstownvfd.com

From all of the members of Bauerstown VFD, we would like to thank the residents of our fire district who have continued to support us during our annual 2023 solicitation fund drive.

We have been operating for 112 years and could not have done it without you. We have fundraising during the year such as weekly online raffles, Purse Bash, and currently have a \$10,000.00 Sure Tip raffle.

An upcoming raffle will be for another Polaris RZR, so monitor us on Facebook. Be sure to follow and like us on Facebook (@Bauerstownvfd) to see what raffles are taking place or you can email us at Bauerstownvfd@gmail.com.

We also rent out our social hall for your events. Information can be found at bauerstownvfd.com/hall-rentals.

Cherry City VFD
www.cherrycityvfc.org

Elfinwild VFD
www.elfinwildfire.com

Happy fall neighbors! Our volunteers have been very busy training and running emergency calls! We have also been out in the community at the schools, birthday party visits, touch a truck, homecoming, and trunk or treat. We want to THANK YOU for your monetary donations! It's not too late to donate if you haven't! As 2024 is right around the corner, our banquet hall is available for your special event. We are booking weddings, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, and graduation parties for summer and next fall! Dates are filling up fast! We received a request from the North Pole this week! Elfinwild members will be escorting Santa through our district on December 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th. Santa will also be visiting our station in the evening on Tuesday, December 19th. Please check out our Facebook page for timing and route information! In the meantime, remember to change your clock next month. Stay warm, safe, and healthy! Lastly, please consider joining our Elfinwild family, stop by any Monday night at 7pm.

Shaler Villa VFC
www.shalervillavfc.com

Sharps Hill VFD
www.sharpshillvfd.org

Our Traditional Annual Turkey Bingo is on Sunday, November 19 at 1:00pm.

Undercliff VFC
www.undercliffvfc.org

From all of us here at Undercliff Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported our annual fund drive and/or various fundraisers this year! We greatly appreciate all your generosity and support. All the money raised goes right back into the community to help support our mission of providing our residents, visitors, and businesses with first class fire and rescue services. Below are some current fundraisers happening at Undercliff VFC. Thank you once again for your support. We could not do it without you!

Weekly Friday Night Bingo:

- Join us every Friday night for a fun night of BINGO! General admission is just \$16! Doors open at 6:00 PM and games start at 7:00 PM.

2023 Cash Bash

- More information coming soon! Make sure to check our website and social media for details!

Weekly Online Raffles:

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (@UndercliffVFC) to participate in our online raffles each week.

SHALER FIRE ARTICLE

Written By: Aaron Skalos
Assistant Chief, Cherry City VFC
President, Shaler Township Fireman's Association

Overview

Do you know who will respond if you have a fire emergency at your house? Do you know the quality of those individuals who will assist you? Our goal is that this article allows you to understand the lengths our fire companies go to provide the highest quality fire and rescue protection for Shaler Township. Shaler Township is currently protected by six fire departments which include Bauerstown, Cherry City, Elfinwild, Shaler Villa, Sharps Hill, and Undercliff.

Training

Every year, the fire companies in Shaler Township put forth a significant amount of dedicated time for training purposes. This includes structural firefighting, various rescue disciplines, and national certifications. Last year alone, it is estimated that the six Shaler companies completed over 8,000 hours of training. A lot of those trainings will take place at the Shaler Township Fire Training Center on Little Pine Creek Road. Crews have the opportunity to connect to a hydrant, pull hose lines, and even repel from the building. Other trainings have different venues, including Kiwanis Park for rope rescue and the Allegheny River for swift water rescue. Regardless of the venue or the training type, attention to detail is paramount. The unwritten understanding in all of our training evolutions remains constant; a neighbor in need may be on the other line in a real-life situation.

Emergency Response

One of the most critical needs for this township is effective and timely emergency response. As I write this, our fire companies are averaging a seven-minute response time from dispatch to on scene arrival. Now take into consideration what happens in those seven minutes. Firefighters are awakened at night, leaving the dinner table, or in the office for work. Traveling to their stations, putting on gear, and then jumping on trucks for the incident. Now we are faced with traffic, weather conditions, and our favorite drivers that don't like to pull over! Then, arriving on scene, taking in everything that is happening in a moment's notice, making educated decisions as the incident develops. The firefighters are making these decisions on every call, but always with one thing in mind...YOU! Our goal is to protect your family and property. We want everyone to understand that when the outcome of an incident is not ideal, we take it personally. This drives our goals to always be better and provide the highest level of emergency service.

Conclusion

Volunteer firefighters play a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Their rapid response, local expertise, cost-effectiveness, and unwavering commitment are attributes that make them indispensable in any community. As a firefighter and member of this community, I want to express my gratitude to the community for their support and for the firefighters' tireless dedication to protecting lives and property.

We are always looking for members! If you're interested, stop by your local station or call for more information!

Save the Date!

SHALER TOWNSHIP'S 33RD ANNUAL "LITE" UP NIGHT IS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT THE SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY AND THE SASD MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM 4:00-8:00PM.

Check our website and Facebook page for a full schedule featuring ice skating, carriage rides, s'mores, face painting, a balloon artist, and more. Plus Santa, Mrs Claus and all of the holiday characters!

A special thank you to the township businesses that participate in and donate to the event. It is greatly appreciated!

SUPPORT NEW LOCAL BUSINESSES
WELCOME TO SHALER!

Love Cartel:
Construction, Development and Design LLC
1101 William Flynn Hwy.

Follow us on Social Media: facebook.com/shalerlibrary; twitter.com/shalerlibrary; instagram.com/shalerlibrary
[YouTube/ShalerLibraryTelevision](https://youtube.com/ShalerLibraryTelevision)

Email notification: Sign up on our website at www.shalerlibrary.org for our monthly emails.
Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for updates and our Spring 2024 programs.



CURRENT HOURS (subject to change)

- Monday through Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSURES (You may return items in our outdoor book drop with no late fees)

- Halloween: Closing on October 31 at 5:00 p.m. Wishing all our trick-or-treaters a safe and Happy Halloween!
- Shaler Township "Lite" Up Night: Closed on November 18 for setup. Visit us at "Lite" Up Night!
- Thanksgiving Holiday: Closing on November 22 at 5:00 p.m. and closed November 23 & 24
- Christmas Holiday: Closed December 23, 24 & 25
- New Year's Holiday: Closed December 31 & January 1

thank you

THANK YOU! For loving your library in September! We are so grateful to all who donated to the Library and await the results of the prorated match provided by the Jack Buncher Foundation. Thank you to the Buncher Foundation, Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP).

FYI FACILITY UPDATES

With the generous assistance and expertise from Shaler Township, the Library has done important facility work, with more to come. All projects will affect the use of the Library. We will do what we can to let you know about schedules but, as you know, contractor schedules can be tight. Programs and space will be impacted. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

- New HVAC rooftop units—First quarter 2024
- Elevator upgrade—TBD
- Installation of 1st floor restroom and overhaul of 2nd floor restrooms for ADA compliance—2024-2025

Please consider making a donation to the "Bottoms Up" campaign to raise funds for the restrooms projects! The second floor bathrooms are almost 40 years old and do not accommodate people with physical disabilities. The Library is applying for grant funds, but many include a match portion. We want YOUR Library to be accessible to all people! Thank you. <https://tinyurl.com/shalerlyl>

LIBRARY EVENTS & PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Watch for updates on our website and social media

National Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shaler Township Police Department will be in the Library parking lot collecting expired and unused prescription medications and vaping materials.

Friends of SNHL Fall Book Sale – Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stock up on some great reads for adults! Friends of SNHL preview night TBD.

Give Big Pittsburgh – All day

Tuesday, November 28! This 24-hour online fundraising effort, hosted by Pittsburgh Magazine and local sponsors, offers SNHL the chance to raise funds to purchase large print books and more.



Teen Vendor and Craft Fair – Saturday, December 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Here's a great way to do some holiday shopping while supporting our local teen entrepreneurs! Come shop an array of hand-crafted items (crafts, baked goods, jewelry and more) created by talented local teens. This fun event is open to all.

Our Friends of SNHL Mini Golf FUNdraiser "Fore" Shaler North Hills Library is Family-Friendly Fun!

- For Kids & Families - Saturday February 17, Sunday February 18, and Monday February 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kids under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. \$5.00 per player or \$2.00 for kids under 12.
- For Teens in Grades 7-12 - Saturday February 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. \$5.00 a player.
- "Adopt-a-hole!" We are seeking folks and organizations to create a hole for our mini golf course using materials around the house. Let us know by contacting Sharon McRae at mcras@shalerlibrary.org.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Featured Programs: Please register on our website, through links on our social media, or by calling 412-486-0211.

Notorious (and Spooky) Pittsburgh – Tuesday, October 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join local author Christopher Whitlatch for intriguing tales of Pittsburgh! Notorious Pittsburgh features more than 20 stories from Pittsburgh's past, including the first bank robbery, a famous jailbreak, and stories from our former red-light district and Prohibition era.

How and Why to Tell Your Life Story with Wall Street Journal Obituary Writer – Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. Presented by Pittsburgh-based James R. (Bob) Hagerty, staff reporter, lead obituary writer of The Wall Street Journal, and author. Mr. Hagerty offers easy ways to collect and save those stories while you can. Mr. Hagerty will also introduce his new book, Yours Truly, a guide to telling life stories.

Nature Snippets for Adults 16+ – Thursday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m. Join Master Naturalist Pat Milliken for informative and hands-on activities on a variety of nature-related topics. November's theme is Establishing a Pollinator Garden.

Hot Topics Legal Advice in Plain Language: "I've been named an Executor. Now what?" – Wednesday, November 15 at 1:30 p.m. You are named Executor for your loved one's estate. What does that really mean? What all is involved? Join local attorneys from Pittsburgh Estate Law PC for a series of discussions to help take the fear out of legal issues.

History of Hartwood Acres: Allegheny County Parks – Friday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m. Explore the history of Hartwood Acres Park from its beginning as the country estate of activist Mary Flinn Lawrence

to the public park we all love today with presenter and Park Ranger Deaglan McManus.

Holiday Wreath Decorating Workshop – November/December TBA at 7:00 p.m. A fun workshop with the Shaler Garden Club! We provide the live 24" Fraser Fir wreath and decorations for you to make a beautifully decorated holiday wreath. You provide creativity! Materials fee and a limit on attendance. Registration and payment required.

Pittsburgh Makes Merry: A Gilded Age Holiday – December 8 at 1:30 p.m. Explore celebrations of the December holiday season in Pittsburgh during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Presenter Sue Morris enjoys making the past come alive through her carefully researched and entertaining presentations.

ONGOING PROGRAMS: CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES.

- Shaler North Hills Library Writer's Group – Mondays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person.** Everyone who writes likes to join like-minded creators for support. Presented via weekly Zoom meetings and one in-person meeting each month. Community-led by Jim Binz. Please email Jim at jf.binz@gmail.com to join.
- Act Out: Adult and Teen Readers Theater Troupe – third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. tinyurl.com/shalertext**
- Sense and Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry – last Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (In October, we will meet on October 24, as the Library closes at 5:00 p.m. on Halloween.) tinyurl.com/shalertext**
- Food For Thought Cookbook Discussion Group – second Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**
- Caregiver Support Sessions – third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.** Free monthly sessions with Erin McMaster, Memory Care Advisor from Promedica Memory Care.
- Meditation for Everyone – Fridays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.** If you have not attended this program, email Beth at lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org for introductory materials/information before joining.
- Dementia Friends Information Sessions – first Friday at 10:30 a.m.** Learn more about Dementia Friends of PA. tinyurl.com/shalerfriends

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Check www.shalerlibrarykids.org, www.shalercalendar.org, and our Facebook page for details and for new 2024 programs. Regular weekly and monthly programs continue through the week of December 10. Regular programming will resume the week of January 8!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Magical Monday Storytime at the Etna Pop-Up Library – Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** Stories! Songs! Silliness! Join us at the Etna Pop-Up Library on Monday evenings. Fun for the whole family! No registration needed.
- Thanksgiving Day Family Dance Party – Thursday, November 23 at 10:15 a.m.** Dance to toddler, preschool, and kindergarten favorites, plus the Chicken Dance, and more. Great fun for all! No registration needed.
- Gingerbread Houses Ho Ho! – Saturday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.** Decorate your own graham cracker gingerbread house. You provide the imagination; we provide all the fixings! Space is limited; sign up the whole family for one session. Please bring a shoebox to get your creation home. Register at tinyurl.com/shalerhouses.
- Holiday Family Dance Party – Wednesday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Dance to toddler, preschool, and kindergarten favorites, plus the Chicken Dance, and more. Great fun for all! No registration needed.
- Candyland Alive! – Saturday, February 10 at 10:30, OR 11:00, OR 11:30 a.m.** Journey through the world of Candyland! Experience the sights and stops along the game board as we tour Cupcake Commons and more while enjoying games, stories, fun and, of course, candy! Sign-up required at www.shalercalendar.org.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Please see program descriptions for suggested ages and other information.



- Tail Waggin' Tutors – last Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Read to your favorite therapy dog! Kids in Kindergarten and up can register for a 15-minute session one month at a time at tinyurl.com/shalertails.
- Fun Food for Kids with Miss Eileen – Saturdays: November 11 & December 16 at 1:00 p.m.** for Grades 1-6. Make and enjoy a tasty snack and a great story! Register at tinyurl.com/funfoodshaler.
- Happy Little Canvases – last Saturday at 1:00 p.m. for Grades K-3 OR 2:30 p.m. for Grades 4-6.** Join Miss Libby for painting sessions with fun themes. Just bring an old T-shirt and your imagination! Register at tinyurl.com/shalerhappy.
- American Girl Night with Miss Eileen & Miss Judy – last Saturday at 7:00 p.m.** for Grades K-3. Explore the world of an American Girl doll through crafts, stories, and games! Register at tinyurl.com/americangirl23.

BIRTH THROUGH PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Weekly programs run through the week of December 10. Watch our website and social media for 2024 programs.



- Ants to Zucchini – Mondays at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.** Phonological & print awareness, letter knowledge, and more! Great for 18 months through 3-1/2 years with caregiver.
- Book Babies at Night – Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** Songs, stories, and fun for ages birth through 18 months with a caregiver.
- Book Babies – Tuesdays at 10:15 or 11:15 a.m.** Songs, stories, and fun for ages birth through 18 months with a caregiver.
- Family Place Imagination Station – Wednesdays: December 20 & 27 at 10:00 a.m.** Free play with our toys and manipulatives from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by a storytime.
- Mathventure – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.** Fun with early math concepts through stories and song. Great for ages 3-1/2 to 5 years, with a caregiver.
- Music Adventures – Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** Does your precious one love to boogie? Enjoy a good story or a song? For preschoolers and kindergartners with a super-special grownup.
- Family German Fun with Felix, Franzi and Frau Spring – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Join Felix, Franzi, and Frau Spring on Wednesday evenings (except November 22).
- Interactive Storytelling – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.** A place for your little tots to move, stretch, and express themselves through interactive storytelling! Ages 3 through 5 with a special grown-up. Engage with Miss Amy!
- Glue and Googly Eyes – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** A story and a craft! Wear your jammies if you like!
- Storytime Express – Fridays at 10:15 a.m.** Geared to ages 3-1/2 to 5 years, but everyone loves great stories!
- Online Family Storytime – Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** Stories & songs for kids from birth to age 6 & families.
- Family Storytime – Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.** Stories & songs for kids from birth to age 6 & families.

MORE PROGRAMS FOR GRADES K-6 AND 7-12 CAN BE FOUND AT SHALERLIBRARY.ORG.