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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- ◆ Civil Service Commission
- ◆ Environmental Advisory Council
Meets 1st Thursday of each month
- ◆ Historical Commission
- ◆ Library Board
Meets bi-monthly at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Marcus Hook Preservation Society
Meets 2nd Monday of each month
- ◆ Marcus Hook Senior Citizens
Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month
- ◆ Planning Commission
Meets as needed
- ◆ Recreation and Park Board
Meets 3rd Monday each month
- ◆ Shade Tree Commission
- ◆ Zoning Hearing Board
Meets as needed
- ◆ Vacant Property Review Committee

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COMMUNITY CENTER REDEDICATED TO CURT WELDON

Article by Bruce Dorbian

The Borough of Marcus Hook is proud to claim Curt Weldon as one of its favorite and outstanding sons.

The long sought-after closure of the U.S. Army Reserve facility on the Delaware River in Marcus Hook began to take shape in 1999 and the facility was closed in early 2000. The date of the conveyance deed to Marcus Hook Borough was October 2, 2000. A formal "Passing of the Key" ceremony took place on October 21, 2000. Major General Thomas J. Plewes, Chief of the Army Reserve, and U.S. Representative Curt Weldon, former Mayor of Marcus Hook, presented Borough officials with the deed to the 1.7 acre property. The on-site structure was first built in 1956 to serve as a federal quarantine station and operated by the United States Public Health Service. It last served as an Army Reserve facility for Detachment 1 of the 949th Transportation Company. Making this happen was the work of Congressman Curt Weldon. Relocating the Army Reserve 949th to the Curtis Bay (Baltimore) facility had to happen first. On August 17, 1999, President Clinton signed into law the Military Construction Appropriations Bill which included \$5M for improvements at the Curtis Bay location in the Baltimore harbor.

On October 5, 1999, President Clinton signed the FY2000 Department of Defense Authorization Bill. The Defense Authorization Bill included language providing \$5 million to ready the Curtis Bay facility to accept the Detachment 1, 949th Transportation Company.

On December 1, 2003 Borough Council awarded construction contracts to advance plans to rehabilitate this building for use as a multi-purpose community center. Interior construction activities included the establishment of separate rest room facilities for men and women, a new kitchen area, and community meeting rooms, general public health and safety code compliance improvements, and related restoration.

The Marcus Hook Community Center was originally dedicated on October 23, 2004. The building is the home of the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens organization. Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board are often scheduled at the Community Center.

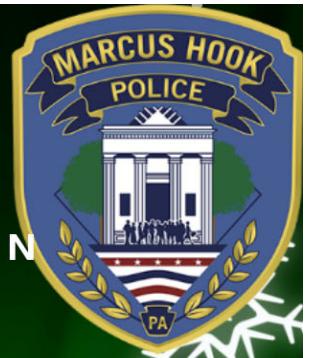


The Borough of Marcus Hook is honored to recognize Curt Weldon's efforts in procuring the Community Center for the Borough of Marcus Hook.

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Upcoming Recreation Events:



MARCUS HOOK RECREATION
DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

A VERY MERRY GRINCHMAS

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS,
GIFTS, FOOD, PHOTOS & MORE!

SATURDAY DEC. 14TH

TIME TBD AT SIGN UPS

MARCUS HOOK COMMUNITY CENTER

7 W. DELAWARE AVE

MARCUS HOOK, PA 19061

SIGN UPS MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 6:30PM-8:30PM

MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND!!



Holiday Decorating Contest

HOSTED BY MARCUS HOOK REC BOARD

2nd Annual Holiday Decorating Contest!

Judging will take place

Saturday December 21st between 6:00pm-8:00pm

YOU MUST REGISTER
YOUR HOME IN ORDER
TO BE ENTERED INTO
THE CONTEST!!

To Register:

Email MHRecBoardEvents@Yahoo.com

OR

Call Borough Hall: 610-485-1341



FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Want to help your community, email us at mhtfd68@mhtfd68.com or go to our site at mhtfd68.com



MHTFD RECEIVES NEW FIRE TRUCK



The new fire truck we be in service January 2025.

MEET THE MARCUS HOOK BOROUGH STAFF



BEN VANCLEVE
Laborer
Highway Department for 6
years
Volunteer Fireman Marcus
Hook-Trainer Fire Company

Ben is married and has 3 daughters. Ben has lived in Marcus Hook his entire life.

Upcoming Library Events:

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Mary M. Campbell Library



Math Club



$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

Tuesdays @ 4 PM



$$V = Lwh$$

Students **grades 4** and up
wanting to have fun with
your friends while
practicing your math skills
this club is for you!!



$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$



No registration required.



610-485-6519



marcushook@delcolibraries.org



Mary M. Campbell
Marcus Hook Library

Book Club



Meetings are held each month to discuss a pre-selected book.
Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Thursday, December 12th @ 2 PM

The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Thursday, January 16th @ 2 PM

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Thursday, February 13th @ 2 PM

Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Thursday, March 13th @ 2 PM

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry
by Fredrik Backman

For more information, please contact us at 610-485-6519,
or email: marcushook@delcolibraries.org

Upcoming Library Events continued:

**MARY M. CAMPBELL
LIBRARY**

**Ages
8+**

**BOOK
FOLDING**

**Wednesday, December 4th
at 5 PM**



Register Now!

<https://delcolibraries.libcal.com/event/13475067>

Email: marcushook@delcolibraries.org

Phone: 610-485-6519



Mary M. Campbell Library

**Berenstain Bears
Story Time**

**Tuesday, December 3rd
2:30 PM**

**Meet Sister Bear and learn to,
“ Save, Share, Spend, Earn.”
Presented by Franklin Mint
Federal Credit Union.**

FREE gift for every child!

Phone: 610-485-6519

Email: marcushook@delcolibraries.org

1015 Green Street, Marcus Hook, PA 19061



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PIRATE FEST 2024



The Marcus Hook Preservation Society's 16th Annual Pirate Fest was held on September 21, 2024 on a perfect fall day. The event featured Mermaids, a Pirate Band, Beer Garden, and much more. The event was a huge success. Over 7,000 people attended. Proceeds go to the restoration of the Plank House.





Christmas Tree Collection



The Borough will begin the collection of trees (which must be placed curbside).

Christmas Trees will be picked up every Tuesday and Wednesday in January. Trees must be free of lights and decorations, and placed curbside, where your trash is normally collected.

Park Improvements Planned in 2025

Article by *Bruce Dorbian*



Plans are in the works to advance park improvements in 2025 at Market Square Memorial Park and Mickey Vernon Park. Marcus Hook Borough has secured a \$191,000 grant from the Delaware County Green Ways Municipal Grant Program. In January Borough Council will be advertising for bids to receive contractor cost proposals for the next phase of improvements listed in the recently adopted Marcus Hook Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

At Market Square Memorial Park a new playground apparatus area is planned to be located next to the pavilion. Other work improvement items include a new park sign, security lighting at the playground area, tree planting, repair perimeter bollards at the river-front, and replace compass rose letters. At Mickey Vernon Park improvements in the playground area will include a shade canopy and decorative lighting.

Enhancement and Improvement of Existing Parks & Recreation Areas was listed as a principle goal in the Marcus Hook Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The intent is to improve the facilities, site features, walkways, landscaping, lighting, and signage at existing parks to increase the usefulness and attractiveness of the parks for persons of all ages and abilities. The improvements planned in 2025 are intended to benefit Marcus Hook Borough residents and stakeholders over the next 20 years.

Marcus Hook Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon



The Annual Marcus Hook Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon was held on November 13, 2024 at the Community Center. The Library provided the Delchordians Quartet to sing during lunch.

A huge thank you everyone who helped make this such a wonderful event and for making this Holiday Season very special.



2025 BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Agenda Meetings are held monthly at 6:00 PM, on the Tuesday preceding each regular monthly meeting with the exception of Monday, June 30, Monday, July 28, and Tuesday, December 16 at the Municipal Building, located at 1111 Market Street.

Council meetings are held monthly at 7:00 PM, on the following dates: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 2, October 6, November 3, and December 1, at the Municipal Building, located at 1111 Market Street.

The Mary M. Campbell Library Board meets bimonthly on the second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:00 PM. The Library Board meetings are held via Zoom.

The Recreation and Park Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Curt Weldon Community Center, 7 W. Delaware Avenue.

The Marcus Hook Senior Citizens meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 12:00 PM at the Community Center. If you are interested in joining the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens, you can either attend a meeting or contact Larry Killinen, Senior Citizens President for more information.

STAY INFORMED

Borough of Marcus Hook Website:

www.marcushookboro.org

Like us on Facebook:

Borough of Marcus Hook- <https://facebook.com/MarcusHookBoro>

Marcus Hook Police Department- <https://facebook.com/marcushookpd>

Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department - <https://facebook.com/arcusHookTrainerFireDepartment>

Marcus Hook Recreation Board <https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087006985624>

Mary M. Campbell Library - <https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067680924763>

Email Newsletter: If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter, via email, please send an email to office@marcushookbro.org requesting same.

CodeRed stay informed- If you wish to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports please visit the Marcus Hook Borough website or <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFC1BF4C3251>

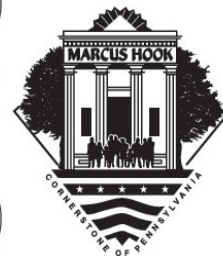
Please check the Marcus Hook Recreation Board page on Facebook for more upcoming events such as Valentine's Day Bingo and Karaoke Events!



James "Gene" Taylor
Mayor of Marcus Hook



Josephine "Gigi" Laird
Council President



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