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The Official Newsletter
of Stackhouse Park

Discover Stackhouse Park's Rental Pavilions

Looking for the perfect spot to host your next gathering or event? Look no further than Stackhouse Park's beautiful rental pavilions! Nestled in a wooded area, our park offers three unique pavilions available for rent, each with its own special features to enhance your experience.



Spangler Pavilion & Play Area

The Spangler Pavilion and Natural Play Area, a favorite among families with young children, was created with the contribution of Park Chair, Lauren Lazzari. Featuring small structures and statues for climbing and play, it's conveniently located next to the StoryWalk and perfect for birthday parties or family picnics.

For those seeking a serene setting immersed in nature, the Tioga Pavilion along Tioga Path is an excellent choice. Equipped with tables and conveniently located near a port-a-potty, it provides a tranquil atmosphere for gatherings of all kinds.

If you're looking for a cozy spot to gather with friends or family, the Fireplace Pavilion along Elk Run Trail is the perfect choice. Complete with tables, electrical outlets, and a fireplace, this pavilion provides a cozy ambiance for your event. Additionally, we're thrilled to share that a permanent, ADA compliant vaulted toilet will soon be added, enhancing guest convenience—thanks in part to the dedicated efforts of Lauren Lazzari.

To learn more about our pavilions or to make a reservation, visit stackhousepark.com/pavilions or call (814) 536-1674. Don't miss out on the opportunity to host your next event in the natural beauty of Stackhouse Park!

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The Fireplace Pavilion

Board Member Spotlight

Eric Schwerer

"Stackhouse Park is one of the best places for my family to spend quality time together. Whether the five of us (counting our dog) are on a casual stroll, hunting for good sticks, or popping the ripe seed pods on Jewelweed, I am always grateful for the amazing gift that is Stackhouse."

Lauren Lazzari

"I have loved Stackhouse Park for as long as I can remember. I have lived in walking distance to the park most of my life. My mom was a Stackhouse Park board member, and I spent many days doing park cleanups with the Westmont Hilltop Environmental Club, WECARE, when I was in High School. I first joined the board as a member, when my kids were small. I then took over Park Programming, eventually becoming Park Secretary and I'm about about halfway through my term as Park Chair. We are so fortunate to have this amazing natural asset that is walkable from so many neighborhoods. I'm happy to do my part to make sure that the Park's natural beauty is maintained for generations to come."

Shayna Blackford

"I grew up in Stackhouse Park. As kids in the early 90's we sometimes spent the entire day in the park: white knuckling it down the main rocky path on our bikes, picking blackberries for lunch, drinking from the stream, and building forts. It was and still is a sanctuary for me and tribute to that time."

Scouting Success at Stackhouse Park

Stackhouse Park has seen major improvements this year thanks to local Eagle Scout projects led by members of Boy Scout Troop 622. Joseph and Benjamin Messina, Gayath Karunaratne, and Conner and Aiden Selders have enhanced the park with upgrades including a woodshed, rest area, electrical enhancements, fencing, and seating. These projects aim to benefit the community and enhance the park experience for visitors. The Messina brothers' motivation stemmed from their family's enjoyment of the park, and they hope their contributions will create positive memories for future Scouts. Their parents express pride in their sons' efforts and are pleased that the projects will serve the Stackhouse Park community for years to come.

Snowshoeing Stackhouse

In January, Stackhouse Park hosted a thrilling snowshoeing event with seven participants exploring the wintry trails. Thanks to Park volunteer, Eric Steinbring, the park was able to provide snowshoes for some attendees. Looking forward, the park plans exciting workshops on Primitive Fire Starting, Leave No Trace, and Rope Making/Knot Tying. Stay tuned for more outdoor adventures at Stackhouse Park!



Thank You, Volunteers!

On Friday, December 15th a small group helped clear fallen trees and branches in the drainage ditch of the park. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make 2023 work project days a tremendous success! Whether you love outdoor maintenance or just want to help out, there's a spot for you here. Drop by the Ranger Station to find out more about upcoming volunteer opportunities and how you can help preserve and improve our park.





Upcoming Events

APRIL

TBD StoryWalk changes to "Tidy" by Emily Gravett

8 Solar Eclipse Event
3:21p

20 Trail Maintenance
9-11a

26 Earth and Arbor Day Celebration
6p - Potluck; 6:30p - Guided Hike
7p - Leave No Trace; 8p - The Lorax (original) Movie

MAY

StoryWalk changes to "Growing Vegetable Soup" by Lois Ehlert

Remake Learning Days **17**
6p

Trail Maintenance **18**
9-11a

JUNE

TBD StoryWalk changes to "Snail Crossing" by Corey R. Tabor

13 Art In The Park
10a

15 Trail Maintenance
9-11a

20 Art In The Park
10a

27 Art In The Park
10a

Love Stackhouse? Leave a Legacy!

Do you love Stackhouse Park? Consider leaving a planned gift in your will. The park works with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to ensure your gift will support the park forever. Call 814-536-7741 to learn more.

Earth and Arbor Day Celebration

Join us on April 26th at 6pm for a celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day! We're excited to host a range of activities for all ages. Start off the evening with a potluck at 6pm, followed by a guided hike at 6:30pm. Then, at 7pm, join us for a presentation on Leave No Trace principles. As the evening sets in, we'll gather for a special screening of the original version of "The Lorax" movie at 8pm, reminding us of the importance of environmental conservation. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable evening of community, nature, and fun at Stackhouse Park!

Remake Learning Days

Join us on Friday, May 17th, at 6pm at the Luzerne St. Entrance for a free learning celebration as part of Remake Learning Days, a nationwide festival highlighting innovative learning experiences. Sponsored by Stackhouse Park, the Cambria County Library, and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, this event aims to ignite curiosity and inspire a love for learning in our community. Explore STEM and literacy stations, enjoy free snacks for the kids, and discover the joy of learning together.

Art In The Park

Join us every Thursday at 10 am throughout the summer for free art and social skill activities tailored for young children at The Park. While aimed at elementary youth, all ages are invited to join. Hosted by board member Shayna Blackford, the event takes place at the Spangler Pavilion, conveniently located next to the StoryWalk and a play area. Each session, lasting 30-45 minutes, features a story, interactive discussion, and crafting activities.

2024 Membership Drive

Did you know that while Stackhouse Park is a gem owned by the City of Johnstown, Inc., it survives and thrives solely through the tax deductible support of amazing individuals like you? Every dollar keeps the park running. Become a Park Member now and unlock your benefits.

To become a member, visit:

cfalleghenies.org/fund/stackhouse-park-fund

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Membership comes with a free subscription to Chatter; admission to the Annual Member Picnic and Jamboree, and an adorable sticker to show off your love for The Park.

Please select your membership pledge(s):

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