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## Meeting Notice

The next Western Meeting will be:

**July 17, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**New Kensington No. 3**  
**Westmoreland County**  
**Physical Address:**  
**1045 Victoria Avenue**  
**New Kensington, PA 15068**

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike take Exit 48 Allegheny Valley. Take Rt. 28 North to Exit 14 and follow PA 366 East towards Tarentum. Cross the bridge and follow through three lights to the Taco Bell. Make a right onto Freeport Road. Go to the third light (Locust Street) and make a right. Follow Locust Street four blocks to Victoria Avenue and make a left. The fire station will be one block on your right.

## Schedule for Annual Convention In New Kensington Announced

Included in this edition of *The Western Gazette* is the official schedule of convention activities for the year. Please review this schedule, as it contains important information about the location of various meetings and banquets, which are held at multiple locations.

## State Fire Academy Administrator to Provide Update at Convention

On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, during the opening business session of the annual convention, Administrator Tom Cook will present an update on the initiatives underway at the State Fire Academy. These updates will include new or revised policies, grant initiatives, and updates on the curriculum. Be sure not to miss this very informative session.

## Battle of the Barrel Registration

Registration for the annual Battle of the Barrel Contest is included with this edition of *The Western Gazette*. The deadline for registration is July 31, 2021.

## Additional Convention Information

### For Families

On parade day, there will be a food truck rally in downtown New Kensington, allowing you to plan a whole day with the family.

### For Golfers

The New Kensington Fire Department will be hosting a golf outing at Hillcrest Country Club. Information on the golf outing and registration process is included with this newsletter.

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## 2021 Convention Schedule Information

### Saturday, August 7

8 a.m. **Convention Registration** at Station #1, 700 block Fourth Avenue  
10 a.m. **Classic Car Cruise** – 800 Block of Fourth Avenue  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Food Truck Rally** – Parking Lot on 800 Block Fourth Avenue  
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parade Apparatus Pre-Judging – Valley High School  
12:30 p.m. Parade Lineup – Register and Receive Number at Station #1, 700 block Fourth Avenue  
2 p.m. **Traditional Firemen's Parade** – Downtown New Kensington  
Parade Prizes and DJ following parade – No. 1 Fire Hall, 700 Block of Fourth Avenue

### Sunday August 8

10 a.m. **Battle of the Barrel Contest** – No. 1 Firehall, 700 Block of Fourth Avenue  
3 p.m. **Annual Memorial Service** at St. Joseph's Church – 1125 Leishman Avenue  
5 p.m. **Past President and Old Timers Banquet** – No. 3 Firehall 1045 Victoria Avenue

### Monday August 9

8:30 a.m. **Golf Outing** at Hillcrest Country Club, Lower Burrell (Shotgun Start)  
6 p.m. **Hi Hatters Banquet** at No. 3 Firehall, 1045 Victoria Avenue

### Tuesday August 10

9:00 a.m. **Opening of Business Meeting** at No. 3 Firehall, 1045 Victoria Avenue  
Time TBA: **Elections** will be held for one hour after the Opening Business Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Reconvene **Business Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. **Banquet, Awards Ceremony, and Closing Business Meeting**  
at Springdale VFW, 1151 Pittsburgh Street, Springdale PA 15144

### Wednesday August 11

10 a.m. **Reorganization Meeting of Board of Control** – No. 3 Firehall, 1045 Victoria Avenue