

what's up WEST SIDE

a quarterly update on
West Side events and resources



what's the word?

42% of the West Siders asked say they need a computer

These organizations all have community computers, AND more are needed if you can donate!



Goodwill Prosperity Center by Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley
213 Virginia St W | Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm (computer times) | 304.346.0811
They're more than clothing retail—the Prosperity Center is the place to go if you need **computer access for professional use and assistance**, help working on your resume or cover letter, or guidance in your job search. In 2021, they helped employ 201 people for at least a full year.

West Side Family Support Center by Step by Step
1401 4th Ave | Mon-Fri 11am-1pm, 2pm-6pm | 304.414.4453

The Support Center is a one stop shop for families in the middle of the West Side. They've got **desktop computers, printer, WiFi for students**, and a very friendly staff that can help you operate the computer or get something printed. Work on your next opportunity while you wait on your laundry!



Midian Safe Haven by Midian Leadership Project
711 Park Ave | Mon-Thu 2pm-8pm | 304-382-8288
The renovated youth center across from West Side Middle School is bringing new life to the block! Students aged 10-25 can sign in and use the **computers**, study in the library, play on the indoor basketball court, work out in the gym, or just hang with friends.



Turan Rush

Turan graduated from Capital High School in 2017. Due to an injury, he had to sit out his junior year of high school football. Turan enrolled at Antelope Valley Community College before transferring to Eastern Michigan University on a full scholarship to play defensive end. In 2021, he became first in his family to graduate college, and is now studying for his Masters in Sports Science at WV State University. As the defensive coordinator, Turan helped West Side Middle School's undefeated football team win the 2022 championship.

He says the foundation of the team's success is the **Midian Leadership Project**. Turan cofounded the group as COO with several classmates to create a system for younger students built on Transformative Community Leadership practices. The team trains at the fresh new gym at the **Midian Safe Haven**, their latest youth center.

you got it!

"We made a vow to each other that we was all gonna graduate... That was our goal, we held each other accountable and made it happen... We knew a lot of people in our community before us had the talent, had the gifts, but ended up taking the wrong path due to a lot of things... I'm all about giving my time, giving the knowledge I have to be able to help another kid get to the next level."

CommUNITY Wellness Center

WV Health Right

515 Central Ave
Mon-Thu 8am-7pm | Fri 8am-1pm
wellness@wvhealthright.org
304.340.1558

For non-profits or active community members who need a homebase, this is the spot! Anyone can reach out to schedule a space for free including meeting rooms, the education room, commercial kitchen, or dance studio. If you operate a non-profit working in our community, you can apply for extended hours and to be able to schedule use of a private office. Regular cooking and dance classes are hosted here and they have a play area for children. The fitness room, **computers, and printer are available for all**. And ask about their professional clothes closet if you need some fresh clothes for an interview. Drop by for a tour over at the Five Corners.

Teaching Kitchen



Fitness Room



Workspaces



Dance Studio



30% of households with kids need summer camp options

what's good?

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Deadlines approaching... Sign up for summer programs today!

ALL SUMMER / ALL DAY		
WV Dreamers Afterschool by Step by Step for grades K-12 M-F 10-5pm or 2-6pm FREE	304.414.4452	stepbystepwv.org
YMCA Summer Day Camp for ages 5-12 M-F 7am-6pm \$155/wk (financial assistance available)	304.340.3527	ymcaofkv.org
Girl Zone Day Camp for grades K-5 M-F 7am-5pm pricing TBA	304.345.7722	bdgsc.org
Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club for grades 1-12 8am-6pm \$35/wk (financial assistance available)	304.342.8831	facebook.com/CACCBGC
Bob Burdette Center Summer Program for grades K-5 8am-5:30pm FREE	304.342.1158	boburdettecenter.org
PAAC TBA	304.768.7688	paac2.org
SHORT TERM CAMPS & PROGRAMS		
Kanawha County All Age 4-H Summer Camp for ages 9-21 6/5-6/9 pricing TBA	304.965.0376	extension.wvu.edu
WV Summer Arts Camp at Capitol HS for grades Pre K-12 07/10-07/21 pricing TBA	304.965.0376	wvsummerartcamp.com

For more updates on summer programming, follow the Westside Together Facebook page!

Economic Development Center

West Virginia State University

1506 Kanawha Blvd W
M-F 8:30am-8:30pm
edc@wvstateu.edu
304.720.1401

For small business owners and creatives, the EDC is an impressive treasure chest. Rates are affordable for startups and growing businesses with memberships as low as \$25 per month. Not only do they have meeting spaces and shared private offices, but they have a medium-sized photography and video studio fit with green screen, light truss, and acoustic treatment. The music and audio recording studio is a staple community asset, and the **editing computers are equipped with Adobe Suite and other creative software**. Anyone is welcome to use the computer, meet with members, or tour the facility.

Capture Studio



Audio Booth



Workspaces



Screenwall



The Maker's Center

Bible Center Church

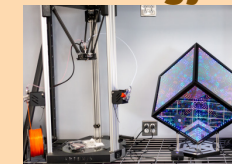
602 Patrick St
M-F 10am-6pm (by appt)
handrews@BibleCenterChurch.com
681.265.3745

Looking to get hands-on or bring something to life? You gotta check out The Maker's Center! All are welcome to work for free by appointment in the woodshop, art studio, or technology lab. Look out for classes, but to get the best use of the space, schedule a tour or ask to be trained on equipment specific to your projects. They'll help empower anyone to become an engineer. They have **computers**, a fleet of sewing machines, embroidery machine, heat press, vinyl cutter, laser cutter, soldering irons, 3D printers (resin and filament), Raspberry Pi computers, Arduinos, hypercube, and more! Did we mention the free driving school for adults?

Woodshop



Technology Lab



Art Studio



Driving School



what's happening?

to stay up to date on neighborhood events,
go to the WESTSIDE TOGETHER Facebook page



West Side Neighborhood Association Meetings

4th Thursdays, 6pm
virtually via Zoom

Engage with West Side neighbors about issues and projects! Email Chairman Chuck Overstreet to join or add a topic to the agenda. covers6053@aol.com

APR 27 | MAY 25 | JUN 22



Step By Step Spring Resource Fair
Fri, Apr 21 | 5-7pm @ 1401 4th Ave
West Side Family Support Center



Race to End Racism by YWCA
Sat, Apr 29 | 9am @ Kanawha Blvd W, Magic Island Park
Cultural Celebration at 11am-2pm



9th Annual Block Party: In Memory of Tymel McKinney
Sat, Apr 29 | 3pm @ 6th St between Glenwood & Park Ave
The GIFT Project

Free Food Pantry

3rd Saturdays | 12pm

APR 15 | MAY 20 | JUN 17

@ A More Excellent Way Life Center
504 Virginia St W



Kung Fu
Sun | 1pm



Tai Chi
Sun | 2pm

@ Universalist Unitarian Congregation (UUC) | 520 Kanawha Blvd W



Charleston Parkrun
Sat | 9am
@ Magic Island Park



Job Placement Open Enroll
Wed | 1-3pm @ 213 Virginia St W
Goodwill Prosperity Center

WEST VIRGINIA
Health Right INC.
CommUNITY
Wellness Center
511 Central Ave

DANCE CLASSES

Tue 4:30pm - Modern Dance (ages 6-10)
Tue 5:00pm - Ballet (ages 3-5)
Tue 5:30pm - Ballet (ages 6-10)
Tue 6:00pm - Tec Style Hip Hop Fitness

COOKING CLASSES

1st Mondays 5:00pm - Sizzle Sprouts (for Kids)
Wed 1pm & 5pm - CHOP it Like it's Hot
Thu 1pm & 5pm - Stealthy Healthy

SHOWERS

West Side Family Support Center
Step By Step

Mon-Fri | 11am-12:15, 2pm-5:15

1401 4th Ave (304.414.4453)
near KRT hub

Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church

Mon-Fri | 1pm-4 *NEW HOURS!

319 W Washington St (304.346.0426)
Elk City

The Maker's Center
Bible Center Church

Mon-Fri | 10am-6pm (by appt)

602 Patrick St (681.265.3745)
near Patrick St Bridge

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& the Westside Together Facebook page



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