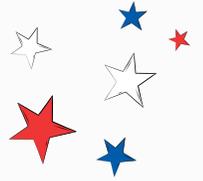


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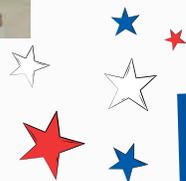
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Supporting our First Responders at Night Out August 5, 2025



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- Work Session — held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Regular Meeting — held the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM.
- Pre-meetings — held prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 PM and post meetings may be held immediately following the conclusion of the regular meeting.
- Meetings are subject to change and will be advertised and posted on the website.

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(Alternate Member)

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Use the QR Code for more information regarding the residential programs below or visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us.



FALL LEAF BAG COLLECTION DATES*

Weeks of October 20, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 2025

(The weeks of October 28 and November 25 will be skipped due to Halloween and Thanksgiving)

All bags must be placed at the curb by 6:00 am Monday morning of each week.

Only leaves in biodegradable paper bags will be collected.

Do not close leaf bags with duct tape!! Please leave enough room at the top of the bag so you can either fold or roll it closed.

FALL BRUSH CHIPPING*

Begins Monday, November 3, 2025

All brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am Monday morning.

This service is provided for brush and tree trimmings only up to 4" in diameter.

No thorn bushes will be accepted.

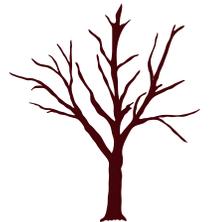


YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITES

For Franklin Park Borough Residents Only

By Permit Only

The Yard Waste and Leaf Bag drop off sites are located at the south end of Blaine's Way in Blueberry Hill Park and are open March 1st to December 1st of each year. An application must be completed annually. The sites are for residential disposal only, commercial use is prohibited. Landscapers using residential permits is prohibited. Disposal of entire trees is prohibited. These areas are under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.



Wood chips and leaf compost are free to Borough residents only and are located in Blueberry Hill Park, near McDevitt Road. Leaf mulch will be available at the park in the Spring.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP ANYTHING IN BOROUGH PARK DUMPSTERS OR IN ANY GARBAGE OR RECYCLING DUMPSTER ON BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY EXCEPT FOR THOSE DESIGNATED FOR CARDBOARD, PAPER AND GLASS

*Residents should utilize the curbside collection process during the scheduled leaf bag collection and brush chipping weeks.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING



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WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Waste Management of Pennsylvania is the current contracted refuse and recycling hauler for Franklin Park Borough. **For customer service, call Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460** or visit www.wm.com to chat live with a representative.

For more information or questions on refuse and recycling visit www.franklinparkborough.us or contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage should be placed at the curb NO EARLIER THAN 4:00 pm on the evening before your scheduled pick up day but must be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 am the day of collection. Cans must be removed from the curb no later than 10:00 pm the day of your collection.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Plastic - numbered 1, 2 and 5, **Bi-metal, steel and aluminum cans, Corrugated cardboard*** (see below)
Paper and cardboard food boxes, Glass - bottles, jars, jugs

Grass is the only yard waste that can be placed in black plastic bags and placed out with your trash.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PA Act 101 requires business establishments, office buildings, churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to recycle the following material:

High-grade office paper, Bi-metal, steel and aluminum cans, Corrugated cardboard

WM 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The holiday schedule is as follows:

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025

Independence Day - Friday, July 4, 2025 (no delay)

Labor Day - Monday, September 1, 2025

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27, 2025

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025

If a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday all services will be delayed by one day the rest of the week.

Have a broken recycling container? If your wheels, handle or lid are broken call WM customer service at 1-800-866-4460 to schedule a repair. Any issues connecting with them contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us

Use the QR Code for more information regarding these recycling options and others or visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

“At Your Door” special collection through Waste Management. Includes items such as e-waste (TVs, computers etc,) paint, vehicle/household batteries, garden chemicals, etc. To schedule a collection call 1-800-449-7587.

Corrugated Cardboard Recycling*

There are two 25 yard containers located in the lower side parking lot of the Municipal Building for corrugated cardboard only. All boxes must be flattened. Please note the posted guidelines. This area is under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

Glass Recycling

A glass recycling container is available to residents and is located in the rear parking lot of the municipal building. Please note the posted guidelines. This area is under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

NEW Paper Recycling

A Paper Retriever recycling container is available to residents and is located in the parking lot across from the Police Department at the Franklin Park Borough Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Paper Retriever is a free paper recycling program that benefits the environment by providing access to recycling accepted items including: Newspaper, magazines/catalogs, office and school papers, junk mail, envelopes (with or without windows), folders, fax and copy paper, colored paper, shredded paper (bagged), books (soft and hardback). Items not accepted are food wrap/containers, tissue products, plastic, glass, or aluminum. This service is being provided as an addition to your curbside recycling container. Please note the following circumstances could cause the bin to be removed: 1) if unacceptable items are being placed in this bin or 2) overfilling the bin causing paper to litter the parking lot, street and neighboring properties especially when being emptied. This area is under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AT NIGHT OUT!



A wonderful time was had by all at our special event honoring the brave first responders of Franklin Park. Attendees had the chance to meet and interact with members of our Police, Fire, and Ambulance services.

The event featured an impressive display of police vehicles, fire trucks, an ambulance, and essential equipment used by our Parks and Public Works Departments. Families and guests enjoyed a classic hot dog dinner, complete with chips, a cookie, and ice cream for dessert.

A highlight of the evening was the Police Department’s heartfelt memorial bench dedication in honor of Franklin Park’s first Chief of Police, Chief Joseph Hotnich. The beautiful bench, generously donated by his family, now stands proudly at the entrance of the Municipal Building—a lasting tribute to a respected leader and public servant.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating and supporting our first responders!



Chief Joseph Hotnich





STREAM WATER QUALITY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Franklin Park Borough continues to prioritize stream water quality and responsible stormwater management. Beginning in late August 2025, we'll launch a stormwater improvement project along Montgomery Road to increase system capacity and reduce flooding in the area. Looking ahead to 2026, construction is expected to begin on two important MS4 stream restoration projects at Fish Run and Bear Run. These efforts will focus on streambank stabilization and sediment retention, helping to improve water quality and support the long-term health of our local waterways. The Borough remains committed to maintaining safe, effective, and sustainable stormwater systems for our community.

Please visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us to read more about these issues, what the Borough is doing, and what you can do as property owners. You can access this information by clicking on the Stream Health (MS4) and Stormwater Management tab located under Services Area on the left side of the homepage. If you have a stream on your property, or you are a homeowner interested in helping to contain stormwater runoff on your property, please email your interest to Donna Platt at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us. We will put you on an email list to receive information and educational opportunities as they become available.”



Current Kitchen Hours
Week Nights—4 pm to 9:30 pm
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Franklin Park Borough will be holding its third Salute to Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. All veterans are welcome, no matter when, where or how long you served. The breakfast is to honor the service of the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our nation's armed forces. If you are a veteran or know a veteran who you think would like to attend, please reach out to Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

SEEKING VETERANS AND SPONSORS FOR OUR SALUTE TO VETERANS BREAKFAST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

BREAKFAST SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Franklin Park Borough is looking for sponsors for the Salute to Veterans breakfast on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 10:00 am at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. The event is to honor, support and celebrate all veterans. There are three levels of sponsorships available for the breakfast. The sponsorships will help offset the cost of the event:

Gold Sponsor - \$1,500
(includes a 1/4 page ad in our Borough newsletter)

Silver Sponsor - \$1,000
(includes a 1/8 page ad in our Borough newsletter)

Bronze Sponsor - \$500

Each sponsorship level will include 2 tickets to the breakfast, banner signage indicating event sponsorship, and recognition in Borough publications.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor at any level please contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us. Thank you for your consideration.

HOME RULE CHARTER - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Franklin Park is considering whether to become a Home Rule Charter community. This decision is up to the voters, and the process and timeline are set by state law. On election day this November, Franklin Park voters will have the opportunity to decide whether we should move forward with exploring becoming a Home Rule Charter community, and to elect members to serve on the commission.

The wording on the ballot is set by state law and will appear as follows:

“Shall a government study commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of government of the municipality, to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter; and if advisable, to draft and to recommend a home rule charter?”

Pennsylvania code also requires a “plain English” explanation of ballot questions, which will appear as follows:

“If this question is approved by a majority of those voting AND seven (7) Government Study Commissioners are elected, a Government Study Commission will be formed, whose functions and duties shall be to:

- 1. Study the form of government of Franklin Park Borough*
- 2. Compare it with other available forms under the laws of Pennsylvania.*
- 3. Determine whether or not, in its judgement, the government of the municipality could be strengthened or made more clearly responsible or accountable to the people.*
- 4. Determine whether its operation could become more economical or efficient under a changed form of government.*
- 5. Hold one or more public hearings to generally provide for the widest possible public information and discussion respecting the purposes and progress of its work.*
- 6. Report its findings and recommendations to the citizens of Franklin Park Borough.”*

What is a Home Rule Charter?

In 1972, Pennsylvania fully enacted the Home Rule Law for all municipalities, although Philadelphia was authorized to become Home Rule in 1949. This meant that the basic authority over municipal affairs transferred from state law to a local charter that is written and adopted by voters in a given municipality. Municipalities that have not adopted a Home Rule Charter are governed entirely by the rules for municipalities set out in state law. Those that have adopted Home Rule Charter basically write their own constitution. Of course, even Home Rule Charter communities must still act within Pennsylvania and federal laws. Put simply, non-Home Rule Charter communities can only act where specifically authorized by Pennsylvania law. Home Rule Charter communities can act anywhere except where specifically limited by Pennsylvania law.

Why are we considering becoming a Home Rule Charter community?

Franklin Park’s costs have outpaced its revenue for several years. Council has delayed some projects and purchases, and reduced paving and other programs to save money in the short term. Franklin Park has used money from reserves in five of the past seven years to stay out of a deficit and has not replenished those funds. Based on current projections, we anticipate our level of reserves to fall to approximately \$1.7 million by the end of 2025, or 11% of 2025 annual expenditures. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends a fund balance of at least 16.7%, or 2 months of expenditures. This is the standard used by funders and government agencies to determine the ability of a municipality to take on any additional debt or match grant funds, which can significantly impact the ability for the Borough to apply for grants and funding, thus increasing the costs to the community residents.

HOME RULE CHARTER - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Being a Home Rule Charter community can offer more financial flexibility than is available as a Borough. Franklin Park collects four taxes from residents: earned income tax (EIT), real estate property tax, real estate transfer tax, and a local service tax. Of these four, as a Borough, Franklin Park can only increase the real estate property tax. As a Borough, Franklin Park is at the maximum allowed for the EIT and the real estate transfer tax. Franklin Park cannot increase the local service tax beyond the current \$52 annually per tax payer as a Borough or as a Home Rule Charter community.

However, even if Franklin Park does adopt a home rule charter, it cannot create new taxes. Home rule municipalities are limited to the subjects of taxation they possessed prior to the adoption of a home rule charter, meaning the four taxes that Franklin Park collects as a Borough (listed in the table below) would be the only taxes Franklin Park could collect as a home rule charter community.

	Current rate*	Can raise as a Borough?	Can raise as a Home Rule charter community?
Earned Income Tax	0.50%	No, we are at the max	Yes
Real Estate Property Tax	1.59 mills	Yes	Yes
Real Estate Transfer Tax	0.50%	No, we are at the max	Yes
Local Service Tax	\$52 per taxpayer	No, we are at the max	No, we are at the max

*Rate paid to FP. Other entities have their own portion of the total tax you pay.

As you are aware, Franklin Park recently increased the real estate property tax millage rate to help cover some of our deficit for this year. One alternative to Home Rule Charter, in addition to budget cuts, could be to further increase property taxes. For example, an increase to 2.14 mills (from current 1.59 mills) would mean an increase of \$143 annually on a home assessed at \$260,000. This would provide approximately \$1,000,000 in increased revenue annually for Franklin Park. This would put Franklin Park as the 7th lowest property tax millage rate in Allegheny County. Currently we are 5th lowest.

What is the process for becoming a Home Rule Charter community?

The question of whether to become a Home Rule Charter is up to Franklin Park voters.

In November 2025, Franklin Park voters will see two questions on the ballot regarding Home Rule Charter. First, voters will decide whether to form a government study commission to study whether Franklin Park should become a Home Rule Charter community, and then on that same ballot voters will elect the members to serve on the commission. The government study commission will have nine months to study our existing form of government, explore alternatives, and decide whether to recommend becoming a Home Rule Charter Community. If the commission does recommend a change to Home Rule Charter, the commission has another 9 months to draft a charter, basically a constitution for Franklin Park. The commission has 18 months total to complete these two tasks. Finally, the charter would go on the ballot of the next election for consideration by Franklin Park voters. We would only adopt the charter with a majority of the vote. The final decision on whether to adopt the charter and become a Home Rule Charter community is solely in the hands of Franklin Park voters.

HOME RULE CHARTER - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Will this process cost taxpayer dollars?

Yes. However, we are working to keep the costs of this procedure as low as possible. There may be some costs associated with the commission's work, including a professional stenographer to keep a record of meetings, printing materials, office supplies, and the cost of publicly advertising meetings and notices. There may also be some associated legal fees to help guide the commission and the Borough through the process. The Borough will provide meeting space for the commission, which will include minimal costs to the Borough.

What are the pros and cons of becoming a Home Rule Charter community?

Many of the communities around us have been Home Rule Charter communities for years, including Allegheny County. Others include McCandless, Pine, Hampton, Bradford Woods, O'Hara, Upper St. Clair, Mt. Lebanon, Richland, West Deer, Indiana, Bethel Park, Monroeville, Green Tree, Whitehall, Penn Hills, Munhall, Clairton, and Bellevue.

The Borough has spoken to several other communities that have become Home Rule Charter communities to hear their perspectives and experiences. The pros are more flexibility in governance and the ability to plan and structure our government in a way that best serves our residents now and into the future. The cons include the unknown – this is a new process for our Borough and the work and recommendations of the government study commission are the biggest unknowns. This process is long and will cost some taxpayer dollars.

Will the form and function of the Borough government change?

We want to have as much continuity in Franklin Park's government as possible. It is possible to adopt a home rule charter and maintain the same form and functions Franklin Park has now. As we go through this process, it is important for residents to participate and offer feedback and input at each stage.

How can I find out more?

Borough Council members have hosted open houses to share information, hear resident feedback, and answer residents' questions about Home Rule Charter. Based on resident requests, Council plans to hold more open houses. If, in November, residents vote to form a government study commission, you are encouraged to attend those commission meetings.

★ Welcome Our New Borough Manager! ★



We're excited to announce and extend a warm welcome to Zachary Filous, the new Borough Manager of Franklin Park!

Zach brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to public service, having previously served as the Borough Manager of Freeport Borough in Armstrong County. He officially began his new role with Franklin Park on Monday, July 7, and we're thrilled to have him on board.



To learn more about Mr. Filous and his professional background, scan the QR Code to read the full article on TribLIVE.

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JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON

We would like to recognize Mila Deli for serving as Junior Council Person during the 2024-2025 school year. At the September 17, 2025 Council meeting, Ishani Aluguvelli will take the Junior Council Person Pledge to serve for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion, email your Junior Council Person at juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us.

Maher Duessel performs audit, tax, and consulting services for local governments and non-profits throughout Western Pennsylvania.

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We are proud to support the 2025 Franklin Park Community Scholarship Golf Outing.

RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you or a member of your family will need assistance in case of an evacuation order, please call 412-364-4115 to provide your name, address, and type of disability. The Borough will incorporate your information into the Emergency Operations Plan, so that help can be rendered in case of an evacuation order.

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Snow Angels is a volunteer program designed to assist elderly and disabled residents with snow removal from sidewalks and driveways after a winter storm.

The Borough is looking for volunteers willing to be a Snow Angel. Snow Angels will then be paired with a nearby resident in need.

If you are an elderly or disabled resident in need of a Snow Angel or would like to volunteer to be a Snow Angel contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

This is the third year of this program. If you were on the list last year as a volunteer or requiring assistance, please confirm with Donna Platt if you would like to continue volunteering or receiving assistance this year.

If you know of a neighbor that could use the help please volunteer to be their "Angel".

PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY RENTALS FOR 2027 BLUEBERRY HILL PARK, OLD ORCHARD PARK, and LINBOOK PARK

According to Borough Policy, the Borough will begin accepting applications for rental of the Activity Center, Maple Grove Pavilion, Gazebo, Old Orchard Pavilion, and Linbrook Shelters for all 2027 dates. **Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM.** Non-residents may submit the rental permit application packet beginning Monday, March 16, 2026.

In order to secure a date, the Borough must receive a completed rental permit application packet and appropriate checks made out to “Franklin Park Borough”. We cannot reserve your requested date until we receive these items. Rental permit packets and policies can be downloaded from our website at www.franklinparkborough.us. Under the “Recreation” tab go to “Facility/Court Rentals” or use the QR Code below and click on the appropriate venue. Please read all information thoroughly then call Zach Brower at 412-364-4115, Ext. 347 with any questions. Must be 21 years of age or older to rent any Franklin Park Borough facility.



PETS IN OUR COMMUNITY PARKS

Residents and visitors of Franklin Park Borough are privileged to have access to beautiful parks and recreation areas within the Borough. However, some dog owners are not living up to their responsibilities and, in fact, are violating State law and Borough ordinances at the same time. Visitors of the parks are letting their dogs run loose in the park and/or not picking up after their pets, even though the Borough provides pet waste stations. This activity can be an annoyance to other park visitors and can be a health hazard to the young children who use the parks.

Park rules allow for pets, but they must be on a physical leash (not electronic) and pet waste must be picked up. We appreciate your cooperation.



RECREATION PROGRAMS

Who: Ages 8 and under
 Where: Linbrook Park
 When: Friday
 Where: Blueberry Hill Park
 When: Monday, Thursday, or Saturday



Fall classes start in August
 Fall 2.0 starts in October
 Winter starts in January
 More information and sign up at soccershots.com/pittsburgh

Flag Football League



Who: Ages 5 - 11
 Where: Blueberry Hill Park
 When: Sundays
 Oct. 19 - Nov. 23

Champion Force Cheerleading

Who: Ages 4-15 years old
 Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
 When: Wednesdays starting September 10



Registration and information at www.championforce.com
 FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies

Winterfest

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
 Ages: 6 - 12 years old
 When: Monday, January 19, 2025: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
 Join Coach Dave Gray as we host the fun side of winter in our annual Winterfest! From sled riding to Flag Football in the snow. There is something for every kid to enjoy! Be sure to bring your own sled. Snacks and hot dogs will be provided including hot chocolate!

Outdoor Activities (weather permitting!!)

- Sled Riding
- Snowman Building Competition
- Winter Olympics
- Flag Football
- Dek Hockey
- Snowball Launches



Indoor Activities

- Soft Dodgeball
- Minute 2 Win It Competitions
- Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided for lunch.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED, space is limited
 Register at www.franklinparkborough.us

Spring Fling Camps

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
 Ages: 6-12 years old
 Dates: March 30 - April 2 2025: 9:00 - 12:00
 April 6 - April 9 2025: 9:00 - 12:00

Description: Summer camp came early... Join Coach Cody and the Play Now coaches for four days of Ultimate Sports over spring break! This mini camp is going to be the summer camp experience a few months early. We will be playing the games your kids love for 3 full hours of screen free activity each day! Groups will be broken down by age (6-7/8-9/10-12) for a fast paced day of fun. More details can be found on playnowpgh.com

Pre-registration is REQUIRED, space is limited
 Register at www.franklinparkborough.us



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COMMUNITY EVENTS



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HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park—Parks and Rec) page for more details. **Limited capacity. Scan the QR Code above to register online.**



EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

Halloween door-to-door Trick or Treat will be held on

Friday, October 31, 2025
from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA CLAUS

Come to our meet and greet with Santa scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park - Parks and Rec) page for more details.

All families must be pre-registered. Scan the QR Code above to register online.

For more information call 412-364-4115, Ext. 347.

WHO: Entire Family

WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

WHEN: Saturday, December 13, 2025

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DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The business community has been instrumental in supporting the Community Scholarship Fund—through generous sponsorships, advertisements, and contributions to events like our annual golf outing. We are incredibly grateful for their continued commitment to investing in the future of our students.

Now, we turn to the residents of Franklin Park. We invite you to show your support for this meaningful cause by contributing to the Community Scholarship Honor Roll.

If your son or daughter has received a scholarship—or if you hope your child may benefit from one in the future—your donation can help make that possible. Every contribution, no matter the amount, directly supports local students in achieving their educational goals.

Please consider making a monetary donation today. Together, we can continue building a brighter future for the youth of Franklin Park.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND HONOR ROLL

If you are interested in donating to the Community Scholarship Fund through the Honor Roll, please complete the form below and return it to Franklin Park Borough at 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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Thanksgiving on Every Table

For the ninth year, the Borough will team up with North Hills Community Outreach to serve as a drop-off location for Thanksgiving on Every Table.

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October 13th - November 5th, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please consider donating any of these items to help a family that may be in need this year!

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Large box of stuffing mix

Large box of instant mashed potatoes

Can of cranberry sauce

Cans of vegetables

Can of yams

Box of muffin mix

Turkey gravy mix

Can of "easy" pumpkin pie mix

Can of evaporated milk

Pie crust mix

Any desert mix

Canvas shopping bags

FALL AT NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

September is Love Your Library month at Northland Public Library. Stop by to see what's going on! Check our website for a listing of programs and events for all ages! *AND watch for the "New Northland" opening soon!*

DIVE IN!

Join us for the **Children's Gala 2025: Under the Sea** at Northland Public Library on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Children's Gala is a special evening at the Library full of fun and wonder for families with young children. Activities include strolling book characters, games, live entertainment, raffles, face painting, a balloon artist, food, photo-op areas, and much more! Tickets, available through bit.ly/ChildrensGala2025, are \$25 each.



BAG SOME BOOKS & MORE AT BARGAIN PRICES!

We'll have books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games at bargain prices! Shop without the crowds by registering for our special Preview Sale on Thursday, September 25!

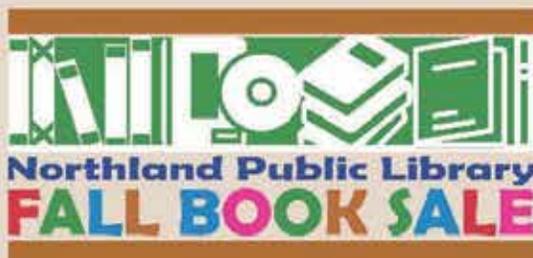
Registration for the Preview Sale begins September 1. Tickets are \$10. After September 23 to night of presale, tickets are \$15. Space is limited. Go to bit.ly/FallBookSale2025 to register.

PRESALE EVENT

- Thursday, September 25 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Registration & fee required.

REGULAR SALE DATES

- Friday, September 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, September 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. (\$5 bag sale, Northland supplies the bag.)



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Check out the list of attending authors and full schedule at

northlandlibrary.org/writers-fair/



MORE SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

COIN FAIR

Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring a few of your coins for appraisal by the North Hills Coin Club and see their fascinating collection on display.

BETTIS FIELD AND THE ABCS OF PITTSBURGH AVIATION

Monday, September 29 at 6 p.m.

Local historian Sue Morris and Heinz History Center's Director of Publications Brian Butko share stories from their new book, *Bettis: Where Pittsburgh Aviation Took Off*. Books available for purchase and signing.

PAWPAW: THE FORGOTTEN FRUIT

Tuesday, September 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

McCandless Town Council member and pawpaw enthusiast Don Hart shares his adventures raising a grove of pawpaw trees. You may even get to have a taste!



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Work Session Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Regular Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month

Both meetings can be attended in-person and virtually. Agendas are available on our website and include the link to attend virtually. The agendas and virtual meeting link are also available on our website calendar.

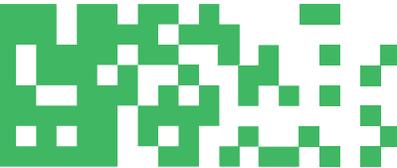
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For more information visit the Franklin Park Borough website at www.franklinparkborough.us or click on the QR Code.

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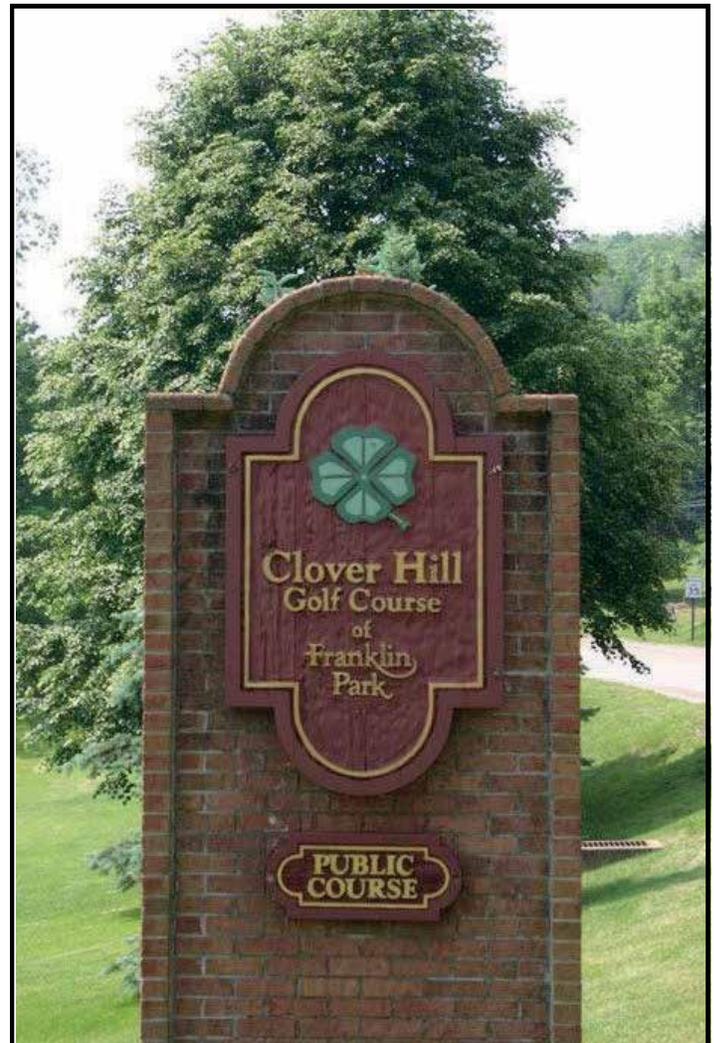
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On Monday, July 28, 2025, Franklin Park held its 22nd Annual Community Scholarship Golf Outing. Thank you to all our sponsors and participant teams for making this year's fund drive a huge success! This year the golf outing was held at **Cranberry Highlands Golf Course** in Cranberry Township. We would like to thank them for their contributions and outstanding hospitality. The golfers enjoyed a beautiful but hot day of golf, fun and healthy competition.

The first place team's names will be added to the Ben Franklin Cup. The winning teams this year were:

First Place — Ron Skillen and Friends; Ron Skillen, John Stancati, Chuck Ebel, Mike Wehner

Second Place — E.H. Griffith; Paul LaMarca, Zane Wallace, Adam Schultz, Nik Obenrader

Third Place — Primrose School of Wexford; Rob Meeder, Ryan George, Ryan Duchi, Steve Duchi

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Advertisements in this newsletter help raise money for the Community Scholarship fund. If you are interested in receiving information for the 2026 Community Scholarship Golf Outing or placing an advertisement in the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 newsletters, please contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



E-Bike Facts

Office: 412-364-1227

Non-Emergency: 412-473-3056

⚡ Pedals Meet Power: What You Need to Know About E-Bikes

As technology keeps racing ahead, it was only a matter of time before bicycles got a boost—literally. Electric bikes (e-bikes) have become a popular mode of transportation for both teens and adults. While they bring the fun of cycling with a little extra zip, we've also seen a rise in complaints and safety concerns.

To help everyone stay safe and informed, here's a quick rundown of Pennsylvania's laws regarding e-bikes:

🚲 What is an E-Bike?

In Pennsylvania, an e-bike is legally defined as a pedalcycle with electric assist. To qualify, it must:

- Have operable pedals
- Weigh under 100 pounds
- Have a motor no more than 750 watts
- Not exceed 20 mph when powered solely by the motor

👤 Age Requirement

You must be at least 16 years old to operate an e-bike.

📄 No License or Registration Needed

E-bikes do not require a driver's license, registration, or insurance.

🚦 Where Can You Ride?

E-bikes are allowed on most roads, bike lanes, and multi-use trails—just like regular bikes. However, local ordinances may vary, so always check if there are restrictions in your area.

📖 Helmets Recommended

Helmets aren't required by law for e-bike riders, but they are strongly encouraged, especially for younger or inexperienced riders.

For more detailed information on other types of similar “E-Bikes”, you can refer to PennDOT's Micromobility Fact Sheet, see page 23 for the fact sheet or follow the link provided below:

👉 PennDOT Micromobility Fact Sheet at <https://www.pa.gov/search.html?q=micromobility%20fact%20sheet>

With a little knowledge and courtesy, e-bikes can be a safe and enjoyable way to get around. Whether you're riding for fun, fitness, or just to beat the heat, please be respectful of others, follow the rules of the road, and keep safety in mind.

Let's enjoy the ride—safely and responsibly!



E-BIKE FACT SHEET

 PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET												
DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
 ELECTRIC SCOOTER Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102
 MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
 MOTOR SCOOTER Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
 SEGWAY Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
 E-BIKE Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
 BIICYCLE Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547

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Heads Up, Phones Down: School's Back in Town Starting August 21st

As the new school year began on **August 21, 2025**, the Franklin Park Police Department reminds all motorists to be extra cautious on our roads. With students returning to class, it's critical that we all stay alert and drive responsibly to ensure their safety.

Watch for Children at Bus Stops

Many children will be walking to and waiting at bus stops, often during early morning hours. Be vigilant—slowdown in neighborhoods and near bus routes and be prepared to stop unexpectedly.

Stop for School Buses

By law, drivers must stop when a school bus is stopped with red flashing lights activated. Whether you're behind the bus or approaching from any direction, stop until the lights stop flashing and the stop arm is retracted. Passing a stopped school bus is not only illegal, it's dangerous.

Obey School Zone Speed Limits

Please remember school zones have a speed limit of 15 mph during designated hours. Even a few miles over the limit can make a critical difference in reaction time and stopping distance.

Expect Increased Enforcement

To help protect our students, Franklin Park Officers will be conducting focused traffic enforcement in school zones and monitoring bus stops for violations. Drivers observed speeding or failing to stop for school buses may receive a citation. Your cooperation keeps children safe—and keeps you out of trouble.

Reduced Morning Visibility

As we move toward fall, the sun will begin to rise later, making early morning visibility more difficult. Be especially careful when driving during these times and use your headlights when needed to help see and be seen.

Let's work together to make this school year a safe one for all students. Your attention and care behind the wheel can help prevent tragedies and protect the lives of our community's children.

— Franklin Park Police Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT

What's more exciting than fire trucks and Santa Claus!!!

The annual visit of Santa Claus sponsored by the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Co. will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2025, from 1:00PM—5:00PM. Santa will be riding on the fire truck and will travel over all streets and roads. Parents should listen for the fire truck siren and escort younger children to the truck to receive a candy present from Santa.

WATCH FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MAILING

The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company relies on donations from the community to cover a large portion of our operating and equipment costs. Our main fundraising program is our annual Fund Drive mailing. A fund drive request and donation form are mailed to every resident and business within Franklin Park and provides an easy way for residents to make a donation supporting fire and emergency protection in their community. Donations should be sent to the fire department not the Franklin Park Borough offices. We are an IRS registered 501(c)4 non profit, so all donations made to the Fire Company are tax deductible for most people.



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EAC NEWS



REMARKABLE TREES OF FRANKLIN PARK

Pennsylvania was named for our trees; Pennsylvania means Penn’s Woods. The EAC has started a Remarkable Tree Program to have a registry of notable trees within Franklin Park Borough in order to identify the grandest trees and help preserve these icons. The long-term goals of the program are to promote the importance of the tree canopy to our environment; promote stewardship to ensure sustainability of the canopy; foster community appreciation; celebrate the many social, economic, environmental, and human health benefits; as well as educate residents about appropriate preservation, conservation, maintenance, and planting practices. We also aim to educate residents about key roles trees play in sustaining our environment. Inducted trees will serve as examples of arboricultural ideals, and/or demonstrate the long-term results of proper tree selection and placement. Nominated trees must be within Franklin Park. If you know of a Remarkable Tree, please bring it to our attention using our nomination form. Multiple nominations are welcome.

Nominations are now being accepted for 2025. Nomination forms can be downloaded or picked up at the Franklin Park Borough Office during normal business hours or completed and submitted online. Nominations not submitted online can be dropped off at the Borough Office or emailed to dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

Online Nomination Form: Scan QR Code to link on News from the EAC webpage.



The EAC is pleased to report that Franklin Park has been approved as a Bird Town PA. What is a Bird Town PA, you may ask; it is a lot more than would be obvious from the name. Official Mission: Bird Town PA works in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people.

Goals include activities to:

- Renovate parks and public spaces
- Restore natural habitats
- Install native plants in landscapes
- Identify and remove invasive plants
- Manage stormwater
- Clean up streams and streets
- Reduce bird strikes
- Encourage natural alternatives to commercial pesticides and herbicides
- Generally, any projects to improve the natural environment

Watch the EAC website (www.franklinparkborough.us/1434/News-from-the-EAC) for the Bird Town PA webpage (COMING SOON). Stay tuned for more information on future activities. If you want to participate in some fun activities, advise Donna Platt of your interests and she will add you to our EAC volunteers list. Call 412-364-4115 x302 or email to dplatt@franklinparkborough.us with Bird Town PA in the subject line. For more information see <http://birdtownpa.org>



Black Willow *Salix nigra*
81 Years (est.)/CBH 129"
Arndt Road

Very old for its species, with a beautiful structure.



Bur Oak *Quercus macrocarpa*
227 Years (est.)/CBH 140"
Forest Ridge Drive

The large oak's acorns provide a food source and its branches offer a nesting space for wildlife.



White Oak *Quercus alba*
175 Years (est.)/CBH 110"
King William Drive

This oak exhibits exceptional structure, health and beauty, while providing shade, food, and nesting sites.

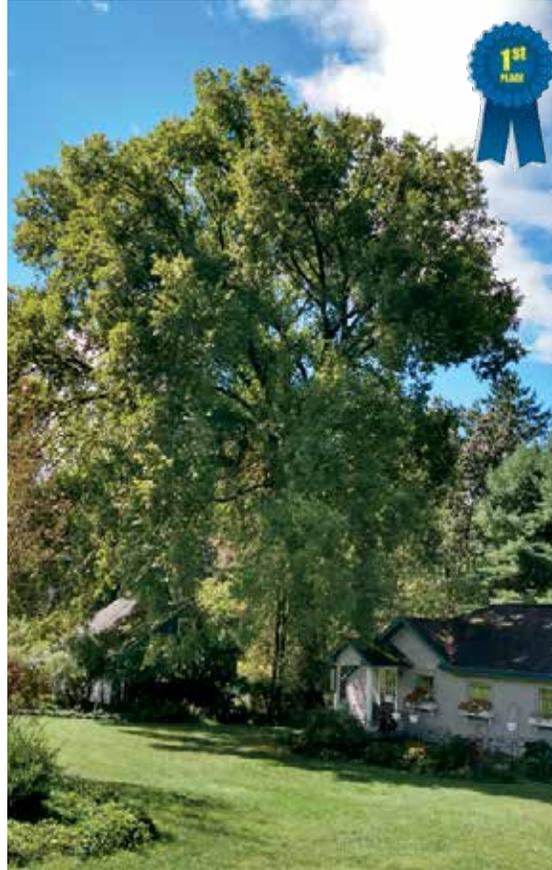


Bradford Pear *Pyrus calleryana*
48 Years/CBH 50"
Alydar Drive

A major portion of this tree was sheared off in a windstorm years ago and has recovered remarkably.

2024 REMARKABLE TREE WINNER

AMERICAN ELM WILVAN LANE



American Elm/*Ulmus Americana*
188 Years (est.)/CBH 147"
Wilvan Lane

At 147 inches in circumference at breast height (CBH), it is one of the larger American Elm trees remaining from the destructive Dutch Elm Disease. The tree exhibits arboricultural perfection with exceptional structure, health, and beauty. The seeds provide food, the branches provide a roost for many turkeys and support for numerous nesting sites, while the canopy provides cooling shade for homeowners.



**Dawn Redwood
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides***
163 Years (est.)/CBH 235"
Crestview Drive

The World Conservation Union classifies this native, deciduous tree as "critically endangered."



Bigleaf Magnolia *Magnolia macrophylla*
89 Years/CBH 56"
Crestview Drive

With blooms the size of dinner plate, this tree is a welcoming host to hummingbirds & butterflies.



White Oak *Quercus alba*
296 Years (est.)/CBH 186"
Kuhlview Drive

Squirrels, mated hawks, & songbirds enjoy the acorns and various layers of one of the oldest trees.



Red Oak *Quercus rubra*
127 Years (est.)/CBH 100"
Locust Road

Exhibits exceptional shade, health, and beauty. Provides food and nesting sites.

Nominations are now being accepted for 2025! If you know of a Remarkable Tree, please bring it to our attention by nominating it by December 1, 2025. Nomination forms are available at the Borough Office or online: www.franklinparkborough.us/1434/News-from-the-EAC

Winner for 2025 will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Soergel Orchards.

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Dates to Remember

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- If you do not receive a tax bill, you are responsible for obtaining one by calling or stopping into the tax office. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve any taxpayer from liability of paying taxes.
- The Real Estate Tax Collector cannot accept post-dated checks.
- If you have refinanced your mortgage and have an escrow account with a different bank or mortgage lender, please notify the Tax Office so your tax statement can be redirected.

Scan the QR Code for more information regarding real estate taxes or visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us.



WINTER REMINDERS

WINTER STORMS... LET'S WORK TOGETHER

The Borough's snow removal priorities are major or arterial roadways, followed by school bus routes, neighborhood roads and finally cul-de-sacs.

REMINDERS:

- Ordinance No. 202-2013 prohibits parking of vehicles on Borough roads during periods of snowfall, ice accumulation and inclement weather. Vehicles will be ticketed and fined.
- Do not shovel or plow snow into the street. Pile snow in your yard area.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS:

Ordinance No. 660-2021 states snow must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within a reasonable time but not later than 24 hours after a cessation of snowfall. Fire hydrants should also be kept clear of snow.

MAILBOXES VS. SNOWPLOWS

The policy of the Borough is to replace a mailbox if it is physically struck by a Borough snowplow. If snow thrown from a plow knocks over a mailbox, the replacement of the box and/ or post is at the homeowner's expense.



PENNDOT WEXFORD INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Wexford Interchange Construction Set to Begin August 18

Franklin Park Borough residents should prepare for upcoming changes to the local roadway network as PennDOT is set to begin construction on the I-79 at Route 910 Wexford Interchange Improvement Project on August 18, 2025.

This major infrastructure project—located at Exit 73 near the I-79/I-279 split—aims to improve safety and alleviate longstanding congestion issues at one of the region’s most heavily traveled interchanges. The project area includes portions of both Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township.

Between 2017 and 2019, 290 crashes were reported within the project area. The majority of these were rear-end and angle crashes, largely attributed to heavy congestion.

To address these challenges, PennDOT will implement a Full Offset Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) design. Key improvements include:

- Construction of new flyover ramps to streamline northbound I-79 traffic;
- Elimination of the current northbound on/off-ramps and associated traffic signals along Route 910;
- Reconfiguration of the west side of the interchange to reduce delays and queuing;
- Improved access and safety at intersections such as Brandt School Road and VIP Drive.



The project is estimated to cost between \$46.4 and \$48.3 million and is expected to yield over \$8 million in annual safety and delay-reduction benefits. Construction will continue through 2026 and into 2027, with the new interchange anticipated to open to traffic by the end of 2027.

PennDOT has engaged the public throughout the project’s development, including a public meeting held in February 2023 and a design survey conducted in early 2025, which received over 1,200 responses.

Residents are encouraged to follow updates on the Borough website and PennDOT’s project page, [Wexford Interchange Project | Department of Transportation | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/projects-near-you/district-11-projects/wexford-interchange-project) (<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/projects-near-you/district-11-projects/wexford-interchange-project>).

PLEASE USE CAUTION IN ALL WORK ZONES - “RESPECT THE ZONE - SO WE ALL GET HOME”



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BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS

If you are interested in serving on any one of the following boards, complete the application form available on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under Borough Government then click on Boards and Commissions. The application should be submitted with a letter of interest and/or resume to Cathy Krummert at ckrummert@franklinparkborough.us outlining your background and experience. When an opening occurs, Council will review the resumes submitted for that position then conduct interviews before making a final selection. Deadline for applications is November 15, 2025.

Building Board of Appeals
Civil Service Commission
Environmental Advisory Council
McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority Board
Northland Library Board
Planning Commission
Recreation Board
Scholarship Selection Committee
Technology Advisory Committee
Vacancy Board
Zoning Hearing Board

There are currently vacancies on the following boards:

Building Board of Appeals - 2 vacancies
Civil Service Commission (Alternate Member) —1 vacancy
Northland Library Board - 1 vacancy
Recreation Board - 1 vacancy



To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board, or to apply for a position, use the QR Code to view the Boards and Commissions website page.

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MONTHLY DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

To keep residents better informed and up to date, the Borough has developed a monthly digital newsletter. To receive this new newsletter, you will need to sign up for Notify Me and select the digital newsletter option. If you are already signed up for Notify Me, you will need to sign in and add the Digital Newsletter as one of your selections.

