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NEW BOROUGH WEBSITE

On June 20, 2018 the Borough's new website went live. The effort was the culmination of many months of work by many members of our staff. Civic Plus a company which specializes in municipal websites, designed and created the site. Andy Nock led the effort on behalf of the Borough. Andy's technical talents were instrumental in completing the project on time and within budget.

The new website has many improved features: a powerful search engine, smart phone and tablet browser compatibility, ability to sign up to receive email/text notifications, improved layout and menu structure, cross-links provide multiple ways to find the same information, ability to create your own custom user interface, and to assist Franklin Park's culturally diverse population we embedded Google Translate on every page. In addition, a companion mobile app providing even more communication tools will be released soon.

We encourage every resident to visit the site to become familiar with its many features. Residents should pay particular attention to the "Notify Me" feature. Residents can select any of the 20 categories of notices they may wish to receive, either by text or email.



HOME

BOROUGH WIDE ONLINE SERVICES
WWW.FRANKLINPARKBOROUGH.US

SCHOOL SAFETY

Our officers regularly patrol Franklin Elementary and Ingomar Middle Schools. We started this patrol in the 1990's to improve school security and to forge a relationship with students and faculty. Our department has also trained the faculty in critical event situations. Our department along with the McCandless and Northern Regional Police Departments have worked very hard to improve school safety.

As your Police Chief, I would now like to make a request to all residents who are gun owners.

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SECURITY CAMERA NETWORK

In 2017 the Borough completed the first phase of the security camera network by installing cameras at the I-79 & SR 910 corridor. The second phase scheduled for 2018 called for camera installation at most municipal owned properties.

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*You are cordially invited -
To see your tax dollars at work!*

*Borough Council Meetings
When: Third Wednesday of
every month
Time: 8:00 PM*

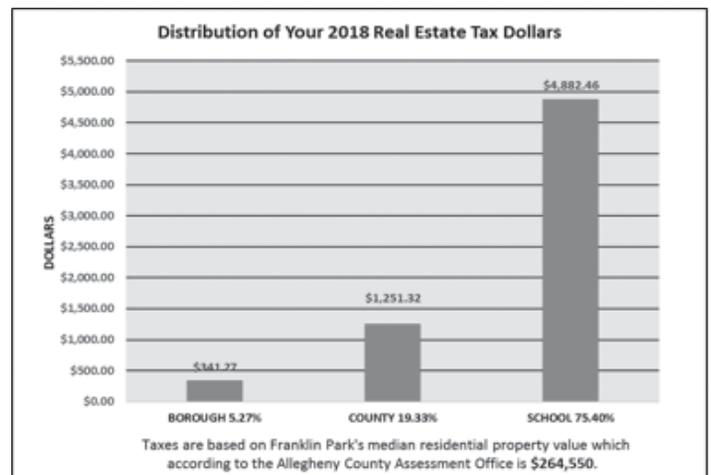
BOROUGH MEETINGS

In a continuing effort to keep Franklin Park residents informed of borough meeting dates and other calendar events, we now send an email as a courtesy reminder. If you are interested in receiving this electronic reminder, please sign up for the “Notify Me” feature on the borough website.

REMINDERS: FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

- 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 company, please notify the Tax Office so your tax statements can be redirected.
- If you do not have an escrow account, as the homeowner you are responsible for paying the real estate taxes.
- If you do not receive a tax bill, you are responsible for calling or stopping into the Tax Office and obtaining one. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve any taxpayer from liability from prompt payment of taxes.

- The Real Estate Tax Collector does not determine the “Full Market Value” of your property. Contact Allegheny County Assessment Department at 412-350-4600 with any questions.



SCHOOL SAFETY *(Continued)*

Truly there is no one answer to school safety. It is going to take a cooperative effort between; law enforcement, school personnel, students and responsible gun owners . There is not one solution to school violence, this is only one of many. As law abiding citizens one step we can take as gun owners is to secure all fire arms and ammunition, so children do not have access. This is a simple start to a large problem. Gun safes are available at a reasonable cost. Products are also available that give you quick and safe access to your firearm.

Leaving easy access to fire arms is an unsafe practice, now more than ever in light of recent school shootings. The days of keeping firearms unsecured on top of a piece of furniture or in a dresser drawer or night stand should be over. Our department has handled home thefts in which firearms were unsecured and later used in a drive-by shooting and another in a bank robbery. I ask everyone who is a gun owner to secure your firearms. To those who already have, I thank you. Together we can help enhance school safety by being responsible gun owners.

By Don Dorsch, Police Chief

2018 PARK & RECREATION UPGRADES

BLUEBERRY HILL PARK

New Play Structure in Blueberry Patch
Football Press Box
Future Layout Design
Activity Center Sound Panels
Landscaping Upgrades

OLD ORCHARD PARK

Outdoor Exercise Equipment
Pickle Ball Court

LINBROOK PARK

Picnic Shelter

CLOVER HILL GOLF COURSE

Picnic Shelter

SECURITY CAMERA NETWORK *(Continued)*

This year cameras were installed at Blueberry Hill Park, Linbrook Park, Old Orchard Park, Municipal Building, Clover Hill Golf Course, on Nicholson Road at the YMCA entrance and Arndt and Mt. Nebo Road Intersection. The last location being a joint project with Ohio Township.

The purpose of this year's project is to increase protection and to help safeguard children or anyone else visiting our parks and facilities. Cameras at each location utilize license plate readers to report local vehicles/individuals with outstanding warrants or individuals who have been ordered to stay away from schools, playgrounds or any area where children gather. The cameras are able to capture key vehicle features including license plate number.

Franklin Park Borough is the first community in Allegheny County to install a security camera network throughout municipal owned sites. Based on the results achieved by the camera network installed last year, we expect the additional cameras to both deter and to help solve crimes when they do occur.

The camera network was installed by Security Solutions, Beaver, PA, the low bidder. The Borough Public Works and Parks Departments assisted with trenching and provided other support functions required by the bid specifications.

LINBROOK PARK GAS LEASE SURVEY RESULTS

The Borough mailed 5,298 surveys forms to borough residents and received 1,674 responses. The survey response rate is 31.6%. Even though a self-addressed envelope was included in the mailer, 68.4% of borough residents did not respond. The survey responses are as follows:

	No.	(%)
Strongly oppose the lease	754	(45.7%)
Oppose the lease	136	(8.2%)
Neutral	135	(8.2%)
Support the lease	280	(17.0%)
Strongly Support the lease	345	(20.9%)
Totals:	1,650	(100%)

The overwhelming reason residents stated for being against the lease was a concern for the environment. Residents who are on well water were concerned the subsurface drilling would affect the quantity and/or quality of their water. The overwhelming reason given by those in favor of the lease, the drilling will take place regardless of what decision the borough makes, so why not take advantage of the opportunity to bring in revenue.

Also, residents were asked to evaluate other borough services. Here are those results:

	No.	(%)
Need to improve Police	98	(5.8%)
Need to improve Administration	108	(6.5%)
Need to improve Parks and Rec.	177	(10.6%)
Need to improve Public Works/Roads	687	(41.0%)
Overall rating for all borough services	4.1	(Good)

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Many of the responses to improve Administration centered on high taxes, transparency, code enforcement not being fair, management not knowing what they are doing and similar comments.

The input regarding Parks and Recreation pertained to the need for better programs and facilities.

The comments pertaining to the police had to do with better police presence in residential areas, speeding on major roads and in neighborhoods, stop sign violations and the like.

The comments regarding Public Works/Roads pertained to potholes, poor road conditions, snow being plowed onto driveways, drainage problems, etc. Many of these complaints pertained to State and County roads. Numerous comments involved traffic congestion at I-79 & SR 910.

Council and Mayor discussed the survey at the July 11, 2018 work session. After the discussion, Council and Mayor concluded to further investigate the information provided by both those in favor of as well as those opposed before making a decision.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Franklin Park has consistently been ranked one of the safest communities in Pennsylvania; however, we don't want our residents taking their safety for granted. Every year criminals come to suburbs like Franklin Park and take advantage of peoples' sense of security. They seek out areas where residents tend to leave their vehicles unsecured or leave their valuables in plain view. These criminals enter unlocked vehicles and take items, such as; GPS units, cell phones, money, credit cards, essentially anything with value left unsecured in the vehicle. They have also been known to break the windows of vehicles to gain access when valuable (purses, briefcases, laptops) are in view. Franklin Park Borough is particularly susceptible to these types of crimes due to the proximity of the interstate highways (I-79 and I-279). You can help us prevent this type of crime. First, lock your car. Most of these crimes occur at night and the criminals don't want to make a lot of noise breaking into your car when they can simply move on to the next unlocked car. Next, don't leave your valuables inside your car. At least secure them out of sight or in your trunk. Lastly, report suspicious activities to 911, you know your neighborhood better than anyone. If something seems out of the ordinary call the police, an officer will respond.

NEW POLICE OFFICERS ADDED

Franklin Park added two new officers in 2017. Officer Zachary Dengler was hired full-time in October, 2017. He previously worked part-time for both Franklin Park and Indiana Twp. Officer Dengler is a graduate of California University. Franklin Park Police Department now has 13 full-time officers providing 24-hour 7 days per week coverage. Andrew Krakoff was hired as a part-time officer. He previously worked for Centerville Township and West Brownsville Police Departments. He is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

If you are interested in serving on any one of the following boards, please submit a letter of interest and/or resume which outlines 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.

Building Board of Appeals
Environmental Advisory Council
Northland Library Authority
Recreation Board
Vacancy Board

Civil Service Commission
McCandless/Franklin Park Ambulance Authority
Planning Commission
Scholarship Selection Committee
Zoning Hearing Board

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board visit www.franklinparkborough.us, click on "Borough Government", then click on "Boards & Commissions".

Health Care on the **Go**



Partner with us to help the seniors in your community receive easy access to managing their health.



The Health Care on the Go Mobile Clinic Provides a variety of services that seniors would receive at their doctor's office such as Annual Wellness Visit and biometrics and preventive screenings. The difference is, we bring the doctor's offices to our members.

We know members have relationships with their doctors, but we also know that members don't always have the access and/or ability to get to their doctor's office. Highmark is making the journey to better health a lot easier for seniors by bringing high-quality health care to the communities in which we serve.

THE HIGHMARK HEALTH CARE ON THE GO MOBILE CLINIC WILL BE AT FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMPLEX ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 19TH 8:00 AM TO 5 PM.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized for reaching an anniversary. Many thanks for their dedication and years of service to Franklin Park Borough.

5 Year

Brad Kaiser – Part-time Police Officer
Jim Hackimer - Golf Course Cashier

20 Year

Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager

10 Year

Richard Diamond - Police Officer
Charlie Sandherr, Golf Course Starter Ranger

25 Year

Patrick Quinlan, Golf Course Cashier

15 Year

Ed Vignale, Golf Course Starter/Ranger

40 Year

Don Dorsch, Police Chief

DOUBLE DUTY EMPLOYEES

Did you know we have five employees and two council members who are members of the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Co.? The Borough has a policy of encouraging employees to become members of the VFC. Those employees who are members of the VFC at the time of hire are encouraged to remain members. When the fire whistle sounds, these borough employees make it a priority to respond to the fire call. Since many members of the VFC work outside of the Borough, the daytime response by these employees to fires or other emergencies becomes critical to the safety of borough residents and others. We'd like to thank these seven individuals both for their service to the borough and to the Volunteer Fire Company.

Ron Avolio
Jim Hogg
Jim Huff
Tom Losco

Andy Nock
John Parks
Jason Thompson

JR. COUNCILPERSON PROGRAM

We would like to recognize Sebastian Immonen for his participation in the program and thank him for his time and service to the community. At the July 18, 2018 meeting Nicholas Bridges was sworn in. Mr. Bridges will serve during the 2018-2019 school year. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion for your local government email our new Jr. Councilperson at nbridges@franklinparkborough.us.

In April of each year the Borough seeks resumes from interested students. Additional information pertaining to this program is available on the borough website.



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SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO:

Tom Seapker, Golf Course Groundstaff, started his employment as a seasonal employee in March 2011. After one season Tom was hired as a full-time Greenskeeper and continued to work until his retirement in March 2015. Not wanting to fully retire Tom continued to work until 02/02/18. He moved to Charleston SC, with his wife Connie. After moving, Tom came back one more time to help out this summer. At 70 years of age he has a tremendous work ethic and the young college age workers have a difficult time keeping up with him! Tom, thank you for your dedication, hard work and perseverance at Clover Hill Golf Course.

Tom has been in the golf industry for over 50 years. He was the golf course superintendent at numerous clubs, including 20 years at Sewickley Heights and 20 years at South Pointe Golf Clubs.

Paul Wain, part-time police officer, started his employment in April 1988. He was known for carrying out his duties with integrity and honor. One of his most challenging encounter occurred in a domestic call involving the possibility of a lethal outcome. Officer Wain was able to resolve the situation in a safe and non-violent manner. Officer Wain also served as an EMT, firefighter and was an officer with the Peebles Fire Company. Officer Wain retired in October 2017, after 30 years of service. We thank Paul for his many years of excellent service.

Kris Losco, Media Coordinator/Accounts Receivable, Kris started her employment in 1986. She has served in many positions during her career including office clerk, accounts receivable and media coordinator. Kris has a superb talent for writing. Over the last several years she used that talent to improve the Borough Newsletter. The last newsletter she wrote earned her many compliments and acknowledgments.

In the 2017 General Election Kris was elected to the position of Borough Tax Collector. After resigning this past December Kris didn't have to move far. The distance from her prior office to the current one is approximately five feet (across the hall). Her move will likely go down as the shortest in the annals of borough history!

Kris stated she would like to thank the taxpayers of Franklin Park for making her feel welcomed in her new position.



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***Congratulations to this year's
Scholarship Recipients!!***



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MANAGER'S FAREWELL

Earlier this year with excitement and sadness I announced my retirement. I will fully transition out of my role by the end of 2018. I will miss the daily challenges my position offers. I will miss the friends, acquaintances, colleagues and residents I've gotten to know over the years. Most of all I will miss my fellow employees with whom I work on a daily basis. Serving the residents of Franklin Park has been an honor and a privilege!

During my 21 years with Franklin Park, the Borough has been blessed with good, capable and highly qualified elected officials, who have made the interest of borough residents as their #1 priority. Much of what a community can accomplish can be attributed to policy decisions made by the governing body, Council and Mayor. Newly elected officials have often asked me for advice regarding how to best fulfill their new role. My standard response has been: "In any decision you make, always put the interest of the community first".

Franklin Park has many capable employees who have significant knowledge, skills and experience. Together we have used that knowledge and their skills to improve the daily services borough residents receive. Also, I've been blessed with many colleagues and friends that have provided guidance of immeasurable value.

In retirement, I plan to spend time with Terry (my wife and best friend), my family, friends, travel and perform some charitable work. My "honey do" and "bucket" lists should keep me busy for a while. And, I plan to continue to support several fund-raising events for the Borough's Community Scholarship Program.

In the years to come I wish Franklin Park Borough: residents, elected officials, board members and employees the very best! I believe Franklin Park's best years are ahead.

I've been presented a great opportunity that I can't pass up, retirement!!! - *Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager*





IN MEMORIAM

Charles Gruber: To his family, friends and co-workers he was known as “Chuck”. Born September 17, 1940 in Sewickley PA Chuck attended NA Schools. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and was honorably discharged. He studied at Penn State and Robert Morris University. Afterwards he was employed by Union National Bank, as a collector. Chuck also operated a small excavating business. In 1980 Chuck was hired as a laborer in the Public Works Department. He worked his way up to a driver/operator’s position. He was employed by the Borough for 30 years and retired at the age of 69. During his tenure Chuck helped to construct the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center, the addition to the public works building and numerous road, sanitary and storm sewer projects.

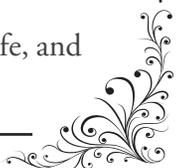
His family and friends remember Chuck for being an extremely sociable individual, never at a loss for words. His past time activities included listening to police scanners and helping others with his mini-excavator. Chuck will be both missed and remembered.

Melvin Henning: On September 5, 2017, former Mayor, Melvin Henning passed away. Mel (as he was known to everyone) moved to Franklin Park as a child with his parents and five siblings. Mel loved to sit around and tell stories of his mischievous activities during his youth, including drag racing with his buddies on Nicholson Road (known as 856 to everyone at that time) when there were very few cars or homes along that stretch of road. Mel, his family and friends would hold weekend snowmobile parties on the Skiles property along Locust Road. At times, more than 30 people would gather to ride snowmobiles, stand around the fire and tell stories. He was a lifelong hunter who enjoyed walking through the woods in the borough and enjoying nature, no matter how harsh the weather conditions. He and his family would also spend weekends at his camp in Tionesta. Mel valued family above all else, and he chose to purchase his home and start his family across the street from his parents in Franklin Park. His three brothers also established their homes in this area. Mel and his brothers Ray, Ralph and Vern (all military veterans) unveiled the Franklin Park Veterans’ Monument that was formally dedicated in May 2003 at the Franklin Elementary School in recognition of all veterans.

Mel had a strong calling to serve his community over his 83 years. He served on the Civil Service Commission; he was elected and served as Mayor from 1990 to 1997; he served on the Building Board of Appeals from 2001 to 2004; and he worked as the Assistant Fire Marshall from 2001 to 2008. In addition, Mel served as the project coordinator for the new municipal building renovations and was very involved when the North Hills communities established the first 911 service for the area. Mel was a lifetime member of the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company where he served as President for ten years. He was very proud of his community and worked hard to make Franklin Park a great place to live and raise a family. Mel was also a Mason and a lifelong member of Blackburn United Methodist Church, a beautiful little church on Blackburn Road in Sewickley Heights where he was born.

Before his retirement, Mel worked as a construction Superintendent where he worked at many local hospitals and colleges, including several years of extensive renovations at the former Children’s Hospital in Oakland. Mel installed the first “MAC” machines (Money Access Centers now known as ATMs) that were installed in local Pittsburgh National Bank branches.

Mel always had a smile on his face and a sparkle in his eye. He touched many people throughout his life, and he will truly be missed by all who knew him.





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To this year's Scholarship Recipients from:

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At the May 16, 2018 public meeting, Borough Council and Mayor awarded eleven (11) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from our community. James Hogg, Borough Council President announced the recipients and presented each Senior with a scholarship voucher. Thanks to the generosity of our residents and businesses all funds used for the scholarships came from private donations. The Scholarship Program began in 2004 when four \$750 scholarships were awarded. To date, the Borough has awarded 132 well deserving recipients.

Applications are turned over to the Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of seven members from our community. The students that were chosen demonstrated a high level of academic performance, an exemplary involvement in their school and community and provided countless hours performing volunteer work to benefit others.



Benjamin Davic, Jose Key, Sebastian Immonen, Mohammad Khatami, Maneesha Ngabandi, Samidha Sane, Joseph Shin, Catherine Tolan (recipients not in picture: Noah Fenton, Liam Nobbs, Janet Wang)

SCHOLARSHIP

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FRANKLIN PARK FIREFIGHTERS UPDATE - 2018



Since 1922, The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company has provided emergency response services to the residents of Franklin Park. In 2017 the fire company responded to some 250 emergency calls. Actual emergencies include vehicle fires and accidents on I-79 and I-279. We also are sent out on other emergencies such as carbon monoxide alarms, wires down, trees blocking roadways, and gas or water leaks, we have had several major structure fires. Fortunately, we see fewer major structure fires today largely due to the much broader use of smoke detectors and security systems in homes and businesses. A smoke detector is a wise investment, not only for personal safety but by helping to detect a fire situation before it gets out of control.

Please visit us on Facebook and on our website www.franklinparkvfc158.org for more information and upcoming events.

WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE NEED YOU

Your Fire Company is staffed entirely by volunteers. Our members have regular full-time jobs, but dedicate some time outside of work for training, work nights and emergency responses.

We are always looking for new members! We need members in all capacities – firefighters, drivers, accountants, architects, nurses, secretaries, public relations, information techs, tradesmen, etc. So please stop by the fire station located at 2360 Rochester Road, Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, or email us at vicepresident@franklinparkvfc158.org.



OUR TRUCKS AND TOOLS

Our fire company has ten trucks and apparatus. We have two engines, a rescue truck, a tanker truck, a fire police truck, a new squad truck, a UTV, and three command/ chief trucks. These trucks are all equipped with the tools and equipment that are needed to keep you safe. All of these trucks are at the ready to assist our community with any emergency situation that may require them. These trucks carry many tools such as AEDs, saws, hoses, thermal cameras, gas meters, and much more that is used on a day to day bases in our community.



THE NEW STATION

This past spring we opened our new station up for the first time and have made it our new home. At the station we have many new features and capabilities that we never thought possible before. Some of these features include a larger, ventilated garage, allowing for a more open, workable space. We also now have a workout center for members of the Fire Company, Franklin Park Police, and member's family members to use at any time of the day. Another new addition to the station is a four-story training tower, this tower will adequately be able to train us for the many large offices and buildings throughout the community. In the tower we have the capability to spray water and use theatre fog to make a simulation for training. In conclusion, our new station allows us to bring in new technology to better serve you, our community.



GENERAL THINGS TO KNOW



- Dial 911 for all emergencies.
- Keep fire hydrants clear of high grass, tree branches and snow.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detector at least once per year unless otherwise instructed by the manufacturer. Test all detectors at least monthly.
- If planning a campfire, cookout or other open fire, please be aware of and follow the Franklin Park Borough Open Burning regulations, available on the Borough website at www.franklinparkborough.us
- Know your security / fire alarm system codes and be familiar with the operation of your home security / fire alarm system.
- Know how to open your windows and get out.
- Make sure your house number is visible from the road from both directions.
- Go over evacuation plans with your family; and have a meeting place.
- Follow our Facebook and Website
- (www.franklinparkvfc158.org) for information on upcoming events, safety tips, and general updates.
- THANK YOU to the entire Franklin Park Community for your support!

NEW SIREN PROTOCOL

Along with the new station, we implemented a revised siren protocol. The siren will only be used for state (PEMA), Federal (FEMA), or NOAA alerts. The alert will be a continuous three (3) minute “wail” to alert residents of an impending emergency. The siren will be tested monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. In an emergency where Allegheny County is unable to electronically dispatch the fire company, the siren will be used to alert firefighters, this alert will be a one minute and thirty second cycling alert.

FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

PERSONNEL UPDATES

The Officers of the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for 2018 are:

Executive Officers	Line Officers
President: Bob Jarvis	Chief: Bill Chicots
Vice President: Brian Marriner	Assistant Chief: Ron Merriman
Secretary: John Parks	Deputy Chief: Scott Merriman
Treasurer: Andy Nock	Captain: Bob Cerra
Financial Secretary: Jim Niggel	1st Assistant Captain: Jason Thompson
Corresponding Secretary: Roger Sechler	2nd Assistant Captain: Bob Neugebauer
Director: Steve Bollinger	1st Lieutenant: Bill Miller
Director: Paul Cerra	2nd Lieutenant: Andy Nock
Director: Bill Miller	3rd Lieutenant: Roger Sechler
Director: Dave Vodarick	Chief Engineer: LZ Johnston
Junior Coordinators: Chris McHenry, Carl Hayson	Fire Police Captain: George Martin
Public Relations: Zach Quinn	Fire Police Lieutenant: Bill Smith



VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CONTACT INFO:

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Carolyn Strunk	Ext. 303	Treasurer	cstrunk@franklinparkborough.us



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THANKSGIVING ON EVERY TABLE

For the fourth year, the Borough will team up with North Hills Community Outreach. Donations will be accepted in the Borough General Office:
October 12th-November 2nd from 8:00AM-4:30PM.

Please consider donating any of these items to help a family in need!

- \$15 grocery store gift card
- Large box of stuffing mix
- Large box of instant mashed potatoes
- Can of cranberry sauce
- Cans of vegetables
- Cans of “easy” pumpkin pie mix
- Cans of evaporated milk
- Muffin mix (especially corn)
- Turkey gravy mix
- Napkins

2018 ROAD RESURFACING

The Borough owns and maintains approximately 64 miles of roadway. There is an established goal to resurface roads every 15 years, on average. Council, Mayor and staff conduct a Spring Tour to evaluate roads. The following were approved for resurfacing in 2018.

Augusta Drive	LaCosta Court
Clover Hill Drive	Secretariat Drive
Derby Court	St. Andrews Court
Karen Drive	Clare Drive
Pinehurst Court	Country Club Drive
Stone Mansion Drive	Hanover Court
Charles Wray Drive	North Shevlin Court
Cole Road	Shevlin Road
Farmington Court	Wedgewood Drive



*Public Works Crew Resurfacing
Charles Wray & North Shevlin Drive*

During paving season, remember to obey posted speed limits, keep alert for temporary barricades or flaggers and above all for the safety of construction workers. In your travels allow enough time for road construction work. Your cooperation may save a life.

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::

- The Borough Code 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 the snow in your yard area.

Snow must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within a reasonable time but not later than 12 hours after the cessation of snowfall.

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Dr. Tom Stein, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator recommends each household maintain an emergency supply kit. Residents should have non-perishable food supplies on hand in order to survive at least 3-7 days if an emergency occurs. Visit www.ready.gov/build-a-kit for other recommended emergency supplies that should be kept in the home.

TEMPORARY MARKING GUIDELINES

To the right is a key code that corresponds to the flag color utility companies place in areas to be excavated. Homeowners should address questions to the utility company serving your area.



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT



NEED TO REPORT A POT HOLE? “POT HOLE HOTLINE” CONTACT INFORMATION

FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH:
All Borough Owned Roads

CONTACT INFORMATION:
(412-364-4115 EXT. 316)

PA STATE ROADS:
Arndt Road
Big Sewickley Creek Road
Camp Meeting Road
Henry Road
Little Sewickley Creek Road
McAleer Road
Nicholson Road
Pine Creek Road
Reis Run Road
Rochester Road
Wexford Bayne Road

CONTACT INFORMATION:
(1-800-FIX-ROAD/1-800-349-7623)
www.penndot.gov
click on Submit Roadway Feedback

ALLEGHENY COUNTY:
Brandt School Road

CONTACT INFORMATION:
(412-350-2513)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Do you know or have you heard of the “Pizza Scam”, “Grandson or Granddaughter Scam”, “Check Cashing Scam”, “You Inherited a Fortune Scam”, “Secret Shopper Scam” or any of the other multitude of scams? For more information on scams, visit our new website at www.franklinparkborough.us and search for consumer protection.

If you want to dissuade those pesky salespersons from knocking on your door, cut the sticker below and tape to your front door. If you'd like to be placed on the No-Solicitation List, please call the municipal building 412-364-4115. It is illegal for solicitors to knock on a door of a resident who has signed up for and displays a No Solicitation sticker.



IN SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

FRANKLIN PARK—Long-time resident and schoolteacher, **Eleanor Wist** passed away on April 21, 2018. She is survived by her four sons, Dennis, Douglas, Duane, Richard and daughter Brenna.

This was a celebration of a wonderful lady who lived her life not only for herself, but also for all those who passed through her classroom, neighbors, and friends. “She was a compassionate person,” said one of her sons, Dennis Wist as he spoke about his mother.

One of Eleanor’s loves was music. She always wanted to play the organ. So, during her teaching career, she saved money every payday so she could buy an organ and learn how to play. She was finally able to buy that organ, took lessons, and was able to enjoy the music she so enjoyed.

So the celebration consisted of music chosen from the songs she loved to play herself. ‘*Fanfare*’ and ‘*Walking in the Air*’ from the Snowman are two of her favorites that were played in celebration of her wonderful life.

Born March 25, 1918, Mrs. Wist spent a little over 100 years in Franklin Park, PA. She truly cared about her community of friends and neighbors and you would usually see her in the front row of Borough Council meetings every 3rd Weds. of each month. Her husband George was mayor of Franklin Park from ? to ?

Mrs. Wist was famous for her “letters” according to her daughter, Brenna Wist. “She always wrote to students when they graduated from high school and received many back,” said Brenna.

She had a love for learning, taught her students to be curious, and rewarded students with a perfect attendance record with a Teddy Bear.

Eleanor also loved the City of Pittsburgh fireworks. This seems to be very appropriate for such a wonderful lady. She was full of life, touched many lives, achieved a great deal in her life, and has had so much influence on so many lives.

A true Franklin Park resident that will be remembered for a very long time! Thank you Eleanor for all you have given.

James Lawrence

Journalist

Councilman

IN SERVICE TO COUNTRY

FRANKLIN PARK, PA—**Buzz Webb**, a longtime Franklin Park resident and a Marine veteran did not want to talk about being in the center of one of the harshest military battles in United States history at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea that lasted from Nov. 26 to Dec. 11, 1950.

“I joined the U.S. Marines right out of high school,” said Buzz. “I liked the Marine uniforms.” He shipped off to Paris Island for 10 weeks of basic training and then off to Camp Pendleton in California for 4 weeks of advanced training. Buzz became a mortar man taught to fire 60 mm mortar shells.

After his training, he was immediately shipped with 2000 other soldiers on the USS Benjamin Franklin that took about 3 to 4 weeks before they landed in Korea. “As soon as we landed, me and two buddies, Bender and Yeager, were assigned to Baker company”, said Webb.

“We were given a 60MM mortar and we all carried parts of it. I carried the tube,” Buzz said. A 60mm mortar weighed 46.5 lbs. and shot over 2 miles. They were also given 45 caliber handguns as they began their march to the Chosin Reservoir. There were 64 men headed to the Yalu River, which separates Manchuria and North Korea. They had nine tanks, air-cooled 50 mm machine guns, some 30 mm machine guns, and four 60 mm mortars.

“Before all this ended, we only had two tanks left and of the 64 men that we started with, only 19 men came back. We lost a lot of good men, but we beat them,” said Webb. “I was so proud of those guys,” he said.

The American Marines were outnumbered 8 to 1. It was 120,000 Chinese against 12,000 Marines. “Our unit was up against 50,000 Chinese soldiers and we killed most of them. We almost wiped them out,” Buzz said.

“There was no love lost for the way the Chinese fought. I saw one time where they ambushed an ambulance carrying wounded Marines. The Chinese killed the driver and then proceeded to kill all the wounded,” he said.

Buzz indicated that it became a turning point for the Marines. “What we went through cannot be described,” he said. “It was beyond belief.”

They call it the forgotten war, but for Buzz Webb, it will never be forgotten. “I loved being a Marine, but I hated war,” he indicated.



Police Chief Don Dorsch with friend Buzz Webb

Another very difficult part of the Chosin Battle was the severe cold all the soldiers had to endure. The uniforms were not cold weather gear, but rather standard issue. “You did not dare take off your socks because you would rip the skin off the bottom of your foot,” said Webb. He indicated that the temperature was as low as 32 degrees below zero. Everyone experienced frostbite and sleeping was impossible.

Often time urination was used to unfreeze weapons. In the mornings, the tanks would be frozen to the ground. Men would use clothing from dead Chinese to wrap around their boots for warmth. “Even the C rations we ate were frozen and we had to eat chunks and warm them in our mouths as we ate them,” said Webb.

“When we fired the mortar, we were firing so fast, the tube became extremely hot and I always had a pile of snow next to the mortar so I could grab a handful of snow to hold the hot tube with,” he said. Webb said there was a lot of snow and when it came down, it was so windy, it was horizontal and made things tough.

Nighttime was never quiet. The Chinese used bugles and whistles to communicate. The Chinese were only given 3 rice balls per day to eat, so they were always looking for food. They had no artillery because they could not get the guns over the Yalu River and so many were ill prepared to fight a war. Buzz called them garrison soldiers because they were not trained soldiers.

“There is no better fighter than an 18-year old who is mad as hell,” said Webb. Buzz was wounded when a Chinese soldier came in from behind him and stabbed him in the arm with a bayonet. “I never saw him and I had two bones coming out one side and two on the other side, but I never felt anything and it didn’t bleed because it was so cold out. The cold probably saved my arm,” he said.

“Even though I was wounded, we kept firing those mortars,” said Buzz. Eventually Buzz was sent to Osaka Japan to get his arm fixed. They put some titanium screws in, put his arm in a sling, and sent him back to Korea to the front lines. They were so short of men, they needed every body they could find to continue the fight. They told him that his buddies (Bender and Yeager) were waiting for him. So, he went back and loaded mortar rounds with one arm!

One painful memory was the story of Don Borman. Don liked Buzz and clung to him to learn all he could. “Buzz, when we get out of this hell hole, I want you to come to my house to meet my pretty sister. She would like you because you are crazy,” said Borman. Shortly after that, Buzz saw Don on a three-foot wall using his entrenching tool (small shovel) fighting off Chinese. Don Borman, died that day fighting for the freedom that we all love so much.

Buzz Webb and his two buddies came home. Yeager went on to Camp Lejeune and Buzz and Bender went on to 29 Palms near Camp Pendleton. Buzz stayed in the Marines as did Bender and they both became MP’s (Military Police). Buzz spent 5 years in the Marine Corp. He came home in 1955 and got married in 1956.

Buzz’ father was an electrician and a member of the union. Buzz went on to Penn State University and graduated with an electrical engineering degree and became a foreman in the union working on large electrical projects like Three Rivers Stadium.

His family and later Buzz took over ownership of a 17-acre horse farm in North Park. They had horses and a home on that property. Several years ago, Buzz sold the farm to a wealthy entrepreneur who plans to build a multi million-dollar home on the property.

Buzz does not consider himself a hero. He loved being a proud Marine and did his job. He was one of the lucky ones to survive such a horrible wartime battle. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He rose to the rank of Sargent.

His father would not sign the papers to let him join the Marines. He was only 17, but his mother signed. Buzz showed no signs of regret and seems to treat his wartime experience as part of his duty as an American and as a person.

Buzz Webb feels that all men should serve their country with two year’s service. Like Buzz said, “I loved the military, but I hated the war.”

Franklin Park salutes Buzz Webb and we all thank Buzz for his faithful service.

James Lawrence
Journalist
Franklin Park Councilman

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Wednesday, July 25, 2018, Franklin Park held its 16th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing. The heat and humidity did not deter golfers from enjoying the day and showing support for the charitable event. While the final tabulation is not complete, the funds raised should enable the borough to award ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships in 2019. Thank you to all who donated and made this year's drive a huge success! Golfers enjoyed a continental breakfast, lunch, a putting contest, prizes at many holes, a \$15,000 prize on the hole in one contest, 50/50 raffle, auction with a chance to win numerous door prizes.

The Senate Engineering Company took first place prize this year! Their names will be added to the Ben Franklin Cup, they received a \$600 gift certificate to the Shannopin Pro Shop and more importantly one year of bragging rights! The Batykefer & Morini Insurance Services Team won second place honors and a \$400 gift certificate. Last, but not least, Bill Schweitzers' team won third place honors and collected a \$300 gift certificate for their efforts.

It takes many individuals to make the golf outing a success. Thank you to the Borough employees who coordinated the activities and worked behind the scenes to put on a wonderful event. A special thank you and acknowledgment goes to the Shannopin Country Club for their continued support, contributions and outstanding hospitality!

2018 FRANKLIN PARK SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING WINNING TEAM:



1st: Senate Engineering Company; Michael Malak, Bernie Rossman, Ken Hillman and Bill Braun



2nd: Batykefer and Morini Insurance Services; Kurt Morini, Vic Morini, Bill Batykefer and Gary Cocolin



3rd: Bill Schweitzer and Friends; Bart Morrow, Casey Morrow, Bill Schweitzer and Adam Shultz

**Thank you to all the teams that participated in the 2018 Golf Outing.
Your contribution will help award scholarships to many outstanding young adults.**

- Associated Services, Inc.
- Bill Schweitzer and Friends
- Doug Joyce Team
- Jerry Horn Construction, Inc.
- Rocca's Italian Foods
- Schneider Downs Wealth Management
- Sippel Enterprises
- The HDH Group

- Batykefer & Morini Insurance Services
- C.J. Betters/Ridge Forest Commons, LLC
- First National Bank
- Jim Lawrence and Friends
- Schellhaas & Sons Funeral Home
- Senate Engineering Company
- Stetson Convention Services (2 Teams)
- Walker Supply

2018 SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

EVENT SPONSOR - \$2,500

Jerry Horn Construction, Inc.

LUNCH SPONSORS - \$1,000

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Schneider Downs Wealth Management Advisors
Sippel Enterprises

DIAMOND SPONSORS - \$1,000

Ridge Forest Commons, LLC
Schellhaas and Sons Funeral Home

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The HDH Insurance Group, Inc.
Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies Co.
West View Savings & Loans
Wine Concrete Products, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) NEWS

The EAC is an advisory body to Borough Council and other boards on issues that impact the environment within the Borough. Currently the EAC is helping to develop the Acorn Park Woodland Management Plan. Here are a few suggestions from the EAC for trees, shrubs and plants most deer do not like to eat. So, when deer are not so dear, use the following plants.

Trees: Magnolias

Evergreens: Boxwood, Green Giant (Arborvitae)

Flowering Shrubs: Spiraea, Potentilla (White and yellow do best), Butterfly Bush (Buddleia)

Perennials: Astilbe, Coreopsis, Lamium, Ferns, Ornamental Grasses, Monarda (Bee Balm)

Annuals: Marigolds, Herbs

It is illegal to feed deer in Franklin Park. Raise any bird feeder so that it's not accessible to deer.

NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS

After March 2018 residents are able to have their recycling container exchanged for a different size. Anyone wishing to exchange their container for a smaller (35 gallon) or larger (65 gallon) size can do so once a year. Contact Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT YOUR DOOR SPECIAL COLLECTION

Waste Management provides a service for the collection of E-waste such as televisions and computer systems and Hazardous Household Waste such as batteries, paint, automotive products, garden chemicals, household cleaners, vehicle and household batteries, fluorescent tubes and CFLs. This curbside service gives you a convenient year-round opportunity to dispose of your household generated special materials safely, easily and responsibly. Contact Waste Management's At Your Door Service at 1-800-449-7587 to set up a pick-up date.

For additional information visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under the Services/Utilities tab.

YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITE BLUEBERRY HILL PARK

The drop off site is to only be used for items such as tree or brush trimmings, leaves (placed in the designated area and kept in the brown biodegradable bags) and weeds. The same restrictions apply to both curbside brush chipping and the drop off site; only trimmings that are up to 4" in diameter can be accepted.

A permit is required and can be obtained by completing the Yard Waste Drop Off Site application available at the Municipal Building or on our website. The permit is for the address listed on the permit only. This site is for residential disposal only, commercial use is prohibited. Disposal of entire trees is prohibited. The Yard Waste Drop Off Site is in Blueberry Hill Park and is open March 1st to December 1st of each year.

For additional information and guidelines visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under the Services/Utilities tab.

RECYCLING RULES

The following is a list of items that can be placed in your recycling container. These items do not need to be separated; they can be commingled within the container.

- Glass Containers – food and beverage containers with food debris and lids removed
- Aluminum and bimetal beverage cans
- Steel and aluminum food cans (cleaned)
- Plastic containers (#1 - #7) -containers must be cleaned of food debris and lids removed
- Cartons – such as broth, soy milk, wine, milk, cream or juice
- Newspapers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Telephone books
- Cardboard cereal/food boxes (plastic bags removed)
- Corrugated cardboard must fit in your recycling container. Large corrugated cardboard boxes can be recycled in bins at the Municipal Building (all boxes must be broken down prior to placing them in the bins).
- Paper bags
- No Styrofoam of any kind is permissible.

For additional information visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under the Services/Utilities tab.

BATTERY RECYCLING

To recycle batteries please use Waste Management's "At Your Door Service", 1-800-449-7587.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Ordinance No. 377-91 requiring Franklin Park business establishments, office buildings, churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to recycle the following materials:

- ▶ High-grade office paper
- ▶ Corrugated cardboard
- ▶ Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans
- ▶ Plastic containers
- ▶ Glass



IMPORTANT NOTE If you are the owner of a business, commercial/office building and/or apartment building and you currently do not have a recycling program, it is your responsibility to establish one. **If your hauler does not offer recycling of the items listed above, you will need to find one that can meet this requirement.** If you have any questions concerning the requirements of Franklin Park's Recycling Ordinance, please feel free to contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115 Ext. 302.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Franklin Park would also like to inform residents of various other recycling opportunities that are available here in the Borough. Corrugated Cardboard recycling bins are in the Municipal Building parking lot near the Police Department (**all boxes must be unsoiled and broken down prior to placing them in the bins**). Paper Retriever bins are located at several churches and schools in the Borough for school/office paper, newspaper, and magazines. Paper Retriever bins are used as fundraisers for these organizations.

FALL BRUSH CHIPPING BEGINS

Monday, November 5, 2018

(All brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM Monday morning)

All brush must be 1/2" to 4" in diameter (no thorn bushes will be accepted). The chipping service may take several weeks to get to all areas of the borough depending on the amount of brush placed at the curb. **Please cut and place your brush perpendicular to the curb with the butt end out.** Borough crews will not spend more than 15 minutes chipping brush at any home.

For additional information visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under the Services/Utilities tab.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION DATES

The weeks of – October 29, November 5, 12, 19, and December 3, 2018

(All bags must be placed at the curb by 6:00 AM Monday morning of each week)

Leaf pick up could take a few days to cover the entire Borough.

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.

For additional information visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under the Services/Utilities tab.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES

The weeks of – January 7 and January 14, 2019

(All trees must be placed at the curb by 6:00 AM Monday morning of each week)

Tree pick up can take several days to cover the entire Borough.

If you miss the above deadlines, trees can be taken to Blueberry Hill Park, placed next to the brush chipping pile (look for appropriate signage/directions). **Do not place the trees at the Yard Waste Site.**

For additional information visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under the Services/Utilities tab.

HOUSE NUMBERS

For your family's safety, please make sure your house number is clearly visible on your mailbox and/or home. Vegetation that blocks your house number should be removed. Missing or faded numbers should be replaced. Even if accurate 911 information is provided, response time can be delayed if house numbers are not visible.

INTERNET TRANSACTION DEALS - SAFETY ZONE

Residents can now conduct Internet transactions and other deals involving monetary or product exchanges in a safety zone. The zone is located in front of the Borough Police Department and is video monitored. To guard against fraud, residents should always take precautions with transactions involving cash, checks or any other form of payment.

REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage should not be placed at the curb before 4:00 PM on the evening before your scheduled pick up day. Residents should place all refuse in plastic garbage bags. To avoid garbage bags from being torn by animals and having garbage all over the street, place your bags in a trash can. Garbage cans must be removed from the curb no later than 10:00 PM the day of collection.

In accordance with DEP regulations, refuse haulers are not permitted to take leaves, brush and/or yard waste of any type. Grass clippings can be placed at curbside in black plastic bags; Waste Management will haul them away. If you need to contact Waste Management call 1-800-866-4460.

RENTAL PROPERTIES: TO ALL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS & RENTERS

Under Ordinance 96-71 Landlords are required to report any changes in tenant or occupant data within thirty (30) days of the change. An annual request for updated renter information is mailed in April of each year. Landlords must complete and returned the form by the stated deadline. Report any changes in tenant or occupant data to Donna Spohn at 412-364-4115 or by email at dspohn@franklinparkborough.us.

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS

We ask all homeowner associations to register with the Borough. The list is utilized to quickly provide information to the residents of a given neighborhood when an emergency arises. Gas leaks, crimes and safety concerns are examples of when the list is utilized. To register please contact Donna Platt at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

REMINDER - SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

This program entitles all qualified senior citizens to a flat 30% discount on the real estate tax for their primary residence, income guidelines apply. To obtain information call Allegheny County, 412-350-3875.

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 indicate your name, address and type of disability. The Borough will incorporate your information into the Emergency Plan, so that help can be rendered in case of an evacuation order.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The most frequent calls officers respond to are listed below along with “What to do” and suggested tips to prevent you from being a victim. For additional information on these and other topics please visit the Franklin Park Police Website at: www.franklinpark.police.com.

Also, don't forget to sign up with NIXLE, a free service that sends alerts to your email or cell phone with news from the police department. Register at the company's main website: www.nixle.com. There you can also access their frequently asked questions.

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND CRIME PREVENTION

THEFT FROM VEHICLES – Lock your vehicle and remove any valuables from easy view are huge steps in helping prevent a criminal from targeting your car, both while at home and away.

IDENTITY THEFT – This crime continues to increase. Criminals can get your information over the Internet, phone or even from your trash and you won't know they are using it until you receive a bill. Be careful how you use your credit cards and to whom you give your personal information. In some cases, the criminals have obtained the victim's social security and driver's license information. Destroy or shred any paperwork you throw away and pick up your mail as promptly as you can.

THEFTS FROM RESIDENCES/BURGLARY – Residents should never let anyone into their homes without first checking identification and being certain they are legitimate. It is rare for utility workers, government employees or anyone else to have a legitimate reason to enter your home. An unscheduled stop coupled with a request to enter your home, are signs that you should call police. Senior Citizens are always a target. Don't be afraid to ask for identification. If you suspect anything unusual, close and lock your doors and call 911. The police will respond to check and identify the individual(s) in question.

Residents hiring domestic help should make sure that the company and employees are screened, and references are provided. Remember to keep your valuables in a home safe. The inconvenience may save you the anguish of losing valuables and keepsakes that most likely will not be recovered.

HUNTING – Residents are reminded that very few areas of the Borough are open to hunting. Hunters are required to maintain 150 yards with a fire arm and 50 yards with archery, from an occupied structure. All hunters are to have written permission from landowners to hunt on private property. Residents are encouraged to report any violations to the Pennsylvania Game Commission or the Police Department.

CRIME PREVENTION – Our department when possible will provide public service programs for our community. The programs are listed below:

- Station Tours
- Business Safety
- Boy/Girl Scout Presentations
- Identity Theft
- Sr. Citizen Safety

INCIDENT RESPONSE PROGRAM – for schools, churches and businesses. Officer Jason Venturella can make security recommendations, provide training and an action plan for your staff in response to a serious incident.

ALARMS – Residents are asked to please be careful when using home alarms. We have an over abundance of false alarms which waste of manpower and resources.

PARKING – Residents should keep in mind that the Borough has an ordinance that prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAW – PennDOT enacted a new law which requires motorists to leave a 4-foot “cushion of safety” when passing a bicyclist. Drivers may cross a roadway’s center line when passing a bicycle on the left, but only when opposing traffic allows.

GUN SAFETY – Although gun safes are recommended, the Police Department will supply free gun locks to any resident who wants them, just give us a call.

RULES OF THE ROAD – As a reminder: It is a state law that when it is raining, your headlights must be on. Additionally, it is a driver’s duty to move over when passing any emergency vehicles with flashing lights activated.

DOG LAWS – Residents are required to abide by the leash law when walking your pet and keep your pet must be secured on your property as required by law.

SCHOOLS – Our Police Department perform daily patrols at the elementary and middle schools. It keeps the Police Officers visible and approachable. We also want residents to feel comfortable using the NA Tip line for sharing any confidential information they feel is important for the Police Department to know: NA Tipline 724-933-TIPS (8477).

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 16, 2018 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.

Santa's visit is a borough tradition that has continued for many years. Members of the VFC sponsor Santa's visit to express their appreciation for the financial support borough residents provide.



MCCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority continues to maintain a strong relationship as a community partner with Franklin Park Borough. The Borough's generous contribution to the Authority helps to continue our commitment to one another to provide the most up to date, effective and professional care to the community.

Once again, your community ambulance service has been recognized on a state and national level for the pediatric and cardiac care we provide.

The Authority received a pediatric certification at the *Expert* level through the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services for Children and the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council.

The cardiac care provided by the medical professionals from the Authority has been recognized by the American Heart Association and awarded at the *Bronze Plus* level.

Your continued support with our subscription and donation programs helps us to serve Franklin Park Borough, the Town of McCandless, Bradford Woods Borough, Marshall Township and the Township of Pine.

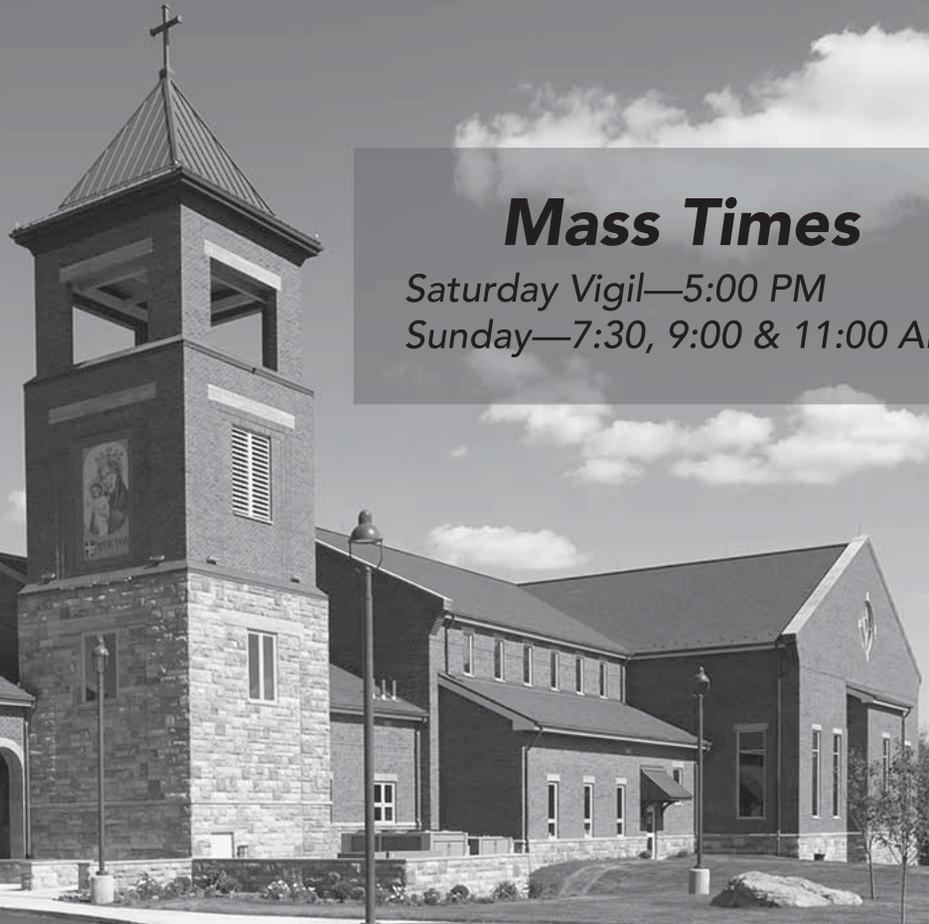
It is through all the partnerships we have formed that we are able to maintain our focus on the health and wellbeing of all our residents and all those who visit our area.

The board, administration and staff of the Authority would like to thank the Borough and its resident for sharing and supporting our mission. To care for all we have the privilege of serving.

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

To register for any of the following programs please visit www.franklinparkborough.us click on Recreation/Culture, then click on Register Online. The Recreation Registration Form is now available online on the Borough website. If for any reason you need a paper copy, please call 412-364-4115.

2ND ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE FESTIVAL

Come join us at the 2nd Annual Wine and Cheese Festival on Saturday November 10, 2018 at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Come and see the newly renovated Center and enjoy a night of good food, and good company & great wines.

Participants at this event will savor, compare and rate homemade wines while enjoying an abundant portion of cheese, deli meat, vegetables and fruit. At the end of the evening each wine will be judged and the top three wines will be announced. The event is designed to educate participants about homemade wines. Come and enjoy a fun filled evening full of good eats and the wine tasting contest.

Any individual who would like to donate a homemade wine to this event may do so by calling 412-364-4115.

WHO:	Adults over 21 years of age	RESIDENT FEE:	\$25 per participant
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center	NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$30 per participant
WHEN:	Saturday November 10, 2018		
TIME:	7:30 PM		

All Proceeds will benefit the Franklin Park Community Scholarship Fund.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOP IT'S TIME TO COMPOST!

Not sure what to do with your kitchen scraps, leaves, and lawn and garden debris? Would you like natural, home-made compost for your lawns and garden beds? Expand your recycling efforts to include kitchen scraps and yard debris.

This workshop thoroughly covers the importance and benefits of composting, the process, setting up a compost pile, proper maintenance, and ways of using finished compost. Participants will receive a FreeGarden EARTH compost bin with attendance. This bin, ideal for urban and suburban areas, has an eighty-two (82) gallon capacity. **You will receive a composting bin at class!**

WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Sunday, October 7, 2018
TIME:	10:30AM – Noon
FEE:	\$70/individual or \$75/couple

Pre-registration is required.

For more info or to register go to:

<http://prc.org/programs/conservation-workshops/backyard/>

Or call 412-488-7490 X 226



Activity Center Supervisor

Franklin Park Borough has an immediate opening for a part-time position supervising the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Includes opening and closing the facility and minor janitorial duties. Requires weekend and evening work, PA driver's license & clearances.

Visit www.franklinparkborough.us and enter "Job Application Form" in the search feature. Send applications to: Email@franklinparkborough.us

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. The fun begins at 1:30 PM with a variety of Halloween games for the children to play. **Treat bags will be provided for everyone in costume.**

Calling all Aspiring Bakers! At Baker's Dozen Academy, we offer creative dessert designing in a safe environment, while allowing each student to express their own creativity. Children will be engaged during this hands-on activity, while increasing their math skills, vocabulary skills, improving their listening skills, strengthen development of their manual dexterity, work as a team, increase their ability to follow directions all while "whipping up batches of fun"! Boys and girls age 5 and up can enjoy the experience.

IT'S MOM'S NIGHT OUT!! BYOB! LADY LOCKS FOR THE WORKING MOM!

Ladies, come join for an evening of fun, conversation, all while learning the fundamentals of Lady locks.....did we say all while enjoying your favorite beverage!!!! All participants will bring home their freshly baked Lady locks to share with their family.

WHO: Adult Ladies
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Or
Friday, November 9, 2018
TIME: 7:00PM – 9:00PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$39.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$44.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy
Questions, please contact us at info@bakersdozenacademy.com

PARENTS...HOLIDAY SHOP WHILE YOU DROP OFF YOUR KIDS

Parents, catch up on holiday shopping while your son/daughter create various gourmet barks that are perfect for gift giving! Each student will mix, assemble and add assorted candies to make delicious barks. In addition, students will package their creations in decorative bags, along with a bow, that are perfect for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpap or that special someone.

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 5 and up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, December 1, 2018
TIME: 6:00PM – 8:00PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$39.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$44.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy
Questions, please contact us at info@bakersdozenacademy.com

IT'S MOM'S MIGHT OUT!! BYOB DELICIOUS HOMEMADE BAKLAVA

Ladies, come join for an evening of fun, conversation, all while learning the fundamentals of creating Baklava.....did we say all while enjoying your favorite beverage!!! All participants will bring a sample of Baklava home to share with their family.

WHO: Adult Ladies
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Monday, December 3, 2018
TIME: 6:30PM – 8:30PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$39.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$44.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy

Questions, please contact us at info@bakersdozenacademy.com

IT'S A BLIZZARD AT FRANKLIN PARK! HOT CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

Imagine Cupcakes looking like winter favorites “Hot Chocolate”. Students will mix, measure, blend and bake their own Hot Chocolate Cupcakes. Then, they will mix, measure and blend buttercream icing, and using their own pastry bags they will decorate their cupcakes. To make the perfect cupcake, students will use various candies to create their Hot Chocolate cupcakes.

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 5 and up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: January 19, 2019
TIME: 10:00AM – 12:00PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$39.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$44.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy

Questions, please contact us at info@bakersdozenacademy.com

AIKIDO

Aikido is a martial art that uses graceful movements derived from Japanese swordsman (we use wooden swords and staffs), as well as redirection of the attacker's energy, to carry out throws and locks. Students 18 and older and of any physical ability can practice Aikido, since it emphasizes proper form over an opponent's strength. The class is open to students of all levels with or without martial arts experience.

WHO: Adults 18 and Older
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Tuesdays - at the beginning of any month of your choice
TIME: 6:30PM – 7:30PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$30 per month
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$35 per month
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Yoram Vodovotz, Fourth Degree Black belt in Aikido

LINE DANCING

Come and join in the fun as we begin a 10-week line dancing class. Line dancing is very popular all over the world right now, and you will love learning the classics as well as the popular new dances. We are offering three levels of line dancing: Beginner, Improver and Intermediate. If you are a new line dancer or a seasoned line dancer who prefers to dance the easier dances, you will want to sign up for the beginner level class. If you have been line dancing for several years now and want to be on the cutting edge, learning the hottest and most challenging line dances out there, you will want to come to the Improver and/or Intermediate classes. All levels of classes will be dancing to cha cha, rumba, east and west coast swing, waltz, tango, and nightclub two-step rhythms. Don't miss out on a chance to kick up your heels. Sign up today!

Pre-registration required. Minimum: 12 Participants

FRIDAY TRI-LEVEL CLASSES:

WHO:	Adults and Seniors
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Friday, September 14 – November 30, 2018 (No class on November 9th and November 23rd)
TIME:	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Brand new Dancers 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Beginner Level 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM: Improver Level 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Intermediate Level
RESIDENT FEE:	\$55.00 per 10-week session
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$60.00 per 10-week session
WEEKLY FEE:	\$7.00 (Available only after the 12-person minimum is met)
INSTRUCTOR:	Shirley Shultz

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

The purpose of this course is to provide youth, or anyone over the age of 11, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety, safe play & first aid. Individuals under the age of 11 are welcome but won't receive a certificate. The class can last anywhere from 7-9 hours so make sure you bring something for lunch. An excellent start to get that first job. **Must have a minimum of 8 Participants.**

WHO:	Ages 11 and up
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center - Lower Level
WHEN:	Monday, October 8, 2018 (No School)
TIME:	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$65.00 per session
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$70.00 per session

CHAMPIONS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Flag football is an excellent way to learn the fundamental skills of football without the physical contact. Passing, receiving, running the ball, and offensive/defensive skills will be enhanced through this fast paced, high-action sport. Champions Flag Football League is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 13. All players will be matched by age, and compete on teams of up to ten players. The season will include playoffs and a championship game. So start stretching out and get your friends together for all the football fun you can handle!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
(MUST REGISTER BY DEADLINE TO RECEIVE A GAME JERSEY)
SPACE IS LIMITED.

WHO: Boys and Girls, ages 6-13 years
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Lower Meadow Field
WHEN: Sundays, October 14 – November 11, 2018
TIME: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

RESIDENT FEE: \$60.00 per player – Includes Game Jersey
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$65.00 per player – Includes Game Jersey
INSTRUCTOR: CDG Sports



CHAMPION FORCE CHEERLEADING



Champion Force Cheerleading is a program designed for children ages 4-15 to help promote and instill self-esteem, self-confidence, coordination, physical fitness, flexibility, and team work wrapped up in a fun and exciting program. This is a “pay as you go” program with a one-time, non-refundable registration fee. We offer recreational cheerleading with competitive opportunities! We offer fun clinics, cheer camps and much more! **The non-refundable registration fee is \$10.00, and each class is \$8.00 (Division 4 is \$10 per class).**

WHO: Boys & Girls ages 4-15
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Registration & first class is Wednesday, September 12
*program runs for approximately 16 weeks
TIME: Division 1 (ages 4-6) - 5:30PM
Division 2 (ages 7-9) - 6:15PM
Division 3 (ages 10+) - 7:00PM
Division 4 (tested only, advanced) - please email instructor for details!
INSTRUCTOR: Coach Tiffany FPrubies@gmail.com

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FRANKLIN PARK SENIORS AND FRIENDS LUNCHEON

Our Senior Program, held the second Thursday of every month at 11:00AM, has been very successful and well attended. Many seniors enjoy the monthly programs, where they socialize, meet new friends, and experience a variety of delicious food.

See www.franklinparkborough.us for details on entertainment each month.

WHO:	Anyone age 55+
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	2nd Thursday of Each Month
TIME:	11:00AM – 1:00PM
FEE:	\$15 yearly dues, and \$10 each program (includes lunch)

LUNCH WITH SANTA CLAUS

Come and have lunch, make a cute holiday craft and sit on Santa's lap. (Be sure to bring your camera so you don't miss these classic pictures!). Maybe Santa will share some milk and cookies with the "good" boys and girls! Don't forget to bring your list for Santa!

All families must be pre-registered and pre-paid by December 6th.

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

WHO:	Entire Family
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Saturday, December 15, 2018
TIME:	11:00AM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$7 per person
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$9 per person

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Regular Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

A pre-meeting is held prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 PM and a post-meeting may be held immediately following the conclusion of the regular meeting.

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