

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

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FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN THE PARK 2020

Join your neighbors, friends, and family for the 35th Anniversary of our Festival in the Park! This year our community day will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020. The day will kick off at 4:00PM when kids and adults alike can enjoy the inflatables, live music, and many other types of great, family friendly entertainment. The summer celebration is held on the lower field of Blueberry Hill Park. Come and enjoy the day, watch your children play, cool down in the shade under the pavilion, sample the festival foods, connect with your neighbors, take in the musical entertainment and cap your night off with a magnificent display of fireworks which will start around 9:30PM. See you at the park!!

FRANKLIN PARK NIGHT OUT

The 3rd Annual Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at the Borough of Franklin Park Municipal Building.

This is a great time to give thanks to our first responders! Activities include: meeting our responders, touring the emergency vehicles, writing thank you notes and a complementary hotdog dinner!

FRANKLIN PARK NIGHT OUT
AUGUST 4, 2020



2020 BUDGET MESSAGE

General Fund (GF)

The Borough's present financial position will allow Franklin Park to fund the current level of services being provided, the initiatives established by Council and Mayor and many of the additional services and projects proposed by the department directors without any change in the tax rate. The 2020 Budget prioritizes the depreciation of all equipment and the upgrade of many borough facilities. In determining which projects to approve, Borough Council and Mayor had to balance competing interests of all departments. The need to maintain local roads, storm water systems, recreation facilities, public safety and other services were fully evaluated during the budget process.

The 2020 GF beginning cash balance is estimated at \$2.61 million. Of that amount \$510,615 will be used to balance the 2020 General Fund Budget. General Fund revenues, net of cash reserves, are expected to increase 1.9% over the 2019 projected actual level. No grant funding was budgeted in 2020, but the Borough will be active in pursuing grant funding for storm water work and park improvements. Any grants obtained will offset costs that have been included in the budget.

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Where the GF Money Comes From

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 2,293,000
Earned Income Taxes & LST	4,660,000
Real Estate Transfer	800,000
Licenses, Fines, Interest, Rent	287,900
Intergovernmental Revenue	639,300
Borough Charges	592,320
Cash Reserves	510,615
<u>Other</u>	<u>185,084</u>
Total	\$ 9,968,219

2020 General Fund budgeted expenditures are projected to increase 0.2 % over the 2019 projected actual level. The Borough should finish 2020 with a \$2.1 million unrestricted cash reserve, which equals 21.1 % of the budget. A year-end cash balance is necessary to finance the Borough's operations for the first four months of the year. Municipalities experience a cash flow shortfall during the first four months of each year.

Where the GF Money Goes

General Government	\$ 1,128,588
Public Safety - Police	2,653,444
Public Safety – Fire	847,432
Building & Codes	357,353
Public Works	3,189,058
Culture, Recreation & Conservation	1,582,381
<u>Other</u>	<u>209,963</u>
Total	\$ 9,968,219

The major General Fund initiatives in this year's budget include:

- ▶ \$100,000 for the Borough share of the cost for traffic signal upgrades in the Interstate 79/Route 910 corridor
- ▶ The addition of a new full-time police officer
- ▶ \$40,000 for a consultant to upgrade the Borough Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ \$1,330,401 to contract out the Borough street paving program
- ▶ Application of Public Works resources to focus on storm water management
- ▶ Construction of a parking area at the new Lenzner-O'Keefe Pavilion in Linbrook Park
- ▶ Conversion of the basketball/tennis court to a basketball court and three pickleball courts in Blueberry Hill Park
- ▶ Repaving of the Clover Hill Golf Course parking lot
- ▶ \$367,834 contribution to the Northland Library (3.8% increase over 2019)
- ▶ \$30,000 contribution to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority (100% increase over 2019)

Fire Fund (Established in 2016)

With financial backing of the Borough, the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company built a new fire station in 2017. The new station culminated a three-year effort by the VFC and the Borough, which enhances the VFC's ability to provide up to date fire and rescue services to the residents of our community.

The funding arrangement agreed to by Council, Mayor and the VFC provides the resources necessary to finance the planned future replacement of pieces of apparatus and to purchase additional pieces which may be necessary. The funding plan projects the needs of the VFC into 2040; however, each year at budget time the plan is reviewed and updated, as necessary.

Clover Hill Golf Course

In 2020 CHGC will maintain the existing level of service it provides. The Budget also includes repaving the parking lot by Borough employees.

Capital Reserve

The Capital Reserve Fund will begin 2020 with a projected balance of \$1,336,000. This balance will be sufficient to cover planned capital expenditures and leave a balance of \$302,000 at year end. Major projects to be expended from this fund in 2020 include:

- ▶ Renovations to the Borough building interior to meet Police Department operational needs
- ▶ Upgrades to the Borough building fire and security systems
- ▶ Replacement of various pieces of Public Works equipment
- ▶ Replacement of the playground surface at Old Orchard Park
- ▶ Installation of a rain garden and walkway at the Lenzner-O'Keefe Pavilion in Linbrook Park
- ▶ Replacement of the Recreation Department vehicle

Highway Aid - Liquid Fuels

Each time Pennsylvania citizens purchase gasoline they pay a liquid fuels tax that by law must be used for highway/road related expenditures. Every year the State of Pennsylvania returns a portion of this tax to each municipality. As in the past, Franklin Park will use its allocation for road maintenance activities that include the purchase of snow removal/de-icing materials, road equipment and to pay for road maintenance salaries, should there be a need to do so. In 2020 it's estimated the Borough will receive \$428,211 in Liquid Fuels revenues. Also, the Borough will receive \$20,840 for state roads which the Borough took over and maintains today. The total Liquid Fuels budget is \$449,651. Approximately 80% of the 2020 Liquid Fuels money will be used to purchase road de-icing salt and 20% to purchase equipment.

Congratulations!

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S UPDATE ON CURRENT INITIATIVES

The following is an update on Borough Council, Mayor, volunteer committee members and staff initiatives introduced in the Fall 2019 Newsletter: (updates in bold)

- ▶ Communications – the Borough staff is doing an overall review of the various methods used to communicate information, including but not limited to handouts and signage at Borough buildings; the digital message board at Route 910; the newsletter and miscellaneous mailings; park bulletin boards; the Borough website and social media; and personal outreach. Specifically, the following projects are underway:
 - Website update – Borough staff have begun work on updating the appearance and functionality of the website so that it is more user-friendly for both computers and smart phones and allows each user to personalize the information received. Our goal is to introduce the updated website by the end of February this year.
 - Neighborhood meetings – I have begun meeting with residents to answer questions and to help me understand the what you consider to be the

strengths, weaknesses, and important issues in the Borough. Thus far I have met with residents of Fox Chase, Spring Ridge and Stone Mansion. This will be an ongoing process. If you have a neighborhood issue you would like to address or simply would like an update on what is happening in the Borough, please feel free to reach out to me to schedule a meeting. Likewise, I will reach out to you from time to time for input on a variety of issues that impact the Borough. You can reach me at 412-364-4115 or by email at rebner@franklinparkborough.us. *The offer still stands.*

- ▶ Environment – Borough Council, the Mayor and the Environmental Advisory Council are looking at a number of environmental initiatives. The following projects are currently underway:
 - Solar power – Borough Council and Mayor formally approved contracting with Solbridge Energy Advisors to do an analysis of Borough facilities and parks to determine if and where the use of solar infrastructure to generate power may be feasible. *The preliminary analysis will be completed by February.*

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 **SCHNEIDER DOWNS**
Wealth Management

- Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan – the Borough adopted this plan in 2015. The Environmental Advisory Council is currently reviewing the plan with the goal of providing guidance to the Recreation Board and Borough Council and Mayor regarding the environmental components of the plan and potential enhancements to better highlight and utilize the Borough parks and open space. As part of this process, the EAC recommended, and Council and Mayor approved, contracting with the Allegheny Land Trust to map and provide an environmental assessment of Acorn Park. *The Allegheny Land Trust has completed its report on Acorn Park and the EAC has made recommendations on how to proceed with improving the park. The Borough will be seeking grant funding to help offset the cost.*
- General Environment – the Borough is represented on a task force headed by the Allegheny Land Trust to analyze the Big Sewickley Creek watershed. The third public meeting regarding the future of the watershed was held in Franklin Park on January 30. The Allegheny Land Trust and their consultant, Pashek MTR, will tabulate the results. In addition, the Borough continues working with ALT and other organizations to look at ways to preserve and enhance green space.

- ▶ Infrastructure – The following projects are underway:
 - Interstate 79/Route 910 corridor – Franklin Park and Marshall Township are working with PennDOT to improve traffic flow in this corridor. In the short term, PennDOT has begun work on upgrading the timing of the traffic signals to improve traffic flow. They anticipate completing this project by the end of 2019. *The contract for this project was awarded in December, and work to upgrade the traffic signals and install cameras and radar to sense traffic patterns will begin shortly. The contractor anticipates doing the majority of the work at night. We will provide updates as the project progresses.* Longer-term, design and engineering work will begin late this year on major improvements to the roadway. As part of this project, PennDOT will host public meetings to introduce design concepts and take comment from the public. The actual construction work will likely not take place until 2024, when PennDOT secures the funding required. Franklin Park and Marshall are making financial contributions to both projects.
 - Stormwater – heavy rainfalls over the past 2 years have highlighted the need for more comprehensive, modern stormwater control. In the past, the practice was to collect stormwater and transmit it to the nearest waterway as quickly as possible. The result

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of this practice was that downstream communities were adversely impacted and had higher incidents of flooding. The current practice is to detain stormwater and control its release into waterways. The Borough staff and engineer are analyzing and reviewing stormwater issues that have occurred recently, and staff is attempting to find solutions that correct the specific Borough issue without adversely impacting our neighbors downstream. *An inventory and assessment of Borough storm water infrastructure will be conducted in 2020. This will include a review of storm water catch basins, pipes, dams, detention facilities, and water courses. The Borough engineer has already begun a detailed analysis in areas where flooding occurred in 2019.*

- Comprehensive Plan – In January of 2007, Borough Council and Mayor adopted the 2006 Franklin Park Borough Comprehensive Plan. This plan updated the prior plan that was adopted in 1992. While not legally required, it is recommended that comprehensive plans

be reviewed and updated every 10 years. The process starts in the Planning Commission and normally involves contracting with a consultant. Participation and input from focus groups and residents is a critical part of the process. In addition, the Borough will be reaching out to neighboring communities to determine if there are opportunities for multi-municipal planning to address specific issues. *The Borough Planning Commission met with members of the Ohio Township Planning Commission and representatives of the PA Department of Economic Development to discuss the components of a multi-municipal plan and potential funding that may be available. The Planning Commissions of Franklin Park and Ohio Township will now work to determine whether a joint plan will be viable and beneficial to both communities. As this process moves forward, information will be provided and input will be sought from residents and stakeholders.*

– Rege Ebner, Borough Manager

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GO TO
WWW.FRANKLINPARKBOROUGH.US
AT THE HOME PAGE, CLICK ON “CREATE AN ACCOUNT” IN THE
UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS
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GO TO THE “HOW DO I” TAB, UNDER “REGISTER FOR”
CLICK ON “NOTIFY ME”



MS4 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT) UPDATE

WHAT IS MS4? MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. When it rains, stormwater is carried to the nearest waterway through conveyance systems such as underground pipes, open channels, ditches and swales. MS4 refers to this infrastructure system.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? MS4 is the path by which all precipitation from the atmosphere travels to our rivers, streams, and waterways. Along this journey, stormwater may become polluted by chemicals, trash, or sediment from eroding streambanks. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) created the MS4 program to help ensure the cleanliness and vitality of our waterways.

HOW WILL THE MS4 PROGRAM AFFECT THE BOROUGH IN 2020? DEP has identified siltation and runoff issues impacting the Fish Run, Lowries Run and Pine Creek watersheds in Franklin Park. The Borough is required to take remedial action to alleviate these issues. Preliminary engineering work has begun to identify stream banks that can be stabilized and restored and stormwater detention facilities that can be retrofitted to help reduce erosion and slow the flow of water to our neighbors downstream. The Borough is responsible for absorbing the cost for this remediation. To the extent possible, grant funding will be pursued to help offset the cost. As specific projects are identified, updates will be provided.



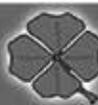
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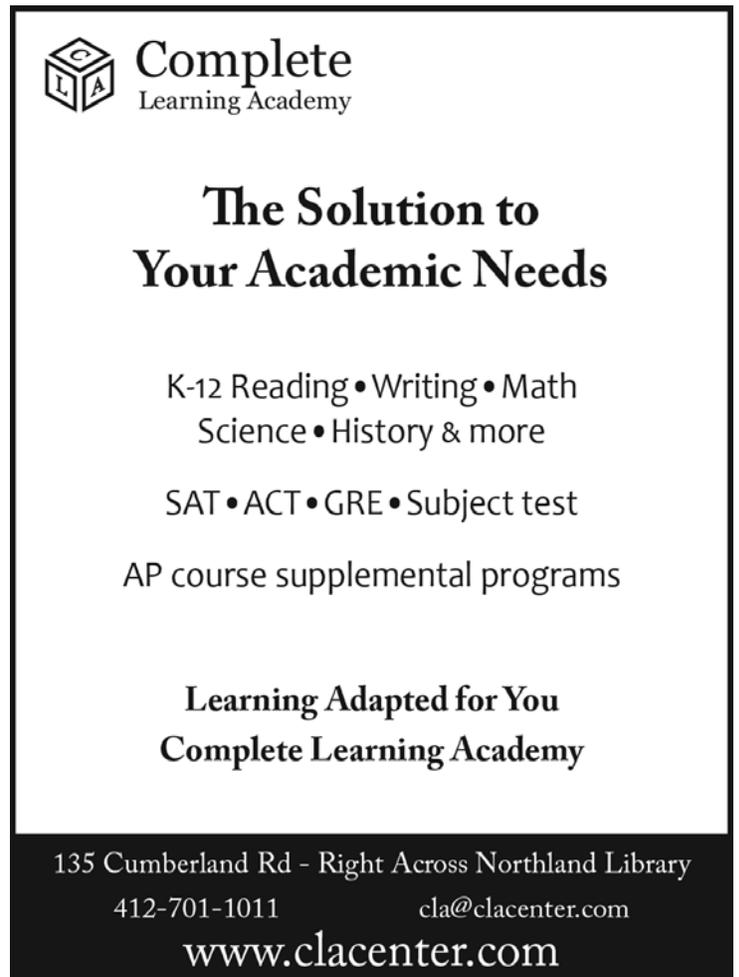
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REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Real Estate Tax Collector, Kristin Losco, is responsible for the collection of Franklin Park Borough real estate taxes and North Allegheny School District real estate taxes for the Franklin Park area, as well as the \$10.00 school per capita tax paid by every adult (21 yr. of age or older) residing in the district.

Franklin Park Borough Tax

Borough Millage 1.29
Operate on a Calendar Year
Borough Tax bills mailed May 1st
2% Discount May – June 30
Face July – August 31
10% Penalty After August 31
*Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program

North Allegheny School Tax

School Millage 19.1408
Operate on a Fiscal Year
School Tax bills mailed July 1st
2% Discount July – August 31
Face September – October 31
10% Penalty After October 31
*Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion

THERE ARE NO GRACE PERIODS/NO EXCEPTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 notice does not relieve any taxpayer from liability for prompt payment of taxes.
- ▶ If the billing address for your real estate tax bill has changed after January 1 of this year, due to refinancing, no or paid off escrow etc., please notify the tax office of the change.

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10AM-Noon and evenings during the last two weeks of June and August from 5PM-7PM at the Franklin Park Municipal Building or by appointment. Residents are also encouraged to use the convenient drop-box located on the left side of our Borough Building (a receipt will be sent). If you mail your payment and wish a receipt, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you, and not your lender, are responsible for making payment of your North Allegheny/ Franklin Park Real Estate Tax, **be extra vigilant when determining and writing a check that it is the correct amount. It is the amount in the TOTAL DUE box for the appropriate period (discount/face/penalty).** See below.

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

In November 2004, Franklin Park Borough Council passed Ordinance No. 531-04 adopting the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. This program entitles all qualified senior citizens, living in the Borough of Franklin Park, to a flat 30% discount of the real estate tax on their primary residence.

Below are the requirements necessary to qualify. You must meet all three requirements listed below:

- ▶ **Property Ownership:** Must have owned and occupied a primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years.
- ▶ **Age:**
 - Must be age 60 or older, or if married either spouse must be age 60
 - Be a widow or widower and age 50
 - Permanently disabled and age 18 (must be verified with a physician's letter. A letter from Social Security will not be accepted.).
- ▶ **Income:** Gross household income must be \$30,000 or less. For calculating income use only 50% of your Social Security Benefit, SSI and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 Benefits (except Medicare benefits); plus, all other income must be added in at 100%.

Please feel free to contact Ken Larson at Allegheny County with any questions: 412-350-3875.

REAL ESTATE CHECKLIST

When paying taxes, especially paying close to the deadline, it is imperative to make sure:

1. Check is **NOT** post-dated
2. Check is signed
3. Amount paid is correct and located in the **TOTAL DUE BOX**.
See example, school district includes the per capita amount.
4. Written portion of check is accurate.

Failure to provide any of the above could result in the payment being returned and losing either the discount or face amount.

HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION INSTALLMENT PROGRAM

NO tax discount is permitted for any taxes when paying by installment. By Pennsylvania State Law, the school district must offer installment payments. Only those properties deemed eligible for the Homestead or Farmstead exclusion by the Allegheny County Assessment office will be permitted to make installment payments.

Under the installment plan, the full amount is due in three installments. Due dates are August 31/October 31/ December 31) in the respective year. The exact amount of the first payment and due date will be listed on the tax bill. If N/A appears in the installment box, it means your property is not eligible for installment payments.

The payment of the exact amount of the first installment by a taxpayer on or before the first installment due date, shall show intention to pay school taxes on the installment plan. The remaining two installment coupons will be mailed to you after the first payment is received. Installments 2-3 must be paid by the due dates listed above or a penalty of 10% will be added to any installment that is late. A taxpayer who is delinquent shall be ineligible for the installment payment option in the following fiscal year.

4TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A heartfelt thanks to the many residents and groups that helped make our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive a success. The Franklin Park community came through along with members of NASH Key Club. By their donations we were able to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. Two loads of non-perishable food items as well as several gift cards were delivered to North Hills Community Outreach for distribution.

*Thank you for
your generosity!*



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REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage should be placed at the curb after 4:00 PM on the evening before your scheduled pick up day. Residents should place all garbage in plastic garbage bags to avoid garbage from falling out on to the street. To avoid garbage bags from being torn into by animals and having garbage all over the street, you can place your bags in a trash can. Garbage cans must be removed from the curb no later than 10:00 PM the day of your garbage collection.

The “Snow Bird Clause” allows a resident to suspend service for up to five (5) months while they spend the winter months elsewhere. The resident can provide WM with written notification or can call Customer Service at 1-800-866-4460 to have their service suspended.

Please see the refuse hauler’s flyer on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us for further information regarding your refuse and recycling collections. If your garbage or recycling is not collected call WM Customer Service at 1-800-866-4460. If you have any questions, or continued issues, you can contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.



RECYCLING GUIDELINES

WASTE MANAGEMENT is currently contracted by Franklin Park Borough to collect our residential waste. The customer service phone number for Waste Management is 1-800-866-4460.

There have been changes in what can be recycled in your curbside container. Please review the following list of items that can be recycled curbside and their guidelines.

- **Plastic** - numbered 1 - 7. Any food containers with the acceptable number must be free of any food, e.g. peanut butter and mayonnaise containers, etc.
- **Glass** - food and beverage containers with lids and food debris removed: clear and colored. Labels do not have to be removed.
- **Bi-metal, steel and aluminum cans** - with any food debris removed.
- **Paper and cardboard food boxes** - including but not limited to newsprint, junk mail, phone books, magazines and catalogs, cereal boxes, Kleenex boxes or similar.
- **Corrugated cardboard** can be placed at curbside if the cardboard fits inside the recycling bin. Corrugated cardboard can also be placed in the four (4) dumpsters at the Municipal Building in the parking lot near the Police Department. All cardboard must be broken down before placing in dumpster.
- **Brush, leaves and yard waste** - Only grass clippings placed inside of black plastic bags will be accepted with normal garbage. The borough offers a Spring and Fall curbside leaf collection and brush chipping program for residents to utilize.
- **Please do not place any of the following out for recycling:** cartons, batteries, styrofoam of any kind, light bulbs, unnumbered plastics, wax coated paper or cardboard and any material with food debris such as pizza boxes.
- **No plastic bags can be placed in the recycling container.**

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

PA Act 101 requires 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

If you do not have a recycling program in place you are in violation of Ordinance No. 377-91 and could face fines up to \$1,000, and costs of prosecution for each offense.

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.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Waste Management provides a service called "At Your Door" Special Collection as part of their residential solid waste and recycling contract with Franklin Park Borough. This curbside service gives you a convenient year-round opportunity to dispose of your household generated special materials safely, easily and responsibly.

The At Your Door Special Collection accepts E-waste such as televisions and computer systems and **Hazardous Household Waste** such as paint, automotive products, garden chemicals, household cleaners, vehicle and household batteries, fluorescent tubes and CFLs. Contact Waste Management's At Your Door Service at 1-800-449-7587 to set up a pick-up date.

A flyer providing all the necessary information needed to utilize this service can be found on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us or one can be obtained at the Franklin Park Borough Municipal Building. If you have any questions regarding this service you can contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.



**YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITE
BLUEBERRY HILL PARK
FOR FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH RESIDENTS USE ONLY**



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. Only trimmings that are up to 4” in diameter can be accepted. **The Borough also asks that you please utilize the April and November curbside brush chipping and leaf collection whenever possible.**

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 at www.franklinparkborough.us. This site is for residential disposal only, commercial use is prohibited. Disposal of entire trees is prohibited. The site is open March 1st to December 1st of each year.

****IMPORTANT**** This site is currently under camera surveillance. Anyone caught dumping illegally or placing any of the following prohibited materials at the Yard Waste Drop Off Site are subject to having their permit pulled and receiving fines of up to \$300. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to, grass clippings, tree or brush trimmings larger than 4” in diameter, garbage, stumps, logs, asphalt, concrete, dirt, mulch, clay, stone, construction materials or anything that won’t degrade. Under no circumstances should anything be left in plastic bags. Placing yard waste in any dumpster or other areas of the park is strictly prohibited.

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LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION

LEAF BAG COLLECTION

The Borough will only collect leaves in biodegradable paper bags. Biodegradable bags are available at the municipal building at a cost of \$.40 each, or you may purchase them at retail stores. Please refrain from putting rocks, sticks, plastic bottles, etc. in the bags. **Do not close leaf bags with duct tape** it is not biodegradable and must not be used. Please leave enough room at the top of the bag so you can either fold or roll it closed.

SPRING COLLECTION DATES:

The weeks of April 6 and 13, 2020*

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

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

*Dates are tentative based on weather conditions, check our website for updated information.

BRUSH CHIPPING

It is imperative that all brush (1/2" to 4" in diameter only) be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM Monday, April 6, 2020.

SPRING COLLECTION BEGINS:

Monday, April 6, 2020

Collection will begin on the date listed above. The chipper will pass through the Borough one time. The chipping service may take several days to get to all areas of the borough. Although we cannot provide specific dates, they will get to your area as soon as possible. If your brush is not out at the curb when the chipper passes, you may take your branches to the yard waste drop off on Blaine's Way in Blueberry Hill Park. A permit is required and can be obtained at the municipal building. Permits are available to Franklin Park residents only.

Please cut and place your brush perpendicular to the curb with the butt end out.

This service is provided for brush and tree trimmings only. No thorn bushes will be accepted. If you have a tree or trees to dispose of, you must contact a private contractor. Borough crews will not spend more than 15 minutes at your home.

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.

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EAC SPONSORED TOUR OF WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING FACILITY

The Waste Management Neville Island plant employs 100 people. Most employees remove non-recyclable contamination. Nothing from the single stream collection bins our residents use is pre-sorted. Efficient recycling of a single stream of many materials requires sorting at the plant. Loose materials make sorting possible, therefore items should not be tied up in plastic bags. Bagged items often end up as landfill waste.



November 7, 2019 Tour Group

Currently, Waste Management receives from residents' recyclable material with a waste content of approximately 20% and, after processing to segregate recyclable materials, the final products have a waste content of less than 0.5%. Before 2018, there was a strong demand for recyclable materials in China. In 2018, China banned paper and plastic imports due to increases in domestic supplies. China has now tightened its criteria to exclude receiving imported material contaminated beyond this 0.5% limit. Without China demand, the price of many recycled materials has dropped to the point that recycling of these commodities is uneconomical. Using virgin material of some recyclable commodities is currently more economical.

Waste Management conducts contamination audits for certain recycling trucks. When violations are identified, the customer and/or municipality receive warnings, fines or other penalties. The recycling pickup trucks also spot check residents to determine that the proper material is being submitted for recycling.

Aluminum is highly valued, and most is reprocessed to new product within 60 days. Metal cans do not need to have the labels removed; just excessive food debris removed.

Even though only certain types of plastic are recovered for recycling, it is acceptable to include all plastic in your recycling bin. Waste Management sorts the plastic that is economical for recycling and discards the rest. Currently, there is a market for recycled types 1 and 2 plastics only. The different types of plastics are able to be sorted based upon their physical and chemical properties. Types 1 and 2 plastics (PET and HDPE), are pure plastics. As of November 2019, there are no markets for mixed plastics i.e. Types 3, 4, and 5.

When depositing plastic bottles, the lids should be kept on the bottle since the lids are usually also plastic. Any small items (less than 2"), including bottle caps, that otherwise would be recycled, if not attached to the container will fall into the waste stream. Again, remove excessive food debris. There is no need to clean peanut butter jars perfectly or to put recyclable material through the dishwasher. Also, the recycling facility can process plastic containers up to the size of a five-gallon bucket.

Recycle single-use plastic bags at the grocery store. They clog up the recycling machinery and, unfortunately, must frequently be manually removed from the recycling stream and equipment.

Cardboard and paper need to be kept dry. The sorting process for paper is based entirely upon the light weight of paper and its ability to be displaced with a blower. Wet paper cannot be sorted. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, loose paper of any type, food boxes, shoe boxes, corrugated cardboard, or anything similar to these items, are recycled. For greasy pizza boxes, rip off the clean portions for recycling and throw the rest away. If you have a mailing envelope with a plastic clear window, either remove the plastic window or throw it away. Waste Management can NOT recycle shredded paper. However, it can be taken to Royal Oak Recycling's drop-off facility at 4830 Grand Avenue (Neville Island), Pittsburgh, PA 15225. Or, look for one of their Paper Retriever green and yellow containers labeled Paper Recycling located at many schools, churches and office buildings.

When depositing glass, there should be no lids on the glass because the lids are not made of glass. The valuable plastic and metal lids from the glass are recycled separately. Although Waste Management does collect glass from Franklin Park residents, as of November 2019, there is no market for glass, and it all goes to the landfill.

SAVE THE DATE – WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY TOUR

Franklin Park Borough has scheduled another tour of Waste Management's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located on Neville Island. The MRF separates and processes recyclable materials which is done through a combination of manual and automated sorting. The tour will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. There is a limited number of spaces available, so please contact Donna Platt at the borough office at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us to reserve a spot. Borough residents will view a very informative video presentation detailing the recycling process followed by an extensive question and answer session. The group will then tour the facility albeit from a distance, away from the sorting equipment.



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CORRUGATED CARDBOARD DUMPSTERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Borough of Franklin Park provides its residents with an outlet for discarding excess corrugated cardboard. In mid-March there will be a change in the four dumpsters designated for corrugated cardboard. New dumpsters will require everyone to break down their boxes and place them in a slot in order to utilize the containers. The top and side access points will be locked down and inaccessible. This change is because the dumpsters were continually being contaminated with unacceptable items and boxes were not being broken down leaving less room for additional boxes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the household recycling dumpster will no longer be available to residents. The dumpster was continually being contaminated by unacceptable items such as plastic bags, Styrofoam, household hazardous waste and garbage on a regular basis. When the contamination occurs, Waste Management imposes a charge which could be in excess of \$500 for each incident.

Anyone using the dumpsters must follow these guidelines:

- ▶ **Only** corrugated cardboard can be placed in the dumpsters.
- ▶ **Do not** leave any household recycling outside of the dumpsters in bags or otherwise. All household recycling material will be considered trash.
- ▶ **Do not** leave cardboard/boxes on the ground around and/or leaning on the dumpsters (see photos 1 and 2). Please come back when the dumpsters have room to place your material. Normal pickups days are Tuesday and Friday.
- ▶ **Do not** place any type of packing material in the dumpsters, including but not limited to plastic wrap, plastic bubble fill or Styrofoam of any kind.
- ▶ **Do not** place pizza boxes in the dumpsters. They are trash because they are contaminated with food.
- ▶ **Do not** place garbage around the dumpsters.
- ▶ Place small boxes, food and Kleenex type boxes in your curbside recycling container.

When a dumpster contains material that is considered contamination, it defeats our efforts to keep cardboard out of the landfill. Please respect the efforts of the residents who are committed to recycling and follow these guidelines when utilizing our recycling dumpsters.



Photo 1



Photo 2

CLOVER HILL GOLF COURSE

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Clover Hill opened for play on April 13, 1990. The golf course has continued its reputation as one of the area's best public golf courses. The golf course is open year round as weather and course conditions permit. Hours of operation are based on available daylight. We look forward to continuing our effort to provide an outstanding recreational facility for many more years.

The golf course will continue its partnership with Junior Team Golf in 2020. This has been an outstanding program which offers an opportunity for juniors learn and enjoy the game of golf. This program is designed for juniors to develop their golf skills, to teach proper etiquette, and to assist in developing character. There are three sessions offered, spring, summer and fall. Juniors receive lessons at the Pine Creek Golf Center during the week and each Saturday a golf event is hosted at Clover Hill Golf Course. Information and enrollment for the program can be found at www.jrteamgolf.com or by visiting our website www.clovergolf.com.

This season the greens fees and cart rates will be increased \$.50 and season passes will increase \$25.00 per pass. This represents the first increase in 4 years. Residents of Franklin Park can enroll in our loyalty program and receive one free round for every five paid rounds. Season passes are available for the calendar year and gift cards are also available for purchase. Photo identification will be required to purchase season passes.

We look forward to serving the community at Clover Hill Golf Course throughout the upcoming golf season and look forward to an early spring and sunny summer. Tee times can be made by calling the clubhouse at 412-364-2447 or by visiting our website at www.cloverhillgolf.com.

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PARKS & RECREATION INFORMATION

RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Franklin Park Recreation Board is to organize recreational and social activities for the benefit of Borough residents and to advise Franklin Park Borough Council on the development and maintenance of safe, usable and aesthetically pleasing recreational facilities.

TALENTS AND IDEAS?

Do you have a special interest or talent that you would be willing to share? It may be your profession or something you just enjoy doing. Perhaps you are a motivational speaker, a lawyer, a cook, a mechanic, a sports professional, a homemaker with some special recipes or you know how to crochet, quilt, sew, tie fly's, make crafts, have artistic talents, or perhaps you can lead exercise or have a special hobby. Your talents are limitless. We would love to hear from you and discuss how we may share your talents through our programs. The Borough programs can grow with your help and provide the types of recreation you want. Do not be afraid to offer ideas and talents. Each will be evaluated for its potential as a program.

SEASONAL AND PART-TIME PARK & GOLF COURSE POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Positions include: Seasonal (March – November) or Part-time

- Grounds Keeper (Parks)
- Grounds Keeper (Golf Course)
- Club House Cashier (Golf Course)
- Weekend Park Facility Supervisor

For more information visit www.franklinparkborough.us

ACORN PARK VOLUNTEER DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020 FROM 9AM-12PM

(rain date April 19th)

The EAC is calling all residents and friends to help conserve one of our most natural and beautiful borough parks. The Little Sewickley Creek passes through Acorn Park and is one of the cleanest and healthiest watersheds in Pennsylvania.

Help is needed with the following tasks:

- Removal of invasive species (bittersweet, stiltgrass, garlic mustard, barberry, etc.)
- Protecting oak/hickory saplings
- Planting native trees
- Trail maintenance

Please bring: garden/work gloves, hedge trimmers, clippers, chainsaws, pruning shears, shovels, etc. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

SAVE ON FAMILY SUMMER OUTINGS WITH DISCOUNT TICKETS

This summer you can purchase discounted tickets for your family outings at many local, regional and national amusement parks and attractions. The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) through Franklin Park Borough, is offering discounted tickets to: Kennywood, Pittsburgh Zoo, Sandcastle, Cedar Point, Hershey Park, Idlewild and more. For a full listing of attractions and ticket prices visit our website in mid-May at www.franklinparkborough.us or call 412-364-4115, Ext. 0.



ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Now is the time to plan your spring and summer activities! Some programs have limited participation so register early to reserve your spot and enjoy the convenience of registering from your own home! Credit/Debit cards are accepted. There is no additional fee for registering online.

To register online visit: www.franklinparkborough.us

Click: Recreation -> Upcoming Programs -> Register Online

To register by mail: Send completed registration form located on the inside back page of this newsletter along with a check payable to Borough of Franklin Park, Attn: Recreation, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

The Recreation Department is always looking for new ideas and points of interest from the community. Feel free to call with any suggestions 412-364-4115 ext. 347 or email zbrower@franklinparkborough.us.

BLUEBERRY HILL ACTIVITY CENTER, PAVILION, AND GAZEBO RENTALS FOR 2021

According to Borough policy, the Borough will begin accepting contracts for rental of the Activity Center, Pavilion and Gazebo for all 2021 dates starting the first Monday of March 2020 at 9:00AM for Franklin Park Borough residents. Non-residents will be able to start renting our facilities beginning the third Monday of March 2020 at 9:00AM.

In order to secure a date, the Borough must receive a completed rental Permit packet and appropriate check(s) made out to "Borough of Franklin Park". We cannot reserve your requested date until we receive these items. Rental permit packets and policies can be downloaded from our website www.franklinparkborough.us. Click "Recreation," then "Facility Rentals". Please read all information thoroughly then call Zach Brower at 412-364-4115 ext. 347 with any questions.



YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER 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:	Tuesday, April 28, 2020 (No School)
TIME:	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$65.00 per session
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$70.00 per session



CDG SPORTS 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. CDG SPORTS Flag Football League is open to kids ages 6 to 13. All players will be matched by age and compete on teams of up to ten players. So start stretching out and get your friends together for all the football fun you can handle!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – April 10 (Must register by deadline to receive a game shirt)

Space is limited

WHO:	Kids ages 6 – 13 years old
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park – Lower Meadow Field
WHEN:	Sundays, April 19 – May 17, 2020
TIME:	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$75.00 per player – Includes Game Shirt
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$80.00 per player – Includes Game Shirt
INSTRUCTOR:	CDG Sports – Certified Coaches/Staff



Players will play one 40 minute game between the time frame of 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Players are not required to be present the entire time.

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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 and Girls ages 4-15 years old
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Mondays, February 3 – June 1 (no class May 25) - 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Division 4 (tested only, advanced) - please email instructor for details!
WHEN: Wednesdays, February 5 - June 3
TIME: Division 1 (ages 4-6) – 6:00 PM
Division 2 (ages 7-9) – 6:45 PM
Division 3 (ages 10+) – 7:30 PM
INSTRUCTOR: Coach Tiffany, FPrubies@gmail.com
www.championforce.com
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SUMMER CAMP

ULTIMATE ECO-ADVENTURE CAMP

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Space is limited

WHO:	Boys and Girls ages 6 – 13 years
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Pavilion - Lower Meadow Field/ Linbrook Park
WHEN:	June 29 – July 3, 2020 July 27 – 31, 2020
TIME:	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$100.00 – Includes eco-adventure t-shirt
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$105.00 – Includes eco-adventure t-shirt
INSTRUCTOR:	Coach Dave Gray – Certified Sports Instructor/Coach NAYS, NYSCA



ULTIMATE SPORTS CAMP

A camp like this has never been seen before at CDG Sports! This week-long summer camp for kids ages 6-13 run by Coach Dave along with certified CDG coaches. Games will include razzle-dazzle flag football, grand slam wiffleball, basketball, field games, “picnic” games, team building, and many more!

WHO:	Boys and Girls ages 6 – 13 years
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Pavilion - Lower Meadow Field
WHEN:	June 22 – 26, 2020 July 6 – 10, 2020 July 13 – 17, 2020 August 10 –14, 2020
TIME:	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$180.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$185.00
INSTRUCTOR:	Coach Dave Gray – Certified Sports Instructor/Coach NAYS, NYSCA

SUMMER RECREATION AND SPORT SKILLS PROGRAM

The **Summer Recreation Program** is sponsored by the joint recreation board of Franklin Park Borough, Town of McCandless, Marshall Township, Bradford Woods Borough and North Allegheny School District. The program runs for four weeks from 8:45 AM until 12:00 PM for students who have completed first grade. Activities include arts and crafts, team sports and group recreation.

***Your child will receive registration forms in their school packets towards the end of May/beginning of June 2020**

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

BLUEBERRY HILL GANG

Our Senior Program held the second Thursday of every month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM has been very successful and well attended. Many seniors are enjoying the monthly programs, socializing, meeting new friends and enjoying a variety of delicious foods.

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

B POWER YOGA

B Power Yoga is an active meditation that helps to increase your metabolism, muscle strength along with flexibility and balance. You will be guided through a series of poses that will focus on maintaining one breath per movement. This challenging 60-minute practice will tone the body and mind, all while set to an energizing playlist. Evening class will take place under soothing candlelight. Classes are suitable for all levels and are recommended for ages 13 and up. Find out more information about B Power Yoga at bpower yoga.com.

WHO:	Anyone 13+
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Wednesdays – 10:00 AM Thursdays – 7:30 PM
SESSIONS:	Spring: March 4 – May 14 Summer: June 10 – Aug 13
RESIDENT FEE:	\$100/session (10 classes)
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$105/session (10 classes)
DROP – IN:	\$12/class
INSTRUCTOR:	Alethea Molina



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Come and join in the fun as we begin a 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

WHO: Adults and Seniors
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Fridays – March 20 – May 29 (No class April 10)
TIME: 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 per 10-week session
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$60 per 10-week session
WEEKLY FEE: \$7 (Available only after the 12-person minimum is met)
INSTRUCTOR: Shirley Shultz



FAMILY

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Join us at Blueberry Hill Park to sit back and relax while listening to music that will be provided by different musical groups. The concerts will be held inside of the gazebo next to the Blueberry Patch. Popcorn will be provided for all that attend. Each concert will begin at 7:00 PM.

DATES: Friday, July 3 – TBA
 Friday, July 24 – TBA

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MOVIES IN THE PARK

“Movies in the Park” are returning to Franklin Park Borough and surrounding communities this summer. Bring your lawn chair or beach blanket and enjoy some good family oriented movies for **FREE**. Movies will start at dusk and refreshments will be sold. *Movies subject to change.

Franklin Park Borough – Blueberry Hill Park Main Football Field – 412.364.4115 x 347

Friday - June 5	Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker
Friday - July 3	D2: The Mighty Ducks
Friday - July 24	Dolittle

Marshall Township – Knob Hill Park – 724.935.3090

Friday - June 12	Jumanji The Next Level
Friday - July 10	Frozen 2
Friday - August 14	Knives Out

Ohio Township Community Park – 412.364.6321

Thursday - June 18	TBA
Thursday - July 23	TBA
Friday - August 7	TBA

Richland Township – Richland Community Park – 724.443.5921

Thursday - June 25	Ralph Breaks the Internet
Thursday - July 2	Aladdin
Thursday - July 16	Abominable
Thursday - July 30	Babe
Thursday - August 12	Toy Story 4

Cranberry Township – 724.776.4806 x1129

Wednesday - July 29	TBA
Wednesday - August 5	TBA
Wednesday - August 12	TBA
Wednesday - August 19	TBA



LOST AND FOUND

Any items which are found in our parks or on any borough property are brought to the Municipal Building Administrative Offices (upper level). Feel free to stop in or call 412-364-4115 to see if your lost item has been found and turned in. Thank you.



SPECIAL EVENTS

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Be sure to bring a basket or bag to put your eggs in and a flashlight. **Registration is limited and required!**

WHO: Children ages 7 - 11
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park – Lower Meadow Field
WHEN: Friday, April 3, 2020
TIME: 8:00 PM Sharp (arrive 15 minutes early)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Be sure to bring a basket to put your eggs in! **Registration is limited and required!**

WHO: Children ages 6 and under
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park – Volleyball Courts and Field 2
WHEN: Saturday, April 4, 2020
TIME: 10:00 AM Sharp (arrive 15 minutes early)



PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

NOTICE: This year the event will be a joint exchange between Marshall Twp. and Franklin Park. Many people enjoy growing all types of plants, from groundcovers, flowers and herbs to various trees and shrubs. Often these perennials produce more plants than you can use. Here's an opportunity for you to share your extra plants with others and perhaps pick up some new plants and gardening ideas for yourself. Last spring a number of plant enthusiasts enjoyed conversing and exchanging a variety of different plants. Come join us this year to pick up some new plants for your home and bring some of your extra plants to share with others.

WHO: Plant Enthusiasts
WHERE: Altmeyer Park – Marshall Twp.
WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 2020
TIME: 6:30PM – 8:00 PM
FEE: Free



PRC'S CELEBRATE THE RAIN! WATERSHED AWARENESS/RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Learn how to practice watershed protection and conservation in your own backyard. It's easier than you think!

Rain barrels are a great way to conserve water, to supply non-chlorinated water for gardening, and to keep excess water out of the stormwater system, thus alleviating some of the stormwater and water pollution issues plaguing the region. Workshop attendees learn how to reduce their contribution to combined sewer overflow (CSO), flooding, and polluted urban runoff while becoming good watershed stewards.

Participants receive a pre-made FreeGarden RAIN 55-gallon rain barrel. Designed with the homeowner/gardener in mind, it is affordable, attractive, and easy to install.

To register on-line visit:

<http://prc.org/programs/conservation-workshops/watershed-rain-barrels/>

or call 412-488-7490 X 6.

WHEN: Friday, May 1, 2020
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Activity Center
TIME: 6:30 PM
COST: \$80/person and \$85/couple (Pre-registration is required)



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.

You will receive a composting bin at class!

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-gallon capacity. For more info or to register go to: <http://prc.org/programs/conservation-workshops/backyard/> or call 412-488-7490 X 6

WHEN: Friday, March 13, 2020
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Activity Center
TIME: 6:30 PM
COST: \$80/person and \$85/couple (Pre-registration is required)



18TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOLF OUTING MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

HOSTED BY SHANNOPIN COUNTRY CLUB
BENEFITS THE FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The format is a 4-person scramble. We welcome foursomes as well as singles which will be paired into teams. Prizes are awarded as follows: 1st place \$600.00, 2nd place \$400.00 and 3rd place \$300.00. Skill prizes, prize drawing, 50/50, putting contest, breakfast, lunch and beverages are provided. We also need tee sign sponsors, breakfast and lunch sponsors, as well as an event sponsor. Ads can also be purchased to be placed in the borough's newsletters.

For additional information contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

Graduating high school seniors residing in Franklin Park Borough are eligible for a community scholarship. Applications are available at www.franklinparkborough.us.



FRANKLIN PARK'S NIGHT OUT

Come join us from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the borough building to thank our first responders and participate in a touch-a-truck style event! There will be fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, public works trucks, and tons of fun!

WHO: Everyone
WHERE: Borough of Franklin Park Municipal Building
WHEN: Tuesday, August 4, 2020
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
FEE: Free!



FRANKLIN PARK POLICE

The Borough of Franklin Park now has a medication disposal box located in the lobby of the Police Department. Medications can be dropped off during business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note the list of “Accepted” and “Not Accepted” items displayed on the container. If you have any questions, please contact the Police Department at 412-364-1227.



FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Since 1922, The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company has provided emergency response services to the residents of Franklin Park. In 2019 the fire company responded to 350 emergency calls. Some emergencies include vehicle fires and accidents on I-79 and I-279. We also are sent out on other emergency calls such as carbon monoxide alarms, wires down, trees blocking roadways, flooded basements 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.



2020: A New DECADE, and PRESIDENT for the Station

While 2019 was one of the busiest years for the FPVFC, serving the community on 350 calls, we are looking forward to a new decade of innovation. After five years of dedicated service Bob Jarvis has stepped down from his role as President. Bob will continue to serve in the important capacity of Corresponding Secretary. We thank Bob for his endless hours of volunteer service and his leadership through many challenges; especially the construction of our new Main Fire Station.

John Parks was elected president of the fire company effective January 1, 2020. He indicated a few of his objectives for the coming two years:

- Focus on finding new members, especially given the statewide reduction in volunteer emergency responders
- Taking the next steps forward in technology, by pursuing research into the latest dispatch programs and firefighting science
- Uncovering the wealth of knowledge and innovation that lives within our present, diverse, and talented membership
- Emphasizing the current and positive spirit of cooperation between fire, police, EMS, Borough Mayor, Council, Staff and the Community



FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

OUR PERSONNEL

~Executive Personnel~

President - John Parks	Vice President - Jared Dauer
Treasurer - Andy Nock	Financial Secretary - Jim Hogg
Corresponding Secretary - Bob Jarvis	Secretary - Perry Meronyk
Director - Bill Miller	Director - Dave Vodarick
Director - Bob Neugebauer	Director - Ellsworth Johnston, Jr
Junior Coordinator - Chris McHenry	Public Relations - Zach Quinn

~Line Officers~

Chief - Bill Chicots	Assistant Chief - Scott Merriman
Deputy Chief - Jason Thompson	Captain - Bob Cerra
Captain 2 - Roger Sechler	Lieutenant 1 - Bob Miller
Lieutenant 2 - Ben Marshall	Lieutenant 3 - Bo Schwab
Chief Engineer - Andy Nock	Assistant Engineer - Brian Marriner
Assistant Engineer - Sam Marriner	Assistant Engineer - Chris McHenry
Training Officer - Steve Bollinger	Fire Police Captain - Ed Maus
Fire Police Lieutenant - Lou Urso	

Our Trucks and Tools

Our fire company has ten trucks and apparatus. We have two engines, a rescue truck, a new tanker truck, a fire police truck, a 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, the “Jaws of Life”, thermal cameras, gas meters, and much more that is used on a day to day basis in our community.



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 of 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, email us at vicepresident@franklinpark158.org, or reach out via our Facebook page.

Our NEW Live-in Program

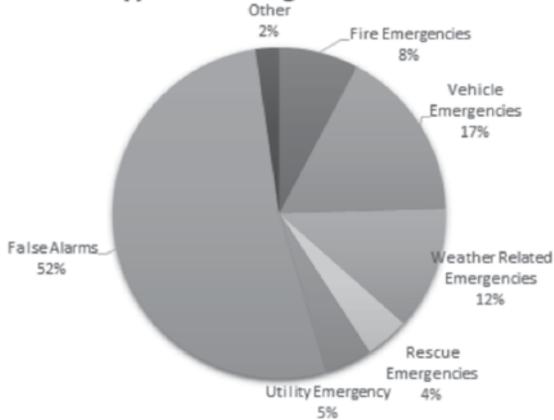
NEW to this year, we are seeking students who are attending school in the area. These students will have access to dorm rooms with the live-in program that is being launched this year. This could mean that you will get FREE living expenses while in college. Another advantage that is unique for college students is the possibility for students to get FREE college tuition. The details have not fully been finalized at this time, so, further information will be released through our Facebook page and the website!

A Growing and Evolving Community

Franklin Park is growing more and more each year. We have answered a record breaking 350 fire calls in 2019. The breakdown of these calls is similar to other companies around us and go as follows. Roughly 50 percent of calls are fire alarms in residential and commercial structures. 30 percent are accidents that either occur on the interstate or in the borough limits. 12 percent of calls are other miscellaneous weather-related incidents. Concluding the final 8 percent of calls are residential or commercial structure fires both in the borough or mutual aid for neighboring fire companies. Along with the new spike in calls and emergencies, WE NEED YOU to help keep the borough safe. Along with membership, the fire company is bringing a new line of rewards for members and families to use. Some of these include a drive in wash bay for members personal cars, a fully equipped workout room, dorm rooms for members, and much more!



Types of Emergencies 2019



ITEM	2018	2019
Number of calls	244	350
Hours on calls	1,399	1,532
All other hours - training, work night, etc.	5,804	6,553
No. of Apparatus on calls	981	1,281
Number of times members attended a call	3,129	4,189
New Members	9	3

Total service as a FPVFC Volunteer for all members
on current roster: 1,589 Years

Events for the Community

This year, we again plan to have plenty of events, in collaboration with the Franklin Park Borough. Some events we plan on scheduling will be an open house in the Fall and Santa Sunday. We hope to be able to see the community and get connected with the people who we serve every day. More information and dates will be provided through our Facebook page!



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.
- 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 at the 158 house.
- THANK YOU to the entire Franklin Park Community for your support



Get in Contact with Us

Emergencies: 911

Facebook:

**Franklin Park Volunteer
Fire Company**

Online:

www.franklinparkvfc158.org

Main Station:

(412) 364-5670

YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Baseball/Softball

Ingomar-Franklin Park Little League
www.ifpll.org

Basketball

North Allegheny Basketball Association
724-935-6272
nabball@gmail.com
www.nababasketball.org

Football

Tiger Pride
www.natigerpride.com

Lacrosse

North Allegheny Youth Lacrosse
www.Naylax.org

Soccer

North Allegheny Soccer Club
www.nasoccerclub.org

Swimming

Ingomar Swim Club
www.theingomarswimclub.wildapricot.org

Baierl Family YMCA
www.baierlfamily-y.org

Wrestling

North Allegheny Tigers Jr. Wrestling
www.najuniorwrestling.com

ADULT SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Cricket

Pittsburgh Cricket Association
www.pittsburghcricket.com
dheena@pittsburghcricket.com

RECREATION REGISTRATION FORM

Complete this form and send with the appropriate payment to Franklin Park Borough,
2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or **REGISTER ONLINE** at www.franklinparkborough.us
Please make checks payable to FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH

Family's Last Name _____ Address _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Participant First Name	Program/Session	Shirt Size <small>Youth or Adult S,M,L,XL</small>	Gender	D.O.B	Right or Left Handed	Program Fee
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

If the participant has any medical concerns that the instructor should know, please list them :

LIABILITY WAIVER - Please read and sign below

In consideration of my or my child's participation in all of the Franklin Park Borough Recreational Program activities in which I or my child participate(s), I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release, acquit and forever discharge the Borough of Franklin Park, or the Borough of Franklin Park's Recreation and Parks Department, or any of their officers, agents, volunteers working under the direction of the Borough, firms and corporations, whether herein named or referred to or not, from any and all future rights, claims, causes of action, civil claims, demands, costs, attorney fees, loss of service, expenses, compensation, third party actions, suits at law or equity, including suits for contribution and indemnity, of whatever nature, and all consequential damages on account of, or in any way associated with the abovementioned program or with arriving to and/or returning from any activity associated with the program. Photo Release: By registering for any Franklin Park Borough Program, class, or event you are agreeing to allow publication of any photos taken of you and or your child(ren) at any program, class, event, or facility of the Parks and Recreation Department.

I/we further state that I/we have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof, and I/we sign as my/our own free act. I/we acknowledge that signature by either parent or by one guardian hereby binds all parents and/or guardians of any minor participant.

I have read and fully understand the Liability Waiver and program policies on this form.

Signature of Participant/Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Priority Registration Policy

Please register early. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Waiting Lists

When programs reach their maximum enrollment, interested participants are placed on a waiting list in the order registrations are received. These lists provide us with a name and phone number in case of cancellations or the addition of new classes.

Program Cancellations or Changes

The Borough reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or change the time, date, cost or location of programs or to make any revisions that may be necessary.

Refunds

Refunds will be granted according to the following guidelines:

If a minimum number of participants are not reached, the program will be cancelled and a full refund will be issued.

If a maximum number of participants are reached, the program will be closed and a full refund will be issued.

If for any unforeseen reason the Borough has to cancel a program, a full refund will be issued.

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Borough at least one week prior to the program start date. No refunds will be issued after that time.

A processing fee of \$10.00 or 25% of the program fee, whichever is less, will be deducted from the refund amount.

Please allow 2-4 weeks for refunds to be processed.

***All information you provide us will be entered into Rec1 Online Software. You will receive a confirmation receipt or waitlist receipt by email once we receive your registration form and full payment.**



Frank Schrim Auto Body has been serving the North Hills as a premier collision center since 1986. Proud to be the event sponsor of the 17th Annual Franklin Park Community Scholarship Golf Outing.

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Pittsburgh, PA 15229
412-931-2224





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Edward J. Ambrass, II
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Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Frank M. Greco
Gerard P. Horn, Chairperson
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Carol L. Hesz, Alternate

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

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Letitia Savage

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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Robert C. Schupansky
Stephen T. Winikoff

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

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dokeefe@franklinparkborough.us

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jhogg@franklinparkborough.us

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juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us

Committee Meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:00PM to 7:00PM, as necessary.

Work Session is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

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.

Meetings are subject to change and will be advertised and posted on website.

RECREATION BOARD

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Christine E. Huweart
Merrill M. Jones
Laura Kuechler
Kathleen A. Masters, Chairperson
Lori R. Merriman
Chad H. Peterson
Natalie Wingrove-Scott
1 Vacancy

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

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Alyce Jacob
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James S. Harper
Sailsh Kapadia
James P. McGraw II, Chairperson
Lucas R. Myslinski

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Kristin Losco

Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM to noon.

Meetings are held in the Borough Building and are open to the public. All residents are invited to attend. Agendas and minutes for meetings of Borough Council, Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Council are available on the Borough's web site: www.franklinparkborough.us