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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT INITIATIVES

Borough Council, Mayor, volunteer committee members and staff are currently undertaking the following initiatives:

- ▶ 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 this year.
 - Neighborhood meetings – I have begun meeting with residents to answer questions and to help me understand 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, Ext. 310 or by email at rebner@franklinparkborough.us.
- ▶ Environment – Borough Council and Mayor and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) 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.
- 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 Committee 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 (ALT) to map and provide an environmental assessment of Acorn Park.
- General environment – the Borough is represented on a task force headed by the Allegheny Land Trust to analyze the Big Sewickley Creek watershed. In addition, the Borough continues working with ALT and other organizations to look at ways to preserve and enhance green space.

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- ▶ 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. 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

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.

- ▶ 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.

- Rege Ebner, Borough Manager

UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS - ORDINANCE NO. 648-2018 AND SEISMIC TESTING - ORDINANCE NO. 650-2019

On Wednesday, September 18th, Borough Council and Mayor enacted Ordinance Nos. 648-2018 and 650-2019 to further regulate unconventional oil and gas operations in the Borough. The regulations set forth in these ordinances were derived from extensive research and analysis of existing ordinances from communities in multiple states throughout the country, review of case law regarding Marcellus Shale drilling operations in Pennsylvania, comment from numerous Borough residents and other interested individuals at public hearings, regular Council and Planning Commission public meetings and smaller neighborhood meetings, reports submitted by individuals and organizations with an interest in this issue, and review and comment from the Planning Commission. Borough Council, Mayor, Planning Commission members, Special Counsel Amy Sable, and staff considered all information received and made a number of changes to Ordinance 648-2018 over the past year before voting on September 18th. We believe the ordinances we now have in place regulating unconventional oil and gas operations and seismic testing are among the most stringent in the state while still being legally enforceable and able to stand up to any challenge in court. You can read these documents as well as a timeline of their drafting and enactment by going to the Borough website at www.franklinparkborough.us and scrolling down the homepage to News and Announcements.

INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW OUR RECYCLING IS MANAGED?

The Franklin Park Environmental Advisory Council, in cooperation with Waste Management Inc., is hosting a tour of Waste Management's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) on Neville Island. Borough residents can tour the facility and see how the region's recycling is managed. An MRF accepts mixed recycling streams to process and separate recyclable materials from solid waste. The separation is done through a combination of manual and automated sorting lines. A limited number of spaces are available, so please contact Donna Platt at the borough office at (412)-364-4115, Ext. 302 as soon as possible to reserve a spot. The tour will occur on Thursday, November 7th at 9am.

RENTAL PROPERTIES

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS/RENTERS:



If you are the owner of a rental property or a renter of a property in Franklin Park Borough you are required to inform the Borough with all tenant information. In accordance with Ordinance 96-71, landlords are required to keep Borough records up to date with information regarding tenants or occupants. You are required to report any changes in tenants or occupants within thirty (30) days of the change. A request for updated renter information will be mailed to the owner of any rental property in April of each year. Report any changes in tenants or occupants to Mary Ross at 412-364-4115, Ext. 301 or by email at mross@franklinparkborough.us.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Does your housing plan have a Homeowners Association?

The Borough maintains a list of all homeowners associations and the name of their president/contact. The list is utilized when it is necessary to quickly provide information to the residents of a given neighborhood. Cancellation of events, gas leaks, crimes and safety concerns are examples of when the list is utilized. This information is especially needed for all new housing plans. If you would like to verify that we have current contact information for your HOA, please contact Donna Platt 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING

Door to door soliciting policies within the Borough are as follows:

- Chapter 154 of the Borough Code requires every person who engages in door to door sales to be registered with the Borough by applying for and obtaining a Solicitation Permit. It is illegal to conduct door to door sales unless the solicitor has completed the application process and has been issued a Solicitation Permit (laminated card with photo). Based on a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court political, religious, and certain non-profit organizations are exempt from the Borough's solicitation requirements.
 - Before purchasing any product or service from a door to door salesperson, ask to see their Solicitation Permit which should be visible at all times. If the salesperson does not have this credential, we urge you to call 9-1-1 or Franklin Park Police at 412-364-1227, during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm to report the incident while the solicitor is still on your street or in your neighborhood.
 - Residents can be added to the No Solicitation List and receive a No Solicitation sticker for their door by stopping into the Borough offices, calling us at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us. Solicitors not abiding by the No Solicitation List and/or No Solicitation sticker are in violation of our Solicitation Ordinance.
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LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION

LEAF BAG COLLECTION

FALL COLLECTION DATES:

The weeks of October 28, November 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2019*

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

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.

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.

BRUSH CHIPPING

FALL COLLECTION BEGINS:

Monday, November 4, 2019

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

The chipper will pass through the Borough one time. The chipping service may take several days to get to all areas of the borough. This service is provided for brush and tree trimmings only up to 4" in diameter. 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.

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

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

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

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP ANYTHING IN BOROUGH PARK DUMPSTERS OR ANY OTHER AREA IN OUR PARK.

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CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

COLLECTION DATES: The weeks of January 6 and January 13, 2020

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

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

The public works crews will only make one trip for each scheduled collection but depending on weather conditions and the number of trees that are placed at the curb, it could take them a full week to collect the trees. **DO NOT** leave plastic or any decorations on the tree. Please do not place the trees at the Yard Waste Drop Off Site.

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

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 and weeds. Leaves can also be left, but must be kept in the brown biodegradable bags and placed in the designated area. 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 free **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 to receiving fines of up to \$300.00. The prohibited materials are 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.

Please contact Mary Ross at 412-364-4115 Ext. 301 or email mross@franklinparkborough.us with any questions.

SIGN UP FOR NOTIFY ME

Notify Me is a platform that allows you to subscribe to receive notifications, either by text or email, from Franklin Park Borough for a variety of items such as: Borough and Police alerts, News Flashes, calendar reminders, and meeting agendas. To sign up, go the Borough's website at www.franklinparkborough.us, click on the “How Do I...” tab, under “Register for” click on Notify Me and follow the instructions.



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 or visit the website at www.wmatyourdoor.com 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.

BATTERY RECYCLING

The At-Your-Door service through Waste Management (WM) provides residents with the ability to have their batteries picked up from their residence. WM will pick up any size or amount; simply contact the Call Center at 1-800-449-7587 or visit the website at www.wmatyourdoor.com to schedule a pick up. This program is available at no additional charge.



According to the PA DEP only alkaline batteries that are sold today are required to have zero-added mercury and are no longer hazardous and can be disposed of in your normal household trash.

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 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Corrugated cardboard recycling bins are located 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. Absolutely no plastic bags or garbage can be placed in any of these designated dumpsters. These bins are monitored by security cameras at all times.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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

Please review the following list of items that can be recycled curbside and their guidelines.

- **Plastic** - numbered 1 and 2 only. 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:
- **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. NO pizza boxes.
- **Corrugated cardboard** can be placed at curbside if the cardboard fits inside the recycling bin. Corrugated cardboard can also be placed in the dumpsters at the Municipal Building. All cardboard must be broken down before placing in dumpster. NO pizza boxes.
- **Brush, leaves, and yard waste** cannot be placed at the curb, except for grass clippings which can be placed at the curb with your trash in black plastic bags.
- **Please do not place any of the following out for recycling:** Plastics numbered 3-7, cartons, batteries, Styrofoam of any kind, light bulbs, unnumbered plastics, wax coated cardboard and any material with food debris such as pizza boxes.
- **No plastic bags can be placed in the recycling container.**

If you have any questions you can contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage and recycling should be placed at the curb no earlier than 4:00 PM on the evening before your scheduled pick up day. Residents should place all refuse 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 “Snowbird Clause” allows a resident to suspend service for up to five (5) months while they spend the winter months elsewhere. The resident must notify Waste Management in writing 30 days prior to the start of the suspension of service. The written notification should include the approximate date of return.

If you have any questions you can contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

PETS IN OUR COMMUNITY PARKS



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

Park rules allow for pets, but they must be on a physical leash (not electronic) and pet waste must be picked up. Anyone wishing to “run” their dogs off leash should find a suitable fenced in dog park in the area. We encourage all pet owners to follow the rules in order for Franklin Park Borough to continue welcoming pets in our community parks. We appreciate your cooperation.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

If you are interested in serving on any one of the following boards, complete the application form available on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under Borough Government then click on Boards and Commissions. The application should be submitted with a letter of interest and/or resume 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
Civil Service Commission
Environmental Advisory Council
McCandless/Franklin Park Ambulance Authority
Northland Library Authority
Planning Commission
Recreation Board
Scholarship Selection Committee
Vacancy Board
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”.

JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON PROGRAM

We would like to recognize Nicholas Bridges for his participation in the program and thank him for his time and service to the community. At the July 17, 2019 meeting Nathan Gierczynski was sworn in. Mr. Gierczynski will serve during the 2019-2020 school year. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion for your local government email our new Junior Councilperson at juniorcouncilperson@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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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized in December 2018 for reaching an anniversary.
Many thanks for their dedication and years of service to Franklin Park Borough.

5 Year Employees

Ken Lynch – Golf Course Cashier

Ron Merriman – Asst. Fire Official

Ryan Roskwitalski – Asst. Mgr. of Golf Course
& Park Facilities

Bernie Rossman – Superintendent of Public Works

Joe Yakich – Public Works Maintenance Foreman

10 Year Employees

Shawn Papinchak – Public Works Skilled Laborer

Donna Platt – Administrative Assistant

Jason Thompson – Public Works Laborer

15 Year Employees

Chuck Hickler – Golf Course Cashier

20 Year Employees

Aron Leach – Police Sergeant

Tim Phillips – Building Inspection/
Zoning Officer/Fire Official

25 Year Employees

Walt Healy – Police Chief

Jim Hirt – Public Works Skilled Laborer

Sam Snyder – Police Lieutenant

30 Year Employees

Tom Losco – Public Works Equipment Operator

Bill Schweitzer – Mgr. of Golf Course
& Park Facilities



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STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to welcome Mary Ross who was hired in February as our new part-time receptionist. Mary and her family have lived in Franklin Park for over 30 years and it has been a pleasure to have her here. When you stop in the office please welcome Mary to the Borough.

Police Chief Donald Dorsch retired on March 31, 2019 after 42 years of service. He was hired on September 15, 1977 and promoted to Chief on October 10, 1991. Sergeant Walter Healy was promoted to Police Chief on April 1, 2019.

Bernard Rossman, Public Works Superintendent, retired on August 1, 2019 after 6 years of service. Gary Bucuren, Maintenance Foreman, was promoted to Public Works Superintendent on June 24, 2019.

IN MEMORIAM

Barb Howrilla

In late 2018 Barb Howrilla a longtime resident and employee of Franklin Park passed away. Barb served as a “floater” in the borough offices, filling in whenever someone was sick or on vacation. When she served as receptionist, she always went the extra mile for residents. Barb was as compassionate as they come. A well-known animal lover, she called the deer that visited her yard each night her girls. And Barb loved her two cats, Joey and Katie. Barb and her husband, Bill, were the kind of neighbors everyone would wish to have; always willing to lend a helping hand. Often, they would supply cold drinks for the road workers on hot summer days. Barb has touched many lives and we all miss her dearly.



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SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Wednesday, July 24, 2019, Franklin Park held its 17th Annual Community Scholarship Golf Outing. The weather was beautiful for the golfers to enjoy the day and show support for the charitable event. While the final tabulation is not complete, the funds raised should enable the borough to award at least ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships in 2020. 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 Bill Schweitzer team took first place prize this year and 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 and Morini team won second place honors and received a \$400 gift certificate. Last, but not least, the Frank Schrim Auto Body team won third place honors and received 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!

Thank you to all the teams that participated in the 2019 Golf Outing. Your contribution will help award scholarships to many outstanding young adults.

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Bill Schweitzer and Friends

Doug Joyce Team

First National Bank

Greg Manesiotis and Friends

HUB International

Ingomar/Franklin Park Little League (Team 2)

Jim Lawrence and Friends

Manning & Napier

Rocca and Suder

Schneider Downs Wealth Management

Walker Supply

Batykefer and Morini

Bolster-DeHart Inc.

E.H. Griffith

Frank Schrim Auto Body, LLC

Herbert, Rowland and Grubic

Ingomar/Franklin Park Little League (Team 1)

Jerry Horn Construction, Inc.

Josh Ford and Friends

North Allegheny Football Club

Schellhaas & Sons Funeral Home

Senate Engineering Company

2019 FRANKLIN PARK SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING WINNING TEAMS

1st Place Team – Bill Schweitzer and Friends



Brad Fusco, Bart Morrow, Bill Schweitzer, Dave Belsito

2nd Place Team – Batykefer and Morini



Gary Coglin, Bill Batykefer, Kurt Morini, Vic Morini

3rd Place Team – Schrim Auto Body, LLC



Scott Cruttenden, Adam Cruttenden, Frank Schrim, Mike Pope

2019 SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

EVENT SPONSOR - \$2,800

Frank Schrim Auto Body, LLC

LUNCH SPONSORS - \$1,400

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DIAMOND SPONSORS - \$1,400

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Wann Properties – Blaymore Campus

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Codesys Code Consulting Inc.

Cronin Enterprises, LLC

Cranberry Supply Company

First National Bank

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HUB International

Manning & Napier Wealth Advisors, LLC

RBC Wealth Management, LLC.

Schellhaas & Sons Funeral Home

Stedeford's Auto Center, Inc.

The Staff at Clover Hill Golf Course

Traffic Control Equipment & Supply

Walker Supply, Inc.

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COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP HONOR ROLL

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Franklin Park Community Scholarship Fund may do so by donating to the Community Scholarship Honor Roll. The names of contributors will be published in the next edition of the fall newsletter on the Community Scholarship Honor Roll, as shown below. If you would like to contribute to the Honor Roll, please forward a check to the borough offices and write "Community Scholarship" on the memo line.

HONOR ROLL

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Kristin Losco, Tax Collector

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At the May 15, 2019 public meeting, Borough Council and Mayor awarded thirteen (13) \$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 scholarships to 145 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.



*Front row left to right: Jordana Avigad, Riya Divekar, Megan George, Shweta Gudapati, Thomas Lyons and Elise Maletta.
Back row left to right: Nadine Oury, Connor Poisker, Tomer Shamir, Rebecca Shaw, Jessica Smith, Zach Trdinich.
(Recipient not in picture: Kristen Chomos)*

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.

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.



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 **SCHNEIDER DOWNS**
Wealth Management



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

Donations will be accepted in the General Office:
October 14th - November 1st from 8:00AM-4:30PM

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

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

MS4 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT)

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, swales, or a combination of these. MS4 refers to the pipes, channels and methods used to convey stormwater in your Municipality.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? MS4 is important because it is the path or journey of all precipitation from the atmosphere to its eventual discharge into our rivers, streams, or waterways. Along this journey, stormwater may become polluted before it reaches the river, stream or waterway. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) created the MS4 program to help ensure our stormwater is free of pollutants before it reaches our waterways.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF MS4? The municipality must develop, implement, and enforce a Stormwater Management Program to reduce the discharge of pollutants from its regulated MS4s to the Maximum Extent Practicable to meet water quality standards and satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. The program must be approved by DEP and contain Best Management Practices (BMPs) and measurable goals for each of the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) described below.

The federal regulations establish six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) that must be implemented by the municipality. These six MCMs in the federal regulations are:

1. Public Education and Outreach,
2. Public Participation and Involvement,
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination,
4. Construction Site Runoff Control,
5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment, and
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations and Maintenance

2019 PAVING PROJECTS



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 2019.

Blackburn Heights Drive
Chalet Court
Chestnut Court
Cheviot Road
Hopkins Church Road
Interlaken Court
Locust Road
Matterhorn Drive
West Ingomar Road
Windham Court

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

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WINTER STORMS... LET'S WORK TOGETHER

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

REMINDERS:

- Ordinance No. 202-13 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 a cessation of snowfall.



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MAILBOXES VS. SNOWPLOWS

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



NEED TO REPORT A POTHOLE? "POTHOLE HOTLINE" CONTACT INFORMATION

FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH

All Borough Owned Roads

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Gary Bucuren, 412-364-4115, EXT. 316
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VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

When an emergency occurs, our Police, Fire, and Medical responders must be able to locate your home or business quickly in all weather and lighting conditions. To assist our responders with this most important task, Borough Code requires every structure and occupancy in the borough to be properly identified. We must also be mindful that emergency vehicles often have drivers positioned 7 to 9 feet above the road making some labeling methods very difficult to read.

Borough code requires all properties to be identified using letters and numbers which are plainly legible and visible when traveling on the road fronting the property. They must be Arabic numbers and alphabet letters a minimum of 4 inches (102 millimeters) high and with a minimum stroke width (letter width) of 1/2 inch (12.7 millimeters). The letters and numbers shall contrast (be strikingly different) with their background. Be mindful that the minimum size and stroke of letters and numbers is intended for locations near the curb of the road in front of your residence or business. The size and stroke of the letters needs to increase when located greater distances from the street or road fronting the property.

The following identification practices should be followed:

- Whenever possible, the lettering and numbering should read left to right. Alternatively, top to bottom may be used if necessary.
- Businesses and residences with individual mailboxes at the street in front of their building are to label both sides of the mailbox or the mailbox post. The labeling must meet the minimum size and stroke identified above and be clearly visible to an approaching emergency vehicle. Labeling should not be positioned below the mailbox where it can be obstructed by the post or mailbox, nor should it be positioned on the front (street facing side) of the mailbox or mailbox post.
- Businesses and residences without mailboxes at the street are to have the building number positioned above or immediately adjacent to the front door. The size and stroke of the letters and numbers must be adjusted accordingly to be legible and visible from the road fronting your building. Landscaping, shrubbery, porch roofs and railings, canopies, lamp posts, seasonal decorations, and similar items that may interfere with the legibility and visibility from the road must also be considered.
- Occupancies on named private lanes without mailboxes at each driveway are to identify the driveway entrance to each occupancy using a post at least 4 feet above grade. The post should be located on the latter side of the driveway entrance to not reduce the available turning radius for larger emergency vehicles entering the driveway.
- Multiple occupancies on a shared unnamed private driveway should post all building numbers at the beginning of the unnamed driveway. The turnoff to each dwelling on the shared driveway should also be posted with the dwelling number as referenced for private lanes above. In any instance where the driveway passes between two occupancies that can be confused, or the occupancy cannot be seen from the turnoff to the dwelling, the occupancy should also be labeled.



For more information call 412-364-4115 and speak to someone in the Borough's Building and Zoning Department, Ext. 343 or the Fire Officials Office, Ext. 319.

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



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Officers



Officer Seth Mitnik joined the Franklin Park Police Department in August of 2018 as a part-time officer and became full-time in December. Officer Mitnik grew up in the Butler area and joined the Army after High School where he served as an Army Ranger for 3 years. He then attended Robert Morris University earning a degree in Information Science. He worked several years in the IT field before seeking a career in law enforcement. Prior to working in Franklin Park, he worked part-time for Baden Police and Elizabeth Borough Police.

Officer Amanda Fedunok joined the Franklin Park Police Department in January. She grew up in the Pine Richland area and attended Baldwin-Wallace University where she earned a degree in Criminology and Psychology. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Social Work at Carlow University. Prior to coming to Franklin Park, she worked as an officer with the Dalles Oregon Police Department.

Brittaney Burkhart joined the Franklin Park Police Department in January. She grew up in the Indiana Township area. She attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she earned a degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to working for Franklin Park, she worked for the Fox Chapel School District as a police officer and part-time with Indiana Township Police Department.

Fraud and Scams

Fraud is one of the most commonly reported crimes. We want our residents to be aware of some common scams and things you can do to avoid falling prey to scammers. Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine new technology with old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. Here is a list, from the Federal Trade Commission, of things you can do to avoid falling victim to scammers and some practical tips to help you stay a step ahead.

1. **Spot imposters.** Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request — whether it comes as a text, a phone call, or an email.
2. **Do online searches.** Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like “review,” “complaint” or “scam.” Or search for a phrase that describes your situation, like “IRS call.” You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.
3. **Don't believe your caller ID.** Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.
4. **Don't pay upfront for a promise.** Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear.

5. **Consider how you pay.** Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards (like MoneyPak or Reloadit) and gift cards (like iTunes or Google Play). Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.
6. **Talk to someone.** Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert — or just tell a friend.
7. **Hang up on robocalls.** If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal, and often the products are bogus. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more calls.
8. **Be skeptical about free trial offers.** Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.
9. **Don't deposit a check and wire money back.** By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.
10. **Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at [ftc.gov/scams](https://www.ftc.gov/scams).** Get the latest tips and advice about scams sent right to your inbox.

Thefts from Vehicles

Every year our residents fall victim to thefts from their vehicles. In almost every instance the vehicle was left unlocked with valuables inside often in plain view. Franklin Park is one of the safest communities in the state and this has made residents feel secure enough to leave their cars unlocked in their driveways. Please be aware that criminals know this and take advantage of your complacency. The same convenience of living near major highways like I-79 and I-279 makes communities like Franklin Park an easy destination for criminals too. Criminals will drive to Franklin Park, let one of their cohorts out in a housing plan and they will begin to check for unlocked cars. They are looking for cash, guns and electronics that they can take and sell. They then get picked up and are gone.

Our officers regularly patrol the housing plans looking for suspicious persons or other indications of possible criminal activity, however a single person prowling around between house and driveways can be hard to detect. We would like to solicit our residents for help in preventing these crimes. First, lock your car and secure your valuables. It is rare that vehicles are broken into by force; almost all thefts are from unlocked cars. Next report suspicious activity. After a theft has occurred, an officer will often canvass a neighborhood asking if anyone saw or heard anything unusual the night of the theft. Often, they are told by a neighbor that they heard their dog barking at a certain time or saw a suspicious person in the area but didn't report it. Please call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch number 412-473-3056 to report this. We would prefer to have an officer respond and check the area immediately than to find out the next day that we had a crime occur.

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 2018 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, 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.



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, or email us at vicepresident@franklinpark158.org.

Our Personnel

~Executive Personnel~

President - Bob Jarvis	Vice President - Skip Wilker
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Corresponding Secretary - Steve Bollinger	Secretary - Perry Meronyk
Junior Coordinator - Chris McHenry	Public Relations - Zach Quinn
Director - Bill Miller	Director - David Vodarick
Director - Bob Neugebauer	Director - Ellsworth Johnston Jr.

~Line Officers~

Chief - Bill Chicots	Assistant Chief - Ron Merriman
Deputy Chief - Scott Merriman	Captain - Bob Cerra
1st Assistant Captain - Jason Thompson	2nd Assistant Captain - Roger Sechler
1st Lieutenant - Bill Miller	2nd Lieutenant - Andy Nock
3rd Lieutenant - Ben Marshall	Chief Engineer - Ellsworth Johnston Jr.
Fire Police Captain - John Parks	Fire Police Lieutenant - Ed Maus

New Members This Year

- Megan George
- Jim Huff
- Raja Pragallapat
- Bo Schwab
- Lou Urso
- Mike Settino
- Dan Vazquez



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.



The New Station



Last year, 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, their family members, and the Franklin Park Police to use at any time of the day. Another new addition to the station is a four-story training tower, that 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. If you would like to get a group tour, we would be more than happy to schedule one for you, just message us on Facebook or give us a call!

Events for The Community

This fall, we again plan to have plenty of events, in collaboration with Franklin Park Borough. Some events we plan on scheduling will be an open house in October and Santa Sunday. We hope to be able to see the community and get connected with the people 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 of our members!



Get in Contact with Us

Emergencies: 911

Facebook: 

**Franklin Park Volunteer
Fire Company**

Online:

www.franklinparkvfc158.org

**Main Station:
(412) 364-5670**

**Bob Jarvis (President):
(412) 443-8618**

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 15, 2019 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 volunteer fire company 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.

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 residents for sharing and supporting our mission to care for all we have the privilege of serving.

PICKLE BALL NOW AT OLD ORCHARD PARK!

Old Orchard Park has new Pickle Ball courts for free play. The courts cannot be booked for any organizational use. So, if you enjoy playing Pickle Ball or would like to learn more about the sport, stop by and check it out!



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RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please pre-register for the programs early to ensure your participation in the program and to provide us the necessary time to properly prepare and purchase needed supplies. To register for the programs, you can register online, obtain a registration form from the Borough website (www.franklinparkborough.us), pick one up at the Borough Building, or listed in this newsletter.

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▶ **IMPORTANT** ◀

Refer to our webpage or
Facebook for updates on programs.

www.franklinparkborough.us



Franklin Park – Parks and Rec

YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

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:	Tuesday, November 5, 2019 (No School)
TIME:	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$65.00 per session
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$70.00 per session



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 teamwork 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!

WEDNESDAY

WHO:	Boys & Girls ages 4-15
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Registration & first class is Wednesday, September 11 <i>*program runs for approximately 16 weeks</i>
PRICE:	Registration fee + \$8/class
TIME:	Division 1 (ages 4-6) - 5:15PM Division 2 (ages 7-9) - 6:15PM Division 3 (ages 10+) - 7:15PM

MONDAY - Advanced Class, Must be preapproved

WHO:	Boys & Girls ages 4-15
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Registration & first class is Monday, September 16 <i>*program runs for approximately 16 weeks</i>
PRICE:	Registration fee + \$14/class
TIME:	6:00PM



INSTRUCTOR: Coach Tiffany, FPrubies@gmail.com

www.championforce.com

FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies/Champion Force of Pennsylvania

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

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. Reservations must be made at least 3 days prior to the event by calling Zach Brower, Recreation Program Director at 412-364-4115, Ext. 347.

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)

KONGA

Dance . Shake . Squat . Twist . Punch!

KONGA® is an easy-to-follow, high intensity fusion of Boxing, Cardio, Dance and Sculpting set to the hottest beats from all decades. KONGA® is a fierce and wild workout designed to shape, sculpt & redefine your physique while injecting your body with an endorphin overload.

MONDAYS

WHO:	Anyone 10+
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN:	Mondays
SESSIONS:	Fall: October 7 - December 9 Winter: January 13 - March 16
TIME:	9:15AM – 10:15AM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$80/session (10 classes)
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$85/session (10 classes)
DROP-IN FEE:	\$10/class



THURSDAYS

WHO:	Anyone 10+
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
SESSIONS:	Fall: October 10 - December 12 Winter: January 16 - March 19
TIME:	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$80/ session (10 classes)
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$85/session (10 classes)
DROP-IN FEE:	\$10/class

AIKIDO

Aikido is a martial art that uses graceful movements derived from Japanese swordsmanship (swords not used), as well as redirection of the attacker's energy, to carry out throws and locks. Students of any age and any physical ability can practice Aikido, since it emphasizes proper form over an opponent's strength. The class is open to **ADULT** 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, Fifth Degree Black belt in Aikido



LINE DANCING

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
TIME:	10:30AM – 11:30AM: Beginner Level 11:45AM - 12:45PM: Improver Level 1:00PM - 2:00PM: Intermediate Level
INSTRUCTOR:	Shirley Shultz
	FALL CLASSES
WHEN:	October 4 – December 13 (No Class Nov. 29)
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)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come join us for our annual Halloween Party! The party is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019, at Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. This year we will have games, snacks, s'mores, a movie, and dancing. The party will run 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM and is free to everyone. Costumes are welcome!



REMINDER:
Halloween Trick or Treat Night will be held on
Thursday, October 31, 2019
from 6:00PM – 8:00PM



WINE AND CHEESE FESTIVAL

Come join us at the Third Annual Wine and Cheese Festival on Saturday November 16, 2019 at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Come and enjoy a night of good food, good wine and good company. The event is designed to compare and rate homemade wines. Participants will be asked to savor and judge a wide variety of wines. At the end of the evening participants will be provided with the score each wine receives. The event is designed to educate participants about wine; cost and quality don't always go hand in hand in the industry. Come and enjoy a fun filled evening full of good eats and the wine tasting contest.

WHO: Adults over 21 years of age
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 2019
TIME: 7:30 PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$25 per participant
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$30 per participant



All Proceeds will benefit the Franklin Park Community Scholarship Fund.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA CLAUS

Brunch with Santa Claus is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 10:00 AM at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. This year's menu will include pancakes, bacon, and fruit.

All families must be pre-registered and pre-paid by December 6th. Registration will be available online November 1st. For more information call 412-364-4115, Ext. 347.

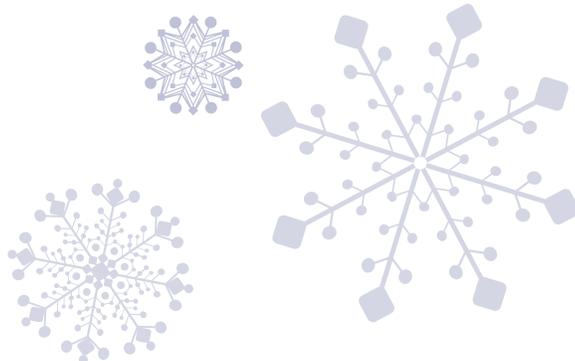
WHO: Entire Family
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2019
RESIDENT FEE: \$ 9.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$12.00



JOIN CDG SPORTS AT BLUEBERRY HILL PARK FOR WINTERFEST 2020

Please join CDG Sports and Franklin Park Borough as we host Winterfest 2020 at Blueberry Hill Park! From sled riding to flag football in the snow (or in the grass!), there is something for everyone to enjoy! Be sure to bring your own sled (if there is snow!). Be prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities! Hot dogs, chips and hot chocolate will be provided for lunch. (Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch as well.) Space is limited, so sign up today!

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 6 - 12
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Monday, February 17, 2020
TIME: 10:00AM – 2:00PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$45.00
INSTRUCTOR: CDG Sports



HOST YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION IN THE PARK!

BLUEBERRY HILL ACTIVITY CENTER, PAVILION AND GAZEBO RENTALS FOR 2021

According to Borough policy, the Borough will begin accepting permits for rental of the Activity Center, Pavilion and Gazebo for all 2021 dates. Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning the first Monday, March 2, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Non-residents will be able to start renting our facilities beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

In order to secure a date, the Borough must receive a completed rental permit packet and appropriate check(s) made out to "Franklin Park Borough". We cannot reserve your requested date until we receive these items. Rental permit packets and policies can be downloaded from our website at www.franklinparkborough.us under "Borough Rentals". Please read all information thoroughly then call Zach Brower at 412-364-4115 ext. 347 with any questions. Must be 21 years of age or older to rent any Franklin Park Borough facility.



SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT RENTALS

Residents have the first opportunity to rent Sand Volleyball Court B in Blueberry Hill Park starting January 2, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Non-residents will be able to rent Court B starting January 12, 2020 at 9:30 AM. A Recreation Facility Application will need to be completed for rental of the volleyball court. This form is found on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us or at the Municipal Building.



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.**



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Bernard P. Mrozek
Roy H. Werner
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Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

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Gerard P. Horn, Chairperson
Matthew D. Rak
Carol L. Hesz, Alternate

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

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

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

MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL

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dokeefe@franklinparkborough.us

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

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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2 Vacancies

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

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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