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ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN THE PARK 2021

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 26, 2021. 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 3, 2021, 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 a thank you note and a complimentary hotdog dinner!

**FRANKLIN PARK
NIGHT OUT
AUGUST 3, 2021**

GLASS RECYCLING UPDATE

As you may be aware, changes have occurred in the recycling market over the past few years that make the business of recycling much more challenging. End users of recycled products are increasingly focused on quality, which means less contamination. Additionally, the costs associated with recycling some materials no longer justify the revenue received. The single stream method of recycling that became popular in the 1990's and is still used today made recycling much more convenient for individuals. This played a critical role in removing recyclable materials from landfills. Unfortunately, today single stream recycling plays a role in reducing the value of recycling. When glass breaks in a single stream recycling load, the glass shards contaminate the paper, cardboard, metal and plastic with which it comingles. If the contamination is deemed to be significant, the entire load is taken to a landfill. This is a problem not just in Franklin Park or for Waste Management customers. The impact is felt world-wide.

When the Borough contacted Waste Management to discuss exercising the option year in the contract, Waste Management responded that they wanted glass to be removed from the recycling stream. Although recycling

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of glass has been in our contract, over the past couple of years haulers have been taking the recycling load to a land fill if the glass contaminated the load. The Borough agreed to this stipulation and began looking for an alternative. There is still a market for glass, but only if it is clean (recycled separately). The Pennsylvania Resources Council promotes pop-up glass recycling events periodically in locations around the county, but we felt a more permanent solution was needed for Franklin Park residents. Asking you to collect glass in your house for months at a time was not a realistic alternative.

At the September 11, 2020 Managers' Advisory Committee Meeting of the North Hills Council of Governments, Borough Manager Rege Ebner brought up the topic of glass recycling and asked if a program could be run through the NHCOC to establish permanent, strategically located drop-off sites for glass recycling throughout the North Hills area. He also volunteered Franklin Park to host such a site. The NHCOC conducted a survey of member municipalities and determined that 11 municipalities were interested in this program (one municipality already has a permanent glass recycling site). The NHCOC then reached out to the Pennsylvania Resources Council, glass recyclers, and municipalities that currently host a permanent site to get additional information on how such a program could be established. The PRC recommended holding off on any action until later in the fall while they pursued a grant to help offset the costs for establishing and maintaining the program.

As of this writing, Franklin Park Borough, Hampton Township and Ross Township have worked with the PRC to establish 6-month pilot programs. We have placed a glass recycling bin along the guide rail directly behind the Borough building. Glass can be dropped off at this location during daylight hours seven days a week. Additional information is available at the Borough website, www.franklinparkborough.us.

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 2021 Budget prioritizes the maintenance of infrastructure 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, stormwater systems, recreation facilities, public safety and other services were fully evaluated during the budget process.

The 2021 GF beginning unrestricted cash balance is estimated at \$3.15 million. Of that amount \$1,582,000 will be used to balance the 2021 General Fund Budget. General Fund revenues, net of cash reserves transferred in, are expected to increase 8.1% over the 2020 projected actual level. This includes the DCNR grant for Acorn Park.

2021 General Fund budgeted expenditures are projected to increase 26.5% over the 2020 projected actual level. Included in 2021 is a transfer of \$1,903,400 to cover capital expenditures, including \$1,480,300 for the improvements to Acorn Park. The Borough should finish 2021 with an unrestricted cash balance of approximately \$1.7 million, which equals 17.2% of budgeted revenue. 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.

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
- Building security improvements
- IT upgrades to move to cloud-based technology and implement an asset management program
- \$40,000 for a consultant to update the Borough Comprehensive Plan
- \$956,600 for street paving and concrete curb work
- \$95,000 for stormwater pipe and catch basin repairs and maintenance
- \$65,000 to inventory all stormwater infrastructure and develop a plan for MS4 projects
- \$344,900 contribution to Northland Library (6.2% decrease over 2020)
- \$30,000 contribution to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority

Fire Protection 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 Fire Protection Fund also includes costs for related activities such as annual inspection of businesses for compliance to the National Fire Code, fire hydrant service charges, etc.

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 well into 2040; however, each year at budget time the plan is reviewed and updated, as necessary.

Clover Hill Golf Course

In 2020 CHGC experienced a record year for rounds played and revenue generated. This allowed CHGC to pay down its advance from the General Fund. Expected continued high levels of play in 2021 will allow CHGC to further pay down its balance due to the General Fund.

Capital Reserve

The Capital Reserve Fund is expected to begin 2021 with a cash balance of \$506,200. Projects and purchases planned in 2021 will require an additional \$1,904,400 transfer from the General Fund. Major projects to be expended from this fund in 2021 include:

- Construction of an addition to the Public Works building to provide indoor storage
- Replacement of 2 police vehicles
- Replacement of various pieces of Public Works equipment
- Installation of sidewalks at a to-be-determined location
- Installation of stormwater detention facilities at Montgomery Road and Nevin Drive
- Major upgrades and improvements to Acorn Park, financed in part through a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and DCNR
- Fencing improvements for ball fields and completion of the pickleball/basketball courts at Blueberry Hill Park
- Replacement of various pieces of Parks equipment
- Installation of a rain garden and walkway at the Lenzner-O'Keefe Pavilion and the installation of additional parking in Linbrook Park

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.

The Borough entered the 2019-2020 winter with a full salt shed. As in prior years, contracts through the North Hills Council of Governments and PennDOT required that a minimum amount of salt be purchased to guarantee the prices offered. The Borough used little salt over the winter and met its minimum obligation by piling additional salt outside the salt shed under tarp. By purchasing less salt, funds were able to be allocated to offset a portion of the cost for vehicle maintenance labor and snow removal labor.

In 2021 it is estimated the Borough will receive \$393,700 in Liquid Fuels revenue, a reduction of \$42,700 (9.8%) from 2020. This reduction is due to decreased fuels tax collected by the state in 2020 caused by reduced driving due to COVID-19. Also, the Borough will receive \$20,840 for state roads which the Borough took over and maintains today. That amount is unchanged from 2020. The total Liquid Fuels budget is \$414,700. Due to the large stockpile of salt on hand, less salt is expected to be purchased in 2021, again allowing the Borough to utilize liquid fuels funds to offset a portion of the cost of vehicle maintenance labor.



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BOROUGH MANAGER'S UPDATE ON CURRENT INITIATIVES

The following is an update on Borough Council, Mayor, volunteer committee member and staff initiatives discussed in the Spring 2020 Newsletter, along with some new 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 – The new website format was implemented last spring. We continue updating content and tweaking utilization.
 - Neighborhood meetings – Borough Manager Rege Ebner continues to be available to come to an HOA or neighborhood meeting to discuss items of interest to you and your neighbors. You can reach him at 412-364-4115, extension 310 or by email at rebner@franklinparkborough.us.
- Environment – Borough Council and Mayor and the Environmental Advisory Council are looking at a number of environmental initiatives. The following projects are currently underway:
 - Solar power – the Borough continues to work with Solbridge Energy Advisors to secure financing to help offset the initial cost of installation. Based on proposals received to date, we believe we can have solar panels installed on the Borough building and Public Works building that will generate enough electricity to power both buildings plus the Activity Center in Blueberry Hill Park at a rate that is lower than we currently pay. We hope to contract with an independent company who will install and own the solar array. The Borough would sign a long-term lease to purchase the power generated from this array at a fixed rate. Our goal is to complete this project in 2021.
 - Acorn Park – the Borough applied for a grant through the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for major upgrades to Acorn Park, including formal biking and walking trails with benches and observation decks at key locations, trail bridges across Little Sewickley Creek, the addition of an outdoor classroom, enhanced parking with ADA access to the playground and outdoor classroom, playground equipment that blends in with the natural setting and is made of natural or recycled materials, a rain garden to help control stormwater runoff, and a bicycle pump track to replace the current asphalt court. Last fall, DCNR recommended approval of our grant application with funding to come from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. They have forwarded our application to the National Park Service for consideration, and we expect to receive a decision this spring. The requested grant amount is \$662,328.
 - Blueberry Hill Park – Three new pickleball courts as well as a new basketball court were added to the park late last year. The courts will be available for play/rent starting March 1st (weather permitting).
 - Big Sewickley Creek Watershed – the Allegheny Land Trust completed the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation and Stewardship Plan in January of this year. We will now be working with them on implementation of recommendations.
 - Pine Creek Watershed Improvement Plan – the updates to this plan were completed in February of this year. Franklin Park has committed to retrofitting 15 stormwater detention facilities over the next 10 years to help improve water quality and reduce flooding. Participation in this plan and completion of the projects is not mandatory, but inclusion in the plan provides opportunities to apply for grants to help offset the cost.
 - The Borough continues to take advantage of opportunities to preserve green space and extend our park system. In 2020, we purchased 10.5 acres located across Big Sewickley Creek Road from Linbrook Park. In the coming months, we will be analyzing how this property can be utilized to preserve green space while enhancing our park system.

- Infrastructure – The following projects are underway:
- o 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. This work was expected to be completed in 2020 but was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. PennDOT now anticipates completion by the summer of this year. Longer-term, design and engineering work have begun to redesign the existing interchange. The goal of this project is to improve both the current traffic congestion and safety of the interchange while minimizing impacts to current property owners and the traveling public. Preliminary engineering has begun, which is the only part of the project that is fully funded at this time. As the design progresses, PennDOT will host public meetings to introduce design concepts and take comment from the public, either in person or online. The PennDOT District 11 Office will be releasing more information as it becomes available. 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. PennDOT will be providing an update on both projects in March.
 - o 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. We have specifically budgeted for projects to address flooding in three locations. In addition, we will continue to inventory and assess Borough storm water infrastructure, including a review of storm water catch basins, pipes, dams, detention facilities, and water courses. The

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2021 budget includes the purchase of software that links to our GIS system and will allow us to map and track all of our infrastructure.

- 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 Franklin Park and Ohio Township Planning Commissions have begun drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to create a multi-municipal comprehensive plan. By working with Ohio Township, we hope to develop a plan that allows us to share zoning uses and identify assets and services that can benefit both communities.
- General Governance
 - Borough Council created a five-resident Technology Advisory Committee to identify technology-related issues that impact the Borough and make recommendations to Council on ways to address these issues. The Committee will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Their first meeting was February 2nd. Agendas and minutes are available on the Borough website, and residents are welcome to attend.
 - The Borough of Franklin Park will turn 200 years old in 2023. In preparation for that milestone, Borough Council intends to create a Historical Committee. Please check the Borough website or contact us directly if you have an interest in serving.



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MS4 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT) UPDATE

Back in the Spring 2019 Borough Newsletter, we introduced a series of acronyms that are associated with the development and implementation of an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Program. At that time, we also promised to provide insight into the meaning of those acronyms as we work through this Program. In the Fall 2020 Newsletter, we provided some basic background on the purpose of an MS4 Program. In that article we introduced the six MCMs (Minimum Control Measures) that must be implemented under federal regulation. The goal of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) is to ensure clean waterways in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Municipalities within the Commonwealth have been charged with ensuring that storm sewer systems are designed and functioning in a way that helps remove pollutants from our waterways and prevents excess sediment from entering those waterways.

There are four main watersheds within the boundaries of Franklin Park: Big Sewickley Creek and Little Sewickley creek to the west of Interstate 79, and Pine Creek and Lowries Run to the east of Interstate 79. The focus of EPA and PADEP at this time is on waterways in “urbanized areas”, which in Franklin Park refers to Pine Creek and Lowries Run. Water testing done several years ago revealed these waterways contain excess siltation, phosphorous and nitrogen.

A TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) is defined by EPA as “the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody so that the waterbody will meet and continue to meet water quality standards for that particular pollutant. A TMDL determines a pollutant reduction target and allocates load reductions necessary to the source(s) of the pollutant.” The PA DEP has determined a TMDL target that each community must meet by the end of its current permit period. The current Franklin Park National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit began on March 15, 2019. Under this PAG-13 General Permit, Franklin Park must meet its defined TMDL goals by March 15, 2024. To receive this permit, the Borough engineer performed calculations to determine an appropriate Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) that was submitted to and approved by PADEP. The Borough has committed to 4,000 linear feet of stream bank restoration/riparian buffer planting and the retrofitting of three stormwater detention facilities to meet these goals. These projects must be “green” in nature (natural materials and methods) as opposed to “grey” solutions (pipes, concrete, lining stream banks with stone, etc.).

Stream bank restoration involves excavation to create more gradual slopes along the banks, installing some rock at water level to help reduce erosion and channel water toward the center of the stream, and adding natural features to help direct and slow the flow. Riparian buffer planting involves planting trees and shrubs with deep root systems that help stabilize the bank while providing a canopy that helps to control stormwater runoff and creates an improved habitat for stream dwelling creatures.

Retrofitting of stormwater detention facilities involves the conversion of existing detention ponds to infiltration ponds. Existing detention ponds are generally manmade depressions that are constructed to hold stormwater during a heavy rain event for no more than 48 hours. Generally, they have an inlet structure that accepts water from a stormwater pipe and an outlet structure that releases the water at a much slower rate. These facilities are generally lined with grass that is cut a few times each year. Trees and shrubs are normally not permitted as they may reduce the functionality of the facility. An infiltration facility is designed to hold stormwater for up to 72 hours. It is generally deeper or larger than a standard detention facility, and the soil in the base is engineered to allow water to seep in and infiltrate the area. Trees and shrubs with deep root systems are encouraged to further enhance the infiltration process.

Unfortunately, this mandate from the federal and state governments came without funding. Our engineer has completed design work on the restoration/riparian buffer planting of 1,750 linear feet of stream bank (both sides) in the Pine Creek watershed on property owned by the Borough, and the estimated cost is almost \$300,000.

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
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*Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program

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*Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion

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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.

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, 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 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**.
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.

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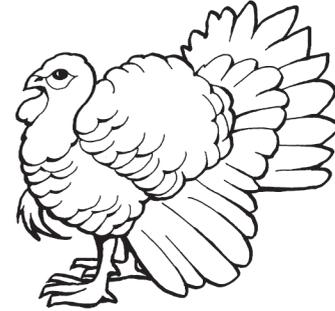
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5TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A heartfelt thanks to the many residents and groups that helped make our 5th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive a success. The Franklin Park community came through along with the Franklin Fields community, Franklin Elementary School and Ingomar Middle School. With the donation received, we were able to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. Especially this year when so many families have been hit hard with COVID-19. A full truck load of non-perishable food items as well as gift cards totaling \$200 and \$230 in checks were delivered to North Hills Community Outreach.

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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.



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 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 “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 you have any questions 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. 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.
- **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 dumpsters at the Municipal Building. All cardboard must be broken down before placing in dumpster.
- **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, glass, 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.

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.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Corrugated cardboard recycling bins are located in the Municipal Building parking lot near the Police Department. All of the containers are for corrugated cardboard only. When using these cardboard dumpsters, the following rules must be followed.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD DUMPSTER RULES

- ❖ **ONLY** corrugated cardboard that is clean and dry can be placed in these dumpsters.
- ❖ **ALL** boxes must be broken down and inserted through the slot.
- ❖ **DO NOT** leave any cardboard/boxes on the ground around and/or leaning on the dumpsters.
- ❖ **DO NOT** leave any household recycling outside the dumpsters in bags or otherwise. Any household recycling material will be considered trash.
- ❖ **DO NOT** place pizza boxes, paper, cereal/food, Kleenex or similar boxes, junk mail, magazines, or shredded paper, loose or bagged in these dumpsters.
- ❖ **DO NOT** place any type of packing material or plastic in or around the dumpsters.
- ❖ **DO NOT** place garbage in or around the dumpsters.

This area is under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

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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 5 and 12, 2021*

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

Leaf bag collection days do not necessarily coincide with your weekly scheduled trash collection day.

DO NOT place leaf bags out the same day as your trash, they must be out by 6:00 am MONDAY morning of each week.

Leaf bag 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 5, 2021.

SPRING COLLECTION BEGINS:

Monday, April 5, 2021

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 or online through our website (www.franklinparkborough.us). 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.

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

**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 be left 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 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. Permits must be renewed annually. All permits expire the year they were issued. 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 (weather permitting).

****IMPORTANT**** This site is 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.

<p>Draguns LANDSCAPE SUPPLY Est. 1994</p>	<p align="center">Zentro Smokeless Firepits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural & Dyed Mulches • Certified Playground Mulch • Screened Topsoil • Limestone & Gravel • Boulders & Flagstone • Landscape Lighting • Mushroom Manure • Highway-Mason-Limestone Sand • Penn State Grass Seed • Aluminum Edging & Much More
<p>2458 ROCHESTER ROAD, FRANKLIN PARK, PA 15143 see directions below 412.635.8441 www.draguns.com</p>	<p align="center">EP Henry • Techo-Bloc • Unilock • Keystone Versa-Lok • Omni-Stone • Eldorado • Retaining Walls Pavers • Veneers • Firepits • Fireplaces • Outdoor Kitchens • Summerset Grills • And More!</p>	<p align="center">Pick-up or Delivery</p>
<p>Directions: Brandt School Road, North, Left on Wexford-Bayne Road (Rte. 910 West), Go 1.7 miles, Dragun’s on left, or follow Rochester Road to Wexford-Bayne Rd</p>	<p align="center">\$3 OFF Per Yard of Mulch</p> <p align="center"><small>Cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer. Retail sales only. Good now through November 30, 2021</small></p>	<p align="center">FREE DELIVERY of mulch products (10 yards or more)</p> <p align="center"><small>Franklin Park area. Cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer. Retail sales only. Good now through November 30, 2021</small></p>

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 PARKS & 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

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

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 2022

According to Borough policy, the Borough will begin accepting contracts for rental of the Activity Center, Pavilion and Gazebo for all 2022 dates starting the first Monday of March 2021 at 9:00AM for **Franklin Park Borough residents**. Non-residents will be able to start renting our facilities beginning the third Monday of March 2021 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.



CLOVER HILL GOLF COURSE

Proudly serving the community since 1990

Clover Hill golf course is a challenging, 9-hole Pittsburgh golf course, maintained to the highest conditions and open all year round, weather and course conditions permitting. Clover Hill is not a long course, but it provides a unique test of golf skills. It uses sand traps, rolling greens, water hazards and other obstacles, emphasizing accuracy rather than distance. Tee times are highly recommended and they must be made no later than an hour before the scheduled start. Tee time can be made one week in advance. Golfers can make tee times anytime except during scheduled league times. We also host small outings and special events. Tee times and events can be scheduled by calling 412-364-2447. Tee times can no longer be booked online.

For those of you who are avid golfers, you might want to take advantage of the Season Pass Rates. Season passes are good for the calendar year and allow golf seven days a week.

The golf course will continue its partnership with Junior Team Golf in 2021. This has been an outstanding program to offer an opportunity for juniors to learn and develop their golf skills, etiquette and to build character. For this program 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 <https://www.franklinparkborough.us/313/Junior-Golf>.

We look forward to serving the community at Clover Hill Golf Course throughout the golf season. Tee times can be made by calling the clubhouse at 412-364-2447 the golf course opens in season at 7:00 a.m. Opening times will vary at the beginning and end of golf season.

We will continue to follow all recommended CDC guidelines throughout the 2021 golf season.

Make a reservation today and enjoy a great round of golf with friends and family at Clover Hill Golf Course.

Membership Type	Season Pass	Monthly Pass
Adult	\$450.00	\$150.00
Seniors	\$300.00	\$125.00
Juniors	\$300.00	\$125.00

Weekdays	Nine Holes	2nd Nine
Adult	\$13.00	\$5.50
Seniors	\$11.00	\$5.50
Juniors	\$11.00	\$5.50

Weekend/Holidays	Nine Holes	2nd Nine
Adult	\$14.00	\$5.50
Seniors	\$11.00	\$5.50
Juniors	\$11.00	\$5.50

Cart Rental	Nine Holes	2nd Nine
Golf Cart Rental per person	\$9.00	\$5.00
Golf Cart Rental single rider	\$11.00	\$5.00
Pull Cart Rental	\$2.00	N/A

Clover Hill Golf Course

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 Regular Adult Weekends \$14.00
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Tee Times Highly Recommended

412-364-2447

www.cloverhillgolf.com

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Clover Hill

Golf Course

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YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

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 12 (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 25 – May 23, 2021
TIME: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
FEE: \$75.00 per player – Includes Game Jersey
INSTRUCTOR: CDG Sports – Certified Coaches/Staff



Will play one 40 minute game each week, players are required to be present the entire time

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!

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 4-15 years old
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Mondays, February 1 – June 7 (no class May 24) - 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Division 4 (tested only, advanced) - please email instructor for details!
WHEN: Wednesdays, February 3 - June 2
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
FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies



SOCCER SHOTS

Please go to <https://www.soccershots.org/pittsburgh> for details on times and ages for each day.

SPRING I

Saturdays	March 20 – May 15 – Blueberry Hill Park
Tuesdays	March 23 – May 18 – Linbrook Park
Thursdays	March 25 – May 20 – Blueberry Hill Park
Fridays	March 26 – May 21 – Linbrook Park

SPRING II

Saturdays	June 5 – July 31 – Blueberry Hill Park
Tuesdays	June 8 – August 3 – Linbrook Park
Thursdays	June 10 – August 5 – Blueberry Hill Park
Fridays	June 11 – August 6 – Linbrook Park



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

SUMMER CAMP

ULTIMATE ECO-ADVENTURE CAMP

Get ready for an amazing week of eco-adventures in and around some of Blueberry Hill Park's wild places and open spaces. The objective of the Ultimate Eco-Adventure Camp is to foster within each camper the appreciation, knowledge, values and skills necessary to inspire sound decisions that are in balance with the human and natural environments. Events throughout the week will consist of hands-on activities, hiking, cooperative games, nature projects, scientific experimentation, wildlife & plant identification, storytelling and special tours – all with an environmental awareness focus. This program is for campers who want to be outdoors and active!

Space is limited

WHO:	Boys and Girls ages 6 – 13 years
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Lower Meadow Field Linbrook Park
WHEN:	July 5 – July 9, 2021 July 26 – July 30, 2021
TIME:	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
FEE:	\$120.00 – 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 is a 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 14 – June 18, 2021 June 28 – July 2, 2021 July 12 – July 16, 2021 August 9 – August 13, 2021
TIME:	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
FEE:	\$185.00
INSTRUCTOR:	Coach Dave Gray – Certified Sports Instructor/Coach NAYS, NYSCA

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

BLUEBERRY HILL GANG

Our Senior Program held the second Thursday of every month from 11:00AM to 1:00PM has been very successful and well attended. Seniors enjoy the monthly programs, socializing, meeting new friends and enjoying a variety of delicious foods. Program currently postponed, please call 412.364.4115 x347 for updates.

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

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
WHEN:	Fridays, May 7 – June 25
TIME:	10:30 AM – 11:45 AM: Beginner Level 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM: Improver Level + Intermediate Level
FEE:	\$48 per 8-week session
DROP IN FEE:	\$8 (Available only after the 12-person minimum is met)
INSTRUCTOR:	Shirley Shultz



FAMILY

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. Please check the Franklin Park website or Facebook: Franklin Park Recreation for current showings and dates. Please follow Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh on Facebook for the latest movies in area parks.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Due to current restrictions the Borough of Franklin Park will not be doing our traditional Easter Egg Hunt. We will be putting together a scavenger hunt for families to visit all the parks in the Borough. Please follow the Borough website as well as our Facebook page: Franklin Park Recreation on for more details on our upcoming Easter event.



PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

NOTICE: This year the event will be a joint exchange between Marshall Township 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 20, 2021
TIME: 6:30PM – 7:30 PM
FEE: Free



18TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOLF OUTING MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

HOSTED BY SHANNOPIN COUNTRY CLUB
BENEFITS THE FRANKLIN PARK 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 need tee sign sponsors, breakfast and lunch sponsors, as well as an event sponsor. Ads can 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 municipal 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 3, 2021
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
FEE: Free!



FRANKLIN PARK POLICE

Medication Disposal

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.



Home Safety

Daylight is the prevalent time for residential burglaries because the expectation is that homeowners will be at work. Residents are asked to call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Tips

What you can do:

- Please be alert to suspicious activity and don't hesitate to call 911 to report it.
- Never leave your home or personal property unsecured. Always lock all doors and windows when you leave your home. Always keep your garage secured and locked.
- If you have an alarm system, please activate it while you're not home.
- Alert your neighbors and homeowners association to the problem and be sure to watch out for each other. Remember, the majority of burglars who are caught in the act are so because a neighbor reported seeing something suspicious.
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity. This includes strangers walking down the street or vehicles lingering in the area with occupants that are unfamiliar to you.

Victims of Burglary

If you are the victim of a burglary or arrive home to find an open door or window, please follow these tips:

- Do not enter - the individual(s) may still be inside
- Use a neighbor's phone / cell phone to immediately call 911 before anyone else
- Do not touch anything or clean-up until police respond and process the scene for evidence
- Record the make, model and license plate of any suspicious vehicles in the area
- Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons in the area

Crime Information

Anyone with information regarding any crime is asked to contact the Franklin Park Police at 412-473-3056 or 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 2020, the fire company responded to 248 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 Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	No.	INCIDENT TYPE	No.
111 - Building fire	11	511 - Lock-out	2
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	520 - Water problem, other	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	531 - Smoke or odor removal	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	5	542 - Animal rescue	4
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	3
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1	561 - Unauthorized burning	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	6	571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2
161 - Outside storage fire	1	600 - Good intent call, other	2
162 - Outside equipment fire	1	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	46
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	4	715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2	730 - System malfunction, other	2
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	10	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	3
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	2	735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	13
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2	736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	2
442 - Overheated motor	1	743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	7
444 - Power line down	13	745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	37
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	5
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	8	800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	4
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	25	813 - Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1
500 - Service Call, other	2	900 - Special type of incident, other	1
		TOTAL INCIDENTS:	248

Next year marks the 100th birthday of our charter. A Centennial committee is currently planning a schedule of events to mark this special time. We will keep you posted.

Other events to be held (COVID-19 notwithstanding) include Firefighter for a night and an open house, Santa Clause Sunday, and in collaboration with Franklin Park Borough, Police and EMS a First Responders event. More information and dates will be provided through our Facebook page.

FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

OUR PERSONNEL ~Executive Personnel~

President - John Parks	Vice President - Skip Wilker
Recording Secretary - Bob George	Treasurer - Andy Nock
Corresponding Secretary - Bob Jarvis	Financial Secretary - Jim Hogg
Director - Bill Miller	Director - Dave Vodarick
Director - Bob Neugebauer	Director - Raja Pragallapati

~Line Officers~

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

~Some Data~

ITEM	2018	2019	2020
Number of calls	244	350	248
Hours on calls	1,399	2,162	1,905
All other hours - training, work night, etc.	5,804	6,553	4,118
Number of times members attended a call	3,129	4,189	3,036
New Members	9	3	3*

* New Members: Joe Birch, Josh Bailey and Steve Moore

A Typical Thursday Night Training Exercise



Some Emergency Related 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.



Get in Contact with Us

Emergencies: 911

Facebook: 

**Franklin Park Volunteer
Fire Company**

Online:

www.franklinparkvfc158.org

Main Station:

(412) 364-5670

A 75 Foot Ladder Truck

This past February the fire company purchased a 2000 Sutphen 75'+ ladder truck from our neighboring Ohio Township Fire Company. The truck came to us fully equipped and ready to serve the Borough. The addition of the ladder truck allows the fire company to not rely on neighboring agencies for their ladder truck. Member training is complete, and the truck has been placed in service responding to both residential and commercial fire calls.



Some New Tools

Assisted by a Commonwealth grant we were able to purchase three battery-operated rescue tools. These “Jaws-of-Life” class of tools manufactured by Hurst include a Spreader, a Cutter, and a Ram. While still requiring specialized skill and training these tools enable firefighters to perform vehicle extrication and rescue. The new tools are mounted on Engine 2 at the Fire Company’s substation on Wexford Bayne Road. The tools complement the traditional hydraulic rescue tools currently on the Company’s Rescue truck at the main station. By having rescue tools available on vehicles responding out of both stations, the Fire Company will be able to begin rescue operations more quickly. Importantly, Engine 2 out of the substation can typically reach accidents on I79 and I279 more quickly, and those crews can now begin vehicle rescue immediately while other units are still in transit. The battery powered tools can also be used in locations far away from the fire apparatus and result in fewer tripping and entanglement hazards since there are no hoses or cables tethered to the apparatus.

A Quiet Place

And finally, in 2020 a memorial garden located behind the Main station at 2360 Rochester Rd was added In memory of Andrew Kuremsky and in honor of all those who have and currently serve The Franklin park Volunteer Fire company. Feel free to visit, sit, relax and enjoy the silence of this special place.



WE NEED YOU

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.

THANK YOU to the entire Franklin Park Community for your support!

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Northland Public Library, as part of their mission to enable, encourage, and empower lifelong learning and discovery, provides access to over 868,000 eResources for library cardholders.

New education eResources have been added for library card holders, including **Scholastic Teachables**, **Tutor.com**, and **PA Online Learning**. These resources serve as part of the Basic Literacy competency of the PA Forward Library program, the Pennsylvania Library Association's literacies initiative.

Scholastic Teachables is your one stop shop for all things education featuring printables, lessons, mini-books, and more! These teacher created lesson plans and activity sheets mean content you'll love from a source you can trust. You can also customize your own crossword puzzles, word searches, bingo sheets, and flash cards! Ready-made collections are designed to accommodate learning requirements for all students. Search by grade, subject, type, or theme and get started today!

To access Teachables you must have a Northland Library Card.

Go to www.northlandlibrary.org/children-teen/scholastic-teachables/ for more information.

Tutor.com gives students online help from real tutors every day from 12 pm to 12 am! Live Homework Help offers online tutoring for grades K to 12 and college level students in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. Go to <https://tutor.com/clpgh> to access Tutor.com using your library card.

PA Online Learning is an online learning eResource available through Niche Academy and PA Power Library and is open to the public, including students. It provides access to tutorials on popular software items, such as Excel and how to use library resources, such as POWER Library. Go to <https://my.nicheacademy.com/paocl> to access Pa Online Learning.

Northland Bundles

Are you searching for something to read, watch, or listen to... but don't know what? Need some ideas on what to read, watch or listen with your child? Older kids and teens - need some help discovering a new interest or expanding your knowledge on a favorite subject? Then why not try a Northland Bundle! Let us know what you're interested in and our library staff will create a bundle of library materials for you to check out! Simply fill out the form located on Northland's website – for **Adult Bundles** go to www.northlandlibrary.org/adults/northland-bundles/ and for **Children and Teens** go to www.northlandlibrary.org/children-teen/northland-bundles/. You will have 3 days to collect it in the Library's upper level vestibule. Look for the bag with your name on it. If the bundle is not picked up after 3 days, it will be returned.

If you have any questions, please contact the Adult Services staff at NorthlandAdults@einetnetwork.net or 412-366-8100 x 113 or the Children and Teen Services staff at NorthlandKids@einetnetwork.net or 412-366-8100 ext. 123.

Adult Virtual Book Discussions

Do you love reading Nonfiction? Are you interested in books about various mysteries of the mind? Read a good book and just need to tell someone about it? We've got you covered on all accounts with our variety of Adult Virtual Book Discussions. Go to www.northlandlibrary.org/programs/adults-program-events/book-discussion-groups/ to discover all of our Virtual Book Discussions!

FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH DIRECTORY

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- 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 7:00PM.
- Regular Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00PM.
- A pre-meeting is held prior to the regular meeting at 7:00PM 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.

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