

# BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021



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## MEMORIAL DONATION PROGRAM

Franklin Park Borough has started a new Memorial Donation Program which provides residents with an excellent opportunity to donate a park bench or tree in memory or honor of a loved one or special person. Any memorial will be expected to enhance the park without hindering the quality of the open space. The cost of a park bench donation is \$1,200 which includes a 6' recycled plastic bench, plaque, installation and maintenance. The cost of a tree donation is \$600 which includes the tree (to be determined by Borough staff), plaque, installation, and maintenance. You can contact the Borough offices for information on this program or visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us). Policies and procedures have been established which describe the process through which applicants are encouraged to work with Borough staff to determine how a memorial can enhance the experience of park users as well as meet the needs of the donor.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRANKLIN PARK HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

In 2023, the Borough of Franklin Park (formerly Franklin Township) will turn 200 years old. In preparation for this historic event, the Borough is reconstituting the Franklin Park Borough Historical Committee. The committee will consist of seven volunteers from the Borough who will be tasked with advising on how best to celebrate this milestone during the course of the 2023 calendar year. In addition, in November of 2020 the Borough purchased a 10+ acre property along Big Sewickley Creek Road that includes the Robert Neely House (better known as the Winterberger-Nagel House) along with a barn and tool shed, with the intent of restoring and preserving the structures and adding the property to the Borough parks system. This committee will advise Borough staff, Council and Mayor on how best to proceed with the restoration of this property, as well as helping the Borough achieve the goals and objectives identified in Chapter 2, Historic Preservation, of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and providing guidance as part of the process currently under way to update this Comprehensive Plan.

Interested residents can apply by following the instructions and completing the form located on the Borough website, [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us). To access this information, scroll over the BOROUGH GOVERNMENT tab at the top of the website and click on Boards & Commissions. You can view the 2006 Comprehensive Plan by clicking on the BOROUGH GOVERNMENT tab and then clicking on the Comprehensive Plan tab.





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## **LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION**

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

### **LEAF BAG COLLECTION**

#### **FALL COLLECTION DATES:**

Weeks of October 25, November 1, 8, 15 and 29, 2021\*

\*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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) under the Services/Utilities tab.

### **BRUSH CHIPPING**

#### **FALL COLLECTION BEGINS:**

Monday, November 8, 2021

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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) under the Services/Utilities tab.

### **WOOD CHIPS & LEAF COMPOST** **FREE TO RESIDENTS**

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.**

## CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

**COLLECTION DATES:** The weeks of – January 10 and January 17, 2022

(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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) under the Services/Utilities tab.

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## 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, 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 asks that you utilize the April and November curbside brush chipping and leaf collection services.**

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 <https://www.franklinparkborough.us/333/Yard-Waste-Drop-Off-Site>. 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.

**\*\*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](mailto:mross@franklinparkborough.us) with any questions.

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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](http://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](mailto: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 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

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## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Corrugated cardboard recycling bins have been relocated in the lower side parking lot of the Municipal Building. 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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## GLASS RECYCLING

Franklin Park Borough will continue to provide glass recycling for residents to dispose of their glass containers. This bin is located in the rear parking lot of the municipal building. Please review the guidelines below for proper use of this service.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Bottles
- Jars
- Jugs

\*\*Bags and boxes used to deliver glass must be discarded off-site.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Cut glass
- Glass bakeware
- Mirrors
- Porcelain and ceramics
- Stemware
- Window glass
- Light bulbs
- Televisions

There are doors on both sides of the container.

If the container is full **do not** leave any glass items on the ground around the dumpsters.

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

## RECYCLING GUIDELINES

WASTE MANAGEMENT is currently contracted by Franklin Park Borough to collect our residential waste and recycling. 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](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

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## REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage 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 falling on to the street. To avoid garbage bags from being torn into by animals, please 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.

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

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

A new contract was awarded to Waste Management for the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste, recyclables, E-waste, and household hazardous waste. The contract will be from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025, with an option year January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026. All services will remain the same and residents can continue to use the 1-800-866-4460 customer service number.



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## RENTAL PROPERTIES

### TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS/RENTERS:

If you are the owner or renter of a rental 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 annually to the owner of any rental property. The form must be returned even if no changes have occurred. You can report any changes to Mary Ross by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Renter Information Form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either in-person, by mail, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to [mross@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:mross@franklinparkborough.us).

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## HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

### **Does your housing plan have a Homeowners Association?**

The Borough maintains a list of all homeowner's associations and their president/contact's name. 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 contact information for your HOA please contact Donna Platt 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us). You can provide any new information or changes in information by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Homeowners Association Contact Information Form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either in-person, by mail, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

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## DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING

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

- Chapter 154 of the Franklin Park 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.
  - The issued permit should be visible on each solicitor. Before purchasing any products or services, check for the Borough issued identification card/permit. If the salesperson does not have this credential (laminated card with photo), we urge you to call 9-1-1- or the Franklin Park Police Department (during normal business hours) at 412-364-1227, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, to report the incident. You can also contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, x302, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, to verify if the organization is registered with the Borough.
  - If you do not wish to have commercial solicitors approach your door, we do maintain a “No Solicitation” list and offer “No Soliciting” stickers to be placed on your door. You can be placed on the list and/or request a sticker through the website at <https://www.franklinparkborough.us/407/No-Solicitation-List>, by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Subscribe to No Solicitation List form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either in-person, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).
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## 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](http://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**

**Historical Committee**

**McCandless/Franklin Park Ambulance Authority**

**Northland Library Authority**

**Planning Commission**

**Recreation Board**

**Scholarship Selection Committee**

**Technology Advisory Committee**

**Vacancy Board**

**Zoning Hearing Board**

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board visit [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us), click on "Borough Government", then click on "Boards & Commissions".

### DO YOU WANT TO STAY INFORMED ON BOROUGH EVENTS, ISSUES, NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS?

Sign up for "Notify Me"

Go to [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us)

At the Home Page click on "Create an Account" in the upper left-hand corner and follow the directions

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## JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM

We would like to recognize Emma Bernardi for her participation in the program during the 2020/2021 school year and thank her for her time and service to the community. At the August 18, 2021 council meeting Jackie DiGiacomo was sworn in. Ms. DiGiacomo will serve during the 2021-2022 school year. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion for your local government email our new Junior Council Person at [juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us](mailto: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.

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized in December 2020 for reaching an anniversary. Many thanks for their dedication and years of service to Franklin Park Borough.

#### 5 Year Employees

Andy Nock – Asst. Bldg. Inspector/Deputy Fire Official  
Jim Huff – Asst. to the Mgr. of  
Golf Course & Park Facilities

#### 10 Year Employees

Cheryl Bishop – Financial Clerk

#### 15 Year Employees

Carolyn Strunk - Treasurer  
Diane Rose – Police Secretary

#### 25 Year Employees

Gary Bucuren – Public Works Superintendent

#### 30 Year Employees

Robert Fullerton – Public Works Equipment Operator  
William Nagel – Public Works Foreman

### STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to welcome Cindy Crain who was hired in April as our new Finance Director/Borough Treasurer.

We would like to welcome Michael Settino who was hired in February as our new Custodian.

Carolyn Strunk, Borough Treasurer, retired in May after 15 years of service.

Karen Sproul, Financial Coordinator, retired in May after 17 years of service.

Bill Nagel, Public Work Road Foreman, retired in April after 31 years of service

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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

**Saints  
John and Paul  
Parish**

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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At the May 15 and June 16, 2021 public meetings, Borough Council and Mayor awarded twelve (12) \$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 167 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.

### 2021 FRANKLIN PARK

### COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Rachel Bina**

**Stefanie Cwalina**

**Connor Day**

**Elijah Duckworth**

**Andrew Kollitz**

**Gabrielle Maletta**

**Julia Maletta**

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## SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Monday, August 2, 2021, Franklin Park held its 18th 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 2022. 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, and auction with a chance to win numerous door prizes.

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

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



**Thank you to all the teams that participated in the 2021 Golf Outing. Your contribution will help award scholarships to many outstanding young adults.**

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## 2021 FRANKLIN PARK SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING WINNING TEAMS

### 1st Place Team – Bill Schweitzer and Friends



Brad Fusco, Bill Schweitzer, Emil Boures, Sr., Emil Boures, Jr.

### 2nd Place Team – Primrose School of Wexford



Ryan George, Rob Meeder, Ryan Duchi, Dr. Steve Duchi

### 3rd Place Team – Batykefer and Morini



Bill Batykefer, Kurt Morini, Vic Morini, Gary Coglin

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Primrose School of Wexford

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Wine Concrete Products, Inc.

## VANDALISM IN OUR PARKS

Vandalism in our parks has increased substantially over the past year. Please be respectful of all Borough owned property. The parks are there for everyone to use and enjoy. If you see anyone vandalizing any public property, please call 911.

## 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.

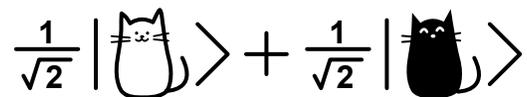


## RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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

## 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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## REMINDERS FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

**Kristin Losco, Real Estate Tax Collector**

2344 West Ingomar Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-4848

[kristinlosco@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlosco@gmail.com)

All property owners are required to pay real estate taxes on the real estate they own in the Borough of Franklin Park whether it is undeveloped (vacant) or improved.

Dates to remember:

<b>Borough Tax Bills mailed:</b>	May 1
2% discount	May-June 30
Face	July-August 31
10% Penalty	After August 31

<b>School Tax Bills mailed:</b>	July 1
2% discount	July-August 31
Face	September-October 31
10% Penalty	After October 31

- 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 of paying taxes.
- The Real Estate Tax Collector cannot accept post-dated checks.
- If you have refinanced your mortgage and have an escrow account with a different bank or mortgage lender, please notify the Tax Office so your tax statements can be redirected.
- The Real Estate Tax Collector does not determine the "Full Market Value" or your property. Contact Allegheny County Assessment Department at 412-350-4600 with any questions.



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## 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.





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 18th - November 5th**  
**from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

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

- \$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

## **STREAM WATER QUALITY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

As we have noted in prior newsletters, stormwater management and stream water quality have become priority issues in the Borough over the past several years. Intense rainfall events over the past several months have highlighted areas where stormwater management must be addressed, and aging infrastructure must be continually maintained and replaced. Additionally, the federal mandate under the Clean Water Act, administered in Pennsylvania by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, requires that the Borough improve stream and ground water quality through maintenance and improvements to its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). To better address these issues, the Borough appointed a separate engineering firm to provide stormwater management and MS4 design services. Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. is now the Borough Stormwater Engineer.

We are also making changes in the way we keep you informed on these items. A Quick Link is being created on the Borough website, titled “Stream Water Quality and Stormwater Management.” The information accessible under this link will include:

- Information on the Borough’s MS4 Program and status of projects undertaken or planned to comply with PA DEP requirements.
- Information on the Borough’s stormwater management system and status of projects undertaken or planned to maintain, repair, or upgrade components of the system.
- Identification of problem areas and status of planned remediation.
- Responsibilities of property owners and alternatives to help promote water quality and stormwater control.
- Projects that provide the opportunity for volunteer participation and service hours.
- Watersheds in the Borough.
- Links to helpful resources.

We will update this information as changes occur, and we encourage you to visit this tab to stay current on projects and resources.

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## 2021 PAVING PROJECTS

The Borough owns and maintains approximately 80 miles of roadway. There is an established goal to resurface roads every 15 years, on average. Council, Mayor, and staff conducted a Spring Tour to evaluate roads. The following were approved for resurfacing in 2021.

**Acorn Court**  
**Ben Franklin Drive**  
**Dogwood Court**  
**English Oak Court**  
**Glenchester Drive**  
**Matterhorn Drive**  
**Ramblewood Drive**  
**Shaker Court**  
**Woodmont Drive**

**Almanack Court**  
**Birchwood Court**  
**Dogwood Drive**  
**Fountain Hills Drive**  
**Lansdale Drive**  
**Poor Richards Drive**  
**Settlers Drive**  
**Temperence Drive**  
**Willow Oak Drive**

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

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### 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  
[gbucuren@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:gbucuren@franklinparkborough.us)

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#### PA STATE ROADS

Arndt Road  
Big Sewickley Creek Road  
Camp Meeting Road  
Henry Road  
Little Sewickley Creek Road  
McAlear Road  
Nicholson Road  
Pine Creek Road  
Reis Run Road  
Rochester Road  
Wexford Bayne Road

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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#### ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Brandt School Road

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

412-350-2513

## 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:

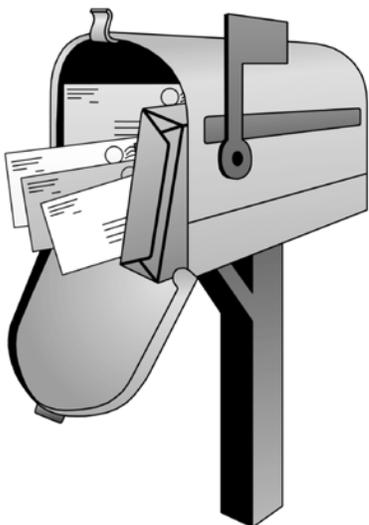
- Ordinance No. 202-13 prohibits parking of vehicles on Borough roads during periods of snowfall, ice accumulation and inclement weather. Vehicles will be ticketed and fined.
- Do not shovel or plow snow into the street. Pile snow in your yard area.



**Snow must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within a reasonable time but not later than 24 hours after a cessation of snowfall.**

## 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.



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For those of you who are really into the game and are avid golfers, you might want to take advantage of the Season Pass January 1-December 31.

The golf course will continue its partnership with Junior Team Golf. This has been an outstanding program that offers 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](http://www.jrteamgolf.com) or by visiting [www.franklinparkborough.us/313/Junior-Golf](http://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 daily at 7:00 a.m.

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## INVASIVE SPECIES IN FRANKLIN PARK

The Franklin Park Environmental Advisory Council asks for your cooperation in preventing the spread of invasive species in the Borough. Several species such as running bamboo and Knot Weed have been identified in our parks. These noxious plants threaten ecosystems and crowd out native plants. They often thrive as they have no natural insect controls and are not browsed by wildlife. We have identified a few species of concern in our area.

**Golden Bamboo and other running bamboo species** – Running Bamboo spreads underground through rhizomes. It is very difficult to remove, and the thickets outcompete natives and are a general nuisance.

**Japanese Barberry** – This plant is easily identified by its small red leaves and thorns. It spreads easily and is an ideal habitat for Lyme ticks.

**Purple Loosestrife** – This is a large perennial with spikes of purple flowers. These plants can take over wetlands and clog waterways

**Tree of Heaven** – This medium-size tree grows several feet per year displacing beneficial species in disturbed areas. It harbors the very destructive Spotted Lantern Fly.

**Japanese Knotweed** – This fast-spreading weed will completely monopolize an area shading out natives. Like many noxious weeds, it is often spread through contaminated fill dirt and topsoil. This weed is one of the fastest spreading invasives in PA. in Pennsylvania and should be removed before it is well established.

**Oriental Bittersweet** – This fast-growing vine will smother plants and uproot trees due to the weight of the vines.

**Stilt Grass** – This is a fast-growing ground cover that outgrows native competition and is hard to eradicate. It should be pulled up before it establishes itself.

Please inspect your property for these species and remove them when you find them. More information on invasive species in Pennsylvania can be found with the Penn State Cooperative Extension

**[Pest, Disease and Weed Identification Weed Identification and Control - Penn State Extension \(psu.edu\)](http://www.psu.edu)**



*Japanese Barberry*



*Japanese Knotweed*

## A CENTURY OF SERVICE FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

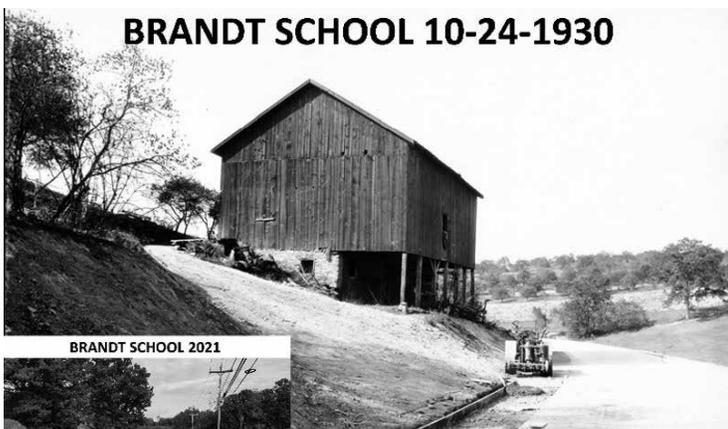
When fire destroyed the home of one of our early families in October 1921, 18 concerned neighbors rallied at the Neely Public School on November 4, 1921. There, in that single room schoolhouse, it was determined the community needed to secure a charter to form and operate a volunteer fire company. Many in attendance pledged \$50 to start the company -- a sum in those days equal to or better than a month's wages. Soon after, another farmhouse was destroyed by fire. The community met again on November 18, 1921, nearly eighty members of the community were now subscribing to the formation of a volunteer fire company.



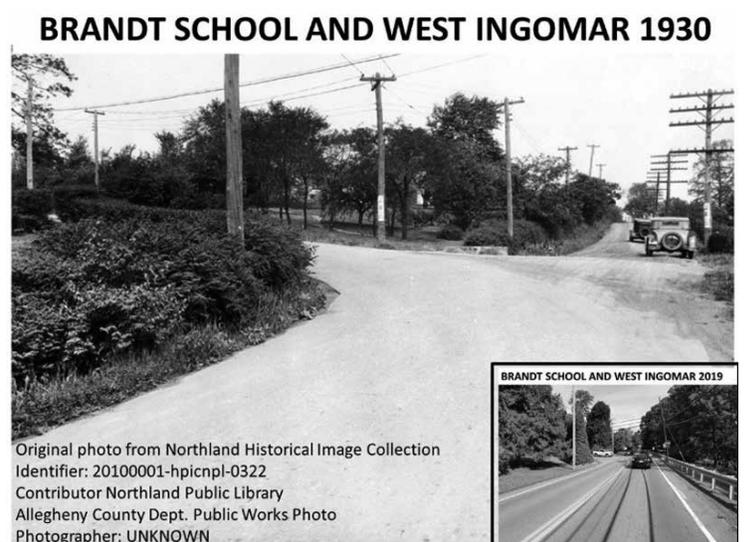
Over the following months, meetings were held monthly to raise funds, plan, and start securing equipment and an appropriate storage location to operate a fire company. Isaac Wright provided space in his garage at the corner of West Ingomar and Rochester Roads. (In later years this location was known as Ben Milbert's garage, Franklin Auto Repair, and is now the site of Ray Donch Body Werks.) Isaac Wright, custodian of the truck, was appointed the first fire chief of the company.

On June 22, 1922, the charter for the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 of Franklin Township was received, filed, and recorded -- the fire company was officially incorporated!

In the early 1960's Franklin Township changed its name to Franklin Park Borough. The fire company soon after followed changing our name to Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. Although the names of our community and our Fire Company have changed over the years, with the support of our community the Fire Company has remained in continuous operation through the Great Depression, two World Wars, and a pandemic.



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**BRANDT SCHOOL AND WEST INGOMAR 1930**  
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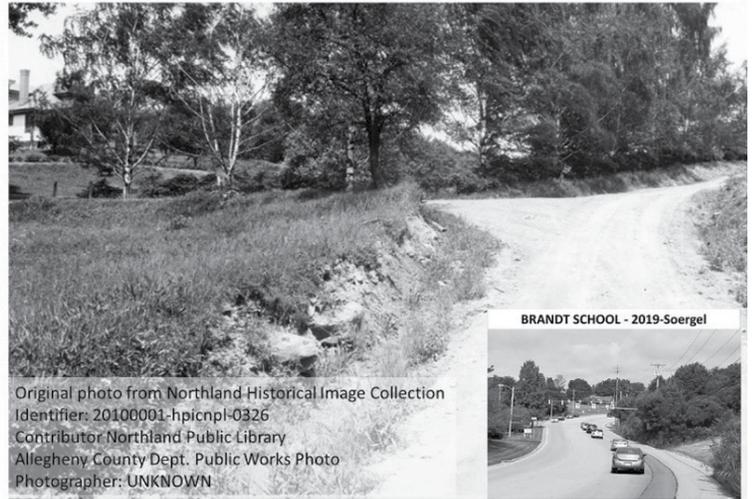
With the introduction of the Allegheny County centralized 911 system at the turn of millennium, we are now dispatched as Allegheny County Emergency Services “Station 158”, but for all legal business transactions remains the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

Today a full century of operation has arrived. Though our community has changed dramatically from rural farming to suburban neighborhoods, we remain an all-volunteer organization supported by donations from our community. The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 is also the single appointed fire emergency and rescue response provider for the Borough of Franklin Park. We have never invoiced our residents for emergency response, a tradition we hope to maintain for many years into the future!

Our community is invited to help kick off celebrating our century of service the afternoon of Saturday October 2, 2021, with a Founders Day Open House at the main fire station at 2360 Rochester Road. Watch our website and Facebook postings for more details in the coming months.

Our centennial celebration will later conclude with the 2022 annual Festival in the Park marking the 100th anniversary of receiving our charter. We plan to have firefighting equipment, demonstrations, friendly competitions with neighboring fire companies, and a Parade in the Park.

## BRANDT SCHOOL 1930-Soergel



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BRANDT SCHOOL - 2019-Soergel

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# FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

## 2020 – 248 Calls

The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company has provided emergency response services to the residents of Franklin Park since 1922. Last year our fire company responded to 248 emergency calls.

A summary of some additional data for 2020 is found in the charts below. It is interesting to note that 3,036 times a firefighter or a fire police officer responded to those 248 emergency calls. Pagers blare out 248 emergency calls and 3,036 times a member of our Fire Company drop whatever they are doing or sleepily awake in the middle of the night and respond to some unknown danger.

Year	Total Calls for Year	CALL LENGTH (Dispatch to In Serv)	Total Time on Calls - Hours
2020	248	38:01	1,923
2019	350	32:32	2,186
2018	244	31:19	1,815
2017	238	31:53	1,396
2016	244	25:53	1,080
2015	247	N/A	1,116
2014	259	N/A	N/A

<b>Number of Times a Member Attended a Call</b>	<b>3,036</b>
<b>Average Number of Members Responding per Call</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Number of Times an Apparatus Left Station for a Call</b>	<b>1,281</b>
<b>Average Number of Apparatus's per Call</b>	<b>3.7</b>

### New Members

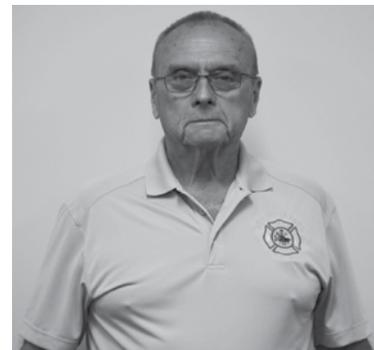
Congratulations to our two newest members Luke Myslinski Fire Police and Nathan Dufresne Associate Member. Luke is a member of our Borough Council and brings with him a high-level energy. Nathan has a broad background in computer technology, a serving spirit and is a member of the Borough's Technology Advisory Committee.

### Remembering Bill Smith

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the loss of our friend and fire police officer William E. Smith who passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2020. Bill was 87 and a life member of the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company having attained the rank of Fire Police Lieutenant. He is known for his infectious smile and friendly manner and will be sorely missed.



### Sixty Years of Service



### **Charles G Wilker**

Skip became a member of the Franklin Park Fire Company on September 21st, 1961, at the tender age of 18 and represents the third generation of firefighters: his grandfather, an original member in 1922; his father, a past president. Skip served in various capacities including president in 2012/2013 and is currently Vice President. His son Charles, Jr is a life member and represents the fourth generation.

## Our Personnel

### ~Executive Personnel~

President - John Parks*	Vice President - Skip Wilker*
Treasurer - Andy Nock*	Financial Secretary - Jim Hogg
Corresponding Secretary - Bob Jarvis*	Recording Secretary - Bob George*
Director - Bill Miller*	Director - David Vodarick*
Director - Bob Neugebauer*	Director - Raja Pragallapati*
* <i>Board of Directors</i>	

### ~Line Officers~

Chief - Bill Chicots	Assistant Chief - Scott Merriman
Deputy Chief - Jason Thompson	Captain - Bob Cerra
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
Asst Engineer - Chris McHenry	Asst Engineer - Sam Marriner
Asst Engineer - Megan George	Training Officer - Steve Bollinger
Fire Police Captain - Edd Maus	Fire Police Lieutenant - Lou Urso

### What We Do and Why WE NEED YOU

Your Fire Company is staffed entirely by volunteers. Both retired and those with regular full-time jobs dedicate time 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, media relations, information techs, tradesmen, etc. Please consider stopping by the main fire station located at 2360 Rochester Road. We are there every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. You can also email us at [vicepresident@franklinpark158.org](mailto:vicepresident@franklinpark158.org), or reach out via our Facebook page.

### Our Live-In Program

We are seeking students/young men or women who are interested in becoming firefighters and would like to occupy one of our comfortably provided live-in rooms. Additionally, there is an opportunity for free college tuition through a program provided by Allegheny County. Please inquire for additional information.



## General Things to Know

- Dial 911 for all emergencies.
- Keep fire hydrants clear of high grass, tree branches and snow.
  - You may have noticed that the 5' fiberglass poles are no longer on the fire hydrants? They were removed due to deterioration, and we are looking at the possibility of replacing them with stainless steel a more long-lasting alternative.
- 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](http://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](http://www.franklinparkvfc158.org)) for information on upcoming events, safety tips, and general updates at the 158 house.



### Get in Contact with Us

Emergencies: 911

Facebook: 

Franklin Park Volunteer  
Fire Company

Online:

[www.franklinparkvfc158.org](http://www.franklinparkvfc158.org)

Main Station:  
(412) 364-5670

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## **SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT**

### *What's more exciting than Fire trucks and Santa Claus!!!*

The annual visit of Santa Claus sponsored by the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Co. will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2021, 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.

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## **McCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY**

Greetings to our Community. It is McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority's (MFPAA) hope now more than ever that this article finds you safe, and in good health.

As we write this in July of 2021, a majority of mandates have been lifted, while at the same time spikes of COVID-19 still impact the country, and that could take another direction. It has been a challenging, evolving, and at times uncertain 17 months since the COVID-19 Pandemic was proclaimed to say the least.

March 13, 2020 was when we were first asked to face the COVID-19 virus as a pandemic. In March there were certainly many more questions than answers. It was initially reported that we could expect to lose upwards to half of our workforce to COVID-19; with field providers being overwhelmed by the number of patients to be assessed and transported. Forecasts predicted that we would not be able to maintain the level of personal protective equipment (PPE) and related equipment to protect our Paramedics and EMT's due to the demand and subsequent supply shortages across the world.

In the midst of these grim predictions, the reality was our pre-hospital providers continued to do what they do best, and we are still doing the same today. We distinctly remember at one of our very early on daily operational meetings, one of our paramedics simply stating, "we need to look at this as an opportunity not an obstacle". Back in March that seemed like a very daunting task. We are proud and fortunate to say the least, that all of our field staff did just that. It was their

time to apply their multiple years of experience, demonstrate their deep clinical skills, and exhibit the highest level of professionalism possible. Through their actions, they let everyone know at every level that they are the best at what they do.

There is an ongoing debate within the first responder community, the health care industry, and governing agencies, as to whether Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a public safety or public health program of services? Facing the pandemic only served to reinforce that emergency pre-hospital care is really a **combination of both**.

It has become evident over the past many months that the lines truly intersect as we continue our mission of caring for the sick and injured of our communities, while at the same be at the ready to respond. EMS has become a source of public information, providing emergent response to all calls, protecting ourselves, and our communities. We have a public service ready to step in when needed; by way of example, we have become more involved with community health initiatives through our participation with the vaccination efforts. Through our EMS resources and talent, we have been able to leverage and to expand the availability of the vaccines to the communities in our areas of service, thus expediting the protection from infection.

Unfortunately, in the midst of responding to the impact of the pandemic, COVID-19 also significantly impacted the on-going day in and day out services that the MFPAA provides. Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic our “normal” call volume was drastically reduced. Due to a commitment from MFPAA’s Board and Administration, it was decided that MFPAA’s status would remain fully operational and continue to be fully available to our community at the same pre-COVID levels. Even though there were fewer responses for an extended period, the patients MFPAA treated and cared for tended and continue to be more acute (e.g., sicker). Donning protective equipment, treating the patient, doffing that protection, and decontaminating personnel, equipment, and the vehicles took an extended period of time, was both draining on staffing and finances . The putting on and taking off protective gear took its toll on field staff resources, often requiring more than one crew to respond to a call to give each other a chance to engage rapidly...

As the COVID-19 pandemic wore on it was obvious this decision, made in the best interest of our residents, and our patients was, and continues to have been the correct decision.

However, this decision came with a major cost. We suffered large operating losses over many months that were not fully covered by COVID Stimulus funds we did receive. During even better times, we receive reimbursement or direct funding for only 75% of our EMS trips, given our commitment to respond. This required that the unfunded expenditures we incurred had to be paid for from our financial reserves in the short term. However, we are seeking more sustainable option(s) for receiving funding, maintaining operations, and acquiring new capital with active efforts at all levels of government.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we continue to do what we do best, supporting all first responders as part of the Public Safety Community, and embracing and fulfilling our role as an integral part of the Public Healthcare Community.

The Board, Administration, paramedics, emergency medical technicians and our support staff wish you the very best of health and safety in the future. Be assured we will continue to respond to all of the opportunities and challenges presented to us to provide care for the sick and injured of the community you call home.

### 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.

You must register online for all programs at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us).

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**DUE TO COVID-19 THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS  
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.**



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## YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

### 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! Registration and more information at [www.championforce.com](http://www.championforce.com).

#### WEDNESDAY

**WHO:** Boys & Girls ages 4-15  
**WHERE:** Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
**WHEN:** Registration & first class is Wednesday, September 8  
\*program runs for approximately 16 weeks

#### MONDAY - Advanced Class, Must be pre-approved

**WHO:** Boys & Girls ages 4-15  
**WHERE:** Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
**WHEN:** Registration & first class is Monday, September 13  
\*program runs for approximately 16 weeks

**INSTRUCTOR:** Coach Tiffany, [FPrubies@gmail.com](mailto:FPrubies@gmail.com)

**FB:** Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies



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### SOCCKER SHOTS

Soccer Shots is an engaging children’s soccer program with a focus on character development. We positively impact children’s lives on and off the field through our best-in-class coaching, communication, and curriculum. Visit [Soccershots.org/Pittsburgh](http://Soccershots.org/Pittsburgh) for registration and more information.

#### TUESDAY

**WHERE:** Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
**WHEN:** November 2 – December 7

#### THURSDAY

**WHERE:** Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
**WHEN:** November 4 – December 9





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## 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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) for details on entertainment each month.

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park – Parks and Rec) page for more details.

**Limited capacity. Register online.**

DUE TO COVID-19 THIS EVENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

### BRUNCH WITH SANTA CLAUS

The Annual Visit with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and facebook (Franklin Park – Parks and Rec) page for more details.

**All families must be pre-registered and pre-paid by December 4th.**

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

<b>WHO:</b>	Entire Family
<b>WHERE:</b>	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
<b>WHEN:</b>	Saturday, December 11, 2021



DUE TO COVID-19 THIS EVENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.



**REMINDER:**  
Halloween Door-to-Door Trick or Treat Night will be held on  
Sunday, October 31, 2021  
from 6:00PM – 8:00PM



## HOST YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION IN THE PARK!

### BLUEBERRY HILL PARK ACTIVITY CENTER, PAVILION AND GAZEBO RENTALS FOR 2023

According to Borough policy, the Borough will begin accepting permits for rental of the Activity Center, Pavilion and Gazebo for all 2023 dates. **Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning the first Monday of March 2022 at 9:30 AM.** Non-residents will be able to start renting our facilities beginning Monday March 21, 2022.

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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us). Under the "Recreation" tab go to "Facility Rentals" and click on the appropriate venue. Please read all information thoroughly than 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 starting January 3, 2022. Non-residents will be able to rent Court B starting January 17, 2022. 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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us).



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Committee Meetings may 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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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](http://www.franklinparkborough.us)