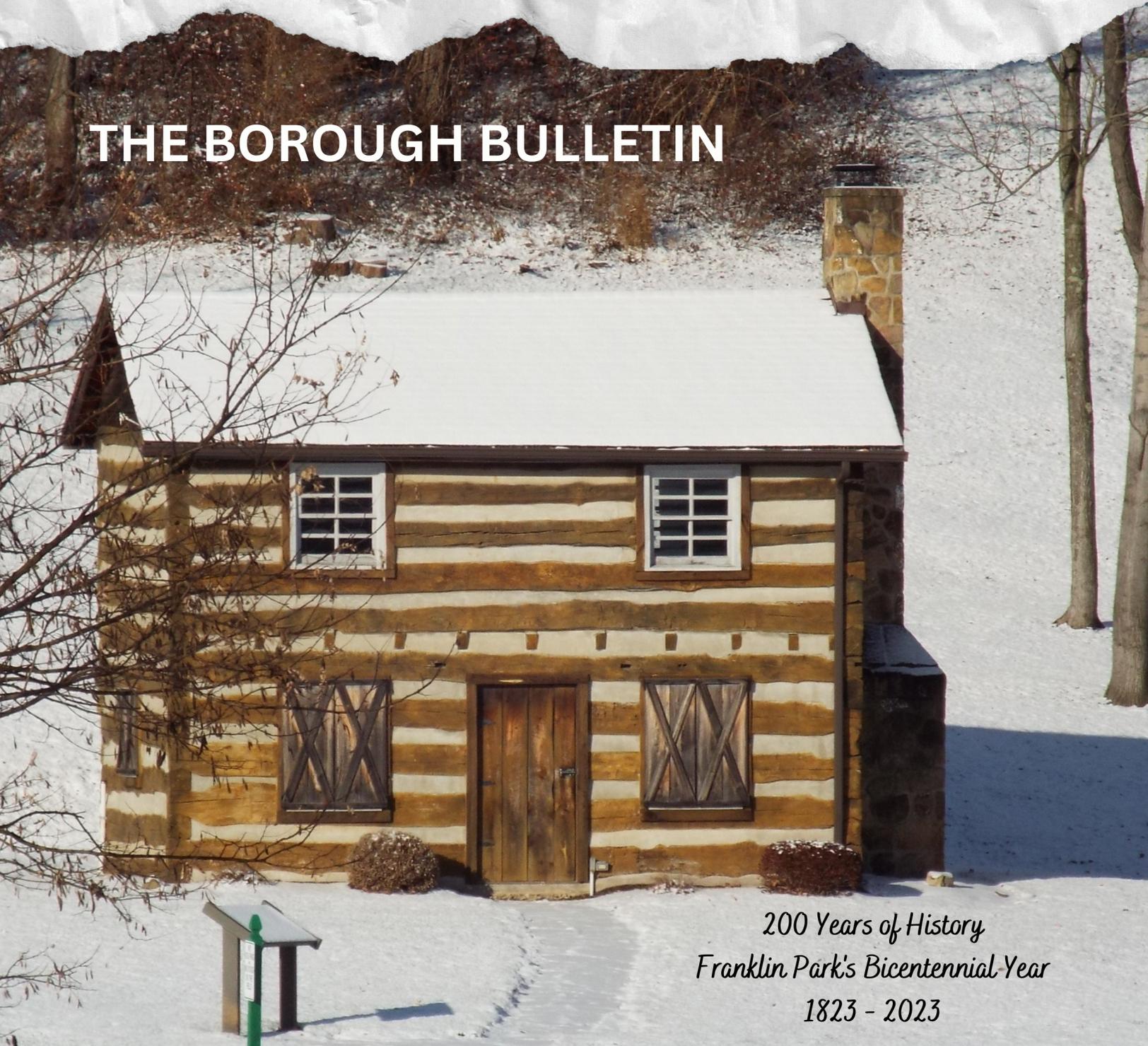


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- Committee Meetings — held the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:00PM to 7:00PM.
- Work Session — held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Regular Meeting — held the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM.
- Pre-meetings — held prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 PM and post meetings may be held immediately following the conclusion of the regular meeting.
- Meetings are subject to change and will be advertised and posted on the website.

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

# YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Use the QR Code for more information regarding the residential programs below or visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us).



## FALL LEAF BAG COLLECTION DATES\*

**Weeks of October 23, November 6, 13, 27 and December 4, 2023**

(The weeks of October 30 and November 20 will be skipped due to Halloween and Thanksgiving)

All bags must be placed at the curb by 6:00 am Monday morning of each week.

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.

## FALL BRUSH CHIPPING\*

**Monday, November 6, 2023**

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

This service is provided for brush and tree trimmings only up to 4" in diameter.

No thorn bushes will be accepted.

## YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITES

For Franklin Park Borough Residents Only

By Permit Only

The Yard Waste and Leaf Bag drop off sites are located at the south end of Blaine's Way in Blueberry Hill Park and are open March 1st to December 1st of each year. An application must be completed annually. The sites are for residential disposal only, commercial use is prohibited. Disposal of entire trees is prohibited.

These areas are under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

## CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES

The weeks of January 8 and January 15, 2024

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

DO NOT leave plastic or any decorations on the tree.

Please do not place the trees at the Yard Waste Drop Off Site.

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



# WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Waste Management of Pennsylvania is the current contracted refuse and recycling hauler for Franklin Park Borough. **For customer service, call Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460** or visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) to chat live with a representative.

For more information or questions on refuse and recycling visit [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) or contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us)

## REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage should be placed at the curb NO EARLIER THAN 4:00 pm on the evening before your scheduled pick up day. Cans must be removed from the curb no later than 10:00 pm the day of your collection.

### RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

The following materials are recyclable at curbside:

- Plastic - numbered 1 and 2
- Bi-metal, steel and aluminum cans
- Corrugated cardboard\* (see below)
- Paper and cardboard food boxes

Grass is the only yard waste that can be placed in black plastic bags and placed out with your trash.

### COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PA Act 101 requires business establishments, office buildings, churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to recycle the following material:

- High-grade office paper
- Bi-metal, steel and aluminum cans
- Corrugated cardboard

## ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

“At Your Door” special collection through Waste Management. To schedule a collection call 1-800-449-7587.

### Corrugated Cardboard Recycling\*

There are two 25 yard roll off containers located in the lower side parking lot of the Municipal Building for corrugated cardboard only. All boxes must be flattened. Please note the posted guidelines. This area is under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

### Glass Recycling

A glass recycling container is available to residents and is located in the rear parking lot of the municipal building. Please note the posted guidelines. This area is under video surveillance. Violators will be prosecuted.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING



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Use the QR Code for more information regarding these recycling options and others or visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us).

**FRANKLIN PARK  
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP  
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Ryan Day  
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Sophia Kollitz  
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Sofia Mianzo  
Sierra O'Neil  
Anshul Shah  
Taylor Susich  
Eric Toledo

**JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON**

We would like to recognize Ava DiGiacomo for serving as Junior Council Person during the 2022-2023 school year. At the September 20, 2023 Council meeting, Julia O'Keefe will take the Junior Council Person Pledge to serve for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion, email your Junior Council Person at [juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us).

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**RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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



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## Upcoming Bicentennial Events

### FRANKLIN PARK'S BICENTENNIAL 5K FUN RUN

Join us at Franklin Park's Bicentennial 5K Fun Run to be held at Blueberry Hill Park on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Runners and walkers are all welcome! The entrance fee for the fun run is \$25.00. To register for the 5K Fun Run you must sign up online through our REC1 portal using the following link: <https://secure.rec1.com/PA/franklin-park-borough-parks-recreation-department/catalog>.

### SALUTE TO VETERANS BREAKFAST

We would like to invite our veterans to our Salute to Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10:00 am. Veteran and former Pittsburgh Steeler Rocky Bleier will be the keynote speaker. There will be no cost to the veteran or his guest. If you are a veteran that resides or has resided in Franklin Park Borough, please contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us). THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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## Franklin Park Bicentennial Christmas Ornament On Sale Now at the Municipal Building

The Borough had 200 Bicentennial Stocking Christmas ornaments from Wendell August Forge made as a 200th Anniversary keepsake. You can purchase one or more of these limited number ornaments at the Franklin Park Municipal Building. The ornament showcases our new logo and can be purchased for \$20.00. All proceeds benefit the preservation of historic places in Franklin Park.



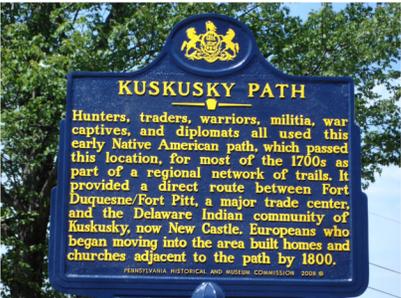
## OUR NEW LOOK....

Franklin Park Borough would like to introduce you to our new logo!! You may have already noticed it on a few signs and in some digital material. In the coming months you will see changes in our signage, correspondences and in our digital presence.



# FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH

**FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE HISTORY EXHIBIT AT THE  
"FESTIVAL IN THE PARK", HERE IS A GLIMPSE OF OUR PAST**





## FRANKLIN PARK'S FIRST PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Pictured is Clair Bloom who served as the first part-time police officer for (back then) Franklin Township in July of 1952. Other officers who served the community in the 1950s were Frank Beining, Merle Wehr, Joe Hotnich and Al Merriman. A full-time department was established in 1963 with Joe Hotnich as the Chief of Police along with part-time officers Merle Wehr, Al Merriman and Ray Beatty. We are currently looking for any photos of members of the department, so if you have any photos from "back in the day" the Franklin Park Police Department would love to have a copy to add to our archive. If you have photos information or stories to share, please contact Lt. Sam Snyder at [ssnyder@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:ssnyder@franklinparkborough.us).



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For the seventh 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 Municipal Building General Office:  
**October 16th - November 1st, 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
- Can of "easy" pumpkin pie mix
- Can of evaporated milk
- Muffin mix (especially corn)
- Turkey gravy mix
- Pie crust mix

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# PARKS AND RECREATION

## FACILITY RENTALS FOR 2025 BLUEBERRY HILL PARK, OLD ORCHARD PARK, and LINBOOK PARK RENTALS

According to Borough Policy, the Borough will begin accepting applications for rental of the Activity Center, Maple Grove Pavilion, Gazebo, Old Orchard Pavilion, and Linbrook Shelters for all 2025 dates. **Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning the first Monday of March 2024 at 9:00 AM.** Non-residents may submit applications beginning Monday, March 18, 2024.

In order to secure a date, the Borough must receive a completed rental permit packet and appropriate checks 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/Court Rentals” or use the QR Code below and click on the appropriate venue. Please read all information thoroughly then call Zach Brower at 412-364-4115, Ext. 347 with any questions. Must be 21 years of age or older to rent any Franklin Park Borough facility.



# RECREATION PROGRAMS

Who: Ages 8 and under  
Where: Linbrook Park  
When: Tuesday, Friday  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: Monday, Thursday, or Saturday



Fall classes start August 21  
Fall 2.0 starts November  
More information and sign up at  
[soccershots.com/pittsburgh](http://soccershots.com/pittsburgh)

## Flag Football League



Who: Ages 5 - 13  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: Sundays  
Sept. 24 -Oct. 29

## Champion Force Cheerleading

Who: Ages 4-15 years old  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
When: Wednesdays starting September 7



Registration and information at [www.championforce.com](http://www.championforce.com)  
FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies

## Winterfest 2024

Who: Ages 6-12 years old  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
When: Monday, February 19, 2024: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM



Join Coach Dave Gray as we host the fun side of winter in our annual Winterfest! From sled riding to Flag Football in the snow. There is something for every kid to enjoy! Be sure to bring your own sled. Snacks and hot dogs will be provided including hot chocolate!

### Outdoor Activities (weather permitting!!)

- Sled Riding (provided we have snow!)
- Snowman Building Competition (again, provided that we have snow!)
- Winter Olympics
- Flag Football
- Dek Hockey
- Snowball Launches (and, yes...provided that we have snow!)

### Indoor Activities

- Soft Dodgeball
- Wiffle Ball
- Minute 2 Win It Competitions
- Hot dogs, chips, and hot chocolate will be provided for lunch.

**Pre-registration is REQUIRED, space is limited**  
**Register at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us)**



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



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## FRANKLIN PARK'S BICENTENNIAL 5K FUN RUN

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Join us at Franklin Park's Bicentennial 5K Fun Run to be held at Blueberry Hill Park on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9:00 am. Runners and walkers are all welcome! The entrance fee for the fun run is \$25.00. To register for the 5K Fun Run you must sign up online through our REC1 portal. Scan the QR Code above to register online.



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for **Saturday, October 28, 2023**, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park—Parks and Rec) page for more details. **Limited capacity. Scan the QR Code above to register online.**



EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

## Halloween door-to-door Trick or Treat will be held on

**Tuesday, October 31, 2023**  
from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



## MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA CLAUS

Come to our meet and greet with Santa scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the 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. Scan the QR Code above to register online.**

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

WHO: Entire Family

WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

WHEN: Saturday, December 9, 2023



EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION



# STREAM WATER QUALITY

Under the federal Clean Water Act of 1972, administered in Pennsylvania by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), municipalities are required to implement programs to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the storm sewer system. In Franklin Park, the greatest source of pollutants is sediment from runoff and stream bank erosion. Under the Borough's current permit with DEP, which expires in March of 2024, the Borough must take steps to prevent 242,838 pounds of sediment per year from entering streams in watersheds deemed by DEP to be in urbanized areas. In Franklin Park, those watersheds are Pine Creek, Fish Run, and Lowries Run. All 3 are located east of Interstate 79.

The Borough and its Stormwater Engineer (CEC) have identified 5 projects that will remove 262,411 pounds of sediment annually, and these projects have been submitted to DEP for review and approval. The project details are as follows:

- Stream Restoration of Fish Run – a 2,200 linear foot section of Fish Run has been identified as showing signs of stream bank erosion that allows sediment to enter the stream and has reduced the effectiveness of the surrounding wetlands area. A portion of the section of stream to be enhanced runs through Borough-owned property, with the remainder running through two privately owned properties. The work to be done includes grading of the stream bank to provide a more gradual slope to the stream, planting of shrubs and trees to hold the streambanks in place and provide shade for the stream, and the addition of natural enhancements including rock and log step pools, toe wood with brush layering, rootwads, and rock constructed ripples. This will improve not only the quality of the water, but also provide a much more stable and welcoming habitat for aquatic animals and insects. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$440,000. The Borough has received a Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant in the amount of \$200,900 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help offset the cost.
- Northmont Farms Detention Pond Retrofit – a 13,940 square foot detention pond located along the area of Fish Run to be restored on Borough property will be converted to an infiltration pond. Standard detention ponds are installed to collect stormwater and release it over a 48-hour period, thereby slowing the flow in neighboring streams during heavy rain events. Conversion to an infiltration pond will allow the facility to hold water for up to 72 hours, thereby allowing more water to infiltrate and recharge the local water table rather than simply flowing to a downstream location. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$153,300.
- Stream Restoration of an unnamed tributary to Bear Run – a 2,460 linear foot section of stream in the Lowries Run Watershed has been identified as showing similar signs of distress as are listed in the Fish Run description above. This section of stream runs through 4 privately owned properties along Montgomery Road. The work to be done will be similar to that listed in the Fish Run description above. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$492,000.
- Ramblewood Pond Retrofit – a 54,450 square foot detention pond located along Pine Creek Road near where Fish Run flows into Pine Creek on privately owned property will be converted to an infiltration pond. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$599,000. The Borough has received a Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant in the amount of \$190,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help offset the cost.
- Matterhorn Detention Pond Retrofit – a 10,890 square foot detention pond located along Wexford Run Road near Cole Road on privately owned property will be converted to an infiltration pond. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$152,500.

These projects, with a total estimated cost of \$1,836,800, are mandated by federal and state law to be completed by March of 2024. We anticipate that there will be a new 5-year permit required beginning in April of 2024, and that the Borough will be required to continue to make improvements to remove sediment and pollutants from our streams.

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For more information visit the Franklin Park Borough website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) or click on the QR Code.

## Full Time Clover Hill Golf Course Staff

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The first place team's names will be added to the Ben Franklin Cup. The winning teams this year were:

First Place — Schneider Downs Wealth Management; Jason Staley, J.R. Hess, Ryan Prentice, Jeff Wright

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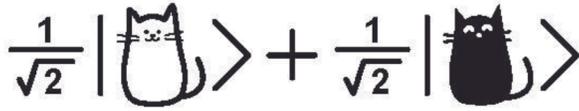


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### Does your housing plan have a Homeowners' Association?

The Borough maintains a list of all homeowners' 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 to 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).

## FRANKLIN PARK BOARD AND COMMISSION OPEN POSITIONS

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. Deadline for applications is November 15, 2023.

Building Board of Appeals  
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Northland Library Board  
Planning Commission  
Recreation Board  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
Technology Advisory Committee  
Vacancy Board  
Zoning Hearing Board

There are currently vacancies on the following boards:

Building Board of Appeals - 1 vacancy  
Civil Service Commission (Alternate Member)  
—1 vacancy  
Zoning Hearing Board (Alternate Member)  
—1 vacancy

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board or to apply for a position use the QR Code below to view the Boards and Commissions website page.



# GRANT NEWS

The following grants are currently active for various projects in the Borough:

**PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR):** \$662,328 to make improvements to Acorn Park, including formalized trails with bridges across Little Sewickley Creek and benches and observation decks placed along the trails, an outdoor classroom, an updated playground, and a bicycle pump track to replace the existing asphalt court. Work will begin later this year and must be completed by December 31, 2024, and the total cost is projected to be \$1,480,255.

**PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):** \$190,000 to repair a stormwater detention pond in the Pine Creek watershed that handles stormwater from the Ramblewood neighborhood. This project is part of the Borough's MS4 program. The project must be completed by December 7, 2024, and the total cost is projected to be \$553,385.

**DEP:** \$200,900 for streambank restoration along a section of Fish Run. This project is part of the Borough's MS4 program. The project must be completed by December 7, 2024, and the total cost is projected to be \$506,246.

**PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED):** \$500,000 for an addition to the Public Works garage and replacement of the existing roof. Completion of this project will allow the Borough to reconsider the use of solar power. The project must be completed by June 30, 2026, and the total cost is projected to be \$2,154,672.

The following grant applications have been submitted for consideration:

**DCNR:** \$400,000 for upgrades to the Blueberry Patch Playground in Blueberry Hill Park, including replacement of the older equipment with ADA inclusive equipment, the addition of restroom facilities, replacement of the surrounding fencing, and landscaping upgrades. The total cost is projected to be \$999,388.

**DCNR:** \$125,000 for the purchase of approximately 12 acres adjacent to Blueberry Hill Park to preserve green space and extend the trail system. The total cost to purchase the property is projected to be \$293,750.

**DCNR:** \$200,000 for upgrades to the current 9-hole Linbrook Disc Golf Course and the addition of nine holes, including a formal trail that will connect to the Allegheny Land Trust property. The total cost is projected to be \$681,564.

**DCNR:** \$30,000 for a consultant to update the 2015 Borough Recreation, Parks and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. The total cost is projected to be \$60,000.

**DEP:** \$424,794 for streambank restoration along an unnamed tributary to Bear Run. This project is part of the Borough's MS4 program. The total cost is projected to be \$549,361.



# EAC NEWS

## REMARKABLE TREES OF FRANKLIN PARK

Pennsylvania was named for our trees; Pennsylvania means Penn’s Woods. The EAC is starting a Remarkable Tree Program to begin a registry of notable trees within Franklin Park Borough in order to identify the grandest trees and help preserve these icons. The long-term goals of the program are to promote the importance of the tree canopy to our environment; promote stewardship to ensure sustainability of the canopy; foster community appreciation; celebrate the many social, economic, environmental, and human health benefits; as well as educate residents about appropriate preservation, conservation, maintenance, and planting practices. We also aim to educate residents about key roles trees play in sustaining our environment. Inducted trees will serve as examples of arboricultural ideals, and/or demonstrate the long-term results of proper tree selection and placement. Nominated trees must be within Franklin Park. If you know of a Remarkable Tree, please bring it to our attention using our nomination form. Multiple nominations are welcome.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Franklin Park Borough Office during normal business hours and can be dropped back off at the Borough Office or emailed to [ccrain@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:crcrain@franklinparkborough.us). **Deadline for 2023 nominations is December 1, 2023.**

Online Nomination Form: Scan QR Code to link on News from the EAC webpage.



## LEAVE THE LEAVES

It happens every year - the leaves begin to fall and most people rake or blow them into piles, load leaves into bags, and drag bags to the curb. But falling leaves are nature’s way of recycling nutrients. Mother Nature would like you to know that you can leave the leaves.

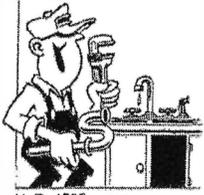
There are three main reasons to leave the leaves.

1. Leaves are a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds, retains soil moisture, provides nutrients as they decay, and protects plants from winter cold. Unlike shredded wood mulch leaves are free.
2. Leaves provide critical habitat for wildlife especially over-wintering insects. Many moth and butterfly caterpillars, including those cute woolly bears, spend the winter in leaves. So do pollinators like bumblebees. Want to see lightening bugs in your yard next summer? Leave the leaves.
3. Leaving the leaves is also better for the planet. Equipment, even electric blowers, generates emissions. Often bagged leaves end up in landfills where they decompose and generate methane gas.

In some cultures colorful fallen leaves lying on the ground are admired for their beauty. But for those who like a tidy, leaf-free lawn there are options.

- \* Chop fallen leaves with a mulching mower and leave them on the lawn to feed the grass.
- \* Rake the leaves and use them to mulch around trees and shrubs and in garden beds.
- \* Make your own leaf mold for fertilizer. Pile leaves out of sight and let them decompose.

Another reason to leave the leaves— “The less time you spend raking leaves,” National Wildlife Federation naturalist David Mizejewski says, “the more time you’ll have to enjoy the gorgeous fall weather and the wildlife that visits your garden.”



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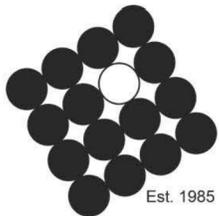
## RENTAL PROPERTIES

### 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 of 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.

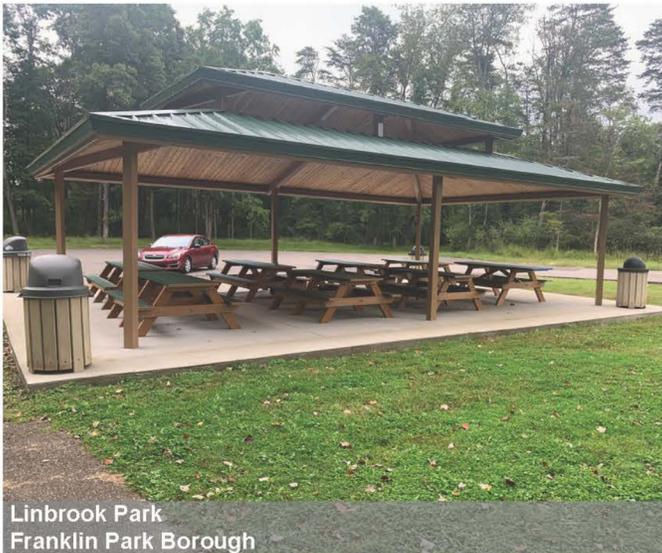
The form must be returned even if no changes have occurred. You can report any changes to Cathryn Mannerino by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Renter Information Form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either in-person, by mail, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to

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Kevin A. Brett, P.E.; Ned Mitrovich, P.E.; Jason E. Stanton, P.E.

# UPDATE ON PARKS, GREEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION

The following is a brief summary of work being done in our parks. For more information, please visit our website and check the Parks and Facilities area.

**ACORN PARK:** Design and permit application work continues on the upgrades to Acorn Park that are detailed in the Grant News article. We have entered into agreements for the purchase and installation of the new playground equipment, and the design and installation of the bicycle pump track. The site plan for the park has been posted on the Borough website in the Parks and Facilities section. Once construction has been completed, the Borough Environmental Advisory Council will be able to implement a forest management plan that was prepared specifically for Acorn Park by the Allegheny Land Trust.

**BLUEBERRY HILL PARK:** We have applied for grants for upgrades to the Blueberry Patch Playground area and for the purchase of an adjacent 11-acre parcel of land (please see the Grant News article for additional information). An application has been submitted for a permit from the PA Department of Environmental Protection to allow work to be done to replace the washed-out land bridges along the walking/biking trail. In addition, an Eagle Scout candidate is working on designing and installing a small boardwalk along a section of the trail that is habitually damp.

**LINBROOK PARK:** This past spring, we worked with the Penn State Master Watershed Steward Program and a number of volunteers to plant over 200 native trees and shrubs along Big Sewickley Creek to improve the riparian buffer that enhances and protects the health of the stream. We have also applied for a grant to upgrade the existing 9-hole disc golf course and add an additional 9 holes (please see the Grant News article). In the upper area of the park, along the newly created parking spaces by the cricket field, the Village Garden Club of Sewickley will be purchasing and planting native trees, shrubs and flowers to create a pollinator garden. We will install a trail through the garden that will then connect to the existing trail. Finally, the old backstop and bleachers no longer used at the cricket field will be removed to enlarge the cricket field.

**OLD ORCHARD PARK:** The work recommended by the Audubon Society of Western PA for the natural area recently named the Mel Lubert Nature Preserve is expected to begin next spring with a controlled burn to remove the invasive Canary Reed Grass that dominates the majority of the area. We are currently removing invasive trees and shrubs as well as dead and dying trees throughout the park. We are also identifying areas that do not serve a specific recreational purpose. We will mow the grass less frequently in those areas in preparation for our longer-term goal of converting areas of the park that are not used for recreation to a more natural state. Those areas will be enhanced with the planting of native trees, shrubs and flowers that will provide food and habitat for the native wildlife. Two girl scouts are designing a pollinator garden to be installed this fall in the area just above the existing rain garden to the left of the lower parking lot. A trail will run through the garden, and a little library that was upgraded and donated by a local girl scout troop will be placed there with benches for reading and relaxation.

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX:** A local girl scout troop is designing and will be planting a 25' by 35' pollinator garden at the municipal building. We will install a trail through the garden with educational signage. A picnic table will be located near the garden. We are working with an Eagle Scout candidate to design and build a free library that will be placed near the picnic table.

**COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN:** We will be working over the next 2 years to update our 2015 plan. We have applied for a grant to help pay for engineering and site plan development for our parks. Public input will be sought throughout this process. Our goal is to determine recreational program priorities, identify opportunities to add to and enhance our existing park infrastructure, and improve the environmental and educational aspects of our parks.

## 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. We appreciate your cooperation.



Snow Angels is a volunteer program designed to assist elderly and disabled residents with snow removal from sidewalks and driveways after a winter storm.

The Borough is looking for volunteers willing to be a Snow Angel. Snow Angels will then be paired with a nearby resident in need.

If you are an elderly or disabled resident in need of a Snow Angel or would like to volunteer to be a Snow Angel contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

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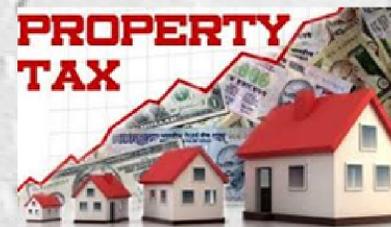
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10am—Noon



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- If you do not receive a tax bill, you are responsible for obtaining one by calling or stopping into the tax office. 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 statement can be redirected.

Scan the QR Code for more information regarding real estate taxes or visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us).



## WINTER REMINDERS

### 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. 202-2013 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 REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS:

Ordinance No. 660-2021 states 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. Fire hydrants should also be kept clear of snow.

### 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.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT

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The annual visit of Santa Claus sponsored by the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Co. will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023, 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.

## WATCH FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MAILING

The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company relies on donations from the community to cover a large portion of our operating and equipment costs. Our main fundraising program is our annual Fund Drive mailing. This mailing campaign provides an easy and efficient way for residents to make a donation to support fire and emergency protection in their community. A fund drive request along with a donation form is mailed to every resident and business within Franklin Park.

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## POLICE NEWS

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Non-Emergency: 412-473-3056



## FREE CHILD PASSENGER SEAT CHECKS

The Franklin Park Police Department now has two Officers that are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. These Officers are certified through NHTSA and Safe Kids Worldwide and can assist caregivers in the proper use of child passenger seats and educate caregivers on the PA law associated with child passenger safety seats. Officers are available by appointment for car seat safety checks. Caregivers can expect the appointments to take 45 minutes to complete. To set up an appointment to have your child passenger seat checked, please call the Police Department at 412-364-1227 during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.

## MEETUP SPOT

The Franklin Park Police Department has partnered with OfferUp to create a safe Internet Purchase Exchange Location for strangers to exchange items they have purchased online. The "MeetUp Spot" program helps eliminate the need for strangers to exchange items at a home or residence. The MeetUp Spot will help deter criminal intent and activity, and is located outside of the Franklin Park Police Department, is a designated, 24hr monitored area for individuals to complete a transaction.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

The Franklin Park Police Department webpages have a lot of useful information such as; car, home, internet and personal safety tips, Allegheny County Emergency Services Special Needs Registry, Animal Control Services, and Fraud Alerts. The department also provides for the safe disposal of medication with a box located in the lobby of the Police Department. For more information on these subjects you can scan the QR Code in the above Police News banner or visit [www.franklinparkborough.us/165/police-department](http://www.franklinparkborough.us/165/police-department).

## WHAT'S NEW AND HAPPENING?? CHECK IT OUT..

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## THE BOROUGH BULLETIN

MONTHLY DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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