

# Franklin Park Borough

**SPRING 2024**

## **THE BOROUGH BULLETIN**

Franklin Park Borough  
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**FRANKLIN PARK  
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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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## **2024 Budget Summary**

The Borough entered 2024 in a strong financial position, with an unrestricted fund balance of \$4,170,800. However, five capital projects that have been in the works for the past three years will be coming to fruition this year. The four MS4 projects that are required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to be completed by the end of this year are estimated to cost \$1,800,000. The Borough will receive \$390,900 in grant funds to help offset this cost. In addition, the Acorn Park improvement project is estimated to cost \$1,476,000, and must be completed this year in accordance with the requirements under the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant terms. The DCNR grant of \$662,000 will offset a portion of this cost. The result of these and other projects leave the Borough with an anticipated year-end fund balance of \$1,037,900, which is about 50% of an ideal fund balance level.

Since January 1, the Borough has been notified that approval has been granted for a \$215,000 GEDTF grant to further cover the costs of the Acorn Park project. The Borough continues to actively pursue grant opportunities and financing to help reduce and/or smooth the impact of these projects in the current year. The Borough is also looking at alternatives to the way road paving is done to help stretch our paving dollar to cover more road miles.

You can view the complete 2024 Budget by visiting our website, [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us), scrolling over the BOROUGH GOVERNMENT header and clicking on 2024 Budget.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND DOCUMENTS**

A new section has been added to the Borough website, titled “Guiding Principles and Documents”. This will provide a one-stop shop for residents and stakeholders to view the documents that inform Councils decision-making process. Included are:

**BOROUGH MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission statement, adopted in 2023, reads as follows: Franklin Park Borough is committed to creating a safe and welcoming community for our residents, businesses, and visitors. We place equal value on our green spaces as we do our developed areas and strive to maintain a fiscally responsible balance between sustainable land use and economic opportunity. Through the dedication and guidance of municipal leadership, we provide services and support that enhance the lives of those who live, work and play in our borough.

**2023 FRANKLIN PARK-OHIO TOWNSHIP JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** This document serves as a road map to help Council prioritize projects and review/amend ordinances to help achieve the 10-year vision communicated by residents and stakeholders. This section of the website will be updated to include actions taken to realize the goals highlighted in the plan.

**2015 COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION, PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN:** The Borough will be applying for grant funding to help offset the cost of updating this plan. An important additional component to the updated plan will be an inventory of all properties owned by the Borough and an environmental review of those properties to identify native trees and plants of importance, invasive trees and plants to be removed, and opportunities to convert lawn to nature.

**2024 BUDGET:** The budget document provides details on projects anticipated to be completed in the current year.

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** The Borough will be seeking grant funding to help offset the cost of creating an Active Transportation Plan. This plan will identify opportunities and project costs for projects to improve auto, bike, and pedestrian connectivity.

To access this information, please go to [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us), scroll over the Borough Government header, and click on the desired page to be viewed.

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

As has been highlighted in newsletter articles, the annual budget, and in discussion at Council meetings, the Borough continues to address MS4 projects mandated under the federal Clean Water Act of 1972 and administered in Pennsylvania by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Borough has budgeted \$1,800,000 for completion of these projects in 2024. In addition, continual work is being done to address repairs to failing stormwater infrastructure and upgrades/improvements to increase capacity and help reduce flooding. These projects are expensive, and the Borough is continually seeking funding to help reduce and/or smooth the financial impact.

Please visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) to read more about these issues, what the Borough is doing, and what you can do as a property owner. You can access this information by clicking on the Stream Health (MS4) and Stormwater Management tab located under Service Area on the left side of the home 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.

PA Department of Environmental Protection (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.

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC): \$215,000 under the Gaming Economic Tourism Fund (GEDTF) for the Acorn Park improvements project.

The following grant applications have been submitted for consideration:

Allegheny County Economic Development: \$219,395 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for upgrades to the stormwater infrastructure along Montgomery Road to address flooding issues. The total cost is projected to be \$337,531.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED): \$60,000 under the Local Share Account (LSA) for the replacement of the Activity Center and Football Concession Building roofs in Blueberry Hill Park. This project will allow the Borough to reconsider the use of solar power in the park. The total cost is projected to be \$115,350.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED): \$100,000 under the Local Share Account (LSA) for the replacement of the Borough bucket truck. The total cost is projected to be \$185,000.

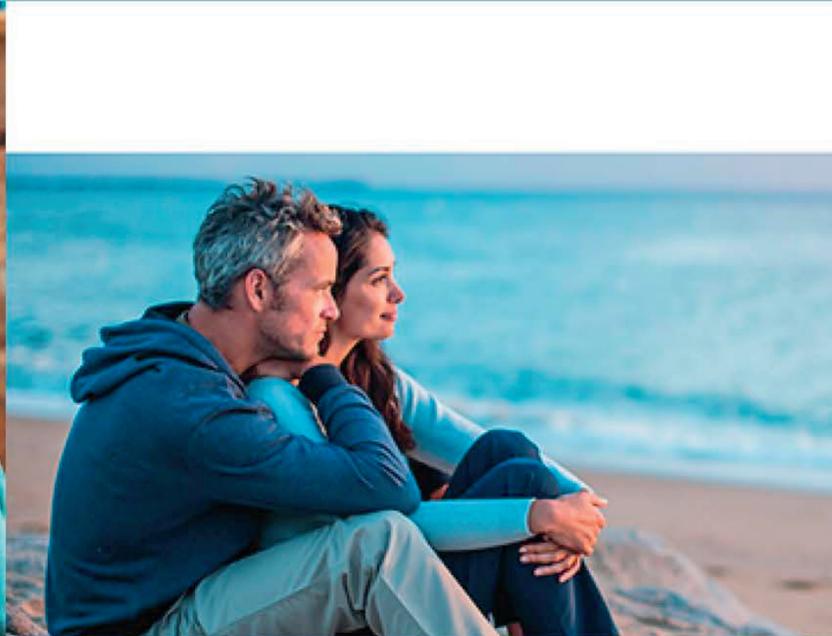
The Borough has also identified the following as projects for which grant funding will be sought during the 2024 grant cycle:

- Creation of an Active Transportation Plan
- Update to the 2015 Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan
- Improvements to the Blueberry Patch playground area
- Continued stormwater control improvements throughout the Borough



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# 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).



## **SPRING LEAF BAG COLLECTION DATES\***

**Weeks of April 8 and April 15, 2024**

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.

## **SPRING BRUSH CHIPPING\***

**Begins Monday, April 1, 2024**

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.

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 IN ANY GARBAGE OR RECYCLING DUMPSTER ON BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY EXCEPT FOR THOSE DESIGNATED FOR CARDBOARD AND GLASS**

\*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.

### 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

### 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.

## 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.

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).

REFUSE AND RECYCLING



# PARKS AND RECREATION

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

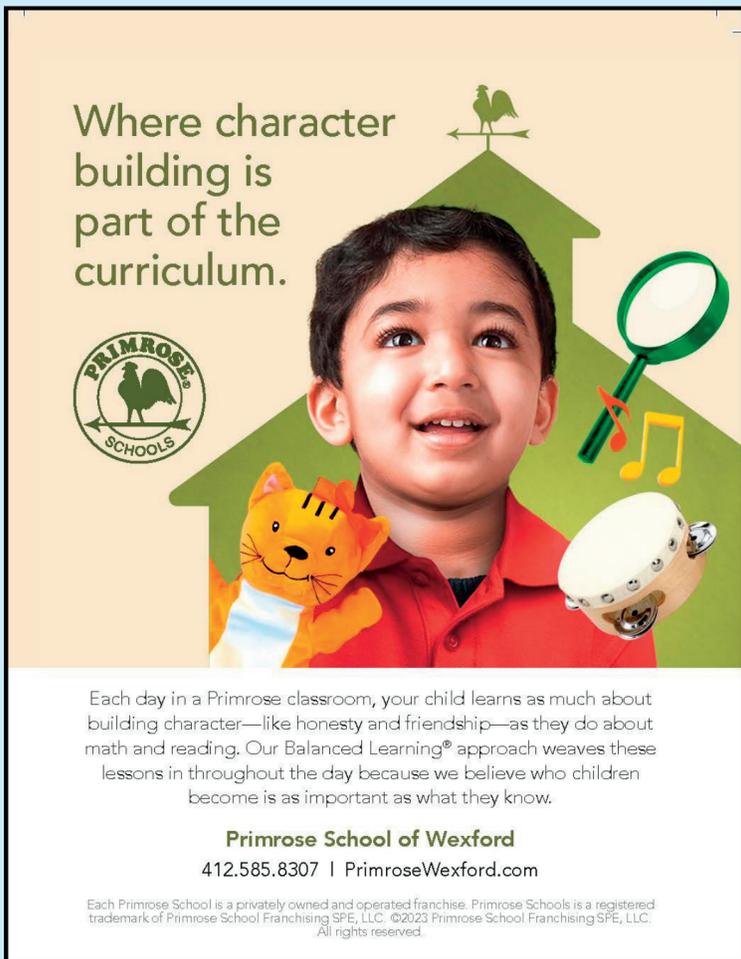
According to Borough Policy, the Borough will begin accepting applications for rental of the Activity Center, Maple Grove Pavilion, Gazebo, Old Orchard Pavilion, and Linbrook Shelters for all 2025 dates. Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning Monday, March 4, 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 payable 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.



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## Champion Force Cheerleading

Who: Ages 4-11

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

When: Wednesdays

FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies

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



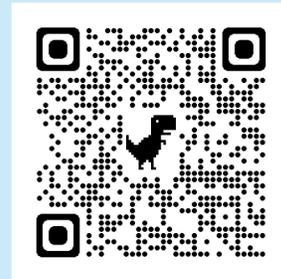
## Flag Football League

Who: Ages 5-10

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Lower Meadow

When: Sundays, April 14 - May 19

Information at [www.playnowpgh.com](http://www.playnowpgh.com)



## Soccer Shots

Who: Ages 8 and under

Where: Blueberry Hill Park

When: Monday, Thursday, or Saturday

Spring classes start March 18

Summer classes start June 3

Fall classes start August 19



Who: Ages 8 and under

Where: Linbrook Park

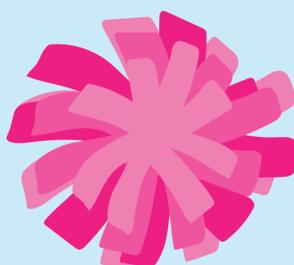
When: Tuesday or Friday

Spring classes start March 19

Summer classes start June 4

Fall classes start August 20

More information and sign up at [soccershots.com/pittsburgh](http://soccershots.com/pittsburgh)



# Summer Camps

## Ultimate Sports Camp

Who: Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-13  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: June 10 - June 14  
June 24 - June 28  
July 8 - July 14  
July 22 - July 26  
August 5 - August 9  
Information at [www.playnowpgh.com](http://www.playnowpgh.com)



## Flag Football Camp

Who: Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: July 15 - July 19



Information at [www.playnowpgh.com](http://www.playnowpgh.com)

# EVENTS

## Easter Egg Hunt

Who: Ages 8-11  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: **Friday, March 22**  
Who: Ages 0-2, 3-4, 5-7  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: **Saturday, March 23**



REGISTRATION LIMITED AND REQUIRED

## National Night Out

Where: Franklin Park Municipal Building  
When: Tuesday, August 6  
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Where: Shannopin Country Club  
When: Monday, July 29  
contact Donna Platt at 412.364.4115 x302 or [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us) for more information

# 38th Annual Festival in the Park

## Saturday, June 29, 2024

Blueberry Hill Park  
4:00 PM Start Time  
9:30 PM Fireworks



Ax Throwing Kids Rides Food Trucks Magic Shows  
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# 21st ANNUAL FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024



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The Franklin Park Community Scholarship Golf Outing serves as the core event of our fundraising efforts for the Franklin Park Community Scholarship Program. This year's outing will take place at the Shannopin Country Club, Ben Avon Heights, on Monday, July 29, 2024. The Borough offers advertising and golf packages that will support the Borough's Community Scholarship Fund drive. We are also seeking Event, Breakfast and Lunch sponsors and prize and gift basket donations for our prize pool. Teams and individual golfers are welcome! There are team prizes, skill prizes, prize drawing, 50/50, putting contest, breakfast, lunch and beverages are provided.

View our website for more information on the packages we offer. If you have any questions or for more information contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

The scholarship program is for graduating seniors that reside in Franklin Park Borough. Franklin Park will award ten (10) \$1,500 scholarships to be used for the 2024/2025 academic year. Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by Franklin Park Borough Council. For more information visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) and search "Community Scholarship Program".



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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> or utilize the QR Code above, 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 by mail, in-person, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

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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

412-364-2447

Jim Huff, Manager of Golf Course and Park Facilities - [jhuff@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:jhuff@franklinparkborough.us)

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<b>Regular Adult Weekdays</b>	<b>\$16</b>
<b>Junior &amp; Seniors Everyday</b>	<b>\$14</b>

Seniors 62 & Older - Juniors 17 & Under

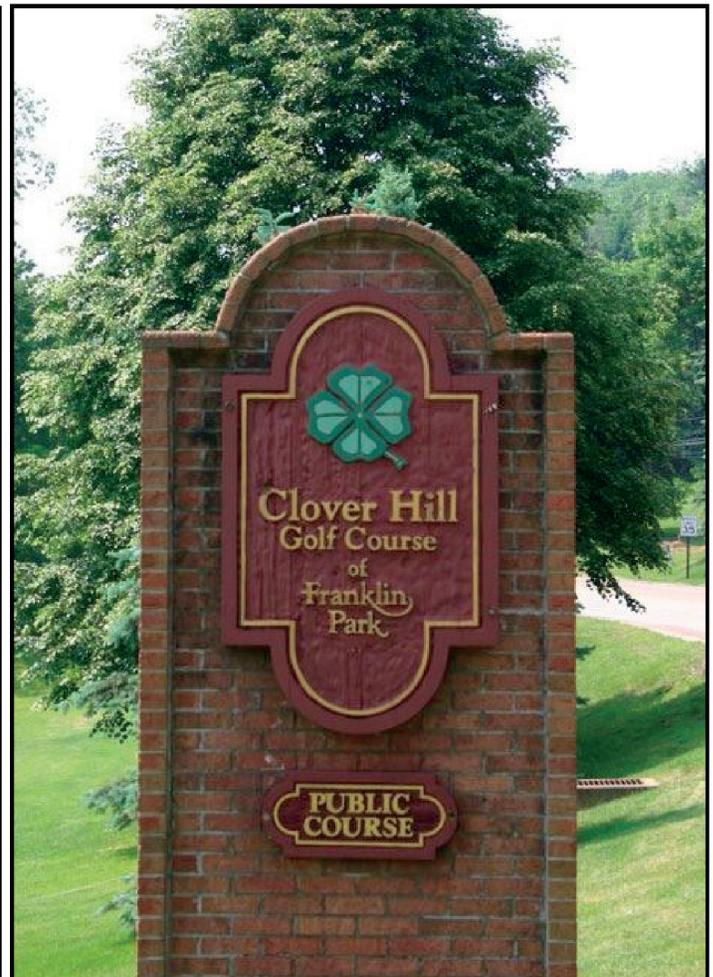
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## 8th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously donated food to the **Thanksgiving on Every Table** Food drive. We delivered two truck loads of food along with several gift cards to North Hills Community Outreach. A special thank you to Franklin Elementary and Ingomar Middle School for showing their support by helping the community and those in need. Thanks again for your generosity and for making this food drive a great success!!

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## DID YOU KNOW???

**The Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company is operated entirely by VOLUNTEERS. The members are your friends, neighbors, and fellow residents, and they receive no compensation for responding 24/7 to emergencies throughout the Borough. They depend in large part on your generosity to help pay the cost to provide a first-class level of service. If you are able, please consider responding to their request for help by making a donation.**

### Partners for Plants at Linbrook Park

Village Garden Club of Sewickley has received a Partners for Plants grant from the Garden Club of America to develop a pollinator garden in Linbrook Park. The garden, located along the parking lot by the upper playing fields, will provide habitat for native bees and other insects. It will also provide seeds and plant material for propagation and an opportunity for visitors to learn about the importance of pollinator habitat.

The garden club will be working with botanists to identify native plants at the site, planting additional natives, and identifying and removing invasives as they appear. To propagate additional plants, volunteers will be collecting and saving seeds, dividing and potting up plants as needed, propagating root cuttings, starting and nurturing plants from seed, and supporting workshops and educational events. Community volunteers are more than welcome.

Franklin Park Borough will be providing site development, deer fencing, soil and soil amendments, and signage.

This project will support the borough's commitment to enhance public green spaces, an important issue for area residents. In the past parks were heavily mowed, but the focus now is to reduce mowing to reduce emissions, improve surface water control, provide a carbon sink, and replace grassland habitat destroyed in development. Franklin Park Borough is also cooperating with Allegheny Land Trust, trail organizations, and surrounding municipalities to develop a system of connecting green spaces and trails across Allegheny County. Habitat development and re-wilding is a goal on many of these properties. The pollinator garden would provide plants for these efforts.

The garden will also introduce residents to native plants that they can use in their own yards.

Partners for Plants is a national initiative of the Garden Club of America. It focuses on restoring native habitat on federal, state, and local public lands. Plant propagation is encouraged as is hands-on learning.

A key piece of the initiative is community involvement and opportunities for education. Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved.



## Green Up Day

**Saturday, March 23, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

The Franklin Park Environmental Advisory Council will be leading its annual “Green-up” Day on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10AM along Little Sewickley Creek. The crew will meet at Acorn Park located at 2357 Magee Road Ext., Sewickley, PA 15143. This year we will complete a riparian restoration project to plant buttonbush and silky willow along Little Sewickley Creek. Riparian forest buffers help protect against flooding, filter pollution for cleaner water, and stabilize streambanks to prevent erosion. If you can help, please RSVP to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us) or call the office at 412-364-4115 to let us know you can attend!

## SPRING ROADSIDE LITTER CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**



**The Franklin Park Environmental Advisory Council will be leading its annual Roadside Litter Cleanup event rain or shine on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at 10AM along Wexford Run Road between Willow Oak Drive and Valley Brooke Court. We are looking for people who want to make a big difference in cleaning up litter in Franklin Park. The crew will meet at 2701 Huntington Court North, Wexford, PA 15090. Police traffic control, safety vests, work gloves, and garbage bags will be provided. If you can help, please RSVP to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us) or call the borough office at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 to let us know you can attend!**

## FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Would you like to grow vegetables to eat or to share? Is your yard too small, too shady, or too overrun with deer for a vegetable garden? If so, consider growing in the Franklin Park Community Garden. The garden is located at 2634 Big Sewickley Creek Road across the road from Linbrook Park. You may have noticed the garden if you drove past it last year.**

**The garden includes ten raised beds with mulch paths between the beds. The entire garden space is enclosed with a deer-proof fence and a locked gate. The Borough will provide horse manure, and compost you can use in your plot as well as water. The garden opens in April for early crops like peas and lettuce and closes in November after the first frost. Gardeners are encouraged to grow organically and to attract pollinators and beneficial insects to their plots. To cover the borough’s costs, seasonal rental for each plot is \$60.**

**There are a few plots still available this year. If you are interested in a community garden plot contact Donna Platt by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us) or by phone at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302. Gardeners must be Franklin Park Borough residents. The deadline for reserving a plot is March 22, 2024.**



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## 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.

## SAVE ON FAMILY SUMMER OUTINGS WITH DISCOUNTED TICKETS

This summer you can purchase discount tickets for your family outings at many local, regional, and national amusement parks and attractions. The tickets are available through The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) and available at the Franklin Park Borough building. For a full listing of parks and attractions and ticket prices call 412-364-4115 or visit our website in mid-May at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us).

## SEASONAL PARKS AND GOLF COURSE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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- Parks Groundstaff
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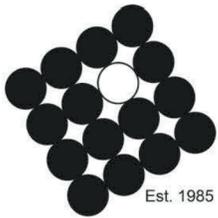


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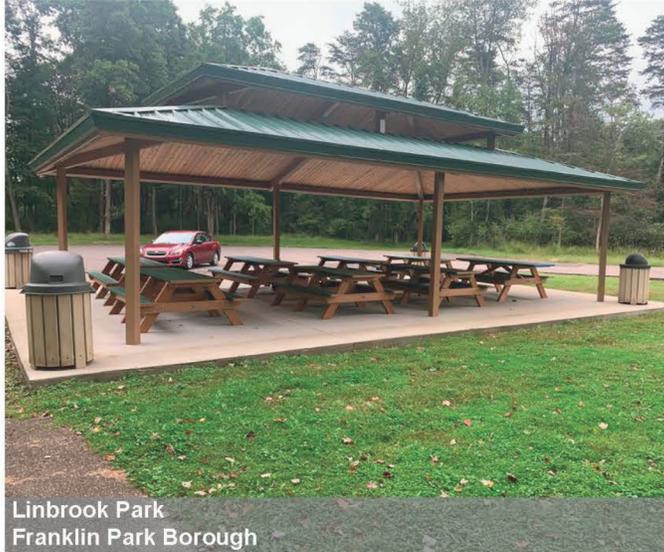
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## HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS



### 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 at 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 current 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).

A request for updated information will be mailed annually to the current HOA contact.

## 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. The form must be returned even if no changes have occurred. You can report any changes to Tammy Perrotte 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 [tperrotte@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:tperrotte@franklinparkborough.us).

A request for updated renter information will be mailed annually to the owner of any rental property.



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# MESSAGE 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

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



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

### **Franklin Park Borough Tax**

Borough Millage 1.29 (2024)  
Operate on a Calendar Year  
Borough tax bills mailed May 1st  
2% Discount     May — June 30  
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10% Penalty     After August 31  
\*Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program

### **North Allegheny School Tax**

School Millage 19.7400 (2023 — 2024)  
Operate on a Fiscal Year  
Borough tax bills mailed July 1st  
2% Discount     July — August 31  
Face     September — October 31  
10% Penalty     After October 31  
\*Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion

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

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- The Real Estate Tax Collector does not determine the “Full Market Value” of your property. Contact Allegheny County Assessment Department at 412-350-4600 with any questions.
- If you have refinanced your mortgage and have an escrow account with a different bank or mortgage company, please notify the Tax Office so your tax statements can be redirected.
- If you do not have an escrow account, as the homeowner you are responsible for paying the real estate taxes.
- If you do not receive a tax bill, you are responsible for calling or stopping into the tax office and obtaining one. Failure to receive a tax notice does not relieve any taxpayer from liability for prompt payment of taxes.
- If the billing address for your real estate tax bill has changed after January 1 of this year, due to refinancing, no or paid off escrow etc., please notify the tax office of the change.

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



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## SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

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

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

» **Property Ownership:** Must have owned and occupied a primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years.

» **Age:** Must be age 60 or older, or if married either spouse must be age 60; or

Be a widow or widower and age 50; or

Permanently disabled and age 18 (must be verified with a physician's letter. A letter from Social Security will not be accepted.).

» **Income:** Gross household income must be \$30,000 or less. For calculating income use only 50% of your Social Security Benefit, SSI and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 Benefits (except Medicare benefits); plus, all other income must be added in at 100%.

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

## HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION INSTALLMENT PROGRAM

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

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

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

## REAL ESTATE CHECKLIST

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

1. Check is NOT post-dated
2. Check is signed
3. Amount paid is correct and located in the TOTAL DUE BOX.
4. Written portion of check is accurate.

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

# POLICE NEWS

Office: 412-364-1227

Non-Emergency: 412-473-3056

Diane Rose, Police Secretary



## 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, 24 hr 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).



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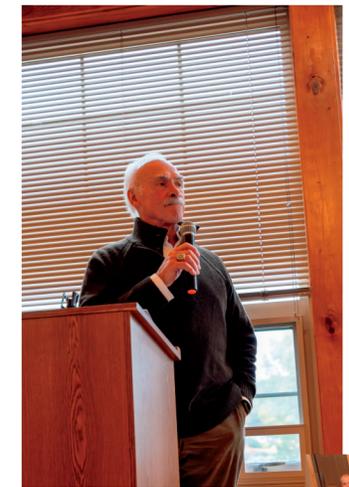
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***Bicentennial Recap***  
 2023 marked the 200th anniversary of Franklin Park Borough in which we celebrated with a special edition of our Festival in the Park. The Festival included performances of the River City Brass Band, a history exhibit of the past 200 years, fun rides, great food and a whole lot of fun! We hope you enjoy these pictures of our past and present.





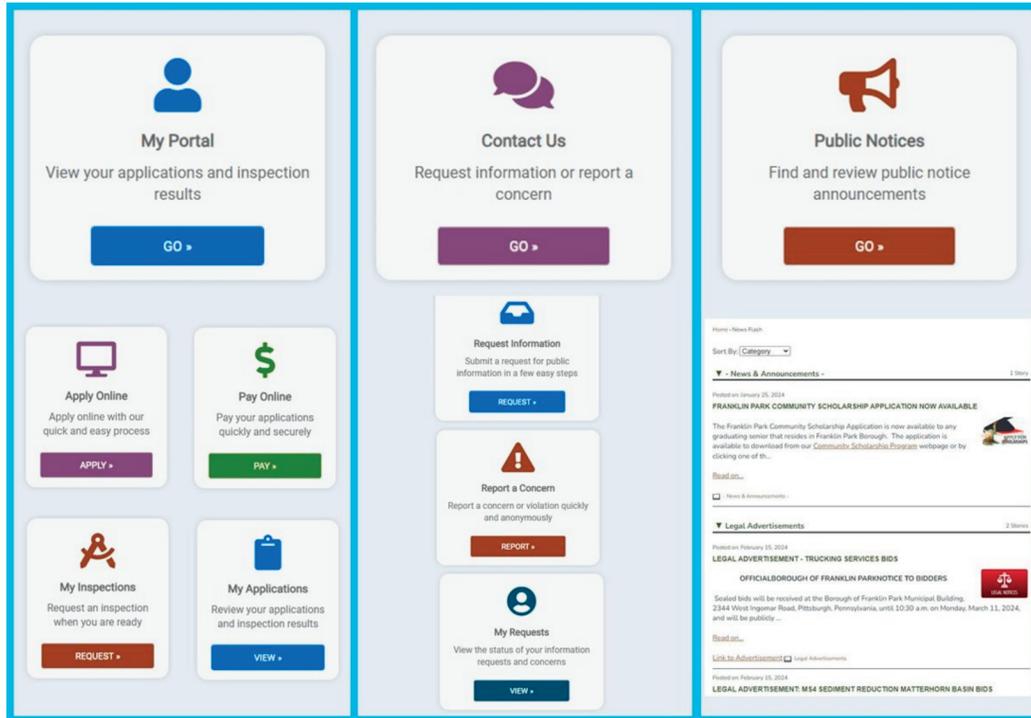
## CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

We held our Salute to Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. We had over 50 veterans attend with their guest, and of those veterans we were honored to have 6 WWII veterans in attendance. The guests also included representatives from our Bicentennial and Breakfast sponsors. We were excited to have Rocky Bleier as our Keynote speaker who was introduced by fellow veteran Senator Robinson. It was also a privilege to have the NA AF JROTC serve as color guard for the event. The veterans were very thankful and appreciative to be honored for their service.



## New Permitting and Code Enforcement Portal

Introducing our new unified portal for all permitting, inspections, annual commercial/tenant fire inspections, and codes compliance & complaints. The software is scheduled to go live by early April 2024. This web-based portal will allow residents to submit applications, pay associated fees, report concerns, request information, and link to current news and announcements online. It includes new online fee payments and most importantly it provides tracked 2-way communication so residents can follow up on their submissions 24/7/365.



### **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, complete PA state background check, and conduct interviews before making a final selection.

#### **There are currently vacancies on the following boards:**

- [Building Board of Appeals](#) - 1 vacancy
- [Civil Service Commission](#) (Alternate Member) — 1 vacancy
- [McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority Board](#) — 1 vacancy
- [Planning Commission](#) - 1 vacancy
- [Technology Advisory Committee](#) - 1 vacancy
- [Zoning Hearing Board](#) (Alternate Members) — 2 vacancies

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.



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

### DO YOU KNOW?

Franklin Park Borough has an official Facebook page. Like or follow us at "Borough of Franklin Park" for upcoming borough services, events, meetings, announcements and more.



### THE BOROUGH BULLETIN

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