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WAR STORIES REMEMBERED FRANKLIN PARK RESIDENT: WILLIAM “DOC” SCHWERIN



FRANKLIN PARK-

“We didn’t know what hit us,” said Dr. William “Doc” Schwerin a World War II veteran, as he recalled some of the moments he experienced over 70 years ago. “We were sitting in a room, with a sergeant and two of my unit buddies, when we heard some shelling. The third shell hit us

and before I knew it the sergeant was out the door and I was close behind. Shrapnel ripped through the other two men and they did not make it,” as he recounted one of the many lucky misses during his three years of the war.

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ~GIVE THANKS - WITH A GRATEFUL HEART~

Franklin Park Borough has teamed up with North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) to accept donations for their annual Thanksgiving food collection! Donations will be accepted at the Municipal Building starting October 13th and ending November 13th to ensure a timely delivery. See [page 10](#) for a list of accepted donations.



OLD ORCHARD PARK

After 20 years in the making, families in the southern area of Franklin Park will soon be able to enjoy a new recreational facility. Improvements at Old Orchard Park are nearing completion. The park is located on Rochester Road between Old Orchard Road and Sandhurst Drive. Improvements include a multi-purpose field, picnic pavilion with restrooms, tot-lot, sand volleyball court, rain garden and walking trail. Designed as a neighborhood park, it’s envisioned that the facility will serve an area within walking distance. However, limited public parking will be available. The Borough sought and received significant input from the nearby residents in determining the improvements that were finally incorporated into the park.

To make the park more user-friendly, the elevation of the multi-purpose field was lowered by approximately 4 feet and the lower field where most of the improvements are located was raised by 2 feet. Not only did the elevation change create more level space for the multi-purpose field,

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NA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY: MAGEE ROAD

In May of this year Borough Council submitted a bid in the amount of \$325,100 for the NASD property on Magee Road. The site contains 20.9 acres. The NA School Board accepted the Borough’s bid, which met all of the established requirements. A developer submitted a higher bid; however, it failed to comply with all of the bid specifications. Title to the land is currently being transferred to the Borough. Franklin Park does not have any immediate plans for the parcel. It has been purchased as open space and will be available for future use, if needed.

RENDERINGS OF NEW FRANKLIN PARK FIRE STATION

Work on the new Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Station is progressing as planned. Design and engineering is scheduled to be completed by late summer. The VFC will solicit bids this fall. Contract award is scheduled for late December or early January. The construction start date is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2017. Construction should be completed by late 2017. Various elevations of the proposed fire station are shown below.

During construction the VFC will store its equipment at the municipal building and at the substation on Wexford-Bayne Road; and will continue to provide fire protection services to borough residents. See page 27 for more Fire Co. News.



DEVIN REFFITT MEMORIAL GARDEN

Visitors to Blueberry Hill Park will notice a new charming sitting area by our Gazebo. The Garden is a result of the work of Brickman Group Landscaping and the efforts of Devin and Karen Reffitt of Franklin Park, who lost their son unexpectedly in November 2014. Brickman Group Landscaping and the Reffitt family donated the garden in memory of their son Devin M.



Reffitt Jr. The location was picked to overlook the football field which was to honor one of the activities their son loved. It is a beautiful tribute that will be shared by many in the years to come. Mr. Reffitt shared, “We are grateful to Franklin Park for allowing us to develop the memorial to honor our son. We hope that others will find this space peaceful and an area where they may reflect on what is most important in their lives.”



SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING



On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, Franklin Park held its 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing. The beautiful weather was the perfect back drop to an outstanding day of golf. Many new teams were welcomed this year, as well as, returning teams that have supported this charitable event for years.

While the final tabulation is not complete, the funds raised should enable the borough to award ten (10) \$1,000 dollar scholarships in 2017. Thank you to all who donated and made this year's drive a huge success!

First place prize this year went to Bill Schweitzer's team! Their names will be added to the Ben Franklin Cup, they received a \$600 gift certificate to the Shannopin Country Club Pro Shop and more importantly one year of bragging rights! The team from York Insurance won second place honors and won a \$400 gift certificate. Last, but not least, The HDH Group team won third place honors and collected a \$300 gift certificate for their efforts.

A big thank you to the Borough employees who coordinated the activities and worked behind the scenes to put on a wonderful event and 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 2016 Golf Outing.
Your contribution will help award scholarships to many outstanding young adults.**

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William Schweitzer Team

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The HDH Group

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2016 FRANKLIN PARK SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING WINNING TEAM:



Brad Fusco, Colin McGroarly, Bill Schweitzer, Caresse Schweitzer

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At the May 18, 2016 public meeting, Borough Council awarded nine \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from our community. Mayor Dennis O'Keefe 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. It has grown since that time and the staff is seeking ways to increase it further. To date, the Borough has awarded 111 scholarships to well deserving recipients.

Applications are turned over to the Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of seven members from our community. The Committee evaluates the applications based on community service, employment, school activities, written essays and grade point average. This year 27 applications were received, and they were all outstanding. Given the competitiveness of the applications, the Committee had its work cut-out for them. The students that were chosen demonstrated a high level of academic performance, an exemplary involvement in their school and community and they provided countless hours performing volunteer work to benefit others.



THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Thomas Cwalina

Eric Dunbar

Shanelle Fernando

Olivia Krause

Regina Munsch

Julie Ostronic *Mel Lubert Scholarship

Ashwin Reddy

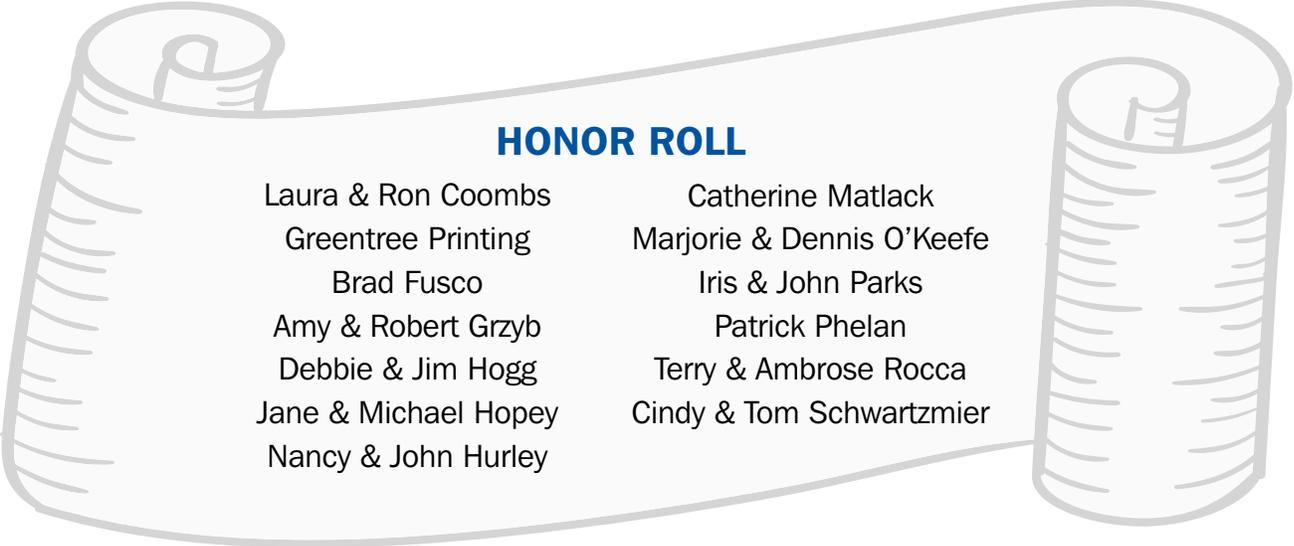
Keerthana Samanthapudi

Nila Suresh

To help students prepare for the scholarship, the selection criteria are available on the Borough website.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The business community has done its part in support of this year's Scholarship Fund, through advertisements, tee signs and participating in the golf outing. It's now your turn to show pride in our community. Please consider donating \$20 or whatever you can afford toward the Scholarship Fund. The names of contributors will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter, on the Community Scholarship Honor Roll, as shown below. Contributions may be made on behalf of your family, children, grandchildren or anyone else. Help teach your children the importance of community involvement, participation and support. Please join Council, Mayor, Borough Manager and other Franklin Park citizens in supporting the Community Scholarship Fund. All proceeds will benefit Franklin Park graduating high school seniors.



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Nancy & John Hurley

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Iris & John Parks
Patrick Phelan
Terry & Ambrose Rocca
Cindy & Tom Schwartzmier

2016 SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

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Manning & Napier
RBC Wealth Management
S&T Bank
The HDH Group
Traffic Control Equipment &
Supplies, Co.
Wine Concrete Products, Inc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Bill Schwerin graduated from Perry High School, located in the Perry North neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA where he lived at Donaldson's Cross Roads. Growing up his mother always wanted him to be a doctor, so upon graduation in 1941, he enrolled at Grove City College in the pre-med program.

While at Grove City, he decided to play football. "I was a pretty good tackle," Bill said, "but the coach didn't like me and wouldn't play me. So, in the last game of the season against Slippery Rock in heavy rain, he decided to put me in towards the end of the game. That was it for me. I walked off the field, went home and decided to join the United States Army," Dr. Schwerin recalled.

"I wanted to be a pilot in the Air Corps, but the waiting period for that was six months and I wanted to go right away," he said. "So I became a paratrooper with the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), which is part of the 101st Airborne Division known as the Screaming Eagles," he proudly commented.

On December 7, 1942, Dr. Schwerin spent 13 weeks in paratrooper training in Georgia at Camp Toccoa. After the tough paratrooper training he remained in Georgia at Fort Benning for 4 weeks of jump school where he had to learn to pack his own parachute.

Following his training, he was sent to the Citadel for additional training in the communications sector, but found the school didn't live up to his expectations. At one point he was given an order he disagreed with and shortly after that he was transferred back to his same unit where he joined the airborne command at Camp MacKall, NC.

His unit left for Europe where they landed in Glasgow, Scotland eventually departing to Lambourn, England where they were permanently attached to the 101st Airborne Division and became a vital part of that famous division.

This was the beginning of a long journey in the battlefields of Europe in one of the toughest wars the United States has ever had to endure. As Dr. Schwerin recalled the events of so many years ago, the emotions and the feelings of those experiences were as vivid as if they happened just yesterday.

Dr. Schwerin experienced three major campaigns during the war: 1) The Invasion of Normandy, 2) Hell's Highway/The Holland Campaign, and 3) The Ardennes: The Battle of the Bulge.



Doc Schwerin pictured on right.

The landing in Normandy was his first combat jump that took place at night. As "Doc" recalled this event, it actually started in the plane as they took on machine gun bullets that eventually destroyed the plane, but not before everyone jumped. Once on the ground they could barely see anything because it was so dark. Trying to gain his bearings, he was startled by a noise and quickly reached for a knife he was carrying in his pant pocket, only to be relieved that he had landed in a pasture and his encounter was with a cow. As they landed in Normandy, they were off target and had to regroup. This is where the famous clicker a.k.a. the "cricket" was used as a signaling device. One click returned with two clicks meant a friendly soldier. "I used my cricket and believe me it worked!," he said.

They were supposed to assemble at the St. Marie Dumont Church, but were never able to find it and eventually all made their way to a chateau, re-united with the division and went on to complete their mission.

The Battle of Holland was referred to as Hell's Highway where they spent 70 days on the front lines. "We had two guys that shot their big toe off



because they did not want to go to the front,” said Dr. Schwerin. “No one liked battle and we were all scared, especially when you saw your buddies getting killed, but we moved on and saved the tears for later,” he said. Bastogne was the Battle of the Bulge and that was a tough campaign. “All I can remember is how cold it was,” said Bill. “The 501st was the first in at Bastogne and we held off the Germans until Patton came along and finished the job,” he continued.

“When the war ended, we were about 20 miles outside of Paris,” Schwerin said. “There wasn’t much celebration where we were. It was over, and seemed anti-climatic,” he said.

Dr. Schwerin never kept a diary of his exploits in the European theater because they were not allowed in case of capture or even death. He said that he never really got homesick, probably because there was so much going on they did not have much time to think about that.

“The K rations we had to eat were not great, but the C rations were much better and sleeping was just get it while you could,” he said.

“I was given a Carbine rifle, but I never really had to use it much. I was in communications and that was a lot more important than shooting at people. The only German I ever really had to face was crying so hard, I didn’t think shooting him accomplished anything,” Schwerin indicated.

“One of the biggest honors I had was being number 1 in line for a jump. That was really something and I was darn proud when I was first. That is a big honor for a paratrooper,” he quipped.

Dr. Schwerin earned the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), his paratrooper wings, three Battle Stars, two with Spearhead, the French Croix de Guerre, and the Holland Dutchess Wilhelmina Medal, and earned the rank of TEC 5, a technician grade and referred to as Corporal.

After the war ended, he came home on January 1, 1946, where he enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh to chase his next adventure of becoming a physician. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School in 1952 and went on to complete his internship and set up family medicine practice until retirement in 2008.

Dr. Schwerin was asked if he ever wanted to be a medic while in the army, but he said, “I was scared of blood.”



Officer Carl Latimer with “Doc” Schwerin

Being a former paratrooper who loved to jump out of airplanes, he was asked if he enjoyed traveling and he said, “I am afraid to fly.”

A resident of Franklin Park Borough for 40 years he lives with his wife Elise in the western part of the Borough. Today, he loves to walk his dog, hunt and is humbled when he occasionally receives calls about his war time memories.

Finally, with all the changes Dr. Schwerin has seen in the world, he was asked what his message might be to all the generations. He said, “use the word compassion, we all serve the people.”

Dr. Schwerin has spent his lifetime serving his country and serving people. As I ended this interview, I stood at attention and I saluted Dr. Schwerin and as a good soldier, he returned the salute. Today, we all owe Dr. Schwerin a huge debt of gratitude for all that he has given us. I hope you will honor him with a salute and a thank you for all the service he has given.

Dr. Schwerin is a real American hero.

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LEAF BAG COLLECTION

The Borough will only collect leaves in biodegradable paper bags. **Please refrain from putting rocks, sticks, plastic bottles, etc. in the bags.** These items will contaminate the mulch. **Do not close leaf bags with duct tape!!** Duct tape is not biodegradable and must not be used. Please leave enough room at the top of the bag so you can either fold or roll it closed.

Biodegradable bags are available at the municipal building at a cost of \$.40 each, or you may purchase them at retail stores. The leaf mulch will be available at Blueberry Hill Park in the spring.

FALL COLLECTION DATES: Monday – October 24 and 31, November 7, 14 and 21, 2016
(All bags must be placed at the curb by 6:00 AM Monday morning of each week)

Leaf pick up may take a few days to cover the entire Borough.

Note: If your leaves have not been picked up by Wednesday, on any of the scheduled weeks, please call Donna Platt at 412-364-4115.

BRUSH CHIPPING

All brush (1/2” to 4” in diameter only) must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM on the date listed below.

FALL COLLECTION BEGINS: Monday, November 7, 2016
(All brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM)

Collection will begin on Monday, November 7, 2016. Brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM Monday, November 7, 2016. The chipper will pass through the Borough one time. If your brush is not out at the curb when the chipper passes, you have two options: (1) take your branches to the yard waste drop off on Blaine’s Way in Blueberry Hill Park (permit required and can be obtained at the municipal building); (2) wait until the next collection date.

The chipping service may take several weeks to get to all areas of the Borough depending on the amount of brush placed at the curb. Although we cannot provide specific dates, they will get to your area as soon as possible.

It is imperative that residents have your brush at the curb on the first Monday of the chipping season!
Please cut and place your brush perpendicular to the curb with the butt end out.



PROPER WAY TO PLACE BRUSH

IMPROPER WAY TO PLACE BRUSH

This service is provided for brush and tree trimmings only. No thorn bushes will be accepted. If you have a tree or trees to dispose of, you must contact a private contractor. Borough crews will not spend more than 15 minutes chipping brush at your home. Chips and compost are free to Borough residents only. The wood chips and leaf compost are located at the south end of Blaine’s Way in Blueberry Hill Park, near McDevitt Road.

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

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees must be placed at the curb on Mondays, January 9 and January 16, 2017, by 6:00 AM. It can take a full week to collect the trees. DO NOT leave plastic or any decorations on the tree.

If you miss the curbside collection, trees can be taken to the Yard Waste Drop Off Site, at Blueberry Hill Park, and placed in the designated area. (look for appropriate signage). Please note no permit is required to place Christmas trees at the site.



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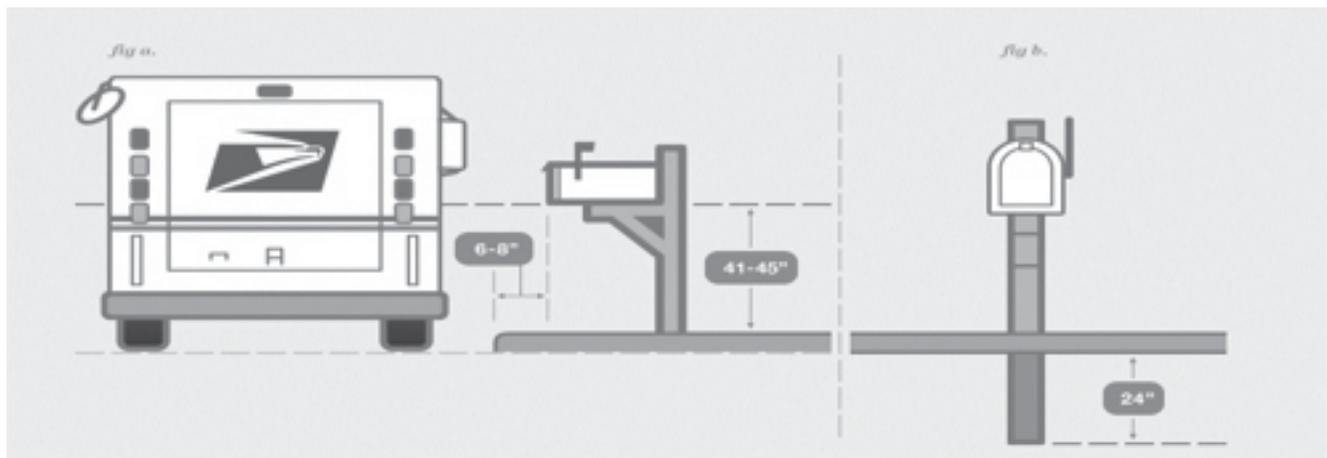
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ROAD RESURFACING UPDATE

The Borough owns and maintains approximately 64 miles of roadway. The Borough has an established goal to resurface every road once every 15 years. Council and Mayor conduct a Spring Road Tour where roads are visited and evaluated for resurfacing. The following roads were approved for resurfacing in 2016.

Aldon Drive
Pollar Drive
Fairmont Church Road
Field Club Drive
Kingridge Circle
Kingridge Road
Old Orchard Road
Foxbriar Court
McDevitt Road
Sterling Court
Meinert Road
Richard Road
Cole Road (partial)
Secretariat Drive

MAILBOXES VS. SNOW PLOWS

The Public Works Department encourages residents to inspect and maintain mailboxes in accordance with U.S. Postal Service requirements. (See Below) Mailboxes should be securely fastened to a sturdy post which is sufficiently anchored in the ground to resist the impact of plowed snow. While our drivers make every effort to avoid hitting mailboxes, they do on occasion, hit or knock over mailboxes. Snow plow operators do report these incidents to their Supervisor. The policy of the Borough will be to replace a mailbox if it is physically struck by a Borough snow plow, but when snow thrown from a plow knocks over a mailbox, the replacement of the box or post is at the homeowner's expense.



THE STORM IS OVER...NOW LET'S WORK TOGETHER

The Franklin Park Borough Public Works Department has the responsibility of clearing municipal streets of snow and ice from winter storms. Our aim is to provide residents with the highest possible level of service therefore providing a safe environment for vehicular and emergency traffic. We take this responsibility very seriously!

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

During snowfalls the initial pass of the snow plow is to open the road to traffic flow. Expect to have the snow pushed back to the curb on a later pass. This is done to provide more space to push away further snow and to provide drainage when the snow melts, so that water runs along the side of the road and not in the cart way where it may refreeze as temperatures drop. Remember that snow plows cannot pick up and carry snow, so snow is placed to create the least amount of problems for motorists.

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 from your driveway or walkway into the street. Pile the snow in your yard.
- Maintain and repair your mailbox posts. Mailboxes should not extend past the face of the curb. (See article on page 9.)
- Snow must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within a reasonable time but not later than 12 hours after the cessation of snowfall.
- If possible, place snow on the side of driveway opposite the direction that the plow travels. By doing so the plow will carry snow away from driveway rather than into it.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

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Food Drive Accepted Items

- large box of stuffing mix
- instant mashed potatoes
- canned cranberry sauce
- canned vegetables
- easy pumpkin pie mix
- evaporated milk
- muffin mix
- turkey gravy mix
- napkins
- gift card for turkey purchase

Bring in one or more of the above items to help feed a family in need this Thanksgiving season. Volunteers will transport all donations to North Hills Community Outreach. Let's start the holiday season off right and give back as a community. Municipal Office hours are 8:00AM to 4:30PM (Monday - Friday). If you are unable to bring in your donation during office hours give us a call, at 412-364-4115. If you would like to learn more about NHCO visit their website www.nhco.org.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Police Department wishes to thank the residents, Mayor and Council past and present, for their continued support. We are committed to providing a professional service to our ever-changing community. Through the education of our officers, continued cooperation with neighboring departments and taking a proactive approach to crime, we feel we can maintain a safe and viable community. Some of the most frequent calls officers respond to are listed below along with “What to do” and suggested tips to prevent you from being a victim. For additional information on these and other topics, please visit the Franklin Park Police website at: www.franklinpark.police.com.

Also, don't forget to sign up with NIXLE, a free service that sends alerts to your email or cell phone with news from the police department. Register at the company's main website: www.nixle.com. There you can also access their frequently asked questions.

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND CRIME PREVENTION

THEFT FROM VEHICLES – Unfortunately, this crime most often occurs from unlocked vehicles! Taking the time to lock your vehicle and removing any valuables from easy view are huge steps in helping prevent a criminal's interest in targeting your car.

IDENTITY THEFT – This continues to be an increasing crime. Criminals can get your information over the Internet, over the phone or even from your trash and you won't know they are using it until you receive a bill. Be careful how you use your credit cards and to whom you give your personal information. In some cases, the criminals have obtained the victim's social security and driver's license information. Be careful with your personal information! Destroy or shred any paperwork you throw away and try to pick up your mail as promptly as you can.

THEFTS FROM RESIDENCES/BURGLARY – Residents should never let anyone into their homes without first checking identification and being certain they are legitimate. It is very rare for utility workers, government employees or anyone else to have a legitimate reason to enter your home. An unscheduled stop coupled with a request to enter your home, are signs that you should call police. Senior Citizens are always a target. Don't be afraid to ask for identification. If you suspect anything unusual, close and lock your doors and call 911. The police will respond to check and identify the individual(s) in question.

Residents hiring domestic help should make sure that the company and employees are screened and references should be provided. The police have investigated many thefts from homes in which jewelry has been found missing months later. Residents should do their homework before they hire housecleaning or yard service providers. Remember to keep your valuables in a home safe. The inconvenience may save you the anguish of losing valuables and keepsakes that most likely will not be recovered.

HUNTING – Residents are reminded that very few areas of the Borough are open to hunting. Hunters are required to maintain 150 yards (with a fire arm)/80 yards (with archery) from an occupied structure. All hunters are to have written permission from landowners to hunt on private property. Residents are encouraged to report any violations to the Pennsylvania Game Commission or the Police Department.

CRIME PREVENTION - Our department when possible will provide public service programs for our community. The programs are listed below:

- Station Tours
- Boy/Girl Scout Presentations
- Sr. Citizen Safety
- Business Safety
- Identity Theft

Something we have added is:

• **Incident Response Programs for our schools, churches and businesses.** Officer Jason Venturella can provide training with your staff in the event of a serious incident and institute an action plan for your staff and make recommendations on security.

ALARMS – Residents are asked to please be careful when using home alarms. We have an over abundance of false alarms which are accidental. We ask you to use the alarms but be familiar with their functions. False alarms are a waste of manpower and resources.

PARKING – Residents should keep in mind that the Borough has an ordinance that prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM. Please remember not to block intersections or fire hydrants. Fine: \$5.00-\$75.00 dollars. This is critical in the winter months so that the public works department can properly clear your street of snow and ice.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAW – PennDOT enacted a new law which requires motorists to leave a 4-foot “cushion of safety” when passing a bicyclist. To achieve this cushion, drivers may cross a roadway’s center line when passing a bicycle on the left, but only when opposing traffic allows. Drivers attempting to turn left must also yield the right of way to bicycle riders traveling in the opposite direction. The new law also calls for bicycle riders to use all reasonable efforts to avoid impeding the normal flow of traffic. As always, bicyclists and motorists should obey all traffic signs and signals. PennDOT also recommends bicyclists always ride predictably and signal their intentions before proceeding so that motorists have a chance to react. A reminder to bicyclists, you too must obey all traffic regulations which includes stop signs. Failure to do so could result in a traffic citation.

GUN SAFETY – Gun safety is also a big concern for the Police Department and we would ask residents to keep this utmost in their minds when storing guns in the home. Although gun safes are recommended, the Police Department will supply free gun locks to any resident who wants them - just give us a call.

RULES OF THE ROAD – As a reminder: It is a state law that when it is raining, your headlights must be on. Additionally, it is a driver’s duty to move over when passing any emergency vehicles with flashing lights activated. Below are the sections under the motor vehicle code which address these issues:

[Title 75, Subsection 4302\(3\)](#): Headlights shall be turned on when the vehicle’s windshield wipers are in [continued on page 13](#).



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continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist. The penalty is a \$25.00 fine plus court costs.

Title 75, Subsection 3327: Duty of driver in emergency response areas (any place where Police, Fire or EMS are actively working and emergency lighting is in operation.)

- (a) General rule: When approaching or passing an emergency response area, a person, unless otherwise directed by an emergency service responder shall:
- (1) Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area, if possible; or
 - (2) If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area. The penalty is a fine up to \$250.00.

DOG LAWS – The Police Department would also like pet owners to abide by the law and keep your pet secured on your property as required by law. If your pet becomes lost, please notify the dispatch center at 412-473-3056 or the Franklin Park Police Department 412-364-1227. Most of the time, the pet has been taken to the police station kennel or to our pet control service. We can then assist you with a speedy return of your pet. The Police Department was given 4 AVID chip readers, which can quickly identify a pet and its owner. The AVID chip is a small electronic device, the size of a grain of rice that contains the pet owner information. The chip is placed under the skin of the pet, usually between the shoulder blades. Most local veterinarians offer the AVID chips and can answer any questions you may have. We are encouraging our residents to make sure they have identification information on their pets whether it is an AVID chip or ID tag. Franklin Park Borough has contracted with Animal Control Services to provide service to our community for lost and found pets. To contact them call 724-746-4344 or visit their website that offers a wealth of information www.lostpawsonline.com.

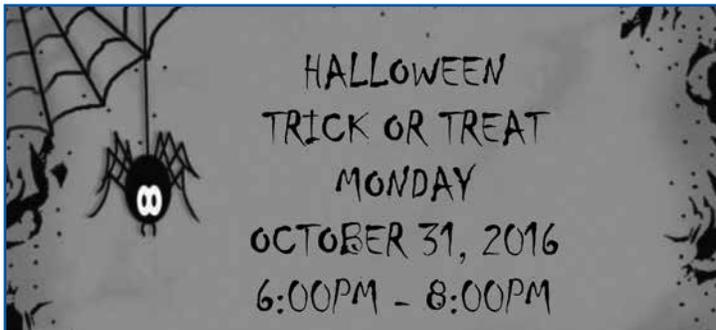
SCHOOLS – The Police Department performs daily school patrols at our elementary and middle schools. It keeps the Police Officers visible and approachable for the students and teachers. We want to give the students and teachers a sense of having a safe environment in which to work and learn. We also want residents to feel comfortable using the NA Tip line for sharing any confidential information they feel is important for the Police Department to know: NA Tipline 724-933-TIPS (8477).

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OFFICER KIM BOUCEK RETIRES



Mayor Dennis O'Keefe/ Officer Kim Boucek

At the February 2016 meeting, Borough Council accepted the resignation of Officer Kim Boucek. Kim was an Officer with the Franklin Park Police Department for 20 years. At the meeting Chief Dorsch recognized Officer Boucek for the following accomplishments.

- The first female police officer in Franklin Park Borough
- Served on the Attorney General's Task Force
- Served on the District Attorney's Task Force
- Served as Coordinator for the DARE Program
- Served as Trainer for CPR/First Aid
- Served as Coordinator for Crime Prevention
- Taught Alcohol Awareness Programs for students
- Taught Personal Safety Programs for Women
- Taught Internet/Technology Awareness Programs for parents and teachers
- Served as a SRT Negotiator for the North Hills SRT Team

Chief Dorsch stated, "Officer Boucek changed people's lives and made a difference in the community." Many local residents may also have had interaction with Kim and her family through Boucek's Battalion, which began in 2008. The non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting the men and women serving in our country's military, who are stationed overseas. During the 2015 Holiday Season, Officer Boucek and volunteers provided 800 care packages for our troops over seas, in addition 22,000 homemade cookies were sent to 1,200 soldiers. Borough Council and staff thanked Kim for her years of service and protection to the Franklin Park community.



Officer Brian Blakley/Mayor Dennis O'Keefe/Chief Donald Dorsch

WELCOME OFFICER BLAKLEY

The Franklin Park Police Department has a history of providing exceptional public safety services and has shown a commitment to building partnerships in our community. On behalf of Borough Council and Borough Staff we welcome the newest member of our police department, Officer Brian Blakley.

Officer Blakley was born and raised right next door in McCandless Township. He is a graduate of North Allegheny Senior High School where he met his wife, Kara. After high school, Officer Blakley received his Bachelor's Degree from La Roche College in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology and in October 2011 graduated from the IUP Police Academy.

In December 2011, Officer Blakley was hired by Franklin Park Borough as a part-time patrolman. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather who was a Lieutenant with the McCandless Police Department, and his uncle who was a patrolman for Franklin Park Borough and Ohio Township. Officer Blakley and his wife Kara have two children; Makenzie and Noah. They reside in Richland Township. Now as a full-time patrolman, Officer Blakley is excited to continue to be able to serve the community of Franklin Park Borough with dignity and honor.

PREMISE ALERT/PROGRAM SPECIAL NEEDS - The District Attorney's Office is sponsoring a program for guardians of special needs individuals. Franklin Park police department has information packets for guardians of special needs children or adults which will enable first responders critical information to be used in an emergency. Anyone who is a care giver to someone in their home with a physical, mental health or intellectual disability is eligible to receive a packet. Stop in to the department Monday-Friday between 8AM and 4:30PM to get your free packet. The form is mailed to the Allegheny County 911 Center. Any questions call Diane Rose, Franklin Park Police Secretary at 412-364-1227.



BATTERY PROGRAM A BIG SUCCESS!



IMPORTANT NEW PROCEDURES

Thank you to all the residents that have recycled their batteries through our battery recycling program. All household batteries such as, AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt can be dropped off at the Municipal Building, at the Activity Center in Blueberry Hill Park (when open) and at the Clover Hill Golf Course Clubhouse.

Franklin Park has partnered with Battery Giant located in Cranberry Twp. and is currently offering the program for free. However, in order to help Battery Giant defray the cost of recycling your batteries we are asking for your help. We ask that the residents separate their batteries prior to dropping them off or sorting them into the appropriate buckets at the time you are dropping them off.

Batteries should be sorted as follows and placed in the appropriate buckets.:

Bucket #1..... Alkaline and heavy duty batteries

Bucket #2..... Rechargeable, lithium and rechargeable lithium batteries

Bucket #3..... Button batteries

Bucket #4..... Corroded batteries, should be placed in a plastic bag

Please put tape over the terminals of 9V batteries and over.

*Packing tape for larger batteries and scotch tape for smaller batteries.

If you have any questions please give Donna Platt a call at [412-364-4115](tel:412-364-4115).

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When walking your dog in Franklin Park remember that your pet must be leashed. It's the law - Ordinance 614-2014 states: "When allowed out, it shall be the duties of owner, custodian or keeper of any dog traveling on the streets or public grounds to have the animal on a leash at all time..."



Whether in a neighborhood or borough parks it is important to pick up waste and dispose of it properly! -It seems like common sense but is a persistent complaint.



WELCOME TO FRANKLIN PARK SIGNS

If you have not already noticed... check out the new Welcome Signs that were placed along major thoroughfares entering Franklin Park Borough.

YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITE BLUEBERRY HILL PARK

The drop off site is to be used only for items such as tree or brush trimmings, leaves (placed in the designated area and kept in the brown biodegradable bags) and weeds. The same restrictions apply to both curbside brush chipping and the drop off site; only trimmings that are up to 4" in diameter can be accepted. **The Borough also asks that you please utilize the April and November curbside brush chipping and leaf collection if possible.**

A **permit** is required and can be obtained by completing the Yard Waste Drop Off Site application available at the Municipal Building or on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us. The permit will be for yard waste, such as leaves (in brown biodegradable bags only), weeds, and brush/tree trimmings from the address listed on the permit only. This site is for residential disposal only, commercial use is prohibited. Disposal of entire trees is prohibited. The Yard Waste Drop Off Site is in Blueberry Hill Park and is open March 1st to December 1st of each year.

****IMPORTANT**** The following materials are not permitted to be placed at the Yard Waste Drop Off Site: 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 call Donna at 412-364-4115 Ext. 301 or email dplatt@franklinparkborough.us with any questions.

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COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Pursuant to PA Act 101, Franklin Park Borough adopted Ordinance No. 377-91 requiring Franklin Park 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
- ▶ Plastic Containers
- ▶ Glass

IMPORTANT NOTE If you are the owner of a business, commercial/office building and/or apartment building and you currently do not have a recycling program, it is your responsibility to establish one. **If your hauler does not offer recycling of the items listed above you will need to find one that can meet this requirement.** If you do not currently have a recycling program in place, you are in violation of Ordinance No. 377-91 and could face fines of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000, and costs of prosecution for each and every offense.

If you have any questions concerning the requirements of Franklin Park's Recycling Ordinance, please feel free to contact either Donna Platt or Ambrose Rocca at 412-364-4115.

REFUSE/YARD WASTE GUIDELINES

Garbage should be placed at the curb not before 4:00 PM on the evening before your scheduled pick up day. Residents should place all refuse in plastic garbage bags. To avoid garbage bags from being torn by animals and having garbage all over the street, you should place your bags in a trash can. Garbage cans must be removed from the curb no later than 10:00 PM the day of your garbage collection.

The "Snow Bird Clause" allows a resident to suspend service for up to five (5) months while they spend the winter months elsewhere. The resident must notify the refuse company in writing 30 days prior to the start of the suspension of service and include the approximate date of return.

Please see the refuse hauler's flyer on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us for further information regarding your refuse and recycling collections. If you have any questions you can contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115 x301 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

In accordance with DEP regulations, refuse haulers are not permitted to take leaves, brush and/or yard waste of any type. Grass clippings can be placed at curbside in black plastic bags only. See the Leaf Bag Collection and Brush Chipping articles on page 8 and the Yard Waste Drop Off Site article on page 16 for proper disposal of these items.



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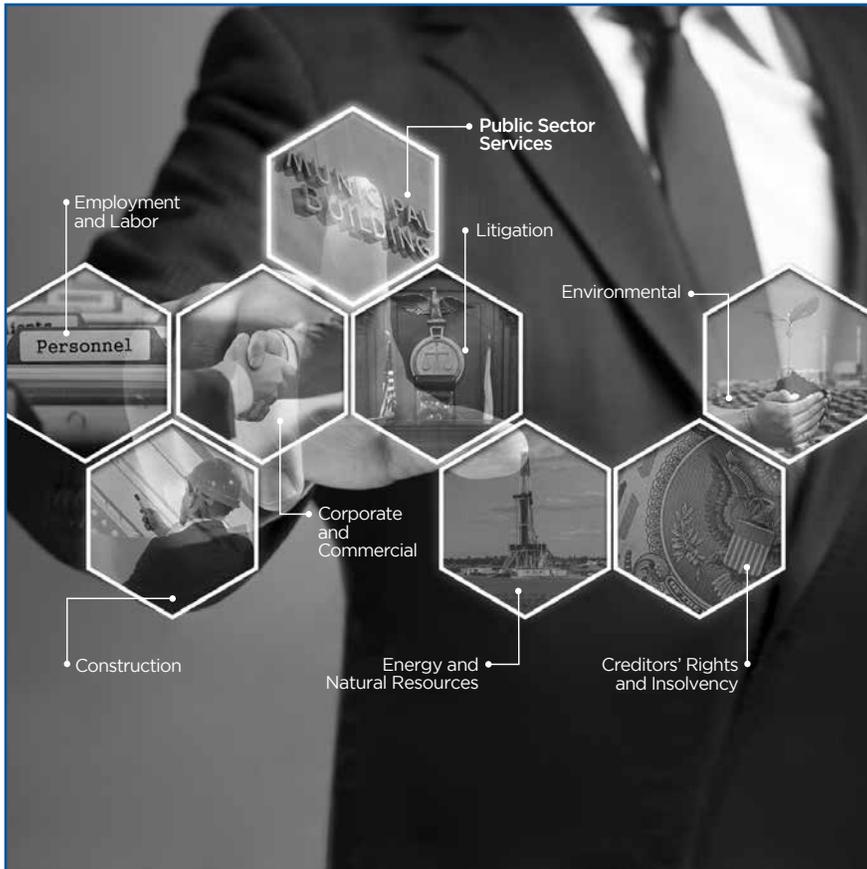
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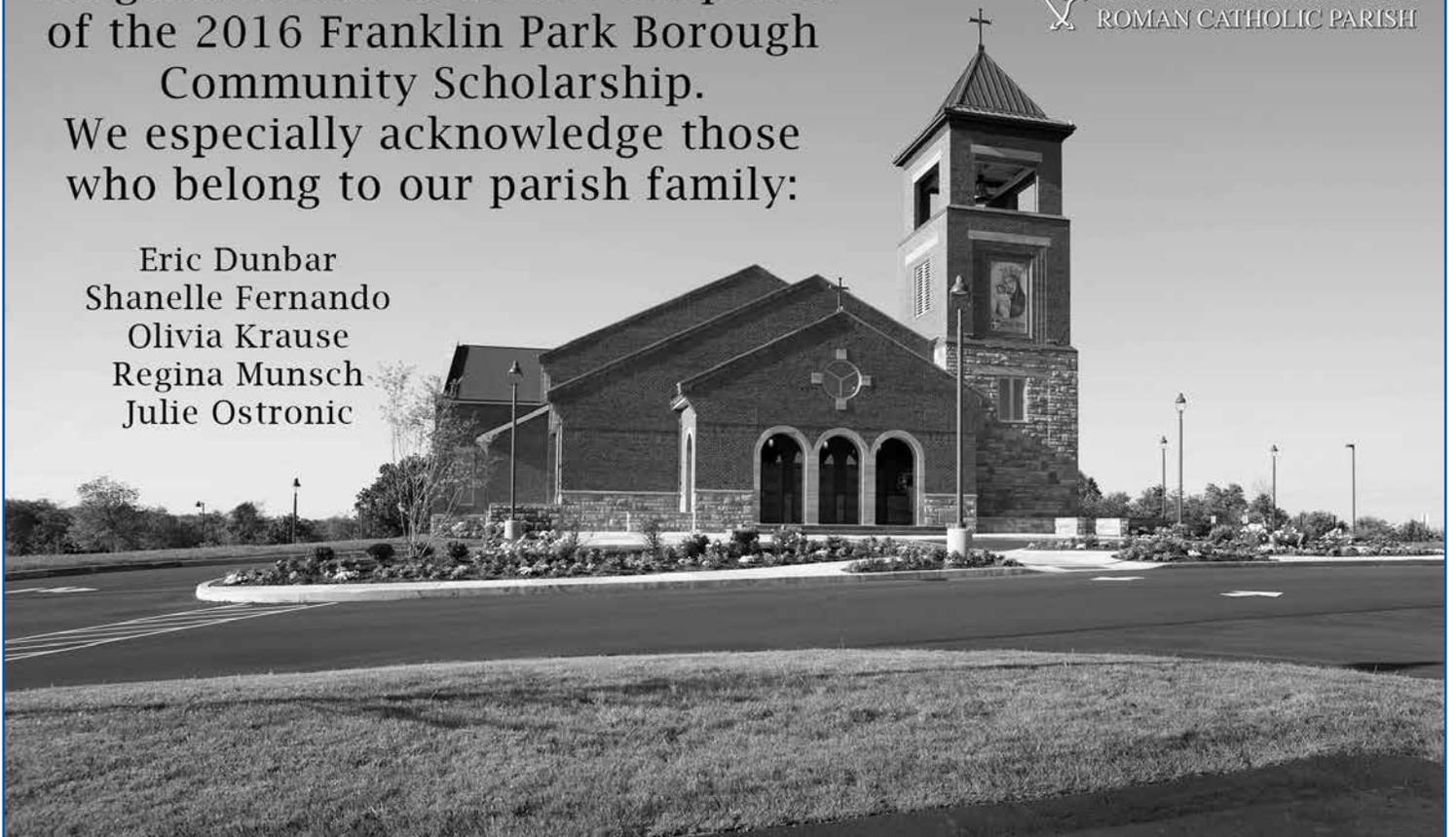
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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) continues its mission to review, recommend and approve landscape plans of all new developments within the Borough according to established ordinances.

In conjunction with the Audubon Society, the EAC sponsored several educational programs of interest to adults and seniors including a National Bird Count training session. The EAC and the Audubon Society also worked closely with scouts from a local Boy Scout troop to complete construction of two chimney swift towers in Blueberry Hill Park. Chimney swifts are a threatened migratory bird that use chimneys for nesting. These nesting habitats have been decreasing in numbers over the years so artificial towers are being used as substitutes.

The EAC conducted a Photo Contest in the fall and was pleased to present awards to the top two contestants. The EAC was proud to arrange and sponsor the Audubon Society Birds of Prey presentation at the recent Festival in the Park.

Finally, the EAC is closely following events associated with the Allegheny Land Trust purchase of land near Linbrook Park to determine how the Council may contribute to insure that these lands are protected and available to be enjoyed for hiking, wildlife observation and other passive recreation that will enhance Franklin Park.

LINBROOK WOODLANDS STEWARDSHIP

Allegheny Land Trust's mission is "to serve as the lead land trust conserving and stewarding lands that support the scenic, recreational and environmental well-being of communities in Allegheny County and its environs." Their most recent property acquisition – Linbrook Woodlands – is located within Franklin Park adjacent to Linbrook Park. Residents can volunteer to work with the Allegheny Land Trust to help preserve and maintain this beautiful wooded 178 acres. Volunteer "site stewards" help them monitor and manage conservation lands by walking the trails, reporting problems, and providing a local connection. You can volunteer by completing contact information on their website: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/AlleghenyLandTrust/volunteer.html>



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Special Thank You to the Western Pennsylvania Audubon Society, who partially funded the Chimney Swift towers erected in Blueberry Hill Park, along with the Borough and EAC Council. Each tower cost between \$500-\$600 to construct. Boy Scouts Matt Faith and Brian

Shema from Troop 138 stepped forward and did an outstanding job and constructed the nesting towers for the Chimney Swifts.

MANY THANKS EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

The following employees were recognized for reaching an anniversary at the annual Christmas Party in December. Many thanks for their dedication and years of service they have provided to Franklin Park Borough.

5 Year Employees

Cheryl Bishop - Treasurer's Office Financial Clerk
Jack Bramkamp - Golf Course Cashier

10 Year Employees

Diane Rose - Police Secretary
Carolyn Strunk - Treasurer

15 Year Employees

Janine Kulbacki - Building/Zoning Secretary

20 Year Employees

Gary Bucuren, Maintenance Foreman

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IN MEMORIAM

Kathy Reuter - The Franklin Park community lost a dear friend and colleague at the beginning of this year. Kathy Reuter, treasurer for the Borough from 1970 to 1990 died at the age of 88. Long time resident of Franklin Park since 1959 she and her husband Albert "Ottie" raised their 4 children on Reis Run Road. The landscape of the Borough has changed since her retirement but those who worked with Kathy remember her fondly as a kind and gracious woman, with an exceptional sense of humor and devotion to her family. She will be missed.

Harold Huckestein - On June 14, 2016 at the age of 90, former Borough Manager Harold W. Huckestein, passed away. "Huck" as many referred to him here at the Borough was a graduate of Perry High School, a U.S. Navy Veteran and Duquesne University graduate. His public service began at the Pittsburgh Housing Authority, later working in the Allegheny County Planning and Public Works Department, as a Manager for Ross Township and finally retiring as Manager from Franklin Park Borough. As stated in his obituary, "Harold's "big words" and robust articulate argument will be missed by his family and friends."

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Franklin Park has been very fortunate in attracting highly qualified individuals to serve on the various boards that help to manage our community. To continue to attract qualified candidates to these boards, Council and Mayor would like to advise borough residents of the process that will be used in selecting candidates. If you are interested in serving on any one of the following boards, please submit a letter of interest and/or resume which outlines your background and experience.

Building Board of Appeals
Civil Service Commission
Environmental Advisory Council
McCandless/Franklin Park Ambulance Authority
Northland Library Authority
Planning Commission
Recreation Board
Scholarship Selection Committee
Vacancy Board
Zoning Hearing Board

Going forward, any resume received will be retained for a minimum period of two years. When an opening occurs Council will review the resumes submitted for that position. Interviews will then be conducted and a candidate will be selected.

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board please visit www.franklinparkborough.us, click on "Administration", then click on "Boards & Committees".



Since 2002 Franklin Park Borough has partnered with Coach Dave Gray to bring quality recreation programs to the youth of our community. The Ultimate Sports Programs began in 2005 and has grown to one of the most popular programs expanding to 4 sessions every summer. Special thank you to Dave for the enthusiasm and passion he shares with the kids. Also, congratulations for being recognized as one of KDKA's Larry Richert's Hometown Heroes for 2016!

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JR. COUNCILPERSON PROGRAM

Adopted in 2002, Borough Council saw the opportunity and worth in incorporating the Junior Councilperson Program into local government and for 14 years has committed to get Franklin Park youth interested and involved in their community.

In April of each year, Franklin Park Borough seeks resumes from students at North Allegheny High School or any other eligible high schools, to participate in the Junior Councilperson Program.

Franklin Park Borough Council would like to recognize Nila Suresh for her participation in the program during the 2015/2016 school year and thank her for her time and service to the community. Julie Chen who will serve for the upcoming year, will be sworn in as the new Jr. Councilperson. If you are a young adult in Franklin Park and have an idea or suggestion for your local government, email our new Jr. Councilperson at jchen@franklinparkborough.us.

RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Borough maintains an Emergency Operation Plan to assist in responding to various emergencies. In part, the Plan requires the Borough to maintain the names of individuals who are non-ambulatory; non-English speaking or otherwise would need assistance in case of an evacuation order. If you or a member of your family fall into one of these categories and would need help in case of an evacuation order please call 412-364-4115. Provide your name, address, type of disability, and language spoken. The Borough will incorporate the names into the Operation Plan so that help can be rendered in case of an emergency.

REMINDER - SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

In November 2004, Borough Council passed Ordinance No. 531-04 adopting the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. This program entitles all qualified senior citizens, living in Franklin Park Borough, to a flat 30% discount of the real estate tax on their primary residence. To find out more information about this program or if you qualify please call Theresa Seibert at Allegheny County, 412-350-3875.

Old Orchard Park Continued from page 1.

it also allows a parent to watch both a young child who is on the multi-purpose field and a younger sibling who is playing in the playground.

Fleeher Contracting, Cecil, PA is performing the construction work. The Borough's Public Works Department installed the access road and parking lot. The Parks Department completed the seeding and performed other landscaping work. By completing some of the work in-house, the Borough should be able to complete the project within budget, \$675,000.

Franklin Park purchased the 16.4 acre site in August, 1995 from North Allegheny School District for \$350,000



REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Real Estate Tax Collector is responsible for the collection of Franklin Park Borough real estate taxes and the North Allegheny School District real estate tax for the Franklin Park area, as well as the \$10.00 school per capita tax paid by every adult (21yr. of age or older) residing in the district. The tax collector does not determine the “Full Market Value” of your property; this is done by Allegheny County Assessment Department (412) 350-4600.

If you have recently refinanced your mortgage and have an escrow with a bank or mortgage company, please notify the Tax Office so your tax statements can be redirected.

If you do not escrow, as the homeowner you are responsible for paying the real estate tax. If you do not receive the statement, you are responsible for calling or stopping into the tax office and obtaining one. If the billing address for your real estate tax bill changed after January 1 of this year, due to refinance, no escrow, paid-off etc., please notify the tax office of the change. Allegheny County provides us with a billing address as of January 1, but does not provide updates.

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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 to noon. Evenings the last two weeks of June and August from 5:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. at the Franklin Park Municipal Building located at 2344 West Ingomar Road (or by appointment). Any resident with a question regarding their real estate tax is invited to contact Linda Avolio at 412-364-4848. Residents are 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.

<u>Current Millage:</u>	Borough	1.29	(Operates on a Calendar year)
	School	18.0011	(Operates on a Fiscal year)
	County	4.73	(Operates on a Calendar year)
	Total=	24.0211	

Installment Payments: 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. (Installment due dates: by August 31, 2016; October 31, 2016 and December 31, 2016.) The exact amount of the first payment and due date will be listed on the tax bill (by August 31). 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 2nd and 3rd installment coupons will be mailed to you after the first payment is received.

Installments 2 and 3 must be paid by the due dates listed above or a 10% penalty 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 school fiscal year.

NO TAX DISCOUNT IS PERMITTED FOR ANY TAXES WHEN PAYING BY INSTALLMENT.

FRANKLIN PARK FIREFIGHTERS UPDATE - 2016

2016 marks the 94th year that the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company has provided emergency response services to the residents of Franklin Park. In 2015 the fire company responded to over 250 emergency calls. While most of the actual emergencies continue to be vehicle fires and accidents on I-79 and I-279 and service calls such as carbon monoxide alarms, wires down, trees blocking roadways, and gas or water leaks, we have had several major structure fires. Fortunately, we see fewer major structure fires today largely due to the much broader use of smoke detectors and security systems in homes and businesses. A smoke detector is a wise investment, not only for personal safety but by helping to detect a fire situation before it gets out of control.

This year is on track to be another very busy year for the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company. In addition, to our emergency responses, we are focused on a few key areas of our operations: Membership, Funding, Equipment, Training and of course our New Fire Station.

New Fire Station

A major feature of our funding plan includes the replacement of the current fire station on Rochester Road. While the existing building has served the community well for over 60 years, it does not meet the safety and functional standards for a fire station and it is in need of major repairs.

The new fire station is being designed to handle the fire company's anticipated needs for our growing community. The new building will include safer, more visible, front fire apparatus exits, an in-house training tower and maze facility, and dorm rooms to enable an increasingly popular live-in program. The floor plan layout will provide the functionality and operation of a modern, professional fire station for the most efficient emergency response that our community deserves. The new fire station should be ready for service in late 2017.

The fire company has already accomplished a lot this year, and we have even more things planned for the rest of 2016 and 2017 to help us continue to provide the fast, effective and professional response that our community deserves.

Membership

Your fire company is staffed entirely by volunteers. Our members have regular full time jobs, but dedicate some time outside of work for training, work nights and emergency responses. If you ask any member, they will likely tell you that, while it can be demanding, it is a very exciting and rewarding experience.

We are always looking for new members and we have started a more active membership drive. We also hosted our 2nd annual "Firefighter for a Night" event on June 9th. This event was targeted to potential junior members, aged 16 to 18, but was open to all residents. The event was well attended and everyone had a great time and got some real fire fighting experience. Pictures of the event are posted on our website under Firefighter for a Night.

WE NEED YOU! We need members in all capacities – firefighters, drivers, accountants, architects, nurses, secretaries, public relations, information techs, tradesmen, etc,etc,etc. So please stop by the fire station located at 2360 Rochester Road, Thursday evenings at 7:00PM, call our business line 412-364-5670, option 4, email: membership158@gmail.com or call President - Bob Jarvis at 412-443-8618.

Funding

Recently, the fire company and Franklin Park Borough have developed a 20 year financial plan to provide the operating, equipment and facility funding to continue to meet the fire and rescue service level necessary to keep our community safe. A key part of the funding requirements for the fire company, still, are donations from residents and businesses in the community. In early July, we sent out our annual fund drive mailing. If you have not received a letter, or have not contributed yet, you may make a donation through our website at www.franklinparkvfd.com/donation-accepted-here, mail a check, or contact us at 412-364-5670.

Equipment

We strive to equip our responders with the most modern and useful fire fighting and rescue equipment as possible. Our new pumper/tanker that was put into service last fall is proving its value with many efficient fire suppressions using its modern foam application system.

Since much of our Borough is comprised of wooded areas, parks and trails we recently acquired and put into service a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV). This vehicle can navigate in heavily wooded areas on steep, narrow paths to rescue hikers, horseback riders or anyone needing help in an isolated location. It also has fire suppression capabilities to extinguish brush fires in deeply wooded locations not accessible by larger fire trucks.



We are also now using the Active 911 application that provides emergency call information on our members' cell phones. It also displays at the fire station to show which responders have called in service. This advance information at the station is extremely useful in planning our response to an emergency.

Training

As the nature of emergencies we respond to changes, we must constantly update our training programs to stay informed and prepared for things we may face during an incident. Over the past 12 months, we have conducted training in lightweight building construction, increased ladder truck/engine operations, structural burn/fire dynamics, hazardous materials, highway traffic management, vehicle extrication including school bus rescue, and numerous other topics. Training is free to all members and can usually be worked into your schedule.

FIRE SAFETY AND THINGS TO KNOW

- ◆ Dial 911 for all emergencies.
- ◆ Call Fire Department (412-364-5670) to report any fire hydrant markers that are missing or broken. Hydrant markers aid fire personal in locating hydrants quickly. See picture on right.
- ◆ Keep fire hydrants clear of high grass, tree branches and snow.
- ◆ Change the batteries in your smoke detector at least once per year unless otherwise instructed by the manufacturer. Test 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
- ◆ Donations can be sent to the Fire Company in several ways:
 1. Mail in a check (2360 Rochester Road Sewickley, PA 15143)
 2. Donate on website – www.franklinparkvfd.com
 3. Donate through the United Way
- ◆ Visit our web page at franklinparkvfd.com or friend us on Facebook.
- ◆ Know your security/fire alarm system codes and be familiar with the operation of your home security/fire alarm system.



FRANKLIN PARK VOL. FIRE CO. PERSONNEL UPDATES

The Officers of the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for 2016 are:

Executive Officers	Fire Officers
President: Bob Jarvis	Chief: Gary Scheller
Vice President: Bill Boucek	Assistant Chief: Ron Merriman
Secretary: Brian Marriner	Assistant Chief: Bill Chicots
Treasurer: Andy Nock	Captain: Jason Thompson
Financial Secretary: Sabrina Presser	Assistant Captain: Bob Neugebauer
Corresponding Secretary: Roger Sechler	Assistant Captain: Scott Merriman
Directors: Ed Maus, Paul Cerra, Dave Vodarick, Bill Smith	Lieutenants: Bill Miller, Bob Cerra, Andy Nock
Fire Police Captain: George Martin	Engineer: LZ Johnston
Fire Police Lieutenant: Bill Smith	

We would like to welcome new members since the last newsletter:

Zack Nichol
Matt Lupariello

During 2016 the following members will be recognized for their many years of service:

Bert Beatty – 63 Years
Jim Hammitt - 56 Years
Ray Maas - 56 Years
Jim Neugebauer - 40 Years
Bill Chicots - 30 Years



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SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT

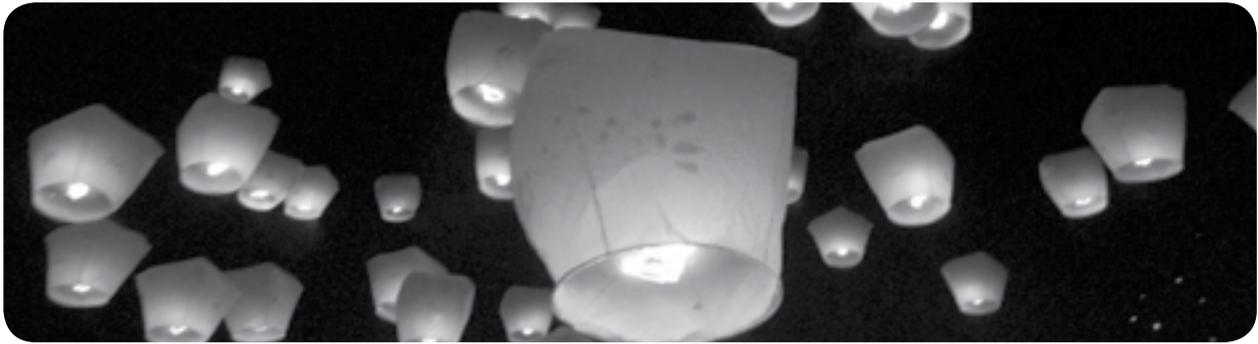
What's more exciting than fire trucks and Santa Claus!!!

The annual visit of Santa Claus sponsored by the Franklin Park volunteer fire fighters will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2016 from 1:00PM - 5:00PM. Santa will be riding on the fire truck and will travel over all the streets and roads in the borough. 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. The members of the fire company sponsor Santa's visit to express their appreciation to the borough residents for their support.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FLOATING LANTERNS

Illuminated paper lanterns have become a popular symbol to mark celebrations but the lanterns are a fire threat. Although the lanterns are supposed to continue floating in the air until the flame is naturally extinguished, there is no guarantee this will happen and may become an uncontrolled fire source. While these devices may not be specifically prohibited or allowed by the International Fire Code, code officials have the authority to regulate open flames both indoors and outdoors. Code 308.1.2 states: "No person shall throw or place, or cause to be thrown or placed, a lighted match, cigar, cigarette, or other flaming or glowing substance or object on any surface or article where it can cause an unwanted fire."



MCCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority is proud to partner with Franklin Park Borough to serve our residents. It is through your generous support of our subscription and donation programs that we continue to serve Franklin Park Borough, the Town of McCandless, Bradfordwoods Borough, Marshall Township and The Township of Pine.

The cost of providing service continues to exceed insurance reimbursements. As our costs continue to rise, it is through your financial commitment that we are able to carry out our mission of providing the most up to date, effective and efficient pre-hospital care without any direct tax dollars.

Your Ambulance Authority continues to maintain its recognition for its pediatric and cardiac care through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the American Heart Association.

We proudly care for all of our residents. Delivering the professional, prompt and life-saving care you have come to rely on.



NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

September is the time to truly Love Your Library!

Do you visit the Northland Library often or has it been a while? In either case, we hope that when you think of us your memories and experiences here bring a smile to your face!

If you are too busy to see what is new and happening at the library, we hope that you are taking advantage of the many resources and services that are now delivered electronically via free apps you can download in your app store to connect to our collection of ebooks, audiobooks, downloadable magazines, movies, tv shows, music, comics and much more! You can even learn a language by using your library card to log into Mango Languages! Visit our website at www.northlandlibrary.org to take advantage of all this and more. You may even find a program or two worth stopping in for!

Open since 1968, Northland Library is the second largest library in Allegheny County and is primarily funded by five supporting municipalities: Bradford Woods, Franklin Park, Marshall, McCandless and Ross. It is through this financial support and other generous contributions that we are able to continue to deliver the quality resources and programs our patrons have grown accustomed to.

Thanks to a generous gift by the Jack Buncher Foundation, all the public libraries in Allegheny County will be participating in Library Match Month throughout the month of September. Gifts of up to \$500 will be partially matched on a prorated basis, as will funds raised through most other funding campaigns and events.

So if you love Northland; September is the ideal time to show your love!

Gifts can be made in person at the library, through the mail or through the Northland Public Library Foundation's secure online giving button on www.northlandlibrary.org. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for loving your library!



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FALL/WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please pre-register for the programs early to ensure your participation in the program and to provide us the necessary time to properly prepare and purchase needed supplies. To register for the programs, you can register online, obtain a registration form from the Borough website (www.franklinparkborough.us), pick one up at the Borough Building, or on page 42 in this newsletter.

The Recreation Department accepts
online registrations and credit card payments at
www.franklinparkborough.us

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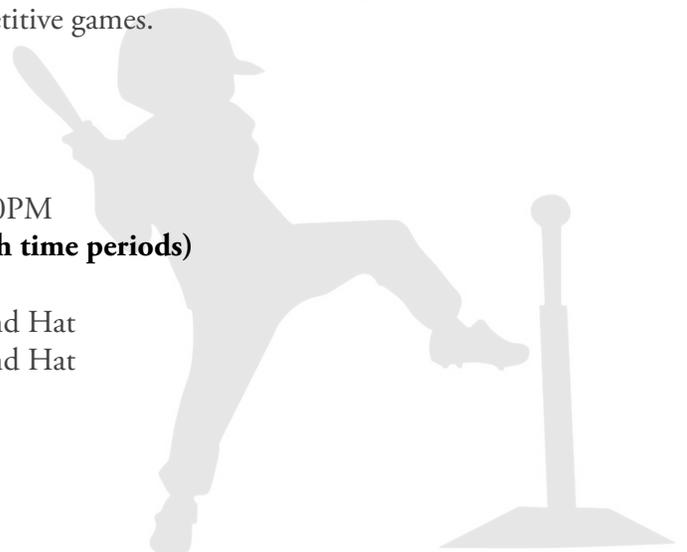
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TODDLER & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

T-BIRDS T-BALL

This is an instructional t-ball program for 3 and 4 year olds. Players learn the basics of catching, fielding, throwing, and hitting. They then apply what they've learned in fun, non-competitive games.

WHO:	Boys and Girls ages 3-4 years
WHERE:	Linbrook Park - T-Ball Field
WHEN:	Thursday, September 8-October 6
TIME:	5:30PM – 6:30PM or 6:30PM – 7:30PM (Players receive a schedule with both time periods)
RESIDENT FEE:	\$65.00 per person – Includes Shirt and Hat
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$70.00 per person – Includes Shirt and Hat
INSTRUCTOR:	Jump Start Sports



HUMMINGBIRDS SOCCER

Children ages 3 through 6 have fun and learn the basics of soccer: dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, defense, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction in all aspects of the game, participation in fun drills that are designed to teach fundamental skills to young children, and low-key, non-competitive games.

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 3-6 years
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Lower Meadow Field
WHEN: Monday, September 12 -October 17
TIME: 5:30PM-6:30PM

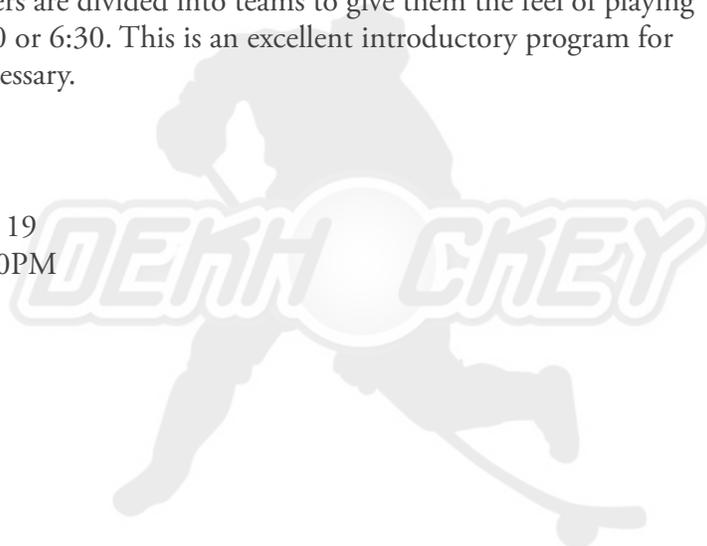
RESIDENT FEE: \$60.00 per person – Includes Shirt
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$65.00 per person – Includes Shirt
INSTRUCTOR: Jump Start Sports

DEK HOCKEY

Children ages 4 – 11 have a blast learning hockey fundamentals and playing games. Players are taught forehand and backhand passing and trapping, stick handling, shooting, defending, and goal keeping. Then they play fun-oriented, low-competition games to help them learn team concepts. Players are divided into teams to give them the feel of playing in a “real league”, and play a schedule of games that start at 5:30 or 6:30. This is an excellent introductory program for children with little or no hockey experience. No equipment necessary.

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 4-11 years
WHERE: Acorn Park
WHEN: Wednesday, September 14- October 19
TIME: 5:30PM - 6:30PM or 6:30PM - 7:30PM

RESIDENT FEE: \$60.00 per person – Includes Shirt
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$65.00 per person – Includes Shirt
INSTRUCTOR: Jump Start Sports



BAKERS DOZEN ACADEMY CLASSES

TIE-DYE COOKIES:

Students will create, measure, mix, and bake their own multi colored Tie-Dye cookie bars. Then they will measure, mix, and create multicolored icing for their dramatic, colorful Tie-Dye cookie bars!

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 6 and Up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2016
TIME: 9:00AM – 10:30AM

RESIDENT FEE: \$35.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy

DROP AND SHOP!

Students create Christmas cake pops and peppermint bark, while you shop!

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 6 and Up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2016
TIME: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

RESIDENT FEE: \$39.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$44.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy

MELTING SNOWMAN COOKIES:

Students will create, measure, mix, and bake their own multi colored melting snowman cookies applying icing to look like melting snow!

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 6 and Up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2017
TIME: 9:00AM – 10:30AM

RESIDENT FEE: \$35.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy

VALENTINE'S DAY CHEESECAKE AND VALENTINE'S DAY SWEET TREATS:

Students will create Valentine's Day cheese cakes and Valentine's Day chocolate marshmallow and pretzel treats!

WHO: Boys and Girls
ages 6 and Up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park
Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, February 11, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

RESIDENT FEE: \$35.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00
INSTRUCTOR: Bakers Dozen Academy

What goes into our rivers impacts what goes into your glass.

Ever wonder where the water in your glass comes from? For most of us, it comes from our rivers. But when rain falls and snow melts, the resulting storm water can run down hills, flow through creeks and streets, and overwhelm our aging sewer systems.

Everything this water touches—from the chemicals in our yards, to the motor oils in our streets, and even raw sewage—is washed into our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.



But there is a solution. A lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it. And you can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Never pour oil or paint in a storm drain.

Check with your local community about disposing of or recycling paint, oil and other chemicals. Because when it comes to clean water, we all drink from the same faucet.

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Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to 3riverswetweather.org for a free guide on how you can help.

YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

CHAMPION FORCE CHEERLEADING

This program is designed for boys and girls ages 4-15 to help promote and instill self-esteem, self-confidence, coordination, physical fitness, flexibility and team work wrapped up in a fun and exciting program. This is a “pay as you go” program with a one time non-refundable registration fee. **The non-refundable registration fee is \$7.00 and each class is \$7.00 per week.** (Participants must purchase a uniform to participate in competitions.)

WHO:	Boys and Girls ages 4-15 years	
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center	
WHEN:	Registration and first class is Wednesday, September 14 Wednesday, September 14, 2016- January 25, 2017	
TIME:	Level 1 (ages 4 – 6)	6:00PM
	Level 2 (ages 7 – 9)	7:00PM
	Level 3 (ages 10 and older)	8:00PM
	It is possible to test out of each level with skill tests.	
FEE:	The registration fee is \$7.00 and each class is \$7.00 per week Register upon arrival on September 14th	
INSTRUCTOR:	Young Champions Cheerleading	

CHAMPIONS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Flag football is an excellent way to learn the fundamental skills of football without the physical contact. Passing, receiving, running the ball, and offensive/defensive skills will be enhanced through this fast paced, high-action sport. Champions Flag Football League is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 13. All players will be matched by age, and compete on teams of up to ten players. The season will include playoffs and a championship game. So start stretching out and get your friends together for all the football fun you can handle!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Space Limited – Advance registration is required

WHO:	Boys and Girls ages 6-13 years
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Lower Meadow Field
WHEN:	Sunday, September 25-October 23, 2016
TIME:	12:00PM – 4:00PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$55.00 per player – Includes Game Jersey
NON-RESIDENT FEE:	\$60.00 per player – Includes Game Jersey
INSTRUCTOR:	Coach Dave Gray – Certified Sports Instructor/Coach NAYS, NYSCA

PIONEER LIVING - HANDS ON HISTORY PROGRAM

Come experience pioneer living in a real log house. During our one day camp, kids will learn about how the pioneers came west, as well as experience the everyday life of a pioneer child. We will play with pioneer toys and make a cup and ball game. After we get our own water, we will make lunch. Our lunch will consist of some pioneer favorites such as stew, fresh cornbread (we will grind our own corn), and butter that we will churn. After lunch we will make dessert-ice cream!

Minimum 8, Maximum participants 12

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 6 – 11 years
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Log House
WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 2016
TIME: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$45.00
INSTRUCTOR: Leah Schram, Certified Teacher

PUNT, PASS & KICK



You are invited to participate in the 2016 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition, hosted by Franklin Park Borough. The Punt, Pass & Kick program is open to boys and girls ages 6-15, competing separately against their peers. In addition, Punt, Pass & Kick is a free program with no entry fee or purchase required.

Our local competition will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Participants will compete at the Blueberry Hill Park Lower Meadow

Field. Sectionals will be held in October. Winners will have the opportunity to compete at a Team Championship, taking place at halftime during an NFL game!

WINTERFEST

Join Coach Dave Gray of Ultimate Sports & Entertainment, 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. Pre-registration is REQUIRED, space is limited

WHO: Boys and Girls ages 6 and Up
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Monday, February 20, 2017
TIME: 10:00AM – 2:00PM

RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$45.00
INSTRUCTOR: CDG Sports

ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

AIKIDO

Aikido is a martial art that uses graceful movements derived from Japanese swordsmanship (we use wooden swords and staffs), as well as redirection of the attacker's energy to carry out throws and locks. Students 18 and older and of any physical ability can practice Aikido, since it emphasizes proper form over an opponent's strength. The class is open to students of all levels with or without martial arts experience.

WHO: Adults
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: At the beginning of any month of your choice. Class held on Tuesdays
TIME: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

RESIDENT FEE: On-going program \$30 per month
NON-RESIDENT FEE: On-going program \$35 per month

SENSEI: Dr. Yoram Vodovotz - Fifth Degree Black belt in Aikido with 35 years experience in martial arts

LINE DANCING

Come and join us in the fun as we begin a 10-week line dancing class. Line dancing is very popular all over the world right now, and you will love learning the classics as well as the popular new dances. We are offering three levels of line dancing: Beginner - Intermediate. If you are a new line dancer or a seasoned line dancer who prefers to dance the easier dances, you will want to sign up for the beginner level class on Friday mornings. If you have been line dancing for several years now and want to be on the cutting edge, learning the hottest and most challenging line dances out there. All levels of classes will be dancing to cha cha, rumba, east and west coast swing, waltz, tango, nightclub two-step, and batchata rhythms. Don't miss out on a chance to kick up your heels. Sign up today!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED *Minimum 10 Participants*

MONDAY INTERMEDIATE CLASSES:

WHO: Adults and Seniors
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Monday, September 12 - November 21, 2016

RESIDENT FEE: \$52.00 per session
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$57.00 per session
INSTRUCTOR: Shirley Shultz

FRIDAY TRILEVEL CLASSES:

WHO: Adults and Seniors
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Friday, September 9 – November 18, 2016
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM New Dancers
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Beginner
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Improver
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Intermediate

RESIDENT FEE: \$35.00 per session
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$40.00 per session
INSTRUCTOR: Shirley Shultz

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WHO:	Adults and Seniors
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center (lower level)
WHEN:	Fall: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 - November 22, 2016 Winter: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 - March 21, 2017
TIME:	6:30PM – 7:30PM
RESIDENT FEE:	\$78.00
NON-RESIDENT:	\$83.00
INSTRUCTOR:	Amy Broniszewski

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. Scheduled dates are as follows:

See www.franklinparkborough.us for details on entertainment each month.

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

FAMILY PROGRAMS

KARATE

The practice of Karate tones the body, develops balance and coordination, quickens reflexes and builds stamina. But moreover, the serious practitioner develops composure, greater self-control and confidence. Each class is conducted in a disciplined fashion, but focused on enjoyment. Pittsburgh Shotokan will teach the course. The primary instructor for the course will be Pat Heffley a member of the teaching cadre and a 2nd Degree Black Belt. Three other black belts will assist in the training. The course will allow for various levels of proficiency and is open to all ages and both genders.

WHO:	Adults and Children ages 6+	RESIDENT FEE: \$32.00 per person plus \$10.00 for those participating in the advanced session
WHERE:	Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center	NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$37.00 per person plus \$10.00 for those participating in the advanced session
WHEN:	Thursdays, September 8 – November 17, 2016	INSTRUCTOR: Pat Heffley and Mike Natoli
TIME:	Everyone: 6:30PM - 7:30PM Advanced Add-on: 7:30PM - 8:15PM	

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016, at Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. The fun begins at 1:30 PM with a variety of Halloween games for the children to play. Treat bags will be provided for EVERYONE in costume!

DRESS-A-PET COSTUME DUO

This event will be held in conjunction with the Costume Party on October 29, 2016 as an additional judgment category. This event is open to all ages and will welcome pets of all types. A prize will be awarded to the best-dressed owner and pet duo. Good Luck to you and your pets!

PUMPKINPALOOZA CONTEST

Decorate, carve or paint a pumpkin and email it to mcooper@franklinparkborough.us between October 1st and October 31st. All entries will be posted on the Franklin Park Recreation Facebook page on November 2nd. The pumpkin photo with the most likes by November 9th will receive a SPOOKTACULAR prize basket. One entry per person. Parents may email one submission for each child in the family in one email.



LUNCH WITH SANTA CLAUS

Come and have lunch, make a cute holiday craft and sit on Santa's lap. (Be sure to bring your camera so you don't miss these classic pictures!) Maybe Santa will share some milk and cookies with the "good" boys and girls! Don't forget to bring your list for Santa!

All families must be pre-registered and pre-paid by December 6th.

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

WHO: Entire Family
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2016
TIME: 11:00AM

RESIDENT FEE: \$7.00 per person
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$9.00 per person
(Maximum 130 people)

PLEASE MARK ON YOUR REGISTRATION SHEET IF YOUR FAMILY PREFERS A VEGETARIAN LUNCH

WINTER MOVIE NIGHT

Bring a blanket to the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center and enjoy the movie "Polar Express." The movie will start at 6:00PM and refreshments will be sold.

WHO: Entire Family
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Sunday, December 18, 2016
TIME: 6:00PM

RESIDENT FEE: FREE
NON-RESIDENT FEE: FREE

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS

More information will be on www.franklinparkborough.us and www.facebook.com/FranklinParkRecreation as it becomes available.

SPECIAL NEEDS WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of activities designed specifically for people with special needs and their families. Activities will include a variety of indoor games and crafts as well as some outdoor activities, depending on the weather. The activities are conducted on an individual basis for the person with special needs and their "Buddy". This is a recreational day for all participants with special needs to have fun regardless of their abilities. All activities are user friendly and easily accessible. Volunteers are a vital part of this program, so please consider volunteering for registration, food service, or to be a "Buddy".

For registration forms or more information, please call **412-364-4115 Ext. 347**.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS FAMILY DANCE

Hey parents! bring your little princes and princesses to the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center for a royal good time. Enjoy a night of crafts, activities and a family dance! Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

WHO: Entire Family
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Sunday, February 12, 2017
TIME: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

RESIDENT FEE: \$7.00 per person
NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$9.00 per person
(Maximum 60 people)



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Please make checks payable to FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH

Family's Last Name _____ Address _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Participant First Name	Program/Session	Shirt Size <small>Youth or Adult S,M,L,XL</small>	Gender	D.O.B	Right or Left Handed	Program Fee
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
			Male/Female		Right / Left	
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			Male/Female		Right / Left	

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

If the participant has any medical concerns that the instructor should know, please list them :

LIABILITY WAIVER - Please read and sign below

In consideration of my or my child's participation in all of the Franklin Park Borough Recreational Program activities in which I or my child participate(s), I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release, acquit and forever discharge the Borough of Franklin Park, or the Borough of Franklin Park's Recreation and Parks Department, or any of their officers, agents, volunteers working under the direction of the Borough, firms and corporations, whether herein named or referred to or not, from any and all future rights, claims, causes of action, civil claims, demands, costs, attorney fees, loss of service, expenses, compensation, third party actions, suits at law or equity, including suits for contribution and indemnity, of whatever nature, and all consequential damages on account of, or in any way associated with the abovementioned program or with arriving to and/or returning from any activity associated with the program. Photo Release: By registering for any Franklin Park Borough Program, class, or event you are agreeing to allow publication of any photos taken of you and or your child(ren) at any program, class, event, or facility of the Parks and Recreation Department.

I/we further state that I/we have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof, and I/we sign as my/our own free act. I/we acknowledge that signature by either parent or by one guardian hereby binds all parents and/or guardians of any minor participant.
I have read and fully understand the Liability Waiver and program policies on this form.

Signature of Participant/Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Priority Registration Policy

Please register early. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Waiting Lists

When programs reach their maximum enrollment, interested participants are placed on a waiting list in the order registrations are received. These lists provide us with a name and phone number in case of cancellations or the addition of new classes.

Program Cancellations or Changes

The Borough reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or change the time, date, cost or location of programs or to make any revisions that may be necessary.

Refunds

Refunds will be granted according to the following guidelines:

If a minimum number of participants are not reached, the program will be cancelled and a full refund will be issued.

If a maximum number of participants are reached, the program will be closed and a full refund will be issued.

If for any unforeseen reason the Borough has to cancel a program, a full refund will be issued.

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Borough at least one week prior to the program start date. No refunds will be issued after that time.

A processing fee of \$10.00 or 25% of the program fee, whichever is less, will be deducted from the refund amount.

Please allow 2-4 weeks for refunds to be processed.

***All information you provide us will be entered into Rec1 Online Software. You will receive a confirmation receipt or waitlist receipt by email once we receive your registration form and full payment.**



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A pre-meeting is held prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 PM and a post-meeting may be held immediately following the conclusion of the regular meeting.

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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