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

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

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Use the QR Code for more information regarding the residential programs below or visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us.



FALL LEAF BAG COLLECTION DATES*

Weeks of October 24, November 7, 14, 28 and December 5, 2022

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

Only leaves in biodegradable paper bags will be collected.

Do not close leaf bags with duct tape!! Please leave enough room at the top of the bag so you can either fold or roll it closed.

FALL BRUSH CHIPPING DATES*

Monday, November 7, 2022

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

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

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES

The weeks of – January 9 and January 16, 2023

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

DO NOT leave plastic or any decorations on the tree.
Please do not place the trees at the Yard Waste Drop Off Site.

*Residents should utilize the curbside collection process during the scheduled leaf bag collection and brush chipping weeks. It is illegal to dump anything in Borough Park dumpsters or any other area in our parks.



WASTE MANGEMENT 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 to chat live with a representative.

For more information or questions on refuse and recycling visit www.franklinparkborough.us or contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

REFUSE GUIDELINES

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

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

The following materials are recyclable at curbside:

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

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

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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

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

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

Corrugated Cardboard Recycling*

The six cardboard dumpsters have been replaced with two large recycling containers and are located in the lower side parking lot of the Municipal Building. Please note the posted guidelines. ALL BOXES MUST BE BROKEN DOWN. 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.

Refuse and Recycling



FRANKLIN PARK
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
2022

Ariella Avigad
Lydia Cwalina
Jackie DiGiacomo
Cole Dorn
Emily Gierczynski
Megan Quinlan
Briona Rice
Sarah Sharar
Hannah Shin
Abhinav Yarlagadda

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON

We would like to recognize Jackie DiGiacomo as Junior Council Person during the 2021-2022 school year. At the August 17, 2022 Council meeting, Ava DiGiacomo was sworn in as Junior Council Person for the school year 2022-2023. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion, email your Junior Council Person at juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us.

RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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

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FRANKLIN PARK TURNS 200 IN 2023

In 2023, the Borough of Franklin Park (formerly Franklin Township) will turn 200 years old. Borough staff and volunteers are currently working on preparations for a year-long celebration of Franklin Park's past, present and future. We are looking for residents who may be able to volunteer their time or materials for the following:

- Help sort through the historical documents currently owned by the Borough
- Donate or loan historical photos, documents, or items that can be displayed
- Identify individuals who have been residents of the Borough for 50 years or more and would be willing to talk about how the Borough has changed over the years

If you are able and willing to help, please contact us at FP200@franklinparkborough.us or call Donna at 412-364-4115, extension 302.

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 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us. You can provide any new information or changes to information by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Homeowners' Association Contact Information Form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either in-person, by mail, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

RENTAL PROPERTIES

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS/RENTERS:

If you are the owner or renter of a rental property in Franklin Park Borough you are required to inform the Borough of all tenant information. In accordance with Ordinance 96-71, landlords are required to keep Borough records up to date with information regarding tenants or occupants. You are required to report any changes in tenants or occupants within thirty (30) days of the change. A request for updated renter information will be mailed annually to the owner of any rental property. The form must be returned even if no changes have occurred. You can report any changes to Mary Ross by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Renter Information Form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either in-person, by mail, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to mross@franklinparkborough.us.

STREAM WATER QUALITY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



STREAM WATER QUALITY

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

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

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

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

STREAM WATER QUALITY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Continued



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Along with the responsibility for streams throughout Franklin Park, the Borough also maintains a vast stormwater infrastructure system that includes pipes, catch basins, culverts, outfalls (including endwalls), detention facilities, and swales. In addition, the Borough is responsible for stormwater infrastructure under state roads.

Over the past few years, a perfect storm (no pun intended) of issues has caused the Borough to reallocate resources (manpower and funds) that were previously used to provide other services. These issues include:

- Short-term heavy rainfall events that have exposed areas where upgrades to existing infrastructure and the addition of new components are needed. In 2021 the Borough hired an engineering firm, CEC, Inc., that is devoted solely to stormwater issues, and the engineering budget was increased substantially. Solving flooding issues requires a complete understanding of all stormwater sources that contribute to the problem. In addition, the Borough now sizes infrastructure upgrades and repairs to handle the current definition of a 100-year storm (a 1% chance that it will occur in any given year).
- Stormwater pipe installed prior to the 1990's was generally metal pipe, which is now approaching the end of its life. The pipe has begun to rust and rot, and the Borough has been required to make emergency fixes due to pipes clogging and sink holes forming. Rather than continue to chase emergencies, the Borough is looking to proactively replace metal pipe.
- Older detention ponds have become overgrown and filled with silt. In addition, they were designed to handle smaller rain events than we have recently experienced.
- Under PennDOT's interpretation of a court case regarding a state law, only Boroughs (not towns, townships, or cities) in the state are responsible for maintaining all stormwater infrastructure under the road surface on state roads. The state will maintain the grates, and is required to keep them clear of debris, but the Borough is responsible for the catch basins, pipes, and outlet structures. PennDOT began enforcing this in 2021, and we are currently awaiting a permit from PennDOT to repair a failing catch basin and pipe under Reis Run Road. We anticipate this project costing over \$100,000.

The Borough has begun the process of locating, mapping, and inspecting all aspects of its stormwater infrastructure. This information will help us develop a specific plan for proactive repair and replacement of failing and undersized components, and for the installation of new components to solve flooding issues. Based on other comparable communities, we anticipate we will need to budget up to \$800,000 per year for this program. Once the information has been gathered and cost estimates can be generated, the Borough will have to determine how to pay for these repairs without impacting the other services currently provided.



2022 FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

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On Monday, August 1, 2022, Franklin Park held its 19th Annual Community Scholarship Golf Outing. Thank you to all who donated and made this year's drive a huge success! Golfers enjoyed a continental breakfast, lunch, a putting contest, prizes at many holes, a \$15,000 prize on the hole in one contest, 50/50 raffle, and auction with a chance to win numerous door prizes.

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

First Place — HRC Outdoors: Bill Schweitzer, Brad Fusco and Emil Boures, Sr.

Second Place — Morini Insurance: Kurt Morini, Vic Morini, Jr., Gary Cocolin and J.B. Mattera

Third Place — Schellhaas Funeral Home: Ryan Schellhaas, Drew Schellhaas, Joe Dice and Kelly Jones

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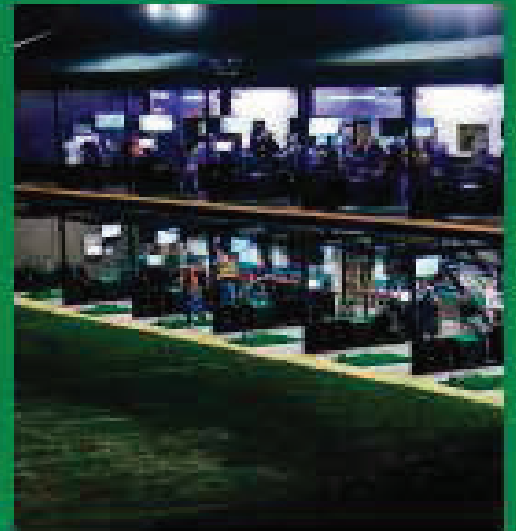
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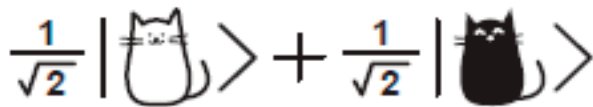
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FRANKLIN PARK

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 under Borough Government then click on Boards and Commissions. The application should be submitted with a letter of interest and/or resume which outlines your background and experience. When an opening occurs, Council will review the resumes submitted for that position then conduct interviews before making a final selection.

Building Board of Appeals

Civil Service Commission

Environmental Advisory Council

McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority Board

Northland Library Board

Planning Commission

Recreation Board

Scholarship Selection Committee

Technology Advisory Committee

Vacancy Board

Zoning Hearing Board

There are currently vacancies on the following boards:

Recreation Board—2 vacancies

Scholarship Selection Committee—1 vacancy

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



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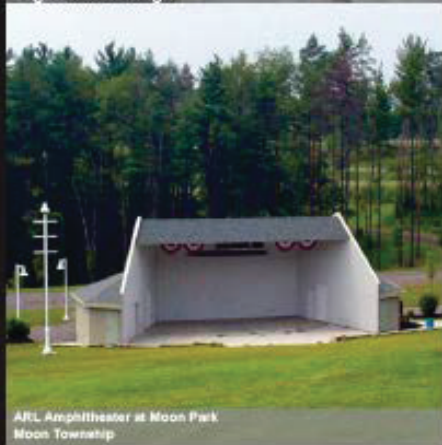
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PETS IN OUR COMMUNITY PARKS

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. Anyone wishing to "run" their dogs off leash should find a suitable fenced in dog park in the area. We encourage all pet owners to follow the rules in order for Franklin Park Borough to continue welcoming pets in our community parks. We appreciate your cooperation.

MAILBOXES VS. SNOWPLOWS

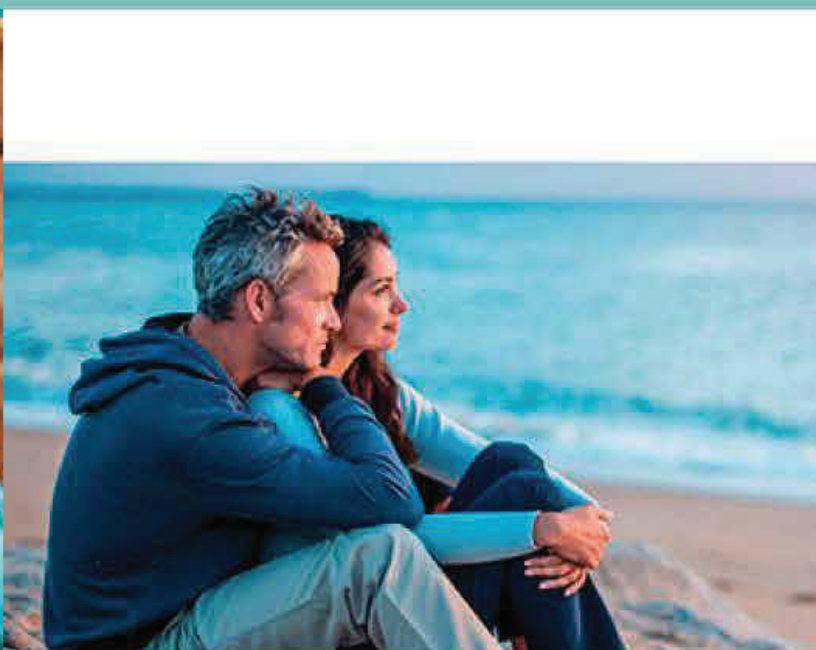
The policy of the Borough is to replace a mailbox if it is physically struck by a Borough snowplow. If snow thrown from a plow knocks over a mailbox, the replacement of the box and/or post is at the homeowner's expense.





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For the sixth year, the Borough will team up with North Hills Community Outreach to serve as a drop-off location for ***Thanksgiving on Every Table***.

Donations will be accepted in the Municipal Building General Office:
October 17th - November 3rd, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

\$15 grocery store gift card
Large box of stuffing mix
Large box of instant mashed potatoes
Can of cranberry sauce
Cans of vegetables

Can of "easy" pumpkin pie mix
Can of evaporated milk
Muffin mix (especially corn)
Turkey gravy mix
Pie crust mix

WINTER STORMS... LET'S WORK TOGETHER

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

REMINDERS:

- Ordinance No. 202-2013 prohibits parking of vehicles on Borough roads during periods of snowfall, ice accumulation and inclement weather. Vehicles will be ticketed and fined.
- Do not shovel or plow snow into the street. Pile snow in your yard area.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS:

Ordinance No. 660-2021 states snow must be removed from the sidewalk along your property within a reasonable time but not later than 24 hours after a cessation of snowfall. Fire hydrants should also be kept clear of snow.



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UPDATE ON PARKS, GREEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION

ACORN PARK: The Borough received approval from DCNR in 2020 for a grant to make major improvements to the 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 pump track to replace the existing asphalt court. DCNR had recommended this grant be funded through the National Park Service. After 2 years of waiting, DCNR recently contacted the NPS and received approval to revert to state funding for this project. We hope to begin work early next year.

BLUEBERRY HILL PARK: A 3-acre parcel located between Blueberry Hill Park and Interstate 279 was recently donated to the Borough. We anticipate extending the existing trail through the new property.

LINBROOK PARK: The Borough completed the installation of the Lenzner-O'Keefe Pavilion and added additional parking in the upper level.

OLD ORCHARD PARK: The Audubon Society of Western PA has completed its preliminary review of the natural area recently named the Mel Lubert Nature Preserve. They identified an invasive species of grass that the Borough must remove before the area can be converted to a bird/pollinator habitat.

2634 BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK ROAD: Two adjacent properties, totaling 10 acres, were purchased in November of 2020. The Borough continues to evaluate the farmhouse (1830's log house), barn and summer kitchen to determine whether they can be restored. Preliminary indications are the farmhouse still retains much of its original log structure. In addition, the Borough installed a community garden at the site with 10 plots that are currently being tended by residents of the Borough.

BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK ROAD: As of this writing the Borough anticipates closing on the purchase of this 25-acre property located directly adjacent to the 2634 Big Sewickley Creek Road properties in early September. The property will be an extension of the current park system and is anticipated to be utilized for passive recreation (walking and biking trails and picnic areas).

ALLEGHENY GREEN WEB VISION MAP: The purchase of the Big Sewickley Creek Road property will put the properties needed to complete the arterial connection of the Allegheny Green Web coalition proposed trail through Franklin Park under the control of either the Borough or the Allegheny Land Trust. You can view the map by visiting the Allegheny Green Web website and clicking on the Vision Map.

In addition to the above properties, the Borough owns several other properties that are preserved as green space, including but not limited to:

- 8 acres along Wexford Run Road through which Pine Creek flows.
- 21 acres along Magee Road Extension through which Little Sewickley Creek flows.
- 7 acres between Cole Road and Matterhorn Drive.
- 6 acres between Wedgewood Drive and Pioneer Drive through which Fish Run flows.
- 5 acres between Wedgewood Drive, Elkridge Drive and Barnwood Drive through which Fish Run flows.

In the coming year the Borough will be working on updating the 2015 Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan to determine the recreational needs of the Borough, incorporate additional properties, add environmental conservation components, and lay out the best use of the various Borough properties to meet future needs.

PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY RENTALS

BLUEBERRY HILL PARK ACTIVITY CENTER, MAPLE GROVE PAVILION AND GAZEBO RENTALS FOR 2024



According to Borough Policy, the Borough will begin accepting applications for rental of the Activity Center, Maple Grove Pavilion and Gazebo for all 2024 dates. **Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning the first Monday of March 2023 at 9:00 AM.** Non-residents may submit applications beginning Monday, March 20, 2023.

In order to secure a date, the Borough must receive a completed rental permit packet and appropriate checks made out to "Franklin Park Borough". We cannot reserve your requested date until we receive these items. Rental permit packets and policies can be downloaded from our website at www.franklinparkborough.us. 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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RECREATION PROGRAMS



Soccer Shots

Who: Ages 8 and under

Where: Blueberry Hill Park

When: Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday

Fall classes start Nov. 1

More information and sign up at soccershots.com/pittsburgh



Champion Force Cheerleading

Who: Ages 4-15 years old

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

When: Wednesdays starting September 7

Registration and information at www.championforce.com

FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies



Winterfest 2023

Who: Ages 6-12 years old

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

When: Monday, February 23, 2023: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

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

Outdoor Activities (weather permitting!!)

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



Indoor Activities

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

Pre-registration is **REQUIRED**, space is limited

Register at www.franklinparkborough.us



COMMUNITY EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2022, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park—Parks and Rec) page for more details. **Limited capacity. Register online.**

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

Halloween door-to-door Trick or Treat

will be held on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022

from 6:00 pm — 8:00 pm



MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA CLAUS

Come to our meet and greet with Santa scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin park - Parks and Rec) page for more details. **All families must be pre-registered.**

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

WHO: Entire Family
WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center
WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2022

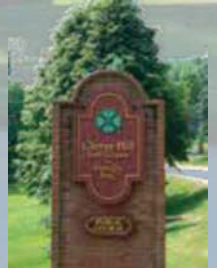
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For more information visit the Franklin Park Borough website at www.franklinparkborough.us or use the QR Code.



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Digital Newsletter

To keep residents better informed and up to date, the Borough has developed a monthly digital newsletter. To receive this new newsletter, you will need to sign up for Notify Me and select the digital newsletter option. If you are already signed up for Notify Me, you will need to sign in and add the Digital Newsletter as one of your selections.

Previously released digital newsletters can be viewed on our website at www.franklinparkborough.us/424/Digital-Newsletters or use the QR code.



Plan on visiting the Borough Building? Here's where to go.....

Upper Level (main entrance):

Administration: Borough Manager, Borough Secretary

General Office: General questions or issues. solicitation permits, yard waste permits, leaf bag purchases, discount park ticket purchases, trash/recycling issues.

Parks and Recreation: Facility and court rentals, recreation programs and events.

www.franklinparkborough.us/31/Recreation

Real Estate Tax Collector: Collection of local and school real estate taxes (go to window inside first lobby).

www.franklinparkborough.us/237/Property-Tax

Treasurer/Financial Coordinator

Lower Level (rear of building):

Building and Zoning: Building permits, zoning and conditional use applications, property subdivisions and developments, Fire official, sign enforcement, ordinance enforcement, property files.

www.franklinparkborough.us/156/3332/Building-Zoning-and-Fire-Official

Public Works: Road conditions/paving, brush chipping, leaf bag collection, Christmas tree collection, snow removal, millings. www.franklinparkborough.us/149/Public-Works

Police Department: (Entrance door at end of building near large visitor parking lot, must ring bell)

Police/accident reports, fingerprints, medication disposal box, child passenger seat checks, speak to a police officer, lost dogs. www.franklinparkborough.us/165/Police-Department

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



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

Dates to Remember

Borough Tax Bills Mailed: May 1

2% Discount	May-June 30
Face	July-August 31
10% Penalty	After August 31

School Tax Bills Mailed: July 1

2% Discount	July –August 31
Face	September-October 31
10% Penalty	After October 31

- If you do not receive a tax bill, you are responsible for obtaining one by calling or stopping into the tax office. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve any taxpayer from liability of paying taxes.
- The Real Estate Tax Collector cannot accept post-dated checks.
- If you have refinanced your mortgage and have an escrow account with a different bank or mortgage lender, please notify the Tax Office so your tax statement can be redirected.

Use the QR Code for more information regarding real estate taxes or visit our website at www.franklinparkborough.us.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

www.franklinparkvfc158.org

Main Station: 412-364-5670

SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT

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

The annual visit of Santa Claus sponsored by the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Co. will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, from 1:00PM—5:00PM. Santa will be riding on the fire truck and will travel over all streets and roads. Parents should listen for the fire truck siren and escort younger children to the truck to receive a candy present from Santa.

WATCH FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MAILING

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

We are an IRS registered 501(c)4 non profit, so all donations made to the Fire Company are tax deductible for most people.

POLICE NEWS

Office: 412-364-1227

Non-Emergency: 412-473-3056



FREE CHILD PASSENGER SEAT CHECKS

The Franklin Park Police Department now has two Officers that are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. These Officers are certified through NHTSA and Safe Kids Worldwide. These Officers 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 during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm. The Police Department can be reached at 412-364-1227.

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.



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