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- Regular Meeting — held the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM.
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2023 Budget Executive Summary

General Fund (GF)

The Borough's present financial position will allow Franklin Park to fund the current level of services being provided, the initiatives established by Council and Mayor and many of the additional services and projects proposed by the department directors without any change in the tax rate. The 2023 Budget prioritizes the maintenance of infrastructure, IT upgrades, and upgrades to Acorn Park. In determining which projects to approve, Borough Council and Mayor had to balance competing interests of all departments. The need to maintain local roads, stormwater systems, recreation facilities, public safety and other services were fully evaluated during the budget process.

The 2023 GF beginning unrestricted cash balance is projected to be \$3,943,392. Of that amount, \$2,151,200 will be used to balance the 2023 General Fund Budget. General Fund revenues, net of cash reserves transferred in, are expected to decrease \$632,400 (5.4%) over the 2022 projected actual level. The Borough received loan proceeds of \$690,000 and American Recovery Plan Act grant funds of \$783,900 in 2022. These were one-time inflows in 2022 that will not be realized again in 2023.

2023 General Fund budgeted expenditures are projected to increase \$948,592 (7.7%) over the 2022 projected actual level. Included in 2023 is a transfer of \$1,671,000 to cover expenditures in the Capital Reserve Fund. The Borough should finish 2023 with an unrestricted cash balance of \$1,792,192, which equals 16.18% of budgeted revenue. A year-end cash balance is necessary to finance the Borough's operations for the first four months of the year. Municipalities generally experience a cash flow shortfall during the first four months of each year.

The major General Fund initiatives in this year's budget include:

- \$1,146,000 for labor and materials to repair and repave 4.41 miles of roads
- \$363,200 contribution to the Northland Library
- \$250,000 for in-house labor and materials for improvements to Acorn Park
- \$250,000 for contracted concrete curb repairs and replacement
- \$243,000 for stormwater pipe and catch basin repairs and maintenance
- \$105,500 contribution to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority
- \$95,000 to upgrade the audio and visual components of the Borough Council Meeting Room as well as improve online presentation of the meetings, and to make additional IT upgrades

Fire Protection Fund. (Established in 2016)

With financial backing of the Borough, the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company built a new fire station in 2017. The new station culminated a three-year effort by the VFC and the Borough, which enhances the VFC's ability to provide up to date fire and rescue services to the residents of our community. The Fire Protection Fund also includes costs for related activities such as annual inspection of businesses for compliance to the National Fire Code, fire hydrant service charges, etc.

The funding arrangement agreed to by Council, Mayor and the VFC provides the resources necessary to finance the planned future replacement of pieces of apparatus and to purchase additional pieces which may be necessary. The funding plan projects the needs of the VFC well into 2040; however, each year at budget time the plan is reviewed and updated, as necessary.

Clover Hill Golf Course

In 2022 CHGC experienced a record year for rounds played and revenue generated. This allowed CHGC to pay down its advance from the General Fund. Expected continued high levels of play in 2023 will allow CHGC to further pay down its balance due to the General Fund.

2023 Budget Executive Summary

Capital Reserve

The Capital Reserve Fund is expected to begin 2023 with a cash balance of \$119,700. Projects and purchases planned in 2023 will require a \$1,671,000 transfer from the General Fund. Major projects to be expended from this fund in 2023 include:

- \$1,000,000 for stream bank restoration and storm water detention facility retrofitting as required under the MS4 program.
- \$250,000 for materials and contracted services for major upgrades and improvements to Acorn Park, to be financed in part through a grant from DCNR
- \$155,200 for the replacement of various pieces of Public Works equipment
- \$90,000 for consulting work on an update to the Parks Comprehensive Plan, including further analysis of the log house on Big Sewickley Creek Road
- \$82,800 for the replacement of a Parks wide-area mower
- \$45,000 for Borough Building/PW Building fire/security upgrades
- \$30,000 for Municipal Complex grounds landscaping/buffer improvements
- \$20,000 for security camera upgrades in parks

Highway Aid - Liquid Fuels

Each time Pennsylvania citizens purchase gasoline they pay a liquid fuels tax that by law must be used for highway/road related expenditures. Every year the State of Pennsylvania returns a portion of this tax to each municipality.

The Borough enters the 2022-2023 winter with a full salt shed. As in prior years, contracts through the North Hills Council of Governments and PennDOT require that a minimum amount of salt be purchased to guarantee the prices offered.

In 2023 it is estimated the Borough will receive \$449,000 in Liquid Fuels revenues, an increase of \$5,445 (1.2%) from 2022. In addition, the Borough will receive \$20,800 for state roads which the Borough took over and maintains for snow and ice removal. That amount is unchanged from 2022. The total Liquid Fuels budget is \$471,000.

The complete budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan can be found on the Borough website.

FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

At the end of the season gardeners were surveyed about their successes.....and failures. Based on the results of the survey, improvements were planned for this season. This year's garden will include ten raised beds with mulch paths between the beds. The entire garden space is enclosed with a deer-proof fence and a locked gate. Each bed is filled with a mix of soil, horse manure, and compost and the borough provides water and straw for mulch. The garden opens in April for early crops like peas and lettuce and closes in November after the first frost. Gardeners are encouraged to grow organically and to attract pollinators and beneficial insects to their plots. To cover the borough's costs, seasonal rental for each plot is \$60.

If you are interested in a community garden plot contact Donna Platt by email at dplatt@franklinparkborough.us or by phone at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302. Gardeners must be Franklin Park Borough residents. The deadline for reserving a plot is March 15, 2023.



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. The Borough has received a Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant in the amount of \$200,900 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help offset the cost.
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. The Borough has received a Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant in the amount of \$190,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help offset the cost.
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.



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 recently completed a portion of the work 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.

DID YOU KNOW???

Governor Wolf signed a Turfgrass Fertilizer Bill (known as "Act 83 of 2022") into law. This new law governs turfgrass fertilizer application dates, practices, rates, and type of fertilizer used. The new law omits a controversial applicator licensing and certification program included in previous versions of the bill, but retains the following provisions for turfgrass fertilizer applicators:

- Applications near water
- Application of nitrogen
- Application of phosphorus
- Exceptions to nitrogen and phosphorus rate restrictions
- Impervious surfaces
- Conditions and date restrictions
- Equipment



You can view the full article from PennState Extension by utilizing the QR Code provided.

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

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



SPRING LEAF BAG COLLECTION DATES*

Weeks of April 3 and April 10, 2023

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

Only leaves in biodegradable paper bags will be collected.

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

SPRING BRUSH CHIPPING*

Monday, April 3, 2023

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

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

No thorn bushes will be accepted.

YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITES

For Franklin Park Borough Residents Only.

By Permit Only.

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

Wood chips and leaf compost are free to Borough residents only and are located in Blueberry Hill Park, near McDevitt Road. Leaf mulch will be available at the park in the Spring.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP ANYTHING IN BOROUGH PARK DUMPSTERS OR IN ANY GARBAGE OR RECYCLING DUMPSTER ON BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY EXCEPT FOR THOSE DESIGNATED FOR CARDBOARD AND GLASS

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



WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Waste Management of Pennsylvania is the current contracted refuse and recycling hauler for Franklin Park Borough. **For customer service, call Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460** or visit www.wm.com 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 requires business establishments, office buildings, churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to recycle the following material:

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

New Recycling Containers

As you travel around the borough or possibly in your own neighborhood you may notice some residents have different recycling containers that are black with a blue lid. These containers are being transitioned in by Waste Management too make all their recycling containers uniform throughout the area. All new homes or bins that need exchanged out for size or replacement will receive a black bin. The current bins will not be exchanged upon request.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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

Corrugated Cardboard Recycling*

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

Glass Recycling

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

REFUSE AND RECYCLING



DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITING

**NO SOLICITING
PLEASE**



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

Chapter 154 of the Borough Code requires every person who engages in door-to-door sales to be registered with the Borough by applying for and obtaining a Solicitation Permit. It is illegal to conduct door to door sales unless the solicitor has completed the application process and has been issued a Solicitation Permit (laminated card with photo). Based on a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court political, religious, and certain non-profit organizations are exempt from the Borough's solicitation requirements.

The issued permit should be visible on each solicitor. Before purchasing any products or services, check for the Borough issued identification card/permit. If the salesperson does not have this credential (laminated card with photo), we urge you to call 9-1-1- or the Franklin Park Police Department (during normal business hours) at 412-364-1227, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, to report the incident. You can also contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, x302 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, to verify if the organization is registered with the Borough.

If you do not wish to have commercial solicitors approach your door, we do maintain a “No Solicitation” list and offer “No Soliciting” stickers to be placed on your door. You can be placed on the list and/or request a sticker through the website at <https://www.franklinparkborough.us/407/No-Solicitation-List> or utilize the QR Code above, by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Subscribe to No Solicitation List form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download the form and submit the completed form either by mail, in-person, placing it in the drop-off box or by email to dplatt@franklinparkborough.us.

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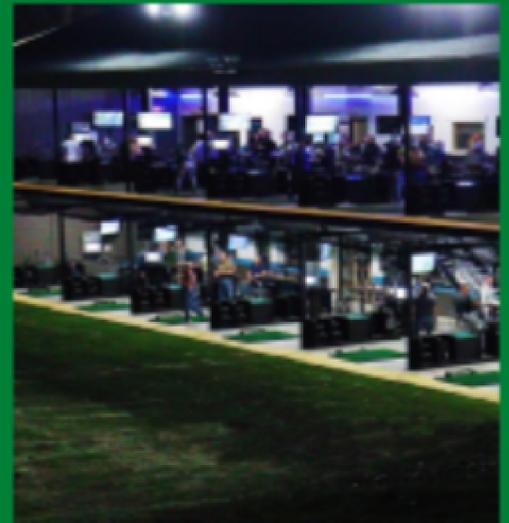


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FRANKLIN PARK TURNS 200 IN 2023

This year, the Borough of Franklin Park (formerly Franklin Township) turns 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. Also, please sign up for our E-Newsletter to receive monthly updates on what is being planned.

Family Sponsorships Available

As you know, 2023 is our Bicentennial Anniversary with celebratory events scheduled throughout the year that residents can participate in. We have several historic sites in the Borough that are important to our history such as the log cabin in Blueberry Hill Park and the log cabin and barn on property acquired on Big Sewickley Creek Road. If your family is interested in preserving these historic sites, consider becoming a Family Sponsor for \$200. As a Family Sponsor your family's name will be recognized on the Borough's website. Other sponsorship levels are also available. We wanted to give residents an opportunity to be involved in maintaining our history for future generations. For more information check out our Bicentennial website page and view the Bicentennial brochure!

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7th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A heartfelt thanks to the generosity of so many residents that helped make our 7th Annual Thanksgiving on Every Table Food Drive a great success. Along with the Franklin Park community a special thanks goes out to Franklin Elementary School. Through the volume of donations we received, several families in need had a Thanksgiving meal on their table! One and a half truck loads of non-perishable food items as well as gift cards totaling \$325 were delivered to North Hills Community Outreach.



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SPRING ROADSIDE LITTER CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 29, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

The Franklin Park Environmental Advisory Council will be leading a roadside litter cleanup event on Saturday, April 29th at 10 AM along McAleer Road. We are looking for people who want to make a big difference in cleaning up litter in Franklin Park. Last spring, we cleaned up a ½ mile stretch along Nicholson Road and removed 31 bags of trash and many car parts. This year, we will tackle a ½ mile stretch along McAleer Road from the Ohio Township line. Police traffic control, safety vests, gloves, and bags will be provided. The crew will meet at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center at 9:45 AM. Want to volunteer and be a “litter getter”? Send an email to dplatt@franklinparkborough or call the Borough office at 412-364-4115, extension 302 to let us know you will attend.

ACORN PARK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

In 2019, at the behest of the Franklin Park Environmental Advisory Council, the Borough contracted with the Allegheny Land Trust to develop an Acorn Park Master Management Plan. One of the Plan goals was to restore and maintain a quality hardwood forest with adequate habitat for wildlife. The EAC identified an opportunity to identify and remove invasive species and introduce native trees and plants to improve the wildlife value of the forest. Unfortunately, COVID-19 arrived before a volunteer day could be scheduled.

As stated in the ACORN PARK UPGRADES article below, work will begin this year on the improvements to Acorn Park. The EAC will be scheduling a volunteer day later this year to coincide with the work being done in the park. Stay tuned to learn more about this opportunity to help improve the natural environment in the park.

ACORN PARK UPGRADES

In the spring of 2020, the Borough applied for a grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to help pay for proposed improvements to Acorn Park. DCNR gave preliminary approval in the fall of 2020, subject to further approval by the National Park Service. After 2 years of waiting, DCNR brought the application back to the state level and formally approved the grant, in the amount of \$662,328.

Work is expected to begin in the spring of this year and be completed by the end of 2024. Upgrades will include:

- formalized 5’ wide trails for hiking and biking.
- bridges at the 3 Little Sewickley Creek stream crossings.
- benches and observation decks placed along the trails.
- an outdoor classroom.
- an updated playground with a nature theme.
- a bicycle pump track to replace the existing asphalt court.
- ADA accessibility to the playground, outdoor classroom and pump track, and an ADA accessible trail loop.
- electricity and wifi access.
- signage throughout the park identifying important components of this ecosystem with links for more information and ways you can help maintain the natural setting.

During construction, there will be times when the park is not available for parking. We will keep you updated through our e-newsletter and on our website.



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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS?**

Sign up for "Notify Me"

Go to www.franklinparkborough.us

At the Home Page you can 1) click on "Create an Account" in the upper left-hand corner and follow the directions, 2) click on "Sign up for Notifications" under the Service Area tab then click on "Sign In", or click on the QR Code provided.



MONTHLY 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.



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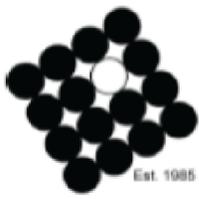
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY RENTALS FOR 2024 BLUEBERRY HILL PARK, OLD ORCHARD PARK, and LINBOOK PARK RENTALS

According to Borough Policy, the Borough will begin accepting applications for rental of the Activity Center, Maple Grove Pavilion, Gazebo, Old Orchard Pavilion, and Linbrook Shelters for all 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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PROGRAMS

Champion Force Cheerleading

Who: Ages 4-15 years old

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

When: Wednesdays

FB: Champion Force - Franklin Park Rubies

Registration and information at
www.championforce.com



Flag Football League

Who: Ages 5-13 years old

Where: Blueberry Hill Park Lower Meadow

When: Sundays, April 16 - May 21

Information at www.playnowpgh.com



Soccer Shots

Who: Ages 8 and under

Where: Blueberry Hill Park

When: Monday, Thursday, or Saturday

Spring classes start March 18

Summer classes start June 3

Fall classes start August 19



Who: Ages 8 and under

Where: Linbrook Park

When: Tuesday or Friday

Spring classes start March 21

Summer classes start June 6

Fall classes start August

More information and sign up at soccershots.com/pittsburgh



Summer Camps

Ultimate Sports Camp

Who: Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-13
Where: Blueberry Hill Park
When: June 12 - June 16
June 26 - June 30
July 10 - July 14
August 7 - August 11
Information at www.playnowpgh.com



Flag Football Camp

Who: Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-14
Where: Blueberry Hill Park
When: July 17 - July 21
Information at www.playnowpgh.com



EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

Who: Ages 8-11
Where: Blueberry Hill Park
When: **Friday, March 31**
Who: Ages 0-2, 3-4, 5-7
Where: Blueberry Hill Park
When: **Saturday, April 1**



REGISTRATION LIMITED AND REQUIRED

National Night Out

Where: Franklin Park Municipal Building
When: Tuesday, August 1
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Ben's Blueberry 5k

Where: Blueberry Hill Park
When: Saturday, September 9
What: 5k Trail Fun Run

Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Monday, July 24 at Shannopin Country Club

For additional information contact Donna Platt at 412.364.4115 x302 or dplatt@franklinparkborough.us



Festival in the Park and Bicentennial Celebration Saturday, June 24 2023



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



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PETS IN OUR COMMUNITY PARKS

Residents and visitors of Franklin Park Borough are privileged to have access to beautiful parks and recreation areas within the Borough.

However, some dog owners are not living up to their responsibilities and, in fact, are violating State law and Borough ordinances at the same time. Visitors of the parks are letting their dogs run loose in the park and/or not picking up after their pets, even though the Borough provides pet waste stations. This activity can be an annoyance to other park visitors and can be a health hazard to the young children who use the parks.



Park rules allow for pets, but they must be on a physical leash (not electronic) and pet waste must be picked up.

We appreciate your cooperation.

MEETUP SPOT

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



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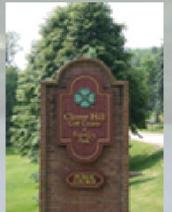
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For more information visit the Franklin Park Borough website at www.franklinparkborough.us or click on the QR Code.



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MESSAGE FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Kristin Losco, Real Estate Tax Collector
2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-364-4848 kristinlosco@gmail.com

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



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

Franklin Park Borough Tax

Borough Millage 1.29 (2022)

Operate on a Calendar Year

Borough tax bills mailed May 1st

2% Discount May — June 30

Face July — August 31

10% Penalty After August 31

*Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program

North Allegheny School Tax

School Millage 19.7400 (2022 — 2023)

Operate on a Fiscal Year

Borough tax bills mailed July 1st

2% Discount July — August 31

Face September — October 31

10% Penalty After October 31

*Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion

THERE ARE NO GRACE PERIODS/NO EXCEPTIONS

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10AM—Noon

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

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



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SENIOR CITIZEN TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

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

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

- » Property Ownership: Must have owned and occupied a primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years.
- » Age: Must be age 60 or older, or if married either spouse must be age 60

Be a widow or widower and age 50

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

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

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

HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION INSTALLMENT PROGRAM

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

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

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

REAL ESTATE CHECKLIST

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

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

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



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