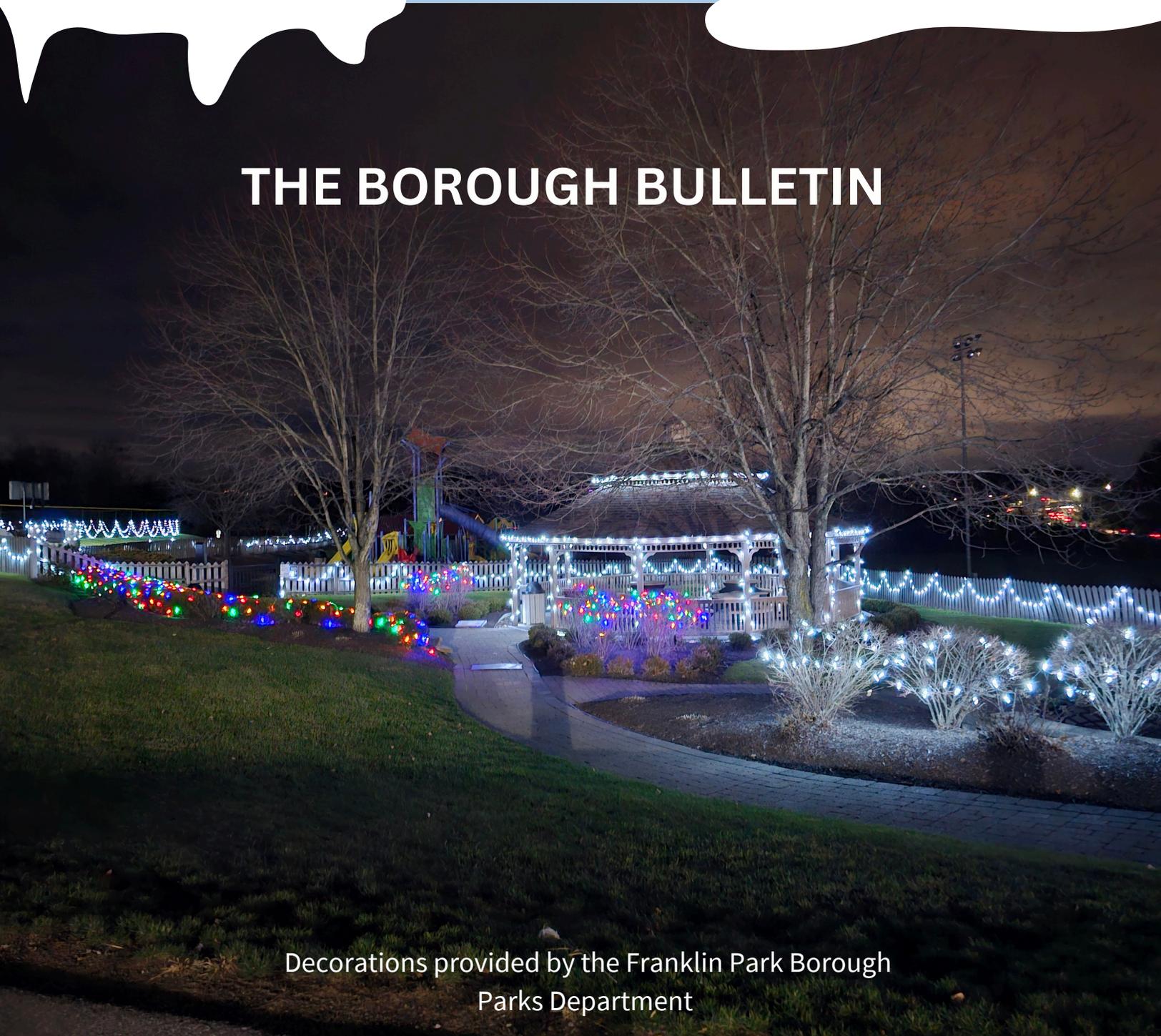


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FALL 2024

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

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

# YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

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



## **FALL LEAF BAG COLLECTION DATES\***

**Weeks of October 21, November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 2024**

**(The weeks of October 28 and November 25 will be skipped due to Halloween and Thanksgiving)**

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

Only leaves in biodegradable paper bags will be collected.

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

## **FALL BRUSH CHIPPING\***

**Monday, November 4, 2024**

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

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

No thorn bushes will be accepted.

## **YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITES**

For Franklin Park Borough Residents Only - Permit Required

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.

(Please note: The yard waste sites will be closed Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 26 - 28 the week of the Festival in the Park and will reopen on Sunday, June 29th.)

## **CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES**

**The weeks of January 6 and January 13, 2025**

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

DO NOT leave plastic or any decorations on the tree.

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

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



# WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

## REFUSE GUIDELINES

Garbage should be placed at the curb NO EARLIER THAN 4:00 pm on the evening before your scheduled pick up day but must be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 am the day of collection. 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, 2 and 5
- Bi-metal, steel and aluminum cans
- Corrugated cardboard\* (see below)
- Paper and cardboard food boxes
- Glass - bottles, jars, jugs

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

### COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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

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

## ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

“At Your Door” special collection through Waste Management. Includes items such as e-waste (TVs, computers etc,) paint, vehicle/household batteries, garden chemicals, etc. To schedule a collection call 1-800-449-7587.

### Corrugated Cardboard Recycling\*

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

### Glass Recycling

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

REFUSE AND RECYCLING



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



# STREAM WATER QUALITY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The first of four MS4 projects to be constructed in the Borough is nearing completion. The Matterhorn Detention Pond Retrofit, located off of Wexford Run Road, has been under construction by DemEx, LLC, and consists of converting the stormwater detention facility to an infiltration facility. The detention pond is approximately 10,900 square feet, and the cost to convert it is approximately \$299,790. The remaining projects are expected to be completed in 2025.

Please visit our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) to read more about these issues, what the Borough is doing, and what you can do as a property owner. You can access this information by clicking on the Stream Health (MS4) and Stormwater Management tab located under Service Area on the left side of the home page. If you have a stream on your property, or you are a homeowner interested in helping to contain stormwater runoff on your property, please email your interest to Donna Platt at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us). We will put you on an email list to receive information and educational opportunities as they become available.



## SHOULD FRANKLIN PARK CONSIDER ADOPTING A HOME RULE CHARTER?

Borough Council and Mayor have begun researching the possibility of giving residents the option to transition to a Home Rule form of governing. To borrow from the Pennsylvania Governor's Center for Local Government Services, "The basic concept of home rule is relatively simple. The basic authority to act in municipal affairs is transferred from state law, as set forth by the General Assembly, to a local charter, adopted and amended by the voters." The decision to consider adopting a Home Rule Charter and to proceed with the creation of a Home Rule Study Commission is done through a referendum to be voted on by residents of the Borough. In addition, if the Study Commission decides to proceed with drafting a Home Rule Charter, that document must also be approved by voters via referendum. As of 2023, according to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, there were 6 counties (including Allegheny) and 102 cities/municipalities in Pennsylvania that had adopted home rule or optional charters. Included on this list are the neighboring communities of Bradford Woods, Hampton, Indiana, McCandless, O'Hara, Pine and Richland.

Borough Council and Mayor are in the process of speaking with others who have gone through this process. As we proceed, we will continue adding information to our website. We encourage you to visit our website to view the DCED document Home Rule in Pennsylvania, as well as additional information and upcoming meetings and deadlines.

2024  
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**JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON**

We would like to recognize Julia O'Keefe for serving as Junior Council Person during the 2023-2024 school year. At the August 21, 2024 Council meeting, Mila Deli will take the Junior Council Person Pledge to serve for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are a young adult and have an idea or suggestion, email your Junior Council Person at [juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:juniorcouncilperson@franklinparkborough.us).

**Maher Duessel performs audit, tax, and consulting services for local governments and non-profits throughout Western Pennsylvania.**

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**RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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



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Franklin Park Borough will be holding its second Salute to Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. All veterans are welcome, no matter when, where or how long you served. The breakfast is to honor the service of the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our nation's armed forces. If you are a veteran or know a veteran who you think would like to attend, please reach out to Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

### BREAKFAST SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Franklin Park Borough is looking for sponsors for the Salute to Veterans breakfast on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. The event is to honor, support and celebrate all veterans. There are three levels of sponsorships available for the breakfast. The sponsorships will help offset the cost of the event:

**Gold Sponsor** - \$1,500

(includes a 1/4 page ad in our Borough newsletter)

**Silver Sponsor** - \$1,000

(includes a 1/8 page ad in our Borough newsletter)

**Bronze Sponsor** - \$500

Each sponsorship level will include 2 tickets to the breakfast, banner signage indicating event sponsorship, and recognition in Borough publications.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor at any level please contact Donna Platt at 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us). Thank you for your consideration.

SALUTE TO VETERANS BREAKFAST SPONSORS

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# ACORN PARK UPGRADES



We are pleased to announce that the Borough has received the required permits from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to proceed with the planned upgrades to Acorn Park. As stated in previous articles in the Borough Newsletter, this project is being funded in part by a \$662,328 grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). In addition, the Borough received a \$215,000 grant from the Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund. The entire project is expected to cost approximately \$1.7 million. Independent Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, has been awarded the contract for a majority of the work to be done. Park improvements will include:

- Mountain bike pump track with bike wash
- Outdoor classroom gazebo with bench seating
- New playground equipment with a nature theme
- New entryway with increased parking and permeable pavers utilized for parking spaces
- Rain garden to capture and control runoff from the parking lot and pump track
- Public restrooms
- An ADA accessible trail connecting the parking lot to the outdoor classroom
- Formalized walking and biking trails running throughout the property, with 2 bridge crossings over Little Sewickley Creek and observation decks and benches at various points along the trails
- Electricity and wi-fi access

The project began with Borough employees removing the playground and the existing asphalt, and Tall Timber Tree Experts removing approximately 75 trees, some of which have been impacted by oak wilt, in the construction area. Independent Enterprises began the earth moving and construction work the week of August 26. We anticipate having the majority of the work done by the end of the year, with some trail work and possible planting carrying over into early 2025. All work should be completed by the spring of 2025. During construction, we will be required to close the park to ensure resident safety.

Once installation of the infrastructure has been completed, the plans call for Borough employees to plant 17 trees and 42 shrubs in the area that has been disturbed, and 22 trees, 227 shrubs and 361 perennials in 2 locations along Little Sewickley Creek to improve the riparian buffer and protect the health of the stream. The tree/plant selection was recommended by a Landscape Architect and reviewed by the Borough Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), DCNR, and DEP. In addition, Borough Council has pledged to plant 3 trees for every 1 removed. The EAC will recommend the trees to be planted, with the focus on utilizing a variety of trees native to Western Pennsylvania, some of which do not currently exist in the park. Introducing more diversity helps to provide pest and disease resistance for the canopy and offers additional food and habitat opportunities for wildlife.

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**Franklin Park Bicentennial  
Christmas Ornament  
2023**

The Borough had a Bicentennial Stocking Christmas ornament from Wendell August Forge made as a 200th Anniversary (1823-2023) keepsake. You can purchase one or more of these limited number ornaments at the Franklin Park Municipal Building. The ornament showcases our new logo and can be purchased for \$20.00. All proceeds benefit the preservation of historic places in Franklin Park.

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## ENHANCING OUR GREEN SPACE

The pollinator garden that was planted by a local girl scout troop at the municipal building was the talk of the town this Spring. Seeds were planted last fall that contained native and pollinator plants. Visitors used the path through the garden to admire and photograph the flowers. In addition to the garden, a little library was constructed and donated as an Eagle Scout project full of enjoyable reading material and tables where you can come and enjoy your book with a snack or light lunch. Below are pictures of the beautiful garden.



A pollinator garden was planted this spring at Old Orchard Park above the existing rain garden. The garden was donated by girl scouts as a memorial to their friend and fellow scout who passed away. The garden includes many native plants, flowers and shrubs. Visitors may use the path to enjoy a stroll through the garden or sit on the benches in a quiet nook, to relax and enjoy a book from the little free library constructed and donated by a local girl scout troop.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## FACILITY RENTALS FOR 2026 BLUEBERRY HILL PARK, OLD ORCHARD PARK, and LINBOOK PARK

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 2026 dates. **Franklin Park Borough residents will have first opportunity to rent our facilities beginning Monday, March 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM.** Non-residents may submit the rental permit application packet beginning Monday, March 17, 2025.

In order to secure a date, the Borough must receive a completed rental permit application packet and appropriate checks made out to “Franklin Park Borough”. We cannot reserve your requested date until we receive these items. Rental permit packets and policies can be downloaded from our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us). Under the “Recreation” tab go to “Facility/Court Rentals” or use the QR Code below and click on the appropriate venue. Please read all information thoroughly then call Zach Brower at 412-364-4115, Ext. 347 with any questions. Must be 21 years of age or older to rent any Franklin Park Borough facility.



## 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.



# RECREATION PROGRAMS

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



Fall classes start in August  
Fall 2.0 starts November  
Winter starts in January

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

## Flag Football League



Who: Ages 5 - 13  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park  
When: Sundays  
Oct. 6 - Nov. 10

## Champion Force Cheerleading

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



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

## Winterfest 2025

Who: Ages 6-12 years old  
Where: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center  
When: Monday, February 17, 2025: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM



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

### Outdoor Activities (weather permitting!!)

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

### Indoor Activities

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

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



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



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## HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Annual Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26, 2024**, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park—Parks and Rec) page for more details. **Limited capacity. Scan the QR Code above to register online.**



EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.

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

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**  
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 14, 2024, at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center. Check our website and Facebook (Franklin Park - Parks and Rec) page for more details.

**All families must be pre-registered. Scan the QR Code above to register online.**

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

WHO: Entire Family

WHERE: Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2024

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## RENTAL PROPERTIES

### TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS/RENTERS:

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

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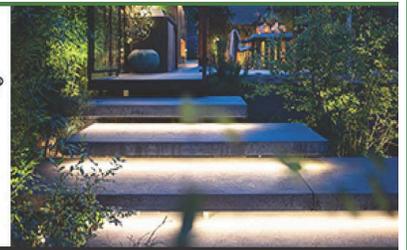
Donations will be accepted in the Municipal Building General Office:  
**October 14th - November 6th, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

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
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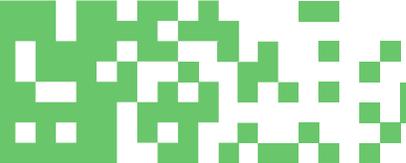
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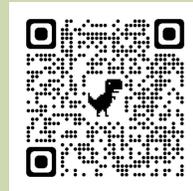
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## **HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATIONS**

### **Does your housing plan have a Homeowners’ Association?**

The Borough maintains a list of all homeowners’ associations and their president/contact’s name. The list is utilized when it is necessary to quickly provide information to the residents of a given neighborhood. Cancellation of events, gas leaks, crimes and safety concerns are examples of when the list is utilized. This information is especially needed for all new housing plans. If you would like to verify that we have contact information for your HOA please contact Donna Platt 412-364-4115, Ext. 302 or by email at [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us). You can provide any new information or changes to information by either of the following ways: 1) Complete the on-line Homeowners’ Association Contact Information Form and submit it electronically; or 2) Download and submit the completed form either in-person, by mail, in the drop-off box or by email to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

# 2024 FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

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On Monday, July 29, 2024, Franklin Park held its 21st Annual Community Scholarship Golf Outing. Thank you to all who donated and made this year's fund drive a huge success! Golfers enjoyed a continental breakfast, lunch, putting contest, prizes at many holes, a two year lease on a 2024 Hyundai Santa Fe (retail value \$25,000) prize on the hole in one contest courtesy of Wright Automotive Group, 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 — Senator Devlin Robinson; Devlin Robinson, Andrew Robinson, Nick Varischetti, Dennis Troy

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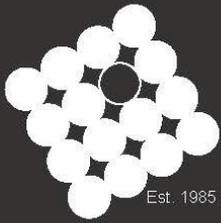
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# EAC NEWS

## REMARKABLE TREES OF FRANKLIN PARK

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

Nomination are now being accepted for 2024. Nomination forms can be downloaded or picked up at the Franklin Park Borough Office during normal business hours or completed and submitted online. Nomination forms not submitted online can be dropped off at the Borough Office or emailed to [dplatt@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:dplatt@franklinparkborough.us).

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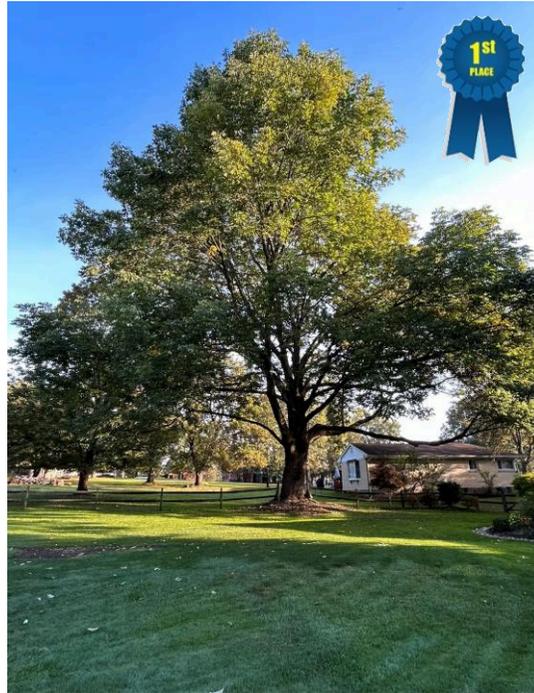
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## 2023 REMARKABLE TREE WINNER

### WHITE ASH TREE TRIMBLE ROAD



**White Ash**  
*Fraxinus americana*  
275 Years Old (est.)  
Trimble Road

This majestic White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*) tree located near Trimble Road is one of the larger ones remaining in the region from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation which invaded Western Pennsylvania c. 2007. With a measured circumference of 14.5 feet and a diameter of 55 inches, a formula published by the International Society of Arboriculture calculates it to be approximately 275 years old, although its owners, Francie & Alan Cech, and their tree professionals caring for it estimate it to be between 175 to over 200 years old. As best stated by Francie Cech in her nomination, “The age of this tree is remarkable, let alone the ‘stories it could tell’ of life, and change, in Franklin Park.”

#### Nominations are now being accepted for 2024!

If you know of a Remarkable Tree, please bring it to our attention by nominating it by December 1, 2024. Nomination forms are available at the Borough Office or online: [www.franklinparkborough.us/1434/News-from-the-EAC](http://www.franklinparkborough.us/1434/News-from-the-EAC)  
Winner for 2024 will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Soergel Orchards.



**Scarlet Oak**  
*Quercus coccinea*  
214 Years Old (est.)  
Fairlawn Drive

Stately oak tree with widespread crown. It is so grand you cannot come close to fitting your arms around its trunk. The large oak's acorns provide a food source and its branches a nesting source for wildlife, while its large crown provides shade and energy efficiency for the house.



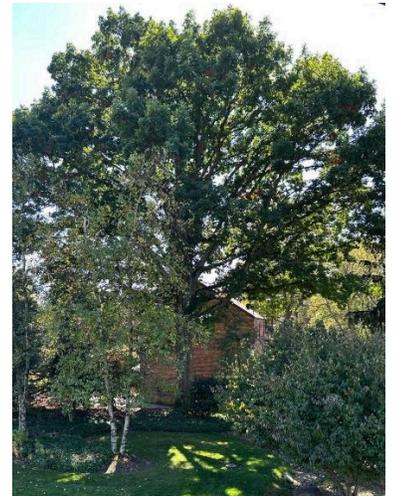
**Red Oak**  
*Quercus rubra*  
172 Years Old (est.)  
Ben Franklin Drive

Largest of a wonderful grove of Red Oaks and is likely to outlive us all. The grove's acorns act as a food source and branches a nesting asset for wildlife. The canopy gives shade and energy efficiency to the area.



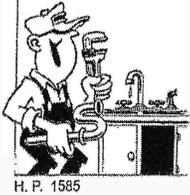
**Dawn Redwood**  
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*  
43 Years Old (est.)  
Alydar Drive

Once considered extinct from the Mesozoic Era age of dinosaurs, the World Conservation Union now classifies this deciduous tree as “critically endangered.” Its cones provide a food source and its close branches provide refuge for small birds and mammals.



**White Oak**  
*Quercus alba*  
202 Years Old (est.)  
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Snow Angels is a volunteer program designed to assist elderly and disabled residents with snow removal from sidewalks and driveways after a winter storm.

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

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

This is the second year of this program. If you were on the list last year as a volunteer or requiring assistance, please confirm with Donna Platt if you would like to continue volunteering or receiving assistance this year.

If you know of a neighbor that could use the help please volunteer to be their "Angel".



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



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

<b>Borough Tax Bills Mailed:</b> May 1		<b>School Tax Bills Mailed:</b> July 1	
2% Discount	May-June 30	2% Discount	July –August 31
Face	July-August 31	Face	September-October 31
10% Penalty	After August 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.

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



## WINTER REMINDERS

### WINTER STORMS... LET'S WORK TOGETHER

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

#### REMINDERS:

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

#### SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS:

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

### MAILBOXES VS. SNOWPLOWS

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



## **BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS**

If you are interested in serving on any one of the following boards, complete the application form available on our website at [www.franklinparkborough.us](http://www.franklinparkborough.us) under Borough Government then click on Boards and Commissions. The application should be submitted with a letter of interest and/or resume to Cathy Krummert at [ckrummert@franklinparkborough.us](mailto:ckrummert@franklinparkborough.us) which outlines your background and experience. When an opening occurs, Council will review the resumes submitted for that position then conduct interviews before making a final selection. Deadline for applications is November 15, 2024.

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:

Building Board of Appeals - 1 vacancy  
Civil Service Commission (Alternate Member) —1 vacancy  
Planning Commission - 1 vacancy  
Recreation Board - 1 vacancy  
Scholarship Selection Committee - 1 vacancy  
Zoning Hearing Board (Alternate Members) —2 vacancies



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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 Co. will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2024, 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. Donations should be sent to the fire department not the Franklin Park Borough offices.

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

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## ANNOUNCING OUR OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

The Franklin Park Police now have Facebook and Instagram social media pages. Follow us on Facebook at “Franklin Park Police” and on Instagram at “franklinparkpolice” or use the QR Codes below. Through these social media sites the Police Department will be sharing important information, including public safety advisories, traffic alerts, crime prevention tips, local events and department news to keep the community informed and connected.



Facebook QR Code



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## FRAUD ALERTS

The Franklin Park Borough Police Department has noticed an increase in fraud reports across all age groups. Please take the time to use the QR Code below to view tips from the FBI concerning Fraud on our Department's Fraud Alert page. (You can also check out Scams and Safety at [www.FBI.gov](http://www.FBI.gov) for more information or visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) to report fraud or identity theft.)



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