

Bethel Park CHRONICLES

The Official Bethel Park Municipal & School District Newsletter



Halloween
Trick-or-Treating is
Sunday, October 31,
from 6 - 8 PM



Welcome Back
to School!
School starts
Aug. 23



Pictured are Neil Armstrong students **Veronica Balkovec, Sydney Kellander, Ciera Erbrecht** and **Magnolia Cavagnaro** after winning "Battle of the Books" last May with their team, "The Read-A-Skeaters!"



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Kevin P. Bordeau, M.D.

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Bethel Park Community Day is Back!

Join us **Saturday, Sept. 25** to enjoy this wonderful community celebration! The event will once again kick off with a 9 a.m. parade beginning at the Municipal Building and ending at Bethel Park High School where Community Day festivities will run from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Watch for full details on our Facebook pages (“Bethel Park Municipality” & “Bethel Park Recreation & Community Center”) and our website – bethelpark.net.



*Highlights from prior
Community Day celebrations*

**Saturday,
Sept. 25
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Community Park Upgrades...

We're working towards improving and upgrading all of our Community Parks!

We know how important our parks are to the community. Keeping that in mind, our staff has been working hard to improve park function, amenities and appearance. While this project will be continuing through 2022, we've already completed a number of upgrades that we're happy to share!



↑ *Miners Memorial Park
Ribbon Cutting*

→ *Oak Tree Park*

↓ *Birch Tree Park*



Miners Memorial Park

Many residents expressed extremely positive feedback about the playground makeover at Miners Memorial Park which was completed last year and recently was commemorated with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (*postponed due to COVID last summer*).

Upgrades there included a variety of new equipment for children of all ages to enjoy, new ADA sidewalks, new fencing, an upgraded concession stand, new basketball courts, laser-leveling of all three fields along with a special infill mix, and storm water management upgrades.

“We really are working towards making our neighborhood parks a great place for families to come and enjoy.”

**Susan Dolinar,
Public Works
Director**

Millennium Park

According to Bethel Park's Director of Engineering **Stacey Graf**, a new synthetic turf infield Bronco Baseball Field is being installed at the site. And to go along with it, a new concession stand is being added by converting the current Public Works Garage. Other improvements include a new playground, updating the existing bathrooms, and putting a new stone face on the building's exterior.

An approximate half-mile loop walking path is being added around the perimeter of the all-purpose field and the existing baseball field.

“We know that parents like to walk while their children are practicing,” said Graf. “We're hoping they enjoy this new feature!”

Security cameras are also being installed at the park. The project began this past May and is scheduled for September completion.

Oak Tree and Birch Tree Parks

Area residents recently helped select new playground equipment for both of these parks with equipment scheduled for late fall installation. Oak Tree also received a new field that was installed and leveled, had an existing picnic shelter removed for a new upgraded shade structure and will receive a new Gaga Ball Pit by the year end. Gaga ball is a fun, fast-paced game for all ages!

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MANAGER'S CORNER



Laurence Christian

I hope you're enjoying your summer! It's going by quickly and before we know it, school will be back in session. And, all of us at the Municipality are wishing Bethel Park students a positive and productive school year!

Over the summer, you may have noticed the upgrades we've been making throughout our local community parks. Many already, or will be very soon, receiving new playground equipment selected by residents near the park location. This equipment is sturdy, colorful, fun and will lead to hours of enjoyment for children.

We're also in the midst of numerous upgrades for Millennium Park including installation of a new field, an updated walking track, and more. To see full updates, please visit our "Bethel Blog" found under the "Community" heading on our website – www.bethelpark.net.

We've also been busy taking care of the roads with the new Rejuvenator Program; this was the first time we tried this and we've been extremely pleased with the results. Rejuvenator extends the life of the roads in a cost-effective manner enabling us to have more funds for roads in need of complete paving. When you're reading this, we'll be in the midst of our paving program and plan to extend it in 2022.

Another initiative that's been going well is our effort to support local business. We created a Business Blog on our website (*found under "Community"*) where you'll find profiles and contact information from a variety of interesting local businesses. We're also working closely with the Bethel Park Chamber of Commerce and will be sharing these posts with them and sharing theirs as well on our Facebook page. And you'll notice that we're also now including a Local Business page in this issue of Chronicles and will continue to into the future.

Finally, after completing an IT upgrade in the Municipal Building and moving into our 2022 Strategic Planning phase, you'll find that we're more responsive to your requests and are continually working towards providing you with exceptional services and amenities!

PARK UPGRADES

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UPMC Field

A warning track was recently installed near the baseball field. A warning track is a dirt area that runs parallel to the field serving as a 'warning' to outfielders when they're close to a wall.

According to Public Works Director **Susan Dolinar**, another large part of the parks' overhaul is making them aesthetically pleasing removing brush, weeds, and old fencing and updating them with new plantings, fencing and more.

"We're really working to make the parks more appealing, especially the

entrances," said Dolinar. "We're also fixing any existing drainage issues. And, we have a 20-year tree specialist on staff, **Butch Ruscak**, who has been a tremendous help in evaluating trees that need pruning or removal."



Public Works staff

Dolinar also said that park signage is being re-evaluated as well. She and her staff have already started work on Pine Tree, Oak Tree and Miners Park, but she added that the overall project will take at least three years to complete.

"We really are working towards making our neighborhood parks a great place for families to come and enjoy," she said. "We want the parks to be easily identifiable, and for everyone to have a great experience while visiting them!"

Dolinar and her team will continue work this fall as long as weather permits and start up again in the spring.



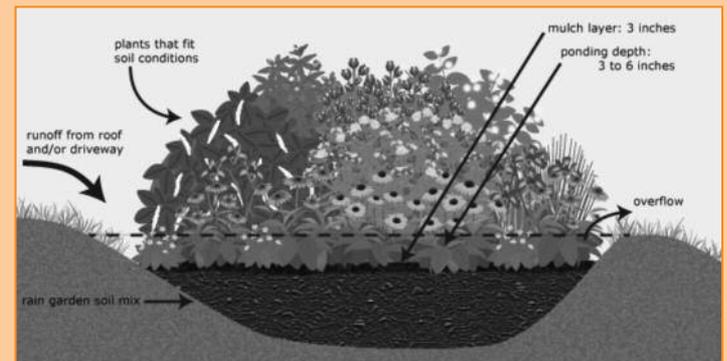
Public Works staff working on parks.

Bethel Blog

Did you know that the Municipality started several blogs? We have both a 'Bethel Blog' featuring Municipal information as well as a "Bethel Business Blog" focusing on local business owners.

To view them, visit www.bethelpark.net, click on 'Community,' and you'll find them both under the 'Connect with Us' header on the left.

Consider the Benefits of a Rain Garden!



A rain garden is a shallow, depressed garden area consisting of native shrubs and flowers which captures stormwater from impervious areas such as roofs, driveways, and parking lots. Rain gardens capture and slow the flow rate of stormwater, treat contaminated surface runoff, and dewater through both infiltration and evapotranspiration.

Rain gardens are a cost-effective means of bioretention, provide great habitat for local pollinators, and can add visual appeal to your property!

Did you know?

Rain gardens allow for up to 30% more water to soak into the ground as compared to conventional lawn!

www.groundwater.org/action/home/raingardens.html

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412-835-2207



MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT PROGRAMS

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Make an appointment to learn more about your laptop, e-reader, smart phone, or common software programs. Appointments are 45-minutes long. Bring your charged device and all relevant cords/cables. Don't have a device? Learn on one of our computers! These free classes include (*but not limited to*): Basic Internet, Email, Microsoft Word, 3D Printing & Windows. Days and times vary. Call for more information or to schedule an appointment.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUBS

2nd Wednesday of each month 10 a.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month 7 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

Last Monday of each month 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

3rd Thursday of each month 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Last Thursday of each month 10 a.m.

CONVERSATION SALON: DISCUSSION GROUP

1st & 3rd Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.
Those seeking a refreshing break from the daily grind, uninspired television shows and surfing the web will find like-minded individuals at the BP Library Conversation Salon. This group seeks the satisfaction and inspiration of face-to-face conversations about topics that are enlightening and relevant. The only requirement for attendance is an interest in expressing your views and insights while remaining appreciative of those of others.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Every Wednesday! 6:30-8 p.m.
Knitter's of all levels welcome! Bring your yarn and needles to knit and stitch.
THIS IS NOT A CLASS.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Fun, friendly games every Tuesday at 1 p.m. New members welcome!

PINOCHLE CLUB

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at 12 p.m.
Play some Pinochle! (*Not a class, experienced players preferred.*)

PITTSBURGH SOUTH WRITERS GROUP

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Attention Writers! Pittsburgh South Writers Group offers writers of all genres the inspiration and constructive criticism needed to improve their work.

GENEALOGY GROUP

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1 p.m.
Exchange information and research ideas. Call or check the Library's Event Calendar webpage for next meeting's date.

MEMORY CAFÉ

3rd Wednesday of every month from 10:30 a.m.
Are you caring for someone with dementia? If you are, who is caring for you? Join us for an informal Dementia support group especially designed for families and caregivers. This informational, supportive group will help you learn more about the disease and support your feelings. *No registration needed.*

BETHEL PARK LIBRARY BUTTON CLUB

4th Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.
Are you looking for a new hobby? Buttons are beautiful, historical, inexpensive, and fun to collect. For more information, call the library at 412-835-2207.



UNREAL ENGINE 4 MEET UP - PITTSBURGH

The Unreal Engine is now FREE. Meet-ups are also FREE. Join us to talk with others interested in creating and learning about the virtual realms that involve the engine locally. Join and RSVP at communities.unrealengine.com. Space is limited. Meetings at Bethel Park Library.

NECK AND BACK PAIN

Presented by **Martine Marino, MPT, COMT**
Wednesday, Aug. 18th at 2 p.m.
A brief explanation of some common causes of back and neck pain and some tips to treat and prevent it.

3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS

Tuesday, Aug. 24th at 12 p.m.
Use the Library's 3D Printer to make personalized gifts, replacements parts, or your own artistic item or creative invention. If you cannot make this class, please call the Library for additional dates.

LOWER EXTREMITY PAIN

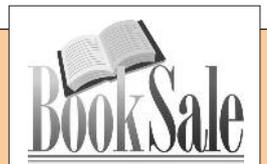
Presented by **Martine Marino, MPT, COMT**
Wednesday, Sept. 1st at 2 p.m.
Common causes of hip, knee and foot pain and suggestions to help alleviate pain.

WISE WALK

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 9th – Nov. 11th
Take a Wise Walk with the Bethel Park Public Library this fall. The Wise Walk is a ten-week walking program geared toward adults 50+. Make new friends and enjoy the beautiful fall weather in South Park with our library walking group. **Kickoff meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.** To register or for more information, call the library at, 412-835-2207 x264.

BOOK SALE

Saturday, Sept. 18th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 19th 1 – 5 p.m.
\$5 Bag Sale Sunday Only



Find great deals on thousands of gently used books, movies, audiobooks and CDs! Books are pre-sorted by genre in fiction, non-fiction, children and young adult to make shopping easier for book lovers.

MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

UNDERSTANDING THE REALITY OF ADDICTION

Presented by **Lucy M. Garrigan**, Founder of JADE Wellness
Dr. Victoria Matasy, Board Certified Internal Medicine
Tuesday, Sept. 21st at 6:30 p.m.

We will define addiction, how to recognize addiction in your family, friends, co-workers, how to protect your family. Treatment: Define what is good treatment, Narcan – What is it, where to get it and how to use it, and help with breaking the Stigma. There is hope for the future. Discussion Time with Q&A.

DOWNSIZING

Presented by **Donna Rossa**

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Join Donna Rossa of "Space Solutions" to discuss:

- Reasons for downsizing
- Reasons why we can't let go of our "stuff"
- Suggestions that help with elimination

POETRY AND MUSIC EVENT

Saturday Sept. 25th at 12 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of poetry reading and music. All genres are welcome. Original work only.

Upcoming Dates: *Saturday, Oct. 20th at 12 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 20th at 12 p.m.*

WHY MEDITATE?

Presented by **Sheila Forester**

Wednesday, Sept. 29th at 7 p.m.

We will explore the holistic effects of meditation and the practical methods of getting started. We will discuss and participate in Transmission Meditation – an advanced form of meditation that contributes to both our well-being and our service to the world. Sheila facilitates Transmission Meditation weekly in Pittsburgh.



SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST PLANNING

Presented by **David Frick**, CPA, MBA

Thursday, Sept. 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Who actually needs a Special Needs Trust? What is its purpose? How do they work? Are they expensive? When should one be put into place? How is one setup? If you are an individual or caretaker of a person with disabilities and do not have a Special Needs Trust or forgot why you have one, this discussion is for you! Further, PA ABLE will be discussed.

HOW MONEY WORKS

Presented by **Matthew G. Wilson**, District Leader, Primerica

Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a free class on finance. Items that will be discussed are: budgeting, saving for your future, how to buy the right type of life insurance and debt snowball.

NO MORE PILES

Presented by **Donna Rossa**

Wednesday, Oct. 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Paper clutter is so challenging because we are constantly bombarded by printed material daily. Learn how to take control of those papers! Join Donna Rossa of Space Solutions and discover some simple techniques that will definitely help eliminate those piles.

AN EVENING WITH HAUNTED PITTSBURGH

Presented by Haunted Pittsburgh

Thursday, Oct. 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh has a North Side and a South Side--join us for a trip to its dark side! Western Pennsylvania is teeming with great tales of ghosts and the supernatural. Don't miss this special Halloween event--the folks from Haunted Pittsburgh will talk about the true ghost stories of Pittsburgh (*they know where all the bodies are buried!*).

STORIES UNTOLD: ORAL HISTORIES OF THE WIVES OF VIETNAM SERVICEMEN

Presented by **Charlotte McDaniel**

Saturday, Oct. 9th at 11 a.m.

Representing interviews with more than 30 wives across all branches of the military, this book presents a robust sample of wives from that era and is the author's first non-fiction work for a more general public audience. McDaniel will discuss her newly published book at this event, and at the conclusion will entertain comments and questions from the audience.

IDENTITY THEFT

Presented by Specialist **Phil Little** of the PA Office of Attorney General

Wednesday, Oct. 13th at 6:30 p.m.

This program educates consumers on some "Dos & Dont's" of ID theft. This presentation is designed to raise awareness of identity theft tactics, steps to take to protect your identity and personal information, and information on reporting identity theft.

HAUNTED HAT TEA

Experience the spirit of Halloween while enjoying tea and finger sandwiches. Wear your kookiest hat and enjoy some entertainment. Prize awarded for the most unusual Halloween Hat.

Date: Friday, Oct. 15
Time: 11 a.m.
Donation: \$5

POETRY AND MUSIC EVENT

Saturday Oct. 16th at 12 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of poetry reading and music. All genres are welcome. Original work only.

Upcoming Date: *Saturday, Nov. 20th at 12 p.m.*

HAUNTED ROADS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Presented by Author **Thomas White**

Wednesday, Oct. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Travel the backcountry roads and byways of Western Pennsylvania with author Thomas White to discover their ghost tales and mysterious legends.

DECREASING PAIN

Presented by **Martine Marino**, MPT, COMT

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 2 p.m.

This free program will explain the basic mechanisms of pain and how pain can be treated with movement.

AUTHOR TALK: JULIE TULBA

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Local author **Julie Tulba** will discuss her newest book, *The Dead Are Resting*, a work of historical fiction set against the dual backdrops of 1930s/1940s Berlin, Germany and modern-day Pittsburgh. It's a book about family relationships, the lies people tell and the secrets they keep.

SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

Presented by **David Frick**, CPA, MBA

Thursday, Nov. 4th at 6:30 p.m.

The typical American family having limited or no retirement savings. Come find out why this approach can destroy the golden years of your life and explore various strategies for saving for retirement including employer retirement plans, IRAs, and more.

MORE THAN EBOOKS CLASS

Tuesday, Nov. 16th at 12 p.m.

Your FREE Library apps offer more than just ebooks! Magazines, movies, music, language courses, and graphic novels are also available on your phone or device! This free class will cover eResources available with your Library Card.

POETRY AND MUSIC EVENT

Saturday Nov. 20th at 12 p.m.

Join us on **Saturday, Nov. 20th at 12 p.m.** for a fun afternoon of poetry reading and music. All genres are welcome. Original work only.

HOLIDAY TEA

Enjoy delightful holiday music while tea is served with scones and cookies in a festive atmosphere.

Date: Friday, Dec. 10
Time: 11 a.m.
Donation: \$5



Library Holiday Hours

The Library will be **CLOSED** on Monday, Sept. 6th for the Labor Day holiday.

The Library will **CLOSE** at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24th and be **CLOSED** on Thursday, Nov. 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sunday hours (1-5 p.m.) will resume on Sunday, Sept. 12th.

MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE



Youth Programs

We can't
wait to
see you
this fall!

Fall classes for youth at the Library begin
Tuesday, Sept. 7th.

Please check the “*Kids and Teens*” tabs of the
Library website for the “**Fall into Fun**” page.

Fliers will also be available online and at the Children’s Desk beginning
Monday, Aug. 9th.

A sneak peek of our classes and events includes:

- *Bilingual storytimes*
- *A PBS Arthur Party*
- *Craft Away Saturdays*
- *Halloween Hullabaloo*

We look forward to a very fun fall with Library friends old and new!

Registration for classes will begin **Wednesday, Sept. 1st.**



BP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Get to Know Your Fire Fighters!

Below is some information about a few of our members. We would like to point out that many did not have any experience in public safety before joining. Many joined at different ages and from different backgrounds. These are your neighbors who volunteer their time to serve and safeguard the community of Bethel Park.

Stop Delaying, the Time to Join is Now!

We are urgently looking for volunteers of any age to help protect the community of over 34,000 residents and over 650 businesses. Your Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company is 100% volunteer, meaning we don't have paid firefighters on duty at any time, day or night. The minimum age for membership is 18. We provide all members with free training and all necessary equipment. There are also full scholarships to CCAC available for volunteering with us. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please stop at the Brightwood Road Fire Station any Monday evening at 6:45 pm, pick up an application from our website at www.bethelparkvfc.com, or email us at join@bethelparkvfc.com.

Dante Bongiorno

Dante joined the fire company after volunteering with several other fire companies in the South Hills. He has now proudly served with us for 25 years. He has held many positions with the fire company over the years including Chief, Assistant Chief, and Board of Director. Dante's primary responds out of Station 1 on Brightwood Road and is an apparatus operator for all our vehicles. Dante is retired from the Port Authority and now owns and operates a company called Waterways of Southwest PA which specializes in hose, ladder, and appliance testing for fire companies. Dante joined the fire service at the age of 18 to help people that are having the worst day of their lives. Dante says his favorite part of being a volunteer fire fighter is "being part of a small group of dedicated people that give up so much of their off time to help each other and their fellow citizens." His favorite hobby is traveling. Dante has been supported at home with his time in public safety by his wife Lynn and kids Stephanie, Lisa, and Jason. Dante states "I feel blessed that I have made so many friends over the past 47 years that I would have never known if I was not in the Fire Service."



Bob Clark

Bob has served the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company for 52 years after joining at age 21. He served as our Recording Secretary for 28 years and has now served as Vice President for two years. Bob is still an active fire fighter, and you will see him driving and operating our vehicles. Bob graduated from BPHS in 1965, the Allegheny County Police Academy in 1973, and the FBI Hazardous Devices School in 1975. He worked for two separate Law Enforcement agencies for a total of 45 years of service. This included eight years at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos New Mexico, in the Hazardous Devices / Hazmat Division. Bob's fire education included Basic firefighting, Vehicle Rescue Technician, and Hazmat Technician. When asked why he joined, Bob says, "I have always been public service oriented, and at the time, it seemed to be the right thing to do, I have never regretted the decision to join the fire company." His favorite part of being a firefighter is the lifelong friendships that he has created and the camaraderie of the other firefighters who unselfishly help protect the Municipality of Bethel Park. In his spare time, Bob enjoys model



railroading and is a private pilot. In 2005, Bob was awarded a Firefighter Medal of Honor for rescuing a man from a residential structure fire.

Tom Kelton

Tom joined the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company at age 23 and has served for 14 years. Over the years, he has held positions as Treasurer, Board of Director, and Lieutenant. Tom currently is a Captain and the Chief Engineer in charge of vehicle maintenance. Tom has primarily responded out of Station 3 on Clifton Road but has responded to fires out of all three stations over the years. Before joining he had no previous experience and has now acquired a wide variety of training and certifications. Some of the most notable certifications include Fire Fighter 1 & 2, Fire Officer 1 & 2, Fire Inspector 1 & 2, Fire Instructor 1, Hazmat Operations, PA Department of Health EMT, and Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician. He has also attained various certifications over the years involving building construction, fire fighter survival and rescue, incident command, and driver/operator.



Tom has also been a teacher at the Pathfinder School since 2007. The Pathfinder School is located in Bethel Park and serves 5 to 21-year-old special education students throughout Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Greene and Washington counties. He teaches a variety of vocational classes including Technology Education/STEAM, Computer Science, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance, Auto Detailing, Home Maintenance, and he runs the Work Activity Center and PAES lab. Tom says he joined the fire company as a way to stay physically active and involved in the community. Since joining he has learned that the most rewarding part of being in the fire company is getting to help people in their time of need. Tom goes on to say "I also really enjoy the camaraderie and friends I made. Being a member has given me a sense of belonging and a second family. We are always there for each other." Tom is supported at home by his wife Bridget and sons Jackson (8) and Donovan (3). In his spare time, he enjoys helping Jackson on his baseball teams and teaching Donovan how to play. His family also enjoys taking long bike rides on different trails around the area. Tom says "Both of my sons love being able to go visit the fire trucks whenever they want. Jackson enjoys getting to ride in parades and helping wash trucks beforehand. Both boys have grown up going to the family Christmas parties and picnics that the fire company holds, and they look forward to attending them every year." He would like to tell other BP citizens that being a volunteer firefighter has a lot of rewarding benefits and doesn't require as much time away from home as you may think. The fire company is constantly looking for new volunteers and he would encourage anyone in the community to reach out and learn more before thinking they don't have what it takes.

Mike Pauline

Mike has been with the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company for four years after serving with Library for several months prior to joining with BP. Mike has acquired quite a few certifications in his time with us including Firefighter 1, Basic Vehicle Operations, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, and Pump Certification. Mike is a union carpenter, and you may see him working around the Bethel Park area at times. Mike joined to help his community and others around the area as well as gain knowledge and experience as a firefighter. His favorite part of being a firefighter is meeting the people in the fire service. "It's a great group of people no matter where you go. You can always connect with someone anywhere in the world who is in this line of work." Mike also says that he loves the look you get after ac all when you can help someone. "It's a good feeling knowing the impact you have on someone when they're having their worst day." In his spare time, he likes to hang out with friends, and train his 7-month old German Shepherd named Bella! He is supported at home by his girlfriend Kayla. Mike says "If you've ever thought about joining a fire department, I highly encourage you to do so! It's a great experience with a wonderful group of men and women!"





A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF: *Dave Gerber*

I hope everyone has stayed safe this summer, and as we get back to school, I wanted to share with you some safety tips on ways to prevent fires and hazards in our local area. Each of these four issues has caused numerous fires in Bethel Park. I invite each and every one of you to please become educated on ways to keep both yourself and your family safe.

Hoarding

Hoarding is defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or distress experienced when discarding them. Sometimes many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the room as designed. The home can also become so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised. Many fire departments are experiencing serious fires, injuries, and deaths as the result of compulsive hoarding behavior. Many occupants die in fires in these homes. Often, blocked exits prevent escape from the home. In addition, many people who are hoarding are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them. Responding emergency personnel are also put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects, and excessive fire loading that can lead to collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult. Those living next to one of these houses can also be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions. Hoarding is a mental disorder that can be genetic in nature, triggered by traumatic events, or a symptom of another disorder. If you or someone you know needs assistance to overcome a hoarding disorder we ask that you please visit www.Hoardingcleanup.com/pennsylvania for more information on how to get help.

Cooking

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? When cooking you need to cook with caution! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop. Stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen even for a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or broiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop. Remember also to check your oven for anything stored inside before you turn it on to warm up. If you do have a cooking fire just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call **412-833-2000** or **911** after you leave. Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Electrical

Electricity is what makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind! Be sure to have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician. Only plug one heat-producing appliance (*such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.*) into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and power strips should not be used. Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords. Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

Recreational Fires

According to our county and community's ordinances, a recreational fire is allowed to have a total area of **less than 3 feet wide in diameter and less than two feet high**. They must be placed at least 15 feet away from a structure, property lines, roadways, sidewalks and public access areas. Fires using store bought portable outdoor fireplaces are to be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. These fires are allowed to be used for pleasure or cooking. **This means that brush, rubbish, and building material are not allowed to be burned. All fires need to be constantly attended and a source of extinguishment must be immediately available until the fire is extinguished.** If the fire is producing excessive smoke to the neighborhood or deemed to be too large, the fire department will respond to put it out. More information on the new county rules and regulations on Recreational Fires can be found at www.bethelparkvfc.com/home/recreational-fires.

Did You Know?

Many people refer to Fire apparatus as a Fire Engine or Fire Truck. Did you know there is actually a difference between the two? The main difference is that an Engine is your apparatus that carries water and hoses while the Truck is what has a large ladder on top and carries a wide assortment of tools. A Rescue truck carries specialized tools for when someone may be trapped in a vehicle, machine, or structure. Squads are smaller vehicles that are primarily used to carry personnel. Your Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company has a total of 11 different vehicles and 1 trailer. Brightwood Station, Station #1, houses Engine 1, Engine 4, Truck 1, the Rescue, Squad 1, and the Specialized Rescue Trailer. Milford Station, Station #2, has Engine 2 and Squad 2. Clifton Station, Station #3 has Truck 3 and Squad 3. We also have Command vehicles assigned to our Chief and Deputy Chief.

How to Reach Us

None of our three fire stations are regularly staffed with members. If you need us to respond to your emergency you must call the police dispatch at **412-833-2000** or call **911**. If you have a non-emergency question or concern the best and fastest way to reach us is through our "contact us" page on the website at www.bethelparkvfc.com. You may also call us at **412-835-1127** and leave a message on the answering machine.

We will be there for you, so please be here for us.

The Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company would like to acknowledge that this past year has been incredibly difficult and challenging. With that thought in mind, the members of the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your support over this past year. As your neighbors, we know that many of you have been greatly affected by the pandemic, some more than others. The fact that you have given financially to support your 100% volunteer fire company despite your personal challenges makes us appreciate you even more!

While the pandemic was spreading throughout our community, we as a fire company never hesitated answering requests for service day or night. In 2020, the members of the Fire Company responded to 473 calls for assistance, or more than one call a day. You can read about the services provided in detail in our 2020 Annual Report at www.bethelparkvfc.com.

We are looking forward to the time when we can move away from the extra precautions that we have been taking to protect the health of both you and our firefighters during the pandemic. We have enjoyed participating in dozens of mini parades to celebrate birthdays and milestones. In the days ahead, we will be able to participate in block parties, welcome you to our station during our open house, and take part in other fire prevention and community events once again.

We are grateful for the stability the municipal fire levy provides, which pays for the upkeep of our three stations. However, it is your donations that help pay for everything inside of these stations: purchase and maintenance of vehicles, protective gear, masks and air cylinders, firefighting, and rescue tools, plus the training and classes needed to use all of these items. Simply put, without your support we could not afford the tools and equipment needed to deliver the quality of fire protection you have grown to expect.

You may contribute to the Fire Company by mail, the United Way, through our website at www.bethelparkvfc.com, and also using Paypal or Venmo at Bethel Park VFC.

The Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company only requests your financial support through written communication. If you are solicited by telephone by someone using the "Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company" name, be advised they DO NOT represent our organization.

BETHEL PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Timothy C. O'Connor,
Chief of Police
Sean Gorman
Crime Prevention Officer

412-833-2000 OR 911
ANONYMOUS TIP LINE
412-851-BPPD (2773)

Sock Drive Success!

This year we partnered with "Socks With A Mission" to collect new socks for the homeless. The organization was started by Audrey, who at 10-years-old, saw a need to help the homeless in our region. BPPD worked with our schools to collect a record 3,214 pairs of socks, and the classes who collected the most got a special visit from K9 Jeez!



Torch Run for Special Olympics

On June 7th, BPPD Sgt. Grubich, Officer Gittings, Officer Mincin and Municipal Manager Laurence Christian participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. BPPD, along with dozens of other departments across Pennsylvania, carried the Special Olympic Torch 150 miles from Pittsburgh to State College for the 2021 Summer Games. Thank you to those who donated to our team for this great cause!



Veteran Officers Retire

Detective Frank Marks has retired after over 27 years of service to the residents of Bethel Park. Det. Marks was hired in 1993 after serving in the US Coast Guard, and has worked in our Patrol, K-9, and Investigations Divisions. Det. Marks accepted a new position as Deputy Chief of the Crescent Township Police Department. Congratulations!

Lieutenant Ron Dziezgowski retired after 26 years of service. Lt. Dziezgowski was hired in 1995 after working for the Port Authority of Allegheny County Police, and has served in our Patrol, Investigations and Administration Divisions. Lt. Dziezgowski accepted a new position as Police Chief of Jefferson Hills Borough.



Congratulations and best wishes to both!

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Crime Watch Meetings to Resume

We are pleased to announce that our monthly Crime Watch meetings will resume on Oct. 4 after a hiatus due to COVID-19.

Monthly Crime Watch meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at the Community Center. These meetings will be hosted by the Chief of Police and Crime Prevention Officer to highlight current crime trends in Bethel Park and the surrounding communities. In addition, guest speakers will be invited to provide information on crime prevention and community resources.

If you would like to be added to the Crime Watch email list, please forward your information to the Crime Prevention Office: crimewatch@bethelpark.net.



Update on the DEA Prescription Medication Disposal Program

There will no longer be designated drop off days for the disposal of prescription medication. Instead, there is now a box at the Bethel Park Police Department that is accessible 24/7 for the disposal of prescription medication (*no needles or liquids*). Please place the medication into a zip lock bag without the prescription bottle. The Bethel Park Police Dispatcher will direct you to the disposal box secured inside the police station. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Bethel Park Police at 412-833-2000.



CONTACT INFORMATION SOCIAL MEDIA

Anonymous Tips can be called into the hotline 412-851-BPPD (or 2773) or emailed to crimewatch@bethelpark.net

You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates:

Facebook Page:
Bethel Park Police Department

Twitter:
@bethelparkpd

Instagram:
bethelparkpolice



EMS NEWS

Problems in Paradise

By Tri-Community South EMS EMT Richard Polano

Many people will be traveling this summer to beaches, lakes, and/or waterparks, and some may even stay at a backyard pool paradise. In this article, we're going to go over some things to protect yourself as well as your kids this summer whether it be at the beach, lake or pool.

Some things to think about when at a water location is to never forget the sunscreen as ultraviolet rays are extremely harmful if out for an extended period of time. Which leads me to the topic of sunburns.

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READY TODAY. PREPARING FOR TOMORROW.

It's very important to reapply your sunscreen to keep safe and to also stay hydrated and moisturize the skin. As someone who has had a blistering sunburn,

I'm here to tell you that sunburns can cause 2nd degree burns causing your skin to blister and become very painful. These sunburns can also cause fevers, nausea, dizziness, and vomiting. So please apply sunblock that's a minimum of SPF 30 or above every 2 hours to stay safe.

Another key point when around the water is to make sure an adult is watching the children while they're swimming or playing near the water. And, if that adult needs to step away, make sure that another adult is appointed to watch. Make sure you have life vests for everyone that are properly fitted prior to getting in the water. Also, Summer often includes parties which may involve alcohol around pools, beaches, and lakes. If you're drinking, please be careful around the water as your judgement may become impaired.

For those of you traveling to those beautiful beaches this summer with your kids, please remember to choose a spot on the beach with a lifeguard nearby. Also remember that just because a lifeguard is on duty, that doesn't mean that you as a parent are off duty. A lifeguard can only watch so much, so please keep an eye on your children, friends and family. Also many parents believe that as long as their children are in shallow water they'll be okay. This is also false. There are many sea creatures such as Jellyfish, Sea Urchins, Lionfish, Stingrays and Sharks in the water. In fact, sharks can swim in shallow waters from 0 to 5 ft. depending on the size of the fish. Sharks love warm murky waters.

Some tips for the beach include:

- Don't swim alone; always have a friend with you.
- Never wear jewelry or bright colored clothing. If the sun shines just right, you might catch the attention of a nearby shark by resembling a tropical fish.
- Do not ever thrash around in the water as sharks may believe that you are a wounded fish or seal.
- Don't ever swim at dusk or dawn as these times are normally when sharks feed.
- Stay calm!!! I cannot emphasize this enough. If you start to thrash around, there's a good possibility that you'll draw more attention to yourself.
- Fight back if you are being attacked by a shark by punching, kicking or even with a head butt.
- Go for the eyes or the gills of a shark as they are the most vulnerable areas.
- If you have a weapon such as a rock, shell, knife, use it!
- Never ever take your eyes off the shark.



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Support for the Bethel Park Business Community

Local businesses are vital to our community! To provide support, the Municipality has established numerous initiatives geared towards raising awareness of all that the Bethel Park business community has to offer. We've also recently partnered with the Bethel Park Chamber to coordinate our efforts. As part of this, a section of Chronicles will be devoted to these efforts each issue. Please read on to learn more.

Municipal Small Business Initiative

At the start of the pandemic, the Municipality quickly diverted resources to support the local business community. Efforts included establishing a website page, "Dine, Shop, Support," listing businesses on the site (*that expressed an interest in participating*) and setting up a variety of special events to encourage the public to patronize local establishments. A special 'Shop Local' logo was also created in support of the project.

Now, the Municipality is growing these efforts with the addition of a 'Bethel Business Blog' profiling local businesses and partnering with the Bethel Park Chamber.

Business Blog profiles are posted on the Municipal website at www.bethelpark.net under the "Community" heading, then shared on Bethel Park's Facebook page and on the Chamber page as well. Mayor **Jack Allen** has also begun featuring those profiled on his BPTV show, "Jack of All Trades," found on YouTube. These shows are also shared on the Municipal Facebook page as well.

"We really want to help our local business community stay strong and vibrant," said Bethel Park Municipal Manager **Laurence Christian**. "They're so vital to our community and we're always looking for ways to increase our support of their success."

“ We really want to help our local business community stay strong and vibrant. ”

Laurence Christian,
Municipal Manager

Are You a Local Business Owner?

If you're a local business owner and would like to be listed on the Municipality's 'Dine Shop Support' webpage or would like to be featured for a future local business profile, please email: kindness@bethelpark.net.

For information on all these programs as well as full Chamber information, visit www.bpchamber.org.

And, now, the Bethel Park Chamber has partnered with Bethel Park Municipality to add more support for our businesses. More information will be forthcoming as we move forward!

Bethel Park Chamber Honors Community Partners

The Bethel Park Chamber honored three members who have contributed to their existence during the pandemic: **Charles Dinovitz**, Save Here Today; **Chris Hitchens**, Three Treasures Health and Wellness; and **Reno Virgili**, Virgili Beer Distributing.

"These three businesses provided the Chamber with support and financial assistance that enabled us to continue to help the business community through the pandemic," said Chamber Director **Connie Ruhl**. "Their support was crucial in keeping the Chamber active during the past year."

Ruhl said that this partnership offered businesses resources throughout the pandemic.

"Getting a workforce together and working through rising costs is a challenge for the rest of this year," said Ruhl. "If you know of anyone interested in employment, please contact our office by calling 412-595-8361 or through email admin@bpchamber.org. The worker shortage is at a critical stage. Many businesses have gone to shorter hours, limited menus and longer wait times for service to keep in business."

Come out and support our community businesses!



News from the Bethel Park Chamber

The Bethel Park Chamber, located at 2830 South Park Rd., extended its 'Shop Local Campaign' to continue through 2021 to help boost local businesses reboot after the pandemic.

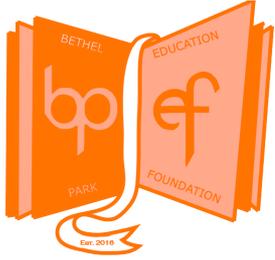
The Chamber's 'Shop Local Blue Line Express Program' offers businesses an opportunity to be featured on the Chamber's Facebook page, in their newsletter and on their website.

Students from DECA conducted several in-person interviews with several businesses over the holidays as well. And, BPTV has featured several businesses over the past two years.

"We want to continue supporting local business in every way that we can including holding Chamber luncheons in rotating locations," said Chamber Director **Connie Ruhl**.

A new addition to the Shop Local Program that the Chamber has instituted, "Support a Business, Snap a Picture," is another way of showing local support. Anyone who visits a business, takes a selfie and sends it to chamberselfies.com will have an opportunity to be entered in the Chamber's random gift card drawings to be used at area businesses.

Ribbon cuttings for new businesses can also be scheduled with the Chamber for grand openings or other special events.



BETHEL PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Bethel Park Education Foundation (BPEF) is a community-based, non-profit organization whose goal is to support programs that promote quality education. The Foundation works to facilitate communication and involvement among students, parents, school staff, business leaders and community citizens.



Public schools face a variety of new challenges as state and federal funding sources have been reduced or eliminated. BPEF hopes to find alternate ways of funding important initiatives within our schools. The Foundation does not receive any public funding – our programs are supported by individual, community, corporate partners. Our partners donate knowing their gifts are creating opportunities for students to have exceptional educational opportunities. They know that providing a quality education favorably impacts the entire community.

The Bethel Park Education Foundation is independent of the school district but works closely with the school board, administration, teachers and students. All programs that benefit Bethel Park students are considered for financial support. The program list grows and evolves to reflect the needs of the student, teacher, school and district as they are identified.

BOARD

- Andy Amrhein, President
- William Brucker, Vice President
- Tom Bailey, Treasurer
- Deb Luckasevic, Secretary
- Vic DiPrampero
- Dr. Roger Zelt
- Caitlin Metzler
- Jim Knapp
- Patty Campbell
- Lindsay Crowley
- Dr. James Walsh

Please direct any questions to:
bpefoundation@gmail.com

STEAM Grants

STEAM grants are awarded to students, teachers, and schools to foster creativity, innovation, and imagination. Grant initiatives will be evaluated for their ability to:

- engage collaborative interactions
- develop interdependence and independence skills
- encourage resiliency by being task focused & disciplined
- promote self-awareness and mindfulness
- develop critical and creative thinking skills

Individual Teacher Grant

The Individual Teacher Grant funds initiatives that are innovative and stimulate student learning and creativity.

Teacher initiated projects that are funded will be evaluated to:

- encourage, uplift, edify, and challenge the student
- provide unique educational opportunities
- augment existing curriculum
- evaluate the successful achievement of the stated objectives
- consider the possibility of replication in other schools.

Individual School Grants

The Individual School Grants program seeks to provide funding to an individual school. Grants may be awarded in three categories – elementary, middle school and high school.

The purpose of the Individual School Grant is to:

- provide financial assistance for schools to substantially improve student achievement.
- implement comprehensive school improvement programs that are based on reliable research and effective program practices.
- place emphasis on basic academics and parental/care-giver involvement.
- determine the successful achievement of the stated objectives.
- consider the possibility of replication for other schools.

Individual Student Grants

Enhancing and encouraging excellence in education for the student is the absolute focal point of the BPEF. There is no ceiling to the creativity and innovation of the student mind. In that spirit, the grant program needs to remain flexible and adaptable to student proposals.. As such, grants may be awarded to any student at any grade level in any discipline of study. Additionally, grants will be considered for all physical activity endeavors and all forms of the arts.

No grant shall be administered as a direct monetary payment to the awardee. No grant will be awarded for food, beverages, parties, recreational activities nor field trips.

Dear Fellow Bethel Park Alumnus/Alumna:

We need your help! As a Bethel Park graduate, you know that providing quality education requires investment during and after school hours. Please consider making a donation to support the BPEF ensuring that all Bethel Park students can continue to enjoy the same opportunities for engagement and success.

Your tax deductible contribution can be made via any of the following methods:

- Directly from the BPEF website – www.bethelparkfoundation.com.
- Via United Way of Southwestern PA by entering code#12998472 on your contribution form through your employer
- By mailing a check to: Bethel Park Education Foundation, 301 Church Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

You may also wish to consider making a contribution to the BPEF through your business and receive a PA tax credit.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Bethel Park Education Foundation

Mission

To enhance educational opportunities for our students by increasing community involvement with our schools.



You can now donate
via the United Way:

YOU MAY DESIGNATE THE BPEF AS THE RECIPIENT OF YOUR UNITED WAY DONATION. ENTER YOUR CONTRIBUTOR'S CHOICE AGENCY CODE AS: #12998472

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BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



WHAT IS THE BPCF?

The Bethel Park Community Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that embraces a philosophy of local philanthropy. Tax-deductible contributions made to the Bethel Park Community Foundation are applied to fund local initiative and community programs in these 5 areas:

- COMMUNITY FACILITIES • EDUCATION • RECREATION • THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS • COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Funds are made available through a grant application - visit www.bpcf.org for more information. Or contact us at: PO Box 811, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Did you know that the Bethel Park Community Foundation is a tax deductible non-profit organization? What better way to support the BP Police, the BP Volunteer Fire Company, Tri-Community South EMS, and a wide range of community focused activities than one tax deductible check to the Bethel Park Community Foundation.

Or would your family or group like to start a scholarship, where you and others can make tax deductible contributions? The Bethel Park Community Foundation as a 501(c)(3) organization can help with that too!

You can also make a tax deductible donation to Jeez our Bethel Park Police K-9 or to help with furnishing at the Bethel Park Community Center. Both of these have special fund with the BP Community Foundation.

Please remember the Bethel Park Community Foundation in your estate planning.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak personally with a member of the Bethel Park Community Foundation please email us at info@bpcf.org or call 412.831.6800 x 740.

Since 1999 the Bethel Park Community Foundation has granted nearly \$750,000 back into the Community of Bethel Park. Your tax deductible contributions at work in our community.

Scholarships Awarded

This year, we had over 300 scholarship applicants across our nine scholarships offered. This made it very tough to decide our winners, and we want to recognize these outstanding students and wish them the best!

Information on our annual scholarships can be found at www.bpcf.org/scholarships.

2021 Scholarship Winners:

- Jillian Airesman
- Grace Gealey
- Sierra Kuzak
- Madison Scheidler
- Katelyn Sams
- Marguerite Young
- Kate Wholey
- Dom Palombia
- Ethan Oczkowski



Fantastic Four Golf Outing

Our 4th annual golf outing will be held **Monday, Sept. 20** at Nemaocolin Country Club. The Fantastic Four Charities consist of the Community Foundation, Education Foundation, Historical Society and Public Library, and all money raised is divided among each organization. If you're interested in golfing, sponsoring, winning prizes, or just joining us for dinner, please visit our website at www.bpcf.org/fantastic-four-events.

4th Annual Golf Outing

Monday, Sept. 20th 2021
Nemaocolin Country Club

10AM Brunch & Registration
12 Noon Shotgun Start



Find Us On Facebook

The Bethel Park Community Foundation is now on Facebook: Bethel Park Community Foundation. Please visit and "Like" our page for updated information from the foundation.



You can now donate via the United Way:

UNITED WAY SUPPORT YOU MAY DESIGNATE THE BPCF AS THE RECIPIENT OF YOUR UNITED WAY DONATION. ENTER YOUR CONTRIBUTOR'S CHOICE AGENCY CODE AS: #892191



Donation Received



A big thanks to one of our own trustees, **Dr. Bryan Johnson of Complete Chiropractic of South Hills**, who donated \$1,200 to the BPCF as part of his practice's philanthropic mission to support various charities.

A MESSAGE FROM JUDGE ARNONI...

Operations and Responsibilities of the District Court



As our District Judge, I wanted to give you a little perspective on what the District Courts do and information on how we operate. Most courts are busy places. So, the following will give you some idea of what goes on.

The Allegheny County Magisterial District Courts are a community-based judicial system comprised of 46 districts handling over 200,000 case filings per year. I see nearly 5,000 cases a year and have presided over 30,000 cases in my judicial career. Matters adjudicated within these courts allow for the expedient disposition or processing of the following:

- **All summary cases; traffic and non-traffic citations.** These offenses can range from parking violations to public intoxication or harassment, speeding and administrative violations, among numerous other matters.
- **Civil matters not exceeding \$12,000** involving contracts, torts, and landlord/tenant disputes. This can be difficult between neighbors, or when you have had work done at your home and it was not what you bargained for in the agreement.
- **Criminal matters** such as preliminary arraignments and hearings, setting bail, issuing warrants of arrest in misdemeanor and felony cases, and issuing search warrants. These hearings are heard once a week with representatives from the Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's office as well.
- **Emergency Relief from Abuse petitions** under the Protection From Abuse Act are issued to ensure the protection of victims of violent behavior.
- **Marriage ceremonies**
- **School and juvenile matters** including truancy, disorderly conduct, and other school-related issues.
- Responsible for **special hearings** regarding homicides and county-wide arraignments. District Judges have a rotating schedule to be able to conduct their daily court business as well as the additional special hearings.
- **Administering oath of office** to public officials, allowing them to begin work within the Municipalities, Townships and Boroughs.
- **Presiding over Municipal and Township code violations** ranging from overgrown grass to dilapidated structures.
- Overseeing and administering **all operations** as well as court functions.

The official legal title for the individual who presides over the Magisterial District Court elected or appointed official is "District Judge." Not the outdated title of "Magistrate." Pennsylvania has one unified judicial system that includes the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Superior Court, the Commonwealth Court, the Courts of Common Pleas for the 67 counties, and nearly 550 District Courts.

In the 1991 landmark case of "Commonwealth vs. Edmunds," our State Supreme Court stated that "[i]t must be remembered that a District Judge is not a member of the executive branch – the police – but a member of the judiciary. By falling within the judicial branch of government, the District Judge is thus charged with the responsibility of being the disinterested arbiter of disputes and is charged further with acting as the bulwark between the police and the rights of citizens."

The District Courts can offer educational outreach information through speaking to the community, at school assemblies, and businesses. This is a proactive approach which I use to help educate and inform our children and the public.

Following are some helpful resources

Center for Victims – 24-hour crisis hotline

- 1-866-655-2882

Emergency Shelter Providers – Family Links

- 412-471-6160

Allegheny County Dog Licenses

- 412-350-4111

Emergency Numbers:

- **911 or local police department**
 - Bethel Park Emergency – 412-833-2000
 - Upper St. Clair Police Emergency – 412-833-7500
- **Childline Child Abuse Hotline** – 1-800-932-0313
- **Elder Abuse Hotline** – 1-800-490-8505
- **Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank** – 412-466-3663
- **Poison Information Center** – 1-800-222-1222
- **Suicide & Crisis Hotline** – 1-800-273-8255

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Judge Arnoni Receives Judicial Excellence Award

Recently Judge **Ron Arnoni** was the recipient of the “Judicial Excellence Award” from Domestic Outreach Corporation, a non-profit organization in Allegheny County that provides psycho-educational services for men and women who must enter a court diversionary program. According to Program Director **Jodie Sherman** the organization recognizes a judge each year who goes above and beyond their role to positively impact individuals who enter their courtroom and our communities.

“Although cases dealing with domestic violence are tough, it is comforting to know that someone like Judge Arnoni is acting in the best interest of women and children,” said Sherman.



Pictured (l-r): Program Facilitator Pastor James Viola, PA State Senator Devlin Robinson, Washington County Commissioner Nick Sherman, Judge Ron Arnoni, State Representative Natalie Mihalek, Domestic Outreach President Jodie Sherman, & Program Facilitator Jonna Burke. Bethel Park Mayor Jack Allen was also in attendance.

MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Bethel Park Municipality has full-time staff members who perform various tasks within the Municipality. Several staff members attend Council meetings to assist in the conduct of the meeting and to answer questions from Council. Those usually in attendance are listed below: *(All numbers listed are in the 412 area code.)*

- Laurence Christian**
Manager831-6800 X137
- Lisa Lapaglia**
Finance Director.....831-6800 X210
- Stacey Graf**
Engineering Director831-6800 X208
- Susan Dolinar**
Public Works Director831-6800 x301
- David Rudolph**
Municipal Planner831-6800 X382
- Code Enforcement Officer**.....831-6800 X130
- Charles H. Stover**
Recreation Director831-6800 X230
- Timothy O'Connor**
Chief of Police831-6800 X100

Other Important Municipal Numbers Include:

- Emergency *(fire, police, EMS)*.....833-2000
- Main Municipal Office Number831-6800
- Receptionist831-6800 X0
- Bethel Park Community Center851-2910
- Bethel Park Public Library835-2207
- EMS *(non-emergency)*.....831-3710
- Fire Department *(non-emergency)*
Brightwood Station835-1127
- Fire Prevention Unit.....835-3473
- Recreation Department.....831-1328
- Public Access TV.....831-3304
- Jordan Tax Service835-5243

Visit Us Online at www.bethelpark.net

JUDGE HELPFUL RESOURCES

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Drug and Alcohol Advocacy Services

- o Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
• 412-325-0369

Mental Health Services – Resolve Crisis Center

- 1-888-796-8226

Legal Help

- o Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services
• 412-261-5555
- o Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania
• 412-391-5225
- o Neighborhood Legal Services
• 412-255-6700

Senior Citizen Services

- o Access Transportation Systems
• 412-562-5353
- o Allegheny County Agency on Aging
• 412-360-4234, 412-350-5460

Advertise in the December issue of *Chronicles*.

Call Janet Davin at 412-831-6800, x211 for more information.

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Also please review the meanings of lifeguard flags as this summer the East Coast has already seen multiple shark attacks and other sea creatures have been present as well.

- A double red flag means that the water is closed to the public.
- A single red flag indicates high hazards such as strong currents or high surf.
- The yellow flag indicates a medium hazard such as moderate currents or moderate surf.
- A green flag waving means low hazard and calm conditions but still exercise caution.
- If you see a purple flag flying, it normally means there is dangerous marine life present.

Also watch for rip currents; they can be deadly if you're not familiar with how to get out of one. The best way to survive a rip current is to stay afloat and yell for help. You can also swim parallel to the shore to escape the rip current. This will allow more time for you to be rescued or for you to swim back to shore once the current eases. Rip currents normally stay close to shore and usually break up just beyond the line of breaking waves. Occasionally, a rip current can push someone hundreds of yards offshore, so try to make sure if caught in a rip current 'Do Not Panic!'

So, I ask all of you traveling this summer who will be enjoying pools, lakes or beaches to please be safe this summer!

BETHEL PARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL & MAYOR



Jack T. Allen
Mayor
831-9923



Timothy J. Moury
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Bethel Park Tree Lighting

Dec. 1

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Municipality of Bethel Park will kick off the 2021 Holiday Season on Wednesday, Dec. 1st with its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

6:45 p.m.
Bethel Park Community Center
5151 Park Ave.

Entertainment will be provided as well as refreshments. A visit from Santa Claus is also expected!

FALL 2021

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Bethel Park Farmers' Market Bigger & Better than Ever!

The Bethel Park Farmers' Market has been welcoming an increasing number of weekly guests since opening several months ago. The Market runs **each Tuesday from 3-7 p.m.** through Sept. 28 in South Park directly off of Corrigan Drive in the parking lot near the Ice-Skating Rink.

This year's Market includes 27 full-season, seven half-season and eight once-a-month vendors offering everything from locally grown fruits and vegetables, and outstanding dairy products (including goat milk too!), to delicious bakery items, tasty, prepared foods and so much more! Please refer to our complete vendor list on pg. 35 and visit our website (bethelparkfarmersmarket.com) for full vendor descriptions and links to their businesses.

According to Assistant Recreation Director **Cathy Muscato**, this year's Market also includes several new, exiting additions.

"With a generous grant from the Bethel Park Community Foundation, we've been able to purchase a Market trailer, beautiful flags to provide a Market entrance for guests and offer greater visibility for those driving by on Corrigan Drive, and a new tent and chairs for our Market staff," said Muscato.

Muscato also mentioned the newest guest program, "Lettuce Help You."

"We're so excited to offer our 'farm to car' wagon service designed to assist customers who need help getting their Market purchases to their vehicles," said Muscato. "This service could be for parents with young children, those with mobility issues, seniors, or anyone who simply needs help getting their items to their vehicle; we have two to three volunteers who assist us with this service!"

And, responding to customer requests, Muscato and her staff also added handicapped parking for guests as well.

Other exciting Market additions include a free art for kids program that was held in June; weekly entertainers; table seating areas for enjoying purchased prepared foods; and welcoming back shopper's dogs to the Market.

"We know our shoppers love to have their furry friends with them and we're so happy that they're back at the Market this season!" said Muscato.

Another addition this season is a variety of BPTV YouTube Market vendor profiles hosted by



New flags provide a perfect entrance for Market guests!

Andy Amrhein of Evey True Value Hardware, where he has interviewed Swopes Berries & Bees, Lemmon Bros., Istanbul Grille, and Cherish Creamery to date. Watch for this list to grow and learn more about some of your favorite Market vendors!

Muscato was quick to give credit for many of these exciting enhancements to new Market Coordinator **Miranda Wayne**.

"Miranda has been doing an incredible job and is always thinking of additional ways to enhance our Market and make it one of the top ones in the area," said Muscato.



Farmers' Market Coordinator Miranda Wayne readies the Market for business!



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BETHEL PARK RECREATION

Bethel Park Community Center
5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102
Phone: 412-831-1328
Fax: 412-851-2915

Register online at: www.bethelpark.net
Contact us at: recreation@bethelpark.net
Office hours: Monday through Friday
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION.
PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER 2021.

FALL 2021

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Services reserves the right to cancel, combine or divide classes, or to make other changes that become necessary and to do so without incurring obligations. Adjustments of fees will be made when classes are cancelled by the Department.

WHEN PROGRAMS BEGIN

In almost all instances, each activity will have a schedule with a beginning date. In those cases where time or day is not available, interested individuals should call the Recreation Office.

WHEN FEES ARE DUE

All fees must be paid at the time of registration unless special arrangements have been made at the Recreation Office. If registration is made by mail, be sure to include the activity fee and all information as required.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

The Recreation Board does not carry health insurance to cover injuries incurred while participating in any activity. In most cases, hospitalization carried through your employer will cover these types of injuries. Participants are also responsible for their personal property. Valuables should never be left unattended.

RETURNED CHECKS

Any check that is returned to the Recreation Office as "NSF" will be subject to a **\$30.00 replacement fee**. All "NSF" checks MUST be replaced within ten (10) working days or the person will be withdrawn from the roster.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

All Bethel Park residents are given preference in registering for programs offered in this leaflet. Classes that have a limited enrollment will be open to non-residents only if space permits. The Recreation Board reserves the right to refuse admission to any person who misrepresents residency, and will not give refunds to those individuals. Non-resident fees are set for each activity and should be paid accordingly upon registration.

REFUNDS: Please read...

Refunds will only be given upon written request, received in the Recreation Office, prior to the beginning of the second class or practice session. Phone requests will not be accepted, nor does failure to attend a class constitute notification of intent to withdraw from a class. **Send your request and a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to:**
Bethel Park Recreation
5151 Park Avenue
Bethel Park, PA 15102

All refunds are subject to a **service fee of \$5.00**. The Department will issue a credit letter to be applied to any non-contractual Recreation program for a six-month period in place of the refund, if the individual so desires. Exceptions for use of credit letters include contracted activities such as dog obedience, ski trips or special ticket sales.

CANCELLATION OF CLASS

Participants should check with the Recreation Office for updated program information. **Individual phone calls will not be made to verify mail registrations.** Calls will be made ONLY for classes that have been cancelled due to lack of registrations.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register at least one week prior to the start of the activity, unless otherwise stated.

It is important to pre-register for any activity found in this leaflet because sometimes an activity may be cancelled when there is not sufficient registration. **Never plan to attend the first class without pre-registering.**

You may register online for many activities! Check our website at www.bethelpark.net for details! When you get to the main page, please click on Departments and then Parks/Recreation. There is a link to register online. **A nominal fee will be added for each online registration.**

You may register by mail for most of the activities in this leaflet. A mail registration form is provided. The participant's name, address (including zip code) and telephone numbers should be listed. When there is choice of session, day or time, make sure to list your class preference and **put the appropriate activity code number on the registration form.** Most youth swim lessons DO NOT list activity numbers.

Please include the name of the person who is paying the fee for the activity, **"Payment From:"**, and make check payable to: **"Bethel Park Recreation"**, unless otherwise indicated. **SIGNATURE of the participant or parent/guardian is REQUIRED.**

Some activities will have a sign-up day, such as youth swimming lessons. For your convenience, registrations may also be dropped off at the Bethel Park Community Center front desk or mailed to Bethel Park Recreation, 5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park PA 15102. **Individual telephone calls will not be made confirming registration.** The only time you will be notified is if there is a change or cancellation of the class or activity.

USE OF PHOTOS

Bethel Park Recreation provides opportunities for positive publicity by photographing / videotaping patrons at programs for use in local publications, newspapers or television.

If you prefer that you and / or your child **not be** photographed for publicity purposes, please notify Bethel Park Recreation in writing upon registration.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance at class offerings is not mandatory. The Recreation Department recommends that an attempt be made to attend as many classes as possible. Generally, the only skill testing takes place in swimming and basketball programs. All advanced classes in any area are based upon successful completion of primary or beginning level instruction. Entrance at an advanced level is up to the discretion of the instructor. Placement is always made with the best interests of the participant in mind.

CONDUCT

Participants are reminded that undesirable behavior or destruction of any property are reasons to expel the offender from a class or program. Parents are asked to remind children that they should not be in other areas of any building and to respect School District and Municipal property.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

When you register for any of our terrific classes, don't wait by your phone or camp out by your mailbox.

The only time you will hear from us is:

- * If there is a change in the time or day for your class
- * If the class is moved, full or cancelled

So, if it is almost time for your class and you haven't heard from our friendly staff, that's GOOD NEWS. It means YOU ARE IN! You may call us at 412-831-1328 if you wish to confirm that we received your registration.

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Monthly Meetings

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Community Center unless otherwise advertised. Please contact the Recreation Office for specific meeting dates.

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AQUATIC PROGRAMS

AQUATIC REGISTRATION AND SKILL TESTING
WILL BE HELD ON
Saturday, August 28,
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Bethel Park High School Pool

There will be ONE six (6) week session of Saturday lessons in the Fall.

Lessons will be Sept. 11 through Oct. 30.
No lessons will be held on Sept. 25 and Oct. 9.
 All aquatic activities will be held in the Bethel Park High School pool unless otherwise stated.

CHILDREN ages 5 to 7 who have never had formal lessons need to be skill tested and **must register at SKILL TESTING at the pool.** They will be entered in a class at their ability level after they are skill tested.

CHILDREN ages 5 to 7 who have had lessons with this department before **must register at SKILL TESTING,** but **THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE SKILL TESTED.**

CHILDREN ages 8 and older, first time swimmers, will be in **STEP 1,** and **must register at SKILL TESTING at the pool.** There is no need for the child to be skill tested.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SWIM LESSONS ON SATURDAY, AUG. 28:

Please bring a check or exact cash to pay for lessons at registration. A spot will only be held with payment.

BEGINNERS and STEP 1: Registration and SKILL TESTING is on a first-come basis. You may also register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center beginning **August 30.**

TODDLER TADPOLES (6 months - 4 years old): Registration is on a first-come basis. You may also register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center beginning **August 30.**

STEPS 2, 3, 4, and 5: You may mail-in or drop-off registrations at the Recreation Office at the Community Center OR register online at www.bethelpark.net. A nominal fee will be added for each online registration.

Private Swim Lessons: Register at Skill testing or at the Recreation Office in the Community Center to schedule your specific time.

PREREQUISITE: Swimmer MUST be able to submerge their head completely under water before registering for the Beginner class.

SATURDAY LESSON SCHEDULE:

SKILL LEVEL	TIME
Beginner* and Step 5	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Step 1* and 3	10:55 AM - 11:40 AM
Step 2 and 4	11:50 AM - 12:35 PM
Beginner*	12:45 PM - 1:30 PM
Toddler Tadpoles*	1:40 PM - 2:10 PM

* MUST register at BPHS pool during SKILL TESTING on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM.

Registration for other lessons should be mailed in or dropped off at the Community Center, or register online at www.bethelpark.net. A nominal fee will be added for each online registration.

WHEN: 6 Saturdays
Sept. 11 to Oct. 30
NO LESSONS ON SEPT. 25
and OCT. 9

FEE: \$55.00 (non-resident \$60.00)
45 MINUTE GROUP
LESSONS FOR ONLY \$55.00!!!

NOTE: Goggles are available for purchase at the pool for \$5.00.

TODDLER TADPOLES

This is an introductory swimming class for babies and toddlers, 6 months to 4 years old, with a parent / caregiver in the water with them. This class, led by an instructor, will help your baby develop a confidence in the water which will last a lifetime through rhyme, songs, and movement. Introducing your toddler to the water in his early years helps to develop strength, motor development and coordination. Your baby will learn how to jump into the water, float on his back, kick and learn basic swimming strokes, all while having a splashing good time!

Register at 10:30am at BPHS Pool on Saturday, Aug. 28, during skill testing. You may also register at the Community Center beginning Aug. 30.

Ages: 6 months - 4
Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
 6 session dates

3413.360
Dates: 09/11/2021 - 10/30/2021 Sat
Time: 1:40PM - 2:10PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Sep 25, Oct 9

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

One on One Swim Lessons! An instructor will give your child individual swim lessons tailored to what your child needs. Our experienced and patient instructors will be in the water with your child while he or she learns at their own pace, whether it is getting accustomed to the water for the first time, learning basic water skills, or getting enough individual help to advance to the next level. These 1/2 hour private lessons will be scheduled during swim lessons. Register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center to schedule your specific time.

Ages: 5 - 18
Resident Fee: \$100.00 Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
 6 session dates

3413.303
Dates: 09/11/2021 - 10/30/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Sep 25, Oct 9

ADULT PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

One on One Swim Lessons for those over 18 years of age. An instructor will give you individual swim lessons tailored to what you need. Our experienced and patient instructors will be in the water with you while you learn at your own pace, whether it is learning basic water skills or getting enough individual help to advance your skills to the next level. These 1/2-hour private lessons will be scheduled during swim lessons. Register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center to schedule your specific time.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$100.00 Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
 6 session dates

3401.301
Dates: 09/11/2021 - 10/30/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Sep 25, Oct 9

PITTSBURGH ARTISTIC SWIMMING

Artistic Swimming combines the grace of dance, the agility of gymnastics and the athleticism of swimming all in one sport. Swimmers will perform a variety of individual figures and team routines which include performances of coordinated movements (similar to dance) in time to music. This exciting sport encourages confidence, creativity, strength, flexibility, and teamwork. Instructors have competed in National/International Age Group, Intercollegiate and/or master's Competitions. As the team progresses, swimmers will have the opportunity to compete or participate in a swim show for friends and family. USA Artistic Swimming safety protocols will be used. Swimmers do not need prior experience but should be able to swim 25 yards freestyle and backstroke (pool length). Swimmers will need a swimsuit, cap and nose clips. Email pghsynchroswim@yahoo.com for more details. Twice a week discount rate is not available with online registration.

Ages: 8 - 18
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
Twice a week: \$60.00 Non-Res Fee: \$65.00
 6 session dates

3413.370
Dates: 09/07/2021 - 10/12/2021 Tue
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.371
Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.378
Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/24/2021 Sun
Time: 3:30PM - 5:00PM

3413.372
Dates: 10/26/2021 - 12/07/2021 Tue
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.373
Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Oct 10, Nov 2, Nov 25

CURRENT COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.
Programs may be delayed, canceled or locations changed. Please check the Municipal website for the most current information.

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

MASTER'S ARTISTIC (SYNCHRONIZED) SWIMMING

For swimmers over the age of 18. No prior synchronized swimming experience is necessary. Learn new aquatic skills such as eggbeater kick and sculling and get a great workout! Synchro promotes flexibility & teamwork and increases physical activity. Our instructors will teach correct techniques and FINA figures. There will be an opportunity to learn synchronized swimming routines, perform in seasonal exhibitions, and compete in master's level competitions. Participants must be comfortable in deep water, able to swim 100 yards (4 laps) and swim freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke. Instructor is available to help improve strokes and / or kicks. Synchro instructors have prior competitive experience in master's and/or age group competition. Email pghsynchrosim@yahoo.com for more details. Twice a week discount rate is not available with online registration.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
Twice a week: \$60.00 Non-Res Fee: \$65.00
 6 session dates

3413.374
 Dates: 09/07/2021 - 10/12/2021 Tue
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.375
 Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.379
 Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/24/2021 Sun
 Time: 3:30PM - 5:00PM

3413.376
 Dates: 10/26/2021 - 12/07/2021 Tue
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.377
 Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Oct 10, Nov 2, Nov 25

AQUACISE New Location!

Any adult (21 years of age and over) is welcome to come. You do not have to be able to swim to participate. Classes feature water exercises. Aquacise is held throughout the year on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Pathfinder School Pool. The fee for nightly attendance is \$5.00 for a resident or \$6.00 for a non-resident. Sign in and pay at the pool each evening you attend.

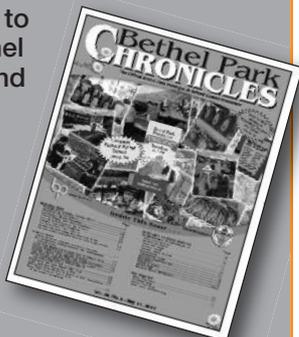
Ages: 21 and over
Resident Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res Fee: \$6.00
 Dates: 09/13/2021 - 12/20/2021 Mon, Wed
 Time: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: Pathfinder School Pool
No class: Nov 1, Nov 24, Nov 29

LOOKING TO REACH MORE CUSTOMERS OR PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT?

Reserve space now in the **December 2021** issue of Bethel Park Chronicles if you'd like to reach over 15,000 Bethel Park resident homes and businesses! The ad deadline for the Dec. issue is Nov. 1, 2021.

For more information or an ad kit, please call **Janet Davin** 412-831-6800, x211.



BETHEL PARK MASTERS SWIMMING

For swimmers over the age of 18. Did you swim at high school or college? Would you like to take the sport up again, but feel you are too out of shape? Or would you like to improve your swimming technique in the high school eight-lane pool? Our Masters Swimming program caters to all adults, whatever your age, for swimmers of all levels. Whether you are a Masters swim champion, would like to swim a few meets, or if you are a triathlete who would like to increase your endurance, or if you would like instruction from our experienced coaches to help you swim with better technique, this program is for you. You will need to register with USMS if you decide to join. Please just drop in at the pool one morning and see if this is for you! Register at the pool.

Ages: 18 years and over
Fee: Full season: \$400
School year: \$325
Monthly: \$45
Daily drop-in: \$5

Dates: 8/30/2021 - 7/23/2022
 Times: Mon and Wed 5:30AM - 6:45AM
 Saturday 6:00AM - 7:30AM

Email coachkbpswim@gmail.com with any questions.

Location: BPHS Pool

COMMUNITY SWIM

Swim Dates: 9/11/2021 - 12/5/2021
 Fridays 6:30 - 8:30PM
 Saturdays 2:30 - 4:30PM
 Sundays 2:30 - 4:30PM

NO SWIMMING ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND POSTED SWIM MEET DAYS.

Daily Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res: \$7.00
 Daily Family Pass - \$10 for up to 5 immediate family members. (Non-resident \$13)

SPECIAL NOTE: DO NOT BRING VALUABLES TO THE POOL. Check in with the guard when entering the pool. **Children under 14 years of age MUST be accompanied by at least one parent who is dressed to enter the water.**

Location: BPHS Pool
NO COMMUNITY SWIM ON: Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 25, Oct 1, Oct 8, Oct 9, Oct 10, Oct 15, Oct 29, Nov 5, Nov 6, Nov 7, Nov 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

LAP SWIMMING

Swim without the crowd and do laps on your own on Monday and Wednesday evenings! Sign in and pay at the pool each evening you attend. The fee for nightly attendance is \$5.00 (non-res \$6.00). Locker rooms are closed due to Covid restrictions. Restrooms are available.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res Fee: \$6.00
 Dates: 09/08/2021 - 12/20/2021 Mon, Wed
 Time: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Nov 1, Nov 24, Nov 29

SWIM TEAM FALL CLINIC

This clinic is for students, ages 6 to 14, who are NOT registered with the Bethel Park Recreation Swim Team and have an interest in swimming competitively. During the clinic, our competitive swim team coaching staff will work with your child to develop the basic fundamentals of the four basic competitive swim strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, & butterfly) as well as an introduction to legal turns and starts. Goggles are required for all swimmers and caps will be provided for athletes with hair shoulder length or longer. Detailed information about the clinic will be provided on the first evening and information about swimming options after the clinic will be shared throughout the clinic.

Ages: 6 - 14
Resident Fee: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$65.00
 11 session dates

3421.303
 Dates: 08/30/2021 - 09/16/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
 Time: 5:00PM - 5:45PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class: Sep 6

SCOUT SWIMMING

Bethel Park Recreation will sponsor a program at the Bethel Park High School pool on Sunday evenings for Boy Scout or Girl Scout groups to work on earning their water-related badges. LEADERS, email the recreation office: recreation@bethelpark.net for exact dates, fees and to make arrangements for scouts to earn their badges.

All ages
Location: BPHS Pool

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED



Field Banner Sponsors

Bethel Park Recreation would like to thank the following businesses for participating in our field banner program:

Flora Park
 Become Better Sports Performance & PT
 Kona Ice
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 Maceil's Auto Body
 Bethel Park Soccer Association
 South Park Shops
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 Pittsburgh Football Club
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 Jersey Mike's Subs
 Lois Johnson Learning Center & Child Care
 Howard Hanna - Leanne Dresmich
 Bethel Church League Baseball
 Spartan Pharmacy
 A & T Roofing and Construction
 Highpoint Fitness

OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Travel Basketball Team Tryouts 2021-22 Season

Bethel Park Travel Basketball will be holding tryouts for boys' grades 3 through 8 and girls grades 4 through 8. All 3rd grade girls are welcome to try out for a 4th grade team but are not guaranteed to make the team.

Players **MUST** attend at least two of the three tryouts with their specific grade level and gender. Players will not be permitted to attend tryout sessions with another grade level.

Tryouts will be conducted in September. Please visit www.bpbasketball.com for specific days and times. Any questions should be directed to Drew Sabatos at trysouts@bpbasketball.com.

Travel Basketball requires a significant time commitment. Players are expected to attend practices and games and to hone their skills on their own as well.

Bethel Park Hockey

Interested in playing ice hockey? If you want to know more about BP Hockey, please contact Jon Tietz at bphockeypresident@gmail.com. We may have some openings available on our JV2 team.

Bethel Park Jr. Wrestling

Ages: 5-12

Grades: K-6

Registration will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 20** from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Bethel Park High School Cafeteria. **You must bring 3 checks to registration** (1 for registration, 2 for deposits).

1st wrestler - \$100

2nd wrestler - \$90

3rd or more wrestler(s) - \$25 per child

Additional Requirement: Equip deposit - \$80 / Duty deposit - \$150.

Practices for beginners will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 7 pm. Practices for experienced will be held Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm. The first practice for experienced will be on Monday, Nov. 8th and the first practice for beginners will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9th. Matches and tournaments are held Saturdays and/or Sundays and a few possible weeknights during the season, which ends in late February or early March. Your child will practice and compete based on their age, weight, and experience. A schedule of matches will be available beginning in December 2021. Please contact Brian.Kunkle@hotmail.com with any questions.

PACER Cross Country Track

REGISTRATION and the first practice will be held beginning in late August or early September. Please check the website.

All girls and boys, ages eight and older, can participate in the Cross Country season at the Gilfillan Trail, located near Westminster Presbyterian Church on Route 19, south of South Hills Village. Practices are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings with meets on Saturday and Sunday mornings. No experience is needed. A well-fitting pair of RUNNING shoes is necessary. **AGES:** 8yrs and over **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday TIME: 6 - 7:30 pm LOCATION: Gilfillan Trail** Call Damon Rhodes at 412-475-7206 or Steve Meddings at 724-301-8101 for further information. Check our website for fees and other information: www.pacertrackclub.com.

Tennis

Lessons and clinics are available for ages 3 to adult. Call to register and direct questions to 412-851-2630 or Email: tennis@usctdp.com
Location: USC Tennis Center

Bethel Baseball Association (BBA)

Online registration is open for the 2021 Fall Rec Season. The Fall Rec Season is open for Ages 4 (TBall) to 14 (PONY). Visit us at www.bethelbaseball.org to find out more and register.

In August, we will be holding our annual Travel Tryouts for ages 7-14 (April 30th age cut-off). If you are interested in our Travel Baseball Program and want to know more, contact us today!

To stay in the loop with all BBA happenings, create an account on the BBA website. This will give you access to our email blasts and updates. Questions? Contact us at infobethelbaseball@gmail.com.

Bethel Church League Fall Baseball

Registration for the Bethel Church League Fall season is now open! The "Fall Ball" season is an instructional-based recreational baseball season, similar to the spring season. Players will "play up" to the division that they will play in the following spring (2022) to help give them some extra experience before spring. The following divisions will be open for Fall Ball:

SHETLAND	age 6 as of 4/30/22 (coach-pitch)
PINTO	ages 7 and 8 as of 4/30/22 (coach-pitch)
MUSTANG	ages 9 and 10 as of 4/30/22 (kid-pitch)
BRONCO	ages 11 and 12 as of 4/30/22
PONY	ages 13 and 14 as of 4/30/22

Stay tuned to our website (<https://www.bclbaseball.org>) or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BethelChurchLeagueBaseball>) for additional information when it becomes available. Hope to see you in the fall!

SPECIAL INTEREST

FLEA MARKET

Recreation Flea Markets will be held in the upper back parking lot at Christ United Methodist Church. Flea Markets are held the third Saturday of the month from May through September, from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

REMAINING DATES FOR 2021 ARE: AUG. 21 & SEPT. 18.

Spaces are assigned based upon the order the registrations are received in the Recreation Office. Sellers should report between 7:00 and 7:30 AM on Saturday morning. You may lose your space if you are not on site by 8:00 AM. Your assigned space will consist of two (2) parking lot spaces. Display your items only in the area assigned to you. Sellers are to provide their own table or display equipment.



You may park ONE standard size vehicle at your assigned space. HOWEVER, THE FLEA MARKET AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7:45 AM AND 1:00 PM. Additional parking will be available. At the conclusion of the sale, all items must be removed from the sale area, and all litter placed in proper containers.

PLEASE NOTE: All Flea Markets will be held RAIN OR SHINE. Fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** and **NON-TRANSFERABLE**. There will NOT be any refunds or credit given once registration and payment has been made.

Register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center. Individuals may register for any or all of the Flea Markets held through September.

Ages:	18 years and over	
Fee:	Bethel Park resident, used items	\$ 10
	Non-resident, used items	\$ 15
	New or sample items	\$ 15
Time:	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	

Location: Christ United Methodist Church

PAVILION PERMITS

Fee \$30.00

Any resident of Bethel Park may reserve selected picnic areas at Simmons Park or Village Green Park. These areas include a shelter and several picnic tables. The permits are available from the Recreation Office and should be requested in written form at least 2 weeks prior to the date requested.

Please provide the following information:

Name
Address
Phone number
Park pavilion requested
Date
Beginning and ending time
Purpose of the rental
Approximate number of people attending

There is a form online that may be submitted as a request. Go to www.bethelpark.net, Contact, then Citizen Requests. We will let you know if your date is available.

All Park and Municipal rules must be followed. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are permitted in any of the parks. The permit gives restricted use for the picnic area only. The tennis courts, sand volleyball court and ball fields are NOT included on the permit. Water and restrooms are available in both parks.

THERE IS A NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE \$30.00 CHARGE FOR A PAVILION PERMIT.



YOUTH PROGRAMS



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

DRIVER EDUCATION

The course is conducted by Kennedy School of Driving through Bethel Park Recreation. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and 6 hours of in-car training, a certificate is given that is accepted by most insurance companies for an insurance rate discount. If you are a BPHS student, this class features the option of taking your driving test with our instructor. This counts as 1 hour of your behind-the-wheel instruction. You must complete the test prior to your high school graduation in order to take the test with our instructor.

The \$45 (non-resident \$50) NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE fee payable to Bethel Park Recreation will secure your space in the class. **The fee of \$425 must be paid to Kennedy School of Driving on the first night of class.** Class size is limited to 36 students.

Ages: 15 and over
Resident Fee: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
To Kennedy: \$425.00

10 session dates

3311.301
 Dates: 09/07/2021 - 10/07/2021 Tue, Thu
 Time: 6:30PM - 9:30PM

Location: BPHS M415 Library

BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

Teaching your dog basic commands can be building blocks to a rewarding relationship with your pet. Our professional instructors will teach you how to teach your dog the basic commands of sit, down, stay, come when called, controlled walking exercises and much more! The dog must be at least 6 months old.

Please bring vaccination records, six-foot leash, and soft small treats to the first class. An adult must accompany handlers under age 18. **You must register with Bethel Park Recreation at least one week before the first class.** Register online, by mail to Bethel Park Recreation with the registration form in the Chronicles, or in person at the Community Center. Classes are held at Xcel Canine Training, Inc., 5400 Progress Boulevard, 412-833-2504, www.xcelcaninetraining.com.

You MUST provide an email address with registration so the instructor can contact you about necessary paperwork. There will be no refunds after the first class, for any reason.

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$100.00 Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
 6 session dates

3309.301
 Dates: 10/16/2021 - 11/20/2021 Sat
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

PUPPY OBEDIENCE

This class is taught at a slower pace than our Basic Obedience class, but still will give your puppy the steppingstones they need to learn at a young age. The puppies will also be in an environment with others their own age! They will learn the beginning of sit, down, stand, walking by your side and introducing them to new fun obstacles. An adult must accompany handlers under age 18. Your dog must be 3 to 6 months old and should have its 2nd set of shots before starting. Please bring vaccination records, six-foot leash, and soft small treats to the first class. **You must register with Bethel Park Recreation at least one week before the first class.** Register online, by mail to Bethel Park Recreation with the registration form in the Chronicles, or in person at the Community Center. Classes are held at Xcel Canine Training, Inc., 5400 Progress Boulevard, 412-833-2504, www.xcelcaninetraining.com. You MUST provide an email address with registration so the instructor can contact you about necessary paperwork. There will be no refunds after the first class, for any reason.

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$100.00 Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
 6 session dates

3309.302
 Dates: 10/16-2021 - 11/20/201 Sat
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.303
 Dates: 10/16-2021 - 11/20/201 Sat
 Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

JR. GEOLOGIST

Are you mad about minerals, frenzied for fossils and crazy for crystals? Join us as we discover the fascinating ancient history of Pittsburgh, hunt for and keep real, local, 300-million-year-old fossils, dissect and test rocks to determine where and when they were formed, grow glowing crystals, build a tower that must stand up to our earthquake machine and much more in this hands-on, action-packed series designed especially for the geo-enthusiast!

Instructor: Holly Bomba
 Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
 5 session dates

3860.301
 Dates: 10/07/2021 - 11/04/2021 Thu
 Time: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

Register at least 24-hours in advance of program start! Programs not meeting the minimum number of students will be canceled. Online registrations are highly encouraged at www.bethelpark.net

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

EARTH SCIENCE LAB

Come share in the wonder of our natural world as we discover the science of our environment. Explore and build the world's biomes including deserts, rainforests, and tundras. Discover which animals call our area home and what poisonous, edible, and medicinal plants might be growing in your very own backyard! Explore watersheds, wetlands, and dive deep into the ocean for an investigation of sea life. Get ready to mix cool color-changing potions, peer through microscopes, and devise solutions to challenges such as creating an antivenin for a mock snakebite!

Instructor: Holly Bomba
 Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
 5 session dates

3860.302
 Dates: 11/11/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
 Time: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25

YOUTH THEATER

Students/actors will enjoy playing creative drama games to improve character development and improvisation skills, voice projection and enunciation skills. Theater terms and staging will also be a part of this class. Students will focus on performing in skits/a short play to perfect their new skills. A performance will be held on the last class for family and friends.

Instructor: Adam Winter
 Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
 6 session dates

3875.301
 Dates: 09/01/2021 - 10/06/2021 Wed
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3875.302
 Dates: 10/13/2021 - 11/17/2021 Wed
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

ARTS & CRAFTS

ART EXPLOSION - ENJOYING THE COLORS OF FALL

Come join us for a fun six-week art session exploring, enjoying, and painting the colors of the beautiful fall season. Students will learn about artists Paul Gauguin and Gustav Klimt, letting their amazing, colorful artwork inspire our own masterpieces. Children will create sparkling trees, leaf drawings, rubbings and colorful landscapes showing this beautiful season. We will work with a variety of materials like paint, markers, colored pencils, scissors, model magic to name a few. All materials are included, and children will take home a completed piece of artwork after each class. Join us as we have fun creating and learning about the wonderful world of art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
 Ages: 4 - 7
Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
 6 session dates

3805.301
 Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:15PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center



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SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

ART EXPLOSION - CREATING AND CAPTURING FALL ART

Join us for a fun six-week art session enjoying and creating with the beautiful colors of the fall season, letting them inspire our artwork. Students will learn about artist like Frank Lloyd Wright, Paul Gauguin, and Gustav Klimt, letting their amazing artwork, love of nature and designs inspire our artwork. Children will have fun creating a model magic mosaic tree and painting a colorful landscape showing all their favorite colors. We will use a variety of materials, watercolors, pastels, markers, colored pencils, model magic to name a few. All materials are included, and children will take home a completed piece of artwork after each class. Come join us as we have fun creating and learning about the wonderful world of art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
6 session dates

3805.302
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

ART EXPLOSION - SEASONAL ART WORKSHOP

Join us for a creative four-week seasonal art and craft workshop. Children will have fun painting turkeys, creating paper wreaths, and making seasonal model magic cookies. We will learn about artists like Norman Rockwell and Thomas Kinkade, incorporating some of their ideas into our artwork. A variety of materials like paint, markers, crayons, colored pencils, and model magic to name a few will be used and all are included. Students will take home their artwork after each class. Come, have fun discovering, creating, and exploring with art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
Ages: 4 - 7
Resident Fee: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
4 session dates

3805.303
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 11/22/2021 Mon
Time: 5:15PM - 6:15PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

ART EXPLOSION - SEASONAL ART WORKSHOP

Join us for this creative four-week seasonal art workshop. We will have fun learning about artists like Norman Rockwell and Thomas Kinkade, letting their artwork inspire us as we create paper wreaths including winter scenes. Children will paint a turkey and create a model magic sculpture reflecting the fun and beauty of the winter season. Some of the materials we will use are watercolors, tempera paints, markers, crayons, colored pencils, and model magic to name a few and all are included. Students will take home a completed piece of artwork after each session. Come, have fun celebrating the season creating and exploring with art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
4 session dates

3805.304
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 11/22/2021 Mon
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

CANVAS CRAZINESS

Each canvas class will let loose your inner artist/painter! A new holiday theme painting will be explored in every session so attend one or all 3 for some fun and colorful art experiences and canvases. All supplies included. **Must register at least 24 hours prior to class.

Instructor: Karen Hartman
Ages: 6 - 14
Resident Fee: \$25.00 Non-Res Fee: \$30.00
1 session date

3805.305
Dates: 10/07/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:45PM
Haunted House

3805.306
Dates: 11/04/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:45PM
Fall pumpkins and critters

3805.307
Dates: 12/09/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:45PM
Gingerbread House painting

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

CARTOONING WORKSHOP

Cartooning/drawing classes with a new fun theme for each class! Students will learn the foundation of cartooning in this very fun, relaxed class atmosphere. Students and instructor tell jokes, stories and share their creations. Students end class with 4 fun drawings/cartoons complete with speech bubbles. Bring your imagination for lots of fun! ***Instructor will provide individual, sanitized supplies for each student.** Must register at least 24 hours prior to class.

Instructor: Karen Hartman
Ages: 6 - 14
Resident Fee: \$18.00 Non-Res Fee: \$23.00
1 session date

3805.308
Dates: 09/23/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:30PM
Silly Superheroes & Villains

3805.309
Dates: 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:30PM
Halloween Monsters

3805.310
Dates: 11/18/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:30PM
Fall Turkeys & Thanksgiving

3805.311
Dates: 12/02/2021 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:30PM
Snowman Silliness

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

PRIVATE/SEMI-PRIVATE DRAWING CLASS

Register at the Community Center for individual 1-hour lessons between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Instructor Karen Hartman will hold 60 minute private or semi-private drawing instruction for youth or adult students from beginner to advanced level. Lesson can be customized to the participant's likes and needs while exploring foundation. Portfolio customization offered for High School Students. Student may bring supplies and instructor will have additional supplies at each lesson. Please bring a 5x7 or larger sketch book.

Instructor: Karen Hartman
Ages: 6 and over
Resident Fee: \$25.00 Non-Res Fee: \$30.00
1 session date

Time: TBD 4:00PM - 7:00PM

3805.312
Dates: 09/30/2021 Thu

3805.313
Dates: 10/14/2021 Thu

3805.314
Dates: 10/28/2021 Thu

3805.315
Dates: 12/16/2021 Thu

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

DANCE

BALLET / DANCE COMBO

This class will serve as an intro to ballet, while incorporating other fun dance/movement techniques that will enhance balance, body control and the natural sense of rhythm. Simple jazz-type and tap movements will be introduced and proper stretching (set to song and nursery rhymes) will be taught. This is a very informal & fun approach to beginning dance. Participants should dress in standard dance attire, leotard or tank top with tights or stretchy, tight fitness/dance shorts worn over tights. Jazz or ballet shoes are preferred.

Instructor: Tammy Lentz
Ages: 3 - 5
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
6 session dates

3818.301
Dates: 08/31/2021 - 10/05/2021 Tue
Time: 4:30PM - 5:15PM

3818.311
Dates: 10/12/2021 - 11/16/2021 Tue
Time: 4:30PM - 5:15PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

MOVE AND GROOVE WITH 2'S

Help your child discover movement and expression while networking with other parents through a structure that blends dance, music, and imagination. Parent and child will follow along with the instructor who will guide the parent/tot team in a way that makes discovering movement, balance, and listening skills easy and fun. This class is an excellent first group activity. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Instructor: Tammy Lentz
Ages: 16 months - 3
Resident Fee: \$21.00 Non-Res Fee: \$26.00
6 session dates

3818.302
Dates: 08/31/2021 - 10/05/2021 Tue
Time: 10:45AM - 11:15AM

3818.312
Dates: 10/12/2021 - 11/16/2021 Tue
Time: 10:45AM - 11:15AM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

PRESCHOOL TAP

This is a fun early introductory class for tap and creative movement. While learning basic tap steps, students will develop coordination, balance, musicality, timing, and flexibility. Shuffles, skipping, singing, and rhyming are all part of this exciting class. Please wear comfortable clothing. Students must provide their own tap shoes. Please contact the instructor, Tammy Lentz, at 412-851-9142 if you have any questions about the class or where to purchase shoes.

Ages: 3 - 5
Resident Fee: \$30.00 Non-Res Fee: \$35.00
6 session dates

3818.303
Dates: 09/02/2021 - 10/07/2021 Thu
Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

3818.313
Dates: 10/14/2021 - 11/18/2021 Thu
Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

You can register online for most
Recreation programs!
www.bethelpark.net



BEGINNER JAZZ/HIP HOP COMBO

This one hour class allows students to learn and enjoy fundamental dance styles. Class allows students to explore leaping and turning with jazz and learn some street funk with hip hop. The high energy class is a solid foundation of dance and sure to be a favorite. Jazz shoes are preferred but not required. Please wear comfortable clothing. Please contact the instructor, Tammy Lentz, at 412-851-9142 if you have any questions about the class or where to purchase shoes.

Ages: 5 - 12
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
 6 session dates

3818.304
 Dates: 09/02/2021 - 10/07/2021 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3818.314
 Dates: 10/14/2021 - 11/18/2021 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

BEGINNER BATON TWIRLING

Join our fun-filled class for the beginner twirler! This is a low cost, no pressure introduction for the first time twirlers who want to get their first taste of baton. Students will learn basic twirls and tosses and will also have fun learning how to march and twirl to music. Twirling also promotes development of good hand/eye coordination. This class is a great start for any future little majorette. Students should wear comfortable clothing and must have their own baton. Please contact the instructor, Tammy Lentz, at 412-851-9142 if you have questions about the class or where to purchase a baton. Tammy is a former Upper St. Clair Majorette with over 28 years of teaching and training girls to be majorettes throughout the many high schools in the South Hills area. Twirlers also have the opportunity to march in the annual Community Day Parade.

Ages: 5 and over
Resident Fee: \$30.00 Non-Res Fee: \$35.00
 6 session dates

3818.305
 Dates: 08/31/2021 - 10/05/2021 Tue
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3818.315
 Dates: 10/12/2021 - 11/16/2021 Tue
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

INTERMEDIATE BATON TWIRLING

Class will continue to build your knowledge and baton twirling skills. Students will learn more difficult tricks and tosses while building on the skills learned in beginner baton class. Students should wear comfortable clothing and must have their own baton. Class prerequisite: Recommendation from instructor, Tammy Lentz, or at least 1 year experience with another instructor. Twirlers also have the opportunity to march in the annual Community Day Parade.

Ages: 5 and over
Resident Fee: \$30.00 Non-Res Fee: \$35.00
 6 session dates

3818.306
 Dates: 08/31/2021 - 10/05/2021 Tue
 Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

3818.316
 Dates: 10/12/2021 - 11/16/2021 Tue
 Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

Register at least 24-hours in advance of program start! Programs not meeting the minimum number of students will be canceled. Online registrations are highly encouraged at www.bethelpark.net

ADVANCED BATON

This class is for the twirlers who have had beginner and/or intermediate instruction or by instructor recommendation. Students will focus on 2 baton tricks, exchanges, and ribbon instruction. This class is for girls who are headed in the direction of becoming a High School Majorette. Students do not need to purchase a second baton or ribbon. The instructor will provide additional batons and ribbons. Twirlers also have the opportunity to march in the annual Community Day Parade.

Instructor: Tammy Lentz
 Ages: 8 and over
Resident Fee: \$30.00 Non-Res Fee: \$35.00
 6 session dates

3818.307
 Dates: 08/31/2021 - 10/05/2021 Tue
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

3818.317
 Dates: 10/12/2021 - 11/16/2021 Tue
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

PASSION RECREATION COMBO TWIRL AND POMS

Poms-Non cheer team performance with instruction on how to use poms with precision and grace, combining the changing of floor patterns, group design, and dance steps. Poms will be provided. Twirl-Beginner/Intermediate skill-based instruction combining the sport and art of standard body moves and baton handling techniques. Please dress comfortably, in tennis shoes, and bring your own baton. Contact us for more information and questions at tomlinst1@hotmail.com or annietwirl@gmail.com.

Ages: 4 - 9
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
 6 session dates

3101.303
 Dates: 09/08/2021 - 10/13/2021 Wed
 Time: 6:15PM - 7:00PM

3101.313
 Dates: 10/27/2021 - 12/08/2021 Wed
 Time: 6:15PM - 7:00PM

Location: Ben Franklin Elementary
No class: Nov 24

PASSION RECREATION TWIRL

Twirling instruction combining the sport and art of standard body moves and baton handling techniques to create a routine that exemplifies the best of both. Twirlers should be ages 10-18 for this class with some baton experience. Join instructors Tina Tomlins and LeAnn Chamberlin (both former solo/strut National Champions and members of the World Champion Modernettes) for training in the latest baton-handling techniques, routines, and twirling. Advancement onto PASSION Twirl and Poms Competitive Team is by instructor selection. Please dress comfortably, in tennis shoes, and bring your own baton. Contact us for more information and questions as to where to purchase a baton at tomlinst1@hotmail.com or annietwirl@gmail.com.

Ages: 10 - 18
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
 6 session dates

3101.304
 Dates: 09/08/2021 - 10/13/2021 Wed
 Time: 7:15PM - 8:00PM

3101.314
 Dates: 10/27/2021 - 12/08/2021 Wed
 Time: 7:15PM - 8:00PM

Location: Ben Franklin Elementary
No class: Nov 24

PASSION COMBO COMPETITIVE TWIRL & POM TEAM

Instructor selected competition team, by invitation only. Participant's skill level must be reviewed by our instructors to determine eligibility for Competitive Teams. Additional fees are charged for competition participation. Online registration is not available for the teams.

Ages: 4 - 18
Resident Fee: \$72.00 Non-Res Fee: \$77.00
 6 session dates

3101.300
 Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
 Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

3101.310
 Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
 Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: Ben Franklin Elementary
No class: Nov 25

PASSION COMBO COMPETITIVE TWIRL AND POM TINY TEAM

Skill-based baton twirling techniques taught to form a creative, unpredictable routine that exemplifies both the sport and art of twirling. Combined with a non-cheer, team pom performance with instruction on how to use poms with precision and grace. Using dance steps, changing floor patterns, and group design to bring everything together. Instructors, Tina Tomlins and LeAnn Chamberlin, were both former solo/strut National Champions and members of the World Champion Modernettes and are currently the directors of the 2019 PA State Beginner Tiny Tot Dance Twirl Champions and the 2019 PA State Junior Halftime Team Champions! Advancement into competitive Twirl and Pom Teams is by instructor selection. Please dress comfortably, in tennis shoes, and bring your own baton. Poms will be provided. Contact us for more information and questions as to where to purchase a baton at tomlinst1@hotmail.com or annietwirl@gmail.com.

Ages: 4 - 10
Resident Fee: \$52.00 Non-Res Fee: \$57.00
 6 session dates

3101.302
 Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
 Time: 5:45PM - 6:45PM

3101.312
 Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
 Time: 5:45PM - 6:45PM

Location: Ben Franklin Elementary
No class: Nov 25

FITNESS & EXERCISE

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

FIT KIDS

We're back with a new class and new instructor! Fit Kids is a chance for kids to have some fun, get their energy out, and find an early love for fitness. Make new friends while playing games, running races, bouncing, skipping, hopping, and jumping away. Play and laugh your way to being a fit kid! Bring a friend or two and get ready to have lots of fun!

Instructor: Cortney Sweeney
 Ages: 5 - 8
Resident Fee: \$25.00 Non-Res Fee: \$30.00
 6 session dates

3815.301
 Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3815.311
 Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 29

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

FITNESS FUN FOR TODDLERS WITH JUMPBUNCH

JumpBunch encourages physical activity through play, exploration, and movement. Children will develop their fine and gross motor skills while building coordination, balance, and confidence. A perfect introduction to fitness using bright, colorful equipment that is age appropriate. So much fun kids won't even realize they are getting exercise!

Instructor: Jump Bunch
Ages: 2 - 3
Resident Fee: **\$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
6 session dates

3815.307
Dates: 09/16/2021 - 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 9:15AM - 9:45AM

3815.317
Dates: 11/04/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 9:15AM - 9:45AM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

PRE-K FITNESS EXPLORATION WITH JUMPBUNCH

JumpBunch encourages physical fitness in every child. Classes include games and activities that help develop a foundation of skills used in a wide range of sports by building coordination, balance, and confidence. Equipment is age-appropriate and helps every child to perform their best. So much fun, they won't even know they're getting exercise!

Instructor: Jump Bunch
Ages: 3 - 5
Resident Fee: **\$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
6 session dates

3815.308
Dates: 09/16/2021 - 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

3815.318
Dates: 11/04/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

KRAV MAGA

Krav Maga will help improve your physical fitness while teaching you awareness and self-defense skills you can use in the real world. Krav Maga is not a traditional martial art. No Katas, no rituals. Based on simple principles and instinctive movements, this reality based system is designed to teach real self-defense in the shortest time possible. Uniform included in class fee (\$50 value). No experience required.

Instructor: No Limits Martial Arts
Ages: 14 and over
Resident Fee: **\$79.00** Non-Res Fee: \$84.00
6 session dates

3912.301
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

3912.302
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 29

**SPORTS**

YOUTH BASKETBALL
REGISTER NOW! TEAMS FILL UP!
DON'T GET SHUT OUT!
Grade 3 to Grade 12, Boys and Girls



Please see more information and use the **registration form found on page 27** or register online at www.bethelpark.net.

JUNIOR HOOPS 1

Creative and fun drills are used to help teach the children basic concepts of dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, offense, and defense for the first half of each session. The second half the children will be divided into teams to apply what they have learned in a teaching game style. Parents are welcome and encouraged to help with the drills and games. A T-Shirt is included.

Ages: 6 - 7
Resident Fee: **\$45.00** Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
6 session dates

3115.321
Dates: 12/03/2021 - 01/28/2022 Fri
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Neil Armstrong Middle School
No class: Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 14

JUNIOR HOOPS 2

Creative and fun drills are used to help teach the children basic concepts of dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, offense and defense for the first half of each session. The second half the children will be divided into teams to apply what they have learned in a teaching game style. Parents are welcome and encouraged to help with the drills and games. A T-Shirt is included.

Ages: 7 - 8
Resident Fee: **\$45.00** Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
6 session dates

3115.322
Dates: 12/03/2021 - 01/28/2022 Fri
Time: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: Neil Armstrong Middle School
No class: Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 14

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

SHOOT 360 JUNIOR DRIBBLERS

This exciting and fun experience takes place in the state-of-the-art Shoot 360 basketball training facility at Cool Springs in Bethel Park. The program is for children ages 4-7 years old. Dribblers will learn the fundamentals of basketball ball-handling through coach-led instructional drills, advanced skills and shooting technologies, and basketball-oriented games.

Questions? Email brian.partyka@shoot360pittsburgh.com.

A T-shirt is included in the registration fee. Please indicate shirt size on your registration form: Youth S, M, L or Adult S, M, L, XL. Register with Bethel Park Recreation. The deadline is **August 28**.

Before entering the facility at Cool Springs, you **must also register at:** <https://registration.shoot360pittsburgh.com>.

Ages: 4 - 7
Resident Fee: **\$85.00** Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
4 session dates

3115.323
Dates: 09/08/2021 - 09/29/2021 Wed
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Cool Springs

T-BIRDS T-BALL

T-Birds T-Ball is a fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball for 3-5-year-old boys and girls. In each session, players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games. A T-Shirt and hat are included. If there are enough participants, game times will rotate weekly: 2:00PM - 3:00PM, or 3:00PM - 4:00PM.

Instructor: Jump Start Sports
Ages: 3 - 5
Resident Fee: **\$85.00** Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
6 session dates

3101.325
Dates: 09/11/2021 - 10/16/2021 Sat
Time: 2:00PM - 3:00PM OR
3:00PM - 4:00PM

Location: Park Avenue Fields

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Experience and enjoy the fun and challenging Olympic sport of foil fencing. The introductory and intermediate level instruction progressively establishes fundamental skills needed for successful fencing and great fitness. Sessions include instruction and practice bouts. Note: All essential equipment will be provided by the instructors, but students will be required to wear comfortable pants and non-marking athletic shoes. Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

Ages: 7 and over
Resident Fee: **\$52.00** Non-Res Fee: \$57.00
6 session dates

3140.301
Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3140.311
Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25

ADVANCED* FENCING

Take your fencing to a new level! This instructional class focuses on techniques, fitness, and a winning strategy to help the dedicated fencer succeed at an advanced competitive level in this martial art. Sessions include instruction and practice bouts. ***Prerequisites include a minimum of 1 year of fencing experience and approval of the instructors.** Note: All essential equipment will be provided by the instructors, but students will be required to wear comfortable pants and non-marking athletic shoes. Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

Ages: 11 and over
Resident Fee: **\$75.00** Non-Res Fee: \$80.00
6 session dates

3140.302
Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

3140.312
Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25

FLAG FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Wednesday, September 1! NO EXCEPTIONS. Register online, by mail, or in person at the Community Center. Girls and boys, ages 6 - 11, may register for a 6-week session of RECREATION FLAG FOOTBALL! Children will be placed on teams according to age. Each team will play one game per week on Sunday evening. A mouthguard is required.

Ages: 6 - 11
Resident Fee: **\$50.00** Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
6 session dates

3132.310
Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/17/2021 Sun
Time: 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Turf Field

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

KARATE FOR KIDS - TAEKWONDO

Students will be taught by instructors from No Limits Martial Arts. Instructors will teach students the basics of martial arts & personal safety, while incorporating the life skills of confidence, discipline, focus and fun! Students will work on key leadership skills such as eye contact and using their confident voice, while having a "YES I CAN" attitude! Uniform included in class fee (\$50 value). No experience required.

Instructor: No Limits Martial Arts

Ages: 4 - 16

Resident Fee: \$79.00 Non-Res Fee: \$84.00
6 session dates

3825.301

Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 6:00PM - 6:30PM

3825.302

Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 6:00PM - 6:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

No class: Nov 29

RIFLE - BEGINNER

Olympic style target shooting, beginner level. Student must be at least 12 years old. Each class limited to 10 students. Classes will be held twice a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All materials and supplies are provided. **Attendance at the first class is mandatory.**

Ages: 12 and over

Resident Fee: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
6 session dates

3153.301

Dates: 09/07/2021 - 09/28/2021 Tue, Wed
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: BPHS Rifle Range

No class: Sep 21

INTERMEDIATE* RIFLE

Olympic style target shooting, intermediate level, shooting the standard ten bull target. Student must be at least 12 years old and ***must have taken the beginner rifle class.** Classes will be held twice a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All materials and supplies are provided.

Ages: 12 and over

Resident Fee: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
6 session dates

3153.302

Dates: 09/07/2021 - 09/28/2021 Tue, Wed
Time: 7:45PM - 8:45PM

Location: BPHS Rifle Range

No class: Sep 21

MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER

Children will learn the skills, moves, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. This program emphasizes motor skills, social and listening skills, as well as body awareness. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play! Coach Sam Bellin is a former standout college soccer player at the University of Georgia and currently highly successful Head Coach of Allderdice High School Boys' Soccer Team with 20+ years of experience coaching youth sports.

Ages: 3 - 6

Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3815.302

Dates: 09/10/2021 - 10/15/2021 Fri
Time: 10:00AM - 10:30AM

3815.312

Dates: 10/22/2021 - 12/03/2021 Fri
Time: 10:00AM - 10:30AM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

No class: Nov 26

MIGHTY KICKS PARENT/CHILD SOCCER CLASS

Children will learn the skills, moves, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. This program emphasizes motor skills, social and listening skills, as well as body awareness. Additionally, parents will be able to play alongside and assist their youngsters as they get their first taste of soccer fun! No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play!

Ages: 2 - 3

Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3815.303

Dates: 09/11/2021 - 10/16/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

3815.313

Dates: 10/23/2021 - 12/04/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

No class: Nov 27

MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER - OUTDOORS!

Children will learn the skills, moves, rules, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play **Coaching** - All of your classes will be led by Coach Sam, well-respected for his 20+ years of relentlessly positive, high-energy, child-centered, and expert sports coaching. Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program that helps children develop character and confidence on and off the field.

Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
6 session dates

3815.304

Ages: 3 - 4
Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/17/2021 Sun
Time: 12:00PM - 12:45PM

3815.305

Ages: 5 - 8
Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/17/2021 Sun
Time: 1:00PM - 1:45PM

Location: Village Green Park

MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER - PM

Children will learn the skills, moves, rules, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play Here are some highlights of the program:

Curriculum - Mighty Kicks serves over 4000 children yearly using an age-appropriate methodology including games, drills, exercises, stories with pictures and more!

Coaching - All classes will be led by Coach Sam, highly successful Head Coach of Allderdice High School Boys' Soccer Team with 20+ years of experience coaching youth sports. Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program that helps children develop character and confidence on and off the field.

Ages: 5 - 9

Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
6 session dates

3815.306

Dates: 10/12/2021 - 11/16/2021 Tue
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

SPECIAL EVENTS**HALLOWEEN FUN**

Children in grades K-4 will enjoy Halloween crafts, movies, snacks, games, and of course....TREATS! This event will be held at the Bethel Park Community Center. Space is limited so register early. **You must register by Wednesday, Oct. 20.** Costumes are optional.

Ages: 5 - 11

Resident Fee: \$15.00 Non-Res Fee: \$18.00
1 session date

3890.301

Dates: 10/23/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Bethel Park Recreation is offering a FUN holiday workshop for boys and girls in grades K through 4 at the Community Center. Come join us for holiday crafts, games, movies, and snacks. **You must register by Wednesday, Dec. 1.**

PARENTS: This provides a great chance for you to get some last minute holiday shopping done without the kids! Space is Limited!

Ages: 5 - 11

Resident Fee: \$15.00 Non-Res Fee: \$18.00
1 session date

3890.310

Dates: 12/04/2021 Sat
Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

Bethel Park Community Day is Back!

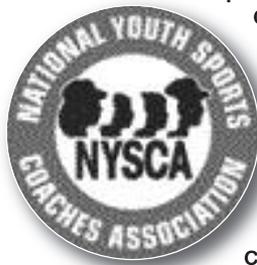
We're happy to announce that Community Day will be held this fall on **Saturday, Sept. 25!** See details on pg. 3.



SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

ARE YOU A YOUTH SPORT VOLUNTEER COACH?

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) is a membership organization and the most widely used volunteer coach training program in the nation, having trained more than 3 million coaches since 1981.



The NYSCA volunteer coach training program is designed to sensitize volunteer coaches to their responsibilities and hold them accountable to a strict Code of Conduct defined by the NYSCA Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge.

The NYSCA Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports website is one of the most comprehensive resources for volunteer coaches, no matter what sport you're coaching. The website is designed to improve your understanding in all the important areas of youth coaching. Coaches who are trained and educated on the many different aspects involved with coaching kids are best prepared to provide participants with a fun-filled, safe, and rewarding experience. Please consider completing this valuable online training at www.nays.org.



COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS NEED CLEARANCES!

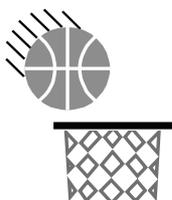
Interested in coaching?
(basketball, flag football)

Pennsylvania state law requires all individuals who have direct contact with children to have 3 clearances. They are the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, and the FBI Federal Criminal History Record. The clearances take approximately two to three weeks for processing.

Please contact Recreation Director Chuck Stover today about getting your clearances. You will not be able to coach or volunteer without them.
cstover@bethelpark.net or 412-831-6800, x230.

BETHEL PARK RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL 2021

DIVISIONS*	PRACTICE	GAMES START
Boys grades 3 & 4	Weeknights	Sat. - December 4
Girls grades 3 & 4	Weeknights	Sun. - December 5
Boys grades 5 & 6	Weeknights	Sat. - December 4
Girls grades 5 & 6	Weeknights	Sun. - December 5
Boys grades 7 & 8	Weeknights	Sat. - December 4
Girls grades 7 - 10	Weeknights	Sun. - December 5
Boys grades 9 - 12	Weeknights	Sat. - December 4



*Grade in September 2021

Teams will play a 9 game schedule until mid-February 2022.
COACHES WILL NOTIFY PARENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL TEAM PRACTICES.

EARLY BIRD FEE: \$65-Registration MUST be in Rec. office **Sept. 14**
After Sept. 14 FEE: \$85 Non-resident add \$5 to either Fee
Fee covers practice, instruction, games, and T-shirt.

NO REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER OCT 13
or before if teams are filled!

Special requests for specific teams or coaches are not accepted.
REGISTER NOW! DIVISIONS CLOSE WHEN TEAMS ARE FILLED!

SKILLS AND DRILLS is an evaluation session that all registered participants in grades 3 - 6 should attend.

SATURDAY, OCT. 16 at the COMMUNITY CENTER.

	Players	Coaches meeting / draft
Boys grades 3 & 4	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Girls grades 3 & 4	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
Boys grades 5 & 6	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
Girls grades 5 & 6	5:30PM	7:00 PM

OPEN GYM AT NAMS - evaluation for GRADES 7-12

Player must be registered to attend. NO registration taken at Open Gym.
Attend both sessions!

3115.306	Boys grades 7 & 8	MON. 6:00 PM	Oct. 11, Oct. 18
3115.303	Girls grades 7-10	TUES. 6:00 PM	Oct. 12, Oct 19
3115.307	Boys grades 9-12	WED. 6:00 PM	Oct. 13, Oct. 20

Teams in these divisions will be put together on Oct. 18, 19, 20

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED FOR ALL DIVISIONS!

Call the RECREATION OFFICE for information 412-831-1328.

Clearances are required.

Bethel Park Recreation and Leisure Services YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION FORM

Separate form REQUIRED for EACH participant. You may DUPLICATE this form.
(PARTICIPANT)

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ BP Resident? Yes / No

PHONE: () _____ () _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTH DATE: m____/d____/y____ Male/Female (circle)

Grade: _____ as of September 2021

Height ____ Is parent available to coach? Yes / No Clearances are required

Do you also intend to try out for the Travel Team? Yes / No

For Basketball T-shirt circle size

AS / AM / AL / AXL / AXXL (ADULT sizes)

Please circle division:	Grade as of September 2021		
Girls Grades 3 & 4	3115.301	Boys Grades 3 & 4	3115.304
Girls Grades 5 & 6	3115.302	Boys Grades 5 & 6	3115.305
Girls grades 7 - 10	3115.303	Boys Grades 7 & 8	3115.306
		Boys Grades 9 - 12	3115.307



Make check payable to: BETHEL PARK RECREATION Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Payment is from (print name) _____ cash _____ check # _____

Mail or drop off to: Bethel Park Recreation, 5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102

I, _____ understand the rules and regulations for the (Parent/guardian or participant - print name) activity for which I have registered myself, or have registered my child. By my signature, I agree to hold harmless and blameless the Municipality of Bethel Park, Bethel Park School District and any employee thereof as to and regarding any liability, claims, damages or any item whatsoever resulting from any accident or injury which I or those under my supervision or care might receive while participating in the above Recreation program(s). I understand that Bethel Park Recreation provides opportunities for positive publicity by photographing and/or videotaping patrons at programs for use in local publications, newspapers, television, websites, and social media accounts. By signing this Activity Waiver, I grant the Municipality of Bethel Park and the Bethel Park School District permission to use my image, name, and likeness (collectively, "Image"), or the Image of my child, in this manner without any further compensation to me. **I understand that if I do not agree to the use of my Image or the Image of my child, I must notify Bethel Park Recreation in writing upon registration.**

SIGNATURE: _____
(Parent/guardian, if participant is under 18 years of age)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount Due \$ _____ Amount Paid \$ _____ Staff _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Credit Card _____

Account # 831 Activity Code# 3115.30 Date Received _____ Time _____



ADULT PROGRAMS

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

PHOTO PRESERVATION & ORGANIZATION

Come and join us for an educational presentation on how to **Calm the Chaos** of your printed and digital photo collections! Do you have print photos in drawers, frames, albums and digital photos on phones, computer, memory sticks, etc.? Learn how to organize and clean up the mess as we cover topics on scanning, media conversion, phone photos, temporary solutions and permanent solutions, metadata, cloud services, and celebrating your memories. Lisa Webster of Grand Scale Video Productions has been helping families for over six years to organize, preserve, share, and celebrate their memories. She will give you the information needed to make informed decisions and will help you create a photo plan for generations.

Instructor: Lisa Webster
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$10.00** Non-Res Fee: \$15.00
1 session date

3970.301
Dates: 09/14/2021 Tue
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

3970.302
Dates: 10/04/2021 Mon
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Community Center

BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

Teaching your dog basic commands can be building blocks to a rewarding relationship with your pet. Our professional instructors will teach you how to teach your dog the basic commands of sit, down, stay, come when called, controlled walking exercises and much more! The dog must be at least 6 months old. Please bring vaccination records, six-foot leash, and soft small treats to the first class. An adult must accompany handlers under age 18. **You must register with Bethel Park Recreation at least one week before the first class.** Register online, by mail to Bethel Park Recreation with the registration form in the Chronicles, or in person at the Community Center. Classes are held at Xcel Canine Training, Inc., 5400 Progress Boulevard, 412-833-2504, www.xcelcaninetraining.com.

You **MUST** provide an email address with registration so the instructor can contact you about necessary paperwork. There will be no refunds after the first class, for any reason.

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: **\$100.00** Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
6 session dates

3309.301
Dates: 10/16/2021 - 11/20/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

PUPPY OBEDIENCE

This class is taught at a slower pace than our Basic Obedience class, but still will give your puppy the steppingstones they need to learn at a young age. The puppies will also be in an environment with others their own age! They will learn the beginning of sit, down, stand, walking by your side and introducing them to new fun obstacles. An adult must accompany handlers under age 18. Your dog must be 3 to 6 months old and should have its 2nd set of shots before starting. Please bring vaccination records, six-foot leash, and soft small treats to the first class. **You must register with Bethel Park Recreation at least one week before the first class.** Register online, by mail to Bethel Park Recreation with the registration form in the Chronicles, or in person at the Community Center. Classes are held at Xcel Canine Training, Inc., 5400 Progress Boulevard, 412-833-2504, www.xcelcaninetraining.com. You **MUST** provide an email address with registration so the instructor can contact you about necessary paperwork. There will be no refunds after the first class, for any reason.

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: **\$100.00** Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
6 session dates

3309.302
Dates: 10/16-2021 - 11/20/2021 Sat
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.303
Dates: 10/16-2021 - 11/20/2021 Sat
Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

FITNESS & EXERCISE

COUNTRY FIT

Country Fit is an easy-to-follow, completely exhilarating, country dance-inspired workout perfect for beginners! No complicated moves, students simply follow along with the instructor to enjoy the low impact/high-energy dance class set to the chart-topping hottest country hits. You'll have so much fun moving, stepping, clapping, stomping, and laughing, you'll forget you're burning mega calories and toning your body from head to toe! **No dance experience is necessary.** Whether you're a dance newbie or you've already got great moves, you will love stepping it up to the hottest country hits around! This country dance-inspired workout is unlike any other workout you've tried and perfect for all fitness levels. Take this class twice a week for a discount rate. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Kerri Lewis
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$35.00** Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
Twice a week: **\$55.00** Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3918.301
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3918.302
Dates: 09/15/2021 - 10/20/2021 Wed
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3918.311
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3918.312
Dates: 11/03/2021 - 12/22/2021 Wed
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 22, Nov 24, Dec 1

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

HIIT IT!

Welcome NEW INSTRUCTOR Matthew and try out his new HIIT class! HIIT classes involve short bursts of high-intensity cardio and strength exercises alternated with brief periods of recovery. This usually translates to quick healthy results and is a great way to get a big workout with multiple benefits in a short time. Interval training involves a variety of movements that don't get repetitive or boring. Students will develop more upper body strength, a stronger core and a metabolism that's fired up! Twice a week discount rate is not available with online registration. Bring a mat or towel to class.

Instructor: Matthew Schaffold
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$35.00** Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
Twice a week: **\$55.00** Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3920.305
Dates: 09/11/2021 - 10/16/2021 Sat
Time: 9:15AM - 10:15AM

3920.306
Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/17/2021 Sun
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

3920.315
Dates: 10/30/2021 - 12/11/2021 Sat
Time: 9:15AM - 10:15AM

3920.316
Dates: 10/24/2021 - 12/12/2021 Sun
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Oct 31, Nov 27, Nov 28

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

KRAV MAGA

Krav Maga will help improve your physical fitness while teaching you awareness and self-defense skills you can use in the real world. Krav Maga is not a traditional martial art. No Katas, no rituals. Based on simple principles and instinctive movements, this reality-based system is designed to teach real self-defense in the shortest time possible. Uniform included in class fee (\$50 value). No experience required.

Instructor: No Limits Martial Arts
Ages: 14 and over
Resident Fee: **\$79.00** Non-Res Fee: \$84.00
6 session dates

3912.301
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

3912.302
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 29

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

Register at least 24-hours in advance of program start! Programs not meeting the minimum number of students will be canceled. Online registrations are highly encouraged at www.bethelpark.net.



POWER YOGA

This is a great class for students with no previous yoga experience. Power Yoga is designed for all levels in mind. You may go at whatever speed suits you! Challenge yourself with a blend of Pilates and Yoga, leaning more on the Yoga side. Stretching, energizing yoga poses and relaxation are the focus for this class. Instructor has over 15 years of Yoga and Pilates teaching experience. Students should bring mat, water, and small towel to class.

Instructor: Christi Fredrick
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$35.00** Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
6 session dates

3990.301
Dates: 09/08/2021 - 10/13/2021 Wed
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

3990.302
Dates: 10/27/2021 - 12/08/2021 Wed
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 24**

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

QIGONG

Qigong, an ancient practice originating in China, is comprised of simple, efficient, and effective movements to help manage and reduce stress, heal physical and emotional pain and enhance quality of life. Qi means "energy" and Gong means "to work with" so simply put Qigong means working with the body's energy. Qigong has movements similar to tai chi movements, yet simpler. Anyone regardless of age, ability or fitness level can practice Qigong and become healthier and happier. Some benefits of practicing include increase in oxygen uptake for stronger muscles, soothes the nervous system, improves metabolism and digestion, helps clear the mind for greater mental clarity and promotes greater flexibility. No special equipment is required, please wear loose, comfortable clothing. **It is recommended that you NOT wear earrings.** Twice a week discount rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Vince Galloni
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$35.00** Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
Twice a week: **\$55.00** Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3990.305
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 1:30PM - 2:15PM

3990.306
Dates: 09/15/2021 - 10/20/2021 Wed
Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3990.315
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 1:30PM - 2:15PM

3990.316
Dates: 11/03/2021 - 12/22/2021 Wed
Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 24, Nov 29, Dec 1**

SILVER SNEAKERS® CLASSIC

Perform a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activity for daily living skills. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and S. Sneakers ball are used. A chair may be used for seated and/or standing support.

Instructor: Mon & Thu - Renea Bishop
Tue - Anne Brucker
Fee: **FREE** with Silver Sneakers card

Dates: 09/13/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 10:45AM - 11:30AM

Dates: 09/07/2021 - 12/14/2021 Tue
Time: 12:35PM - 1:35PM

Dates: 09/02/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 1:00PM - 1:45PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 25**

SILVER SNEAKERS® BOOM MOVE

Designed for the Active Senior
Gain stamina and strength as you break a sweat and HAVE FUN! A higher intensity dance workout class that improves cardio endurance and burns calories. The class focuses on cardio endurance by starting with simple dance moves then building into more complex sequences, bringing you a great cardio workout. **No dance experience is required.**

Instructor: Renea Bishop
Fee: **FREE** with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 09/13/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 9:15AM - 10:00AM

Dates: 09/07/2021 - 12/14/2021 Tue
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Dates: 09/02/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 11:30AM - 12:15PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 25**

SILVER SNEAKERS® BOOM MUSCLE

Designed for the Active Senior
Students will move through multiple "blocks", which are groups of exercise that focus on different muscle groups. Class incorporates athletic-based exercises that improve upper body conditioning, toning muscles and building overall strength.

Instructor: Renea Bishop
Fee: **FREE** with Silver Sneakers' card
Dates: 09/02/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 12:15PM - 1:00PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 25**

SILVER SNEAKERS® STRENGTH AND STABILITY

Designed for the Active Senior
Stability is the newest class designed to help you become stronger and improve balance. The movements taught in class focus on specific exercises to improve strength and power around the ankle, knee, and hip joints, while improving your reaction time. This class is designed for fall prevention and is suitable for nearly every fitness level. It can be adapted depending on the skill of individual participants.

Instructor: Renea Bishop
Fee: **FREE** with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 09/13/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Dates: 09/07/2021 - 12/14/2021 Tue
Time: 9:15AM - 10:00AM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**

SILVER SNEAKERS® YOGA

Yoga will move your whole body through a complete series of seated and standing yoga poses. Chair support is offered to safely perform a variety of postures designed to increase flexibility, balance, and range of movement. Restorative breathing exercises and final relaxation will promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

Instructor: Gerrie Delaney
Fee: **FREE** with Silver Sneakers' card
Dates: 09/02/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 9:15am - 10:00am

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 25**

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December 2021!

SILVER SNEAKERS® CIRCUIT

Designed for the Active Senior
This Circuit workout offers standing, low-impact choreography alternated with upper body strength work. Students use hand-held weights, elastic tubing w/handles & other equipment while utilizing all parts of the body without too much stress. Build muscle, flexibility, cardio & tone.

Instructor: Gerrie Delaney
Fee: **FREE** with Silver Sneakers' card
Dates: 09/02/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 10:00am - 10:45am

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 25**

WALKING TRACK

Silver Sneakers® members can take advantage of the climate controlled, elevated indoor walking track at no charge, using their Silver Sneakers® membership card. The 1/12-mile track features 3 lanes for fitness lap walking or running. Track is open for use:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 8:00pm
Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
The Community Center is closed on Sep 6, Nov 25, Nov 26, Nov 27, Nov 28

T'AI-CHI BEGINNER

This traditional Tai-Chi Chuan class is for the beginning student as well as the student that wants to work on the first 1/3 of the form. The difference between Tai-Chi and other martial arts is "CHI". In this class you will develop better balance, coordination and posture which is "the way" to move more efficiently and beneficial for your health. T'ai Chi is suitable for anyone looking to improve overall health. No prior experience required. Wear loose fitting clothes and slippers or socks. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Tamara Stark
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$56.00** Non-Res Fee: \$61.00
Twice a week: **\$86.00** Non-Res Fee: \$91.00
6 session dates

3932.302
Dates: 09/08/2021 - 10/13/2021 Wed
Time: 10:55AM - 11:55AM

3932.303
Dates: 09/09/2021 - 10/14/2021 Thu
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3932.312
Dates: 10/27/2021 - 12/08/2021 Wed
Time: 10:55AM - 11:55AM

3932.313
Dates: 10/28/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 24, Nov 25**

T'AI-CHI INTERMEDIATE

This class is designed for students who have previous experience in a T'ai-Chi class and want to further their knowledge and experience. Instructor recommendation is required to enroll in this course. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Tamara Stark
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: **\$56.00** Non-Res Fee: \$61.00
Twice a week: **\$86.00** Non-Res Fee: \$91.00
6 session dates

3932.301
Dates: 09/07/2021 - 10/12/2021 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

3932.311
Dates: 10/26/2021 - 12/07/2021 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Location: **Bethel Park Community Center**
No class: **Nov 23**

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

TOTAL BODY BOOT CAMP

Total Body Boot Camp is an intense boot camp style class designed for men and women of all ages and all fitness levels. This class will work your entire body through resistance training, body weight exercises, balance and stability moves, core work, and cardio. Students just getting back to workouts will be shown appropriate modifications to make their workout safe but just as effective! Every class will be a new workout that will leave you feeling strong and energized! Get ready to work hard and sweat it out with Cortney! Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Cortney Sweeney
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
Twice a week: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3920.301
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/18/2021 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3920.302
Dates: 09/16/2021 - 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3920.311
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3920.312
Dates: 11/04/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25, Nov 29

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Total Body Conditioning, an interval training class, is a mix of aerobic and anaerobic exercises designed to burn fat, gain muscle, boost metabolism, strengthen your core and increase endurance and energy. Experience a circuit style workout that will have you move through a variety of stations using upper and lower body muscle groups at the same time. Class will use Bosu trainers, steps, weights, agility ladder and more. Modifications are given if necessary. Combine with Monday Total Body Boot Camp for a twice weekly workout. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Cortney Sweeney
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
Twice a week: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3920.303
Dates: 09/16/2021 - 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3920.313
Dates: 11/04/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 25



CHECK OUT THE FARMERS' MARKET TUESDAYS, 3-7 p.m.

Through September

South Park Ice Skating Parking Lot

ZUMBA® GOLD

Come back to LIVE ZUMBA®, BABY!!! Come give it a try. Get back to exercise, back in the gym with our FRIENDS and LIVE classes. We have made it through the hard times so let's have some fun times. Same ZUMBA® fun, same great music, and same empowering workouts. Stop waiting to get "fit" to join in. No need to lose a few before you start. Today is the day. This is how you get started. The hardest part is walking in that front door. You can do this. Your health is your number one priority. Remember no experience necessary. Please sign up at least 24 hours advance to guarantee we have enough for class. See you in September! Sign up for twice a week at a discounted rate! Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Kathy Raeder
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
Twice a week: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
6 session dates

3930.305
Dates: 09/14/2021 - 10/19/2021 Tue
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.306
Dates: 09/14/2021 - 10/19/2021 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3930.307
Dates: 09/16/2021 - 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.308
Dates: 09/16/2021 - 10/21/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3930.315
Dates: 11/02/2021 - 12/14/2021 Tue
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.316
Dates: 11/02/2021 - 12/14/2021 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3930.317
Dates: 11/04/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.318
Dates: 11/04/2021 - 12/16/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 23, Nov 25

ZUMBA® GOLD FOR ACTIVE SENIOR/BEGINNER

Still getting back into "live activities" after more than a year and a half of virtual? Think ZUMBA® Gold! You are never too old to bust a move. This is a great place to start if you are not sure how to get back to live and in person. All ages are welcome in this class. Come join our ZUMBA® family and enjoy some great music and people at the same time. Please sign up at least 24 hours advance to guarantee we have enough for class. See you in September!! Sign up for twice a week at a discounted rate! Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Instructor: Kathy Raeder
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$25.00 Non-Res Fee: \$30.00
Twice a week: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
6 session dates

3930.310
Dates: 09/20/2021 - 10/25/2021 Mon
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.312
Dates: 09/15/2021 - 10/20/2021 Wed
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.320
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.322
Dates: 11/03/2021 - 12/15/2021 Wed
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 22, Nov 24

SPORTS**BASKETBALL**

Men play on Thursday evenings. Limited spots are available. Everyone MUST register and prepay to participate.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$48.00 Non-Res Fee: \$53.00
8 session dates

3207.320
Dates: 10/14/2021 - 12/09/2021 Thu
Time: 8:00PM - 10:00PM

Location: Neil Armstrong Middle School
No class: Nov 25

COUCH POTATO BASKETBALL

Get off the couch and join us! Enjoy an evening of basketball, get some exercise, and make new friends! Everyone MUST register and prepay to participate.

Ages: 35 and over
Resident Fee: \$48.00 Non-Res Fee: \$53.00
8 session dates

3207.330
Dates: 10/11/2021 - 12/13/2021 Mon
Time: 8:00PM - 10:00PM

Location: Neil Armstrong Middle School
No class: Nov 1, Nov 29

PICKLEBALL

Men and women, boys and girls ages 13 and over REGISTER for our recreational Pickleball program at the Bethel Park Community Center gym. This is one of the fastest growing sports in the US combining elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Pickleball is a low-impact sport played on a court smaller than the size of a tennis court. General knowledge of game rules and beginner skill level is necessary as this is not an instructional class. Players must be able to bend to pick up balls and move forward and backward to play. Players of ALL SKILL LEVELS play together, rotating with different players each game. This is not an instructional class. Call 412-851-2910 for more information.

Ages: 13 and over
Resident Fee: \$28.00 Non-Res Fee: \$33.00
7 session dates

3901.301
Dates: 09/13/2021 - 10/25/2021 Mon
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.302
Dates: 09/08/2021 - 10/20/2021 Wed
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.303
Dates: 09/10/2021 - 10/22/2021 Fri
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.311
Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/20/2021 Mon
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.312
Dates: 10/27/2021 - 12/15/2021 Wed
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.313
Dates: 10/29/2021 - 12/17/2021 Fri
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Nov 22, Nov 24, Nov 26



SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

LADIES VOLLEYBALL

This is a recreational program that plays according to PIAA high school rules. Players should have knowledge of volleyball rules and skills at either intermediate or advanced level. This is a fun ladies' night out to meet new people and enjoy some exercise. If you can only attend occasionally, there is a nightly drop-in fee.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$36.00 Non-Res Fee: \$41.00
 8 session dates

3239.310
 Dates: 08/30/2021 - 10/25/2021 Mon
 Time: 8:00PM - 9:30PM

3239.311
 Dates: 11/01/2021 - 12/20/2021 Mon
 Time: 8:00PM - 9:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Sep 6

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Men play on Wednesday nights. Pick-up Men's Volleyball. Prior experience not necessary but players are expected to follow official USA indoor volleyball rules. Everyone must register and prepay to participate.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$36.00 Non-Res Fee: \$41.00
 8 session dates

3239.320
 Dates: 09/08/2021 - 10/27/2021 Wed
 Time: 8:00PM - 9:30PM

3239.321
 Dates: 11/03/2021 - 12/22/2021 Wed
 Time: 8:00PM - 9:30PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Looking for some fun, "backyard" style volleyball play? This is an informal program for co-ed volleyball play. Not designed as an instructional class, but an opportunity to have fun, socialize and meet new people.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$24.00 Non-Res Fee: \$29.00
 6 session dates

3239.330
 Dates: 09/12/2021 - 10/17/2021 Sun
 Time: 4:00PM - 6:00PM

3239.331
 Dates: 10/24/2021 - 12/12/2021 Sun
 Time: 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Bethel Park Community Center
No class: Oct 31, Nov 28

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED



SilverSneakers® at the Bethel Park Community Center!



SilverSneakers® programs are offered at the Bethel Park Community Center. The **SilverSneakers®** Fitness Program is the nation's leading fitness program designed exclusively for older adults. Regular participation in the program has been proven to help older adults manage their health and increase strength, balance, and endurance.

SilverSneakers® is a benefit offered to members of many Medicare plans across the U.S. If you are part of a Medicare health plan or if you are a group retiree, you may already have the **SilverSneakers®** benefit. There are over 5.8 million Medicare-eligible members who qualify for **SilverSneakers®**. There is no cost for **SilverSneakers®** eligible adults to become members and participate. You may already have **SilverSneakers®** available to you!

SilverSneakers® offers three easy ways to enroll. Simply choose one of the following options that best suits your lifestyle and begin enjoying your benefit today!

- Simply take your **SilverSneakers®** Member ID card to the Bethel Park Community Center.
- No **SilverSneakers®** card? Bring your health plan ID card with you to the Community Center. Our staff will check your eligibility.
- Visit the Community Center and our staff can check on your eligibility by using your name, address, phone number, and birth date.

The **SilverSneakers®** Fitness Program is an innovative and fun health/exercise program helping older adults live healthy, active lifestyles. Get fit, have fun, make new friends!

Unlock the door to greater independence and a healthier life with **SilverSneakers®**. Benefits will include: Customized **SilverSneakers®** classes designed exclusively for older adults who want to improve their strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. **SilverSneakers®** members can take advantage of the climate controlled, elevated indoor walking track just by swiping their **SilverSneakers®** membership card. The 1/12-mile track features 3 lanes for fitness lap walking or running. Track is open for use:

- Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

What are **SilverSneakers®** classes?

SilverSneakers® classes are Total-Body Conditioning Classes designed to increase muscular strength, endurance, range of movement, flexibility, balance, agility, and coordination. The classes are anywhere from 45 to 60 minutes. Classes typically involve the use of hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a small exercise ball. A chair may be used for seating or additional support.

See page 29 for class schedule.

Who teaches the classes?

SilverSneakers® classes are taught by credentialed instructors who are specially trained in leading fitness programs for aging adults. All **SilverSneakers®** class instructors undergo an in-person training and evaluation process to become a **SilverSneakers®** instructor. Our instructors are **Anne Brucker, Renea Bishop, and Gerrie Delaney**. They are veteran instructors who have been teaching **SilverSneakers®** programs for years.

BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Bethel Park Community Center continues to be the center of activity in the community. Frequently reserved for social and professional functions, the facility is well known throughout the South Hills. The Community Center, with 40,495 sq. ft. of space, includes areas for special events and meetings, a gymnasium and locker area, an exercise/dance studio, walking track and a separate classroom. The large multi-purpose room has seating to accommodate 245 and is capable of being divided into three separate rooms. The Community Center also includes a lounge, catering-style kitchen & stage. Walking trails, playground equipment, and a lighted multi-purpose field are situated on the center's grounds.

Call 412-851-2910 for room reservations or other information.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR ALL
COMMUNITY CENTER USERS,
CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE UNDER
DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.

COMMUNITY CENTER ADULTS AND YOUTH CLUBS

Please call the Community Center at 412-851-2910 to verify that club meetings have resumed following Covid 19 suspension.

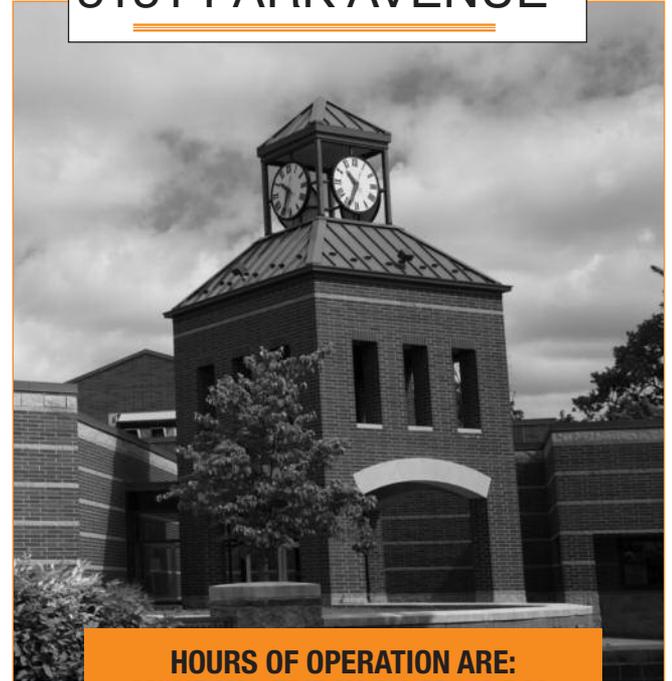
The **Knitting Club** meets each **Monday from 9:30 AM - noon**. All skill levels are welcome to attend, including beginners.

The **Woodcarvers Club** meets every **Tuesday from 11:30AM - 2:30 PM**. Carvers of all skill levels are welcome to join this group. Club members display their finished creations at least once a year at the center.

Bethel Artist Guild - Membership is open to Bethel Park Artists of any medium. Club members' work is displayed at the Center throughout the year. Monthly meetings are held on the **first Thursday** of the month in February, March, April, May, September, October, and December at 12:30 pm. Call the Artist Guild at 412-835-7379 for additional information.

Call the Bethel Park Community Center at 412-851-2910 for information on all of our activities. If you have a special interest and would be interested in helping to form a new club or activity group, contact the Community Center Director, **Cathy Muscato**, at 412-851-2912.

5151 PARK AVENUE



HOURS OF OPERATION ARE:
MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.
SATURDAY, 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.
SUNDAY, NOON - 6 P.M.

CURRENT COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

Programs may be delayed, canceled or locations changed. Please check the Municipal website for the most current information.

RENTAL PROCEDURES

Reserving a room at the Bethel Park Community Center for your next event is a simple, straightforward process and may be done up to a year in advance. However, it is recommended that you reserve your space early as dates fill up quickly!

- Requests for rentals must be submitted in writing and should include the following information: Renters' name, address, phone numbers, date requested, time requested, specific room(s) requested (if known), purpose of rental and approximate number of guests expected. Requests may be returned to the Community Center in person or via email to communitycenter@bethelpark.net.
- Within a week, you'll receive written notification if your requested space is available or not.
- If available, we'll send you a Reservation Permit along with rental Terms & Conditions and additional rental information to complete.

Payment Schedule

- Fifty percent of total rental fees is due with the signed Rental Contract.
- The remaining 50% is due 30 days prior to your event.
- A refundable security deposit and room layout is due seven days prior to your event. Please note that while we want your event to be a success, failure to meet any payment deadlines may result in rental cancellation. Fees paid will not be refunded.

Cancellation Policy/Fees

- If you need to cancel your event, your request **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Community Center Director. Cancellation fees follow:
- Cancellations received in writing more than 60 days prior to the scheduled date will receive a refund of 50% of initial rental payment, less a \$5 processing fee.
 - No refund will be issued if written cancellation is received less than 60 days prior to event.

Other Rental Notes

- Any use of the Community Center which requires Municipal staff to stay after the scheduled closing time shall be charged an additional \$40 per hour for any portion of an hour that may be needed.
- Rental rate includes the set-up of tables and chairs.
- Renters will be responsible to visit the Community Center one week in advance of their event to sign-off on all seating/room arrangements. The security/damage deposit should also be paid at this time. Rate: \$100 per area rented.





Membership Fees & Renewals

A membership card is required to use the Bethel Park Community Center **Gymnasium and Walking Track**. Both residents and non-residents can purchase 12-month memberships at the Community Center during normal business hours.

All that's needed to purchase a membership is completion of a simple membership application and photo identification (*such as a drivers license*) to prove residency; once payment is received, an identification photo will be kept on file for each member – a process expected to take less than 10 minutes. New members will receive both a wallet size member card as well as a small key tag card.

Individual memberships will include five complimentary guest passes, and Family memberships will include 15 complimentary guest passes.

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

Annual Membership/Renewal:	Resident	Nonresident
Youth (13 - 17 years old)	\$ 5	\$ 125
Adult (18 - 59 years old)	\$ 10	\$ 150
Family	\$ 25	\$ 250
Senior Adult (60+)	\$ 5	\$ 80
Additional Guest Passes – 5	\$ 4	\$ 45
Day pass: Individual	\$ 1	\$ 10

To purchase a day pass, you must provide photo ID to prove residency.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All Gym memberships expire 12 months after they were issued. Please remember to renew your membership by stopping at the Community Center Desk to update your information and pay the renewal fee.

GOLD CARD CLUB

We're Back!!!

After a loooooong break, the Gold Card Club will begin meeting again on **Thursday, Sept. 9**. Sign-in begins at 12:30 PM with the meeting starting at 1 PM.

Current Covid procedures will be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact **Cindy Carfagno** at **412-831-1913** or **t2323@comcast.net**.

The Gold Card Club, a social and fellowship organization for seniors, was organized by the *Department of Recreation and Leisure Services* for the benefit of Bethel Park residents who are 60 years of age and over, or a resident on disability retirement and not less than 50 years of age. A spouse not less than 55 years of age may join with his/her spouse if he/she meets the 60 year age minimum. The title of the GOLD CARD CLUB came from the color of the membership card, not for playing card games.

Annual membership dues are \$6.00 per person per calendar year, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Annual dues shall be paid beginning at the January general meeting. Renewals paid after Mar. 31 incur a late penalty. New members will be accepted at any time during the calendar year. **You MUST be a current Bethel Park resident in order to join the Gold Card Club.**

Questions? Call Regina Bauer at 412-833-2864.

Monthly meetings are normally held at the Bethel Park Community Center on the second Thursday of each month (*except July and August*) at 1 PM. Sign-in begins at 12:30 PM. After a brief meeting, enjoy excellent entertainment, light refreshments, and several games of bingo. We also have an indoor summer picnic each year, and an Anniversary luncheon and a Christmas luncheon, both held at outside banquet facilities.

A monthly newsletter, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, is sent to all members who are CURRENT on their membership dues.

Questions regarding membership should be directed to Regina Bauer, 412-833-2864.

ROOM RENTAL FEES

RENTAL RATES LISTED ARE FOR BETHEL PARK RESIDENTS. NON-RESIDENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS NOT LOCATED IN BETHEL PARK MUST CALL CENTER AT 412-851-2910 FOR RENTAL RATES.

AREA	RATE	CAPACITY
Area A	\$25 per hour	49
Area B	\$50 per hour	148
Area C	\$25 per hour	49
CLASSROOM	\$25 per hour	49
A, B, & C	\$75 per hour	245
Catering Kitchen	\$100 per event	
Stage	\$50 per event	(With Area B only)

*Please contact Community Center staff regarding room capacity. These may vary due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Room Rental fees listed are per hour. **Keep in mind that rental hours must include the entire time that you need access to the rental space beginning with set-up, including event time and through clean-up.**

All rentals require a minimum 4-hour reservation.

RENTAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Community Center Facilities

Multipurpose Room This exceptional room can be divided into three separate sections to accommodate small and medium groups. With dividers open, the room can accommodate large group functions. The Multipurpose Room is perfect for wedding receptions, showers, banquets, parties, meetings or other special events.

Catering Kitchen Add this room to your rental when meals will be served at your event. Kitchen includes commercial ovens, grill, refrigerator, freezer, coffee makers, microwave and dishwasher.

Theatrical Stage Does your event need a stage? The Stage may be rented in conjunction with the rental of Room B.

Lobby Bookshelves are located in the lobby, across from the main desk containing a lending library of puzzles and books available for residents of all ages to borrow.

Lounge Equipped with a kitchenette, chairs, TV, magazines and game tables, the lounge provides a comfortable atmosphere to relax, read, enjoy a card game with friends or watch television. An adult or guardian must accompany guests under age 13.

Classroom This room includes couches, TV, sink and counter area, restroom, along with tables and chairs. The Classroom may be used for small group rentals, youth and adult Recreation classes or meetings.

Gymnasium Includes one full-length and one ½ basketball court; can also be converted to three ½ sized courts. It has a total of eight basketball hoops. Also features three ½ size volleyball courts.

Exercise Studio A bright and open mirrored area to accommodate a variety of fitness and dance classes.

Elevated Walking Track Features a 1/12 mile cushioned walking track that overlooks the gymnasium.

Day Lockers May be used during your visit to the Community Center. No locks are permitted to remain overnight.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Friday, Dec. 17
1 p.m. - Bethel Park High School Cafeteria
\$7 per person

Any Bethel Park resident 60 years+ is invited to attend the annual Holiday Luncheon. Guests will enjoy a traditional holiday meal while also being entertained by performances of high school musical groups including the Top 21 singers, Orchestra and Symphonic band. This is a great way to enjoy holiday food, music and fellowship with friends and neighbors!

Registration forms will be available beginning Monday, Nov. 1 at the Bethel Park Community Center or online at www.bethelpark.net. The registration deadline is Thursday, Dec. 9 or before if it is filled. **This event always fills up quickly, so send your reservation in today!**

Preregistration is required; walk-ins will not be permitted to attend.

The luncheon is sponsored by Bethel Park Recreation Department. For additional information call 412-851-2910.



Sixth Annual Gingerbread House Display & Competition

Calling all Gingerbread enthusiasts! Once again, Bethel Park Recreation is excited to announce that we are continuing one of our favorite Holiday Community traditions – the annual Gingerbread House Display!

Individuals, Families, and Community Groups are invited to enter their “masterpiece” in the Fourth Annual Gingerbread House Display.

All houses will be on display at the Bethel Park Community Center for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, taking place on **Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021**. Judging will take place just prior to the ceremony. Judges are selected from the local community. Prize Ribbons will be awarded to the winner.

Display space will be limited. Please register by **Friday, Nov. 19** to reserve a spot for your creation. All Gingerbread Houses will be accepted for delivery on **Monday, Nov. 29 & Tuesday, Nov. 30**. Entry fee Donations will be accepted and disbursed to a local charity, as yet to be determined.

For more information and instructions about entering your creation, display requirements, and delivery dates/times, please stop by the Community Center to pick up an information packet available in October.



NO COOK TUESDAYS!



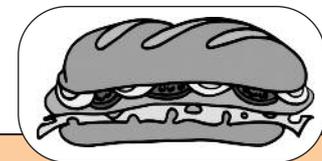
NO COOK TUESDAYS returns to the Bethel Park Community Center playground parking lot on Oct. 5! This weekly event makes a triumphant return after a very successful run

last spring. Follow some of your favorite vendors from our Farmers' Market and many new vendors as well.

Each Tuesday, two or more local food trucks will sell delicious dinner “to go” meals from 4 - 7 pm. Vendors will rotate weekly to provide customers a variety of vendors and food to choose from. Expect to find Mexican, BBQ, Turkish, Vegan, Pizza, Greek, Chili, Sandwiches, and Mac & Cheese among the many selections.

Please follow us on Facebook, "Bethel Park Recreation & Community Center," to learn which vendors are participating each week as well as the payment methods they accept. Call 412-851-2910 or 412-831-1328 for more information.

Let great local vendors do the cooking so you don't have to!



The Award Winning Bethel Park High School “Black Hawk” Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, String Orchestra, Top 21 and Music Boosters would like to say **"THANK YOU"**

to the Community for your continued support of our hoagie sales.

The Music Department is planning to travel in the Spring of 2022!

The tentative dates for hoagie sales this year are Saturdays:
September 18
November 20
January 22
February 19
April 2

Stay up to date and bookmark our Music Department website – bpsdmusic.weebly.com and the Music Booster website - bpmusicboosters.com.

STAR PARTY

Friday, Sept. 17
Presentation Time: 7:30 PM

Come and enjoy a night of viewing the stars, planets, galaxies and nebula! Our night will begin with a presentation from our own local Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh. Listen to what can be seen in our own galaxy the "Milky Way", plus galaxies that are millions of miles away.

After the presentation, **all guests will be invited to look through the telescopes of volunteers** – with current safety precautions. Explanations of what is being viewed will be given along with answering of any questions that are asked. First timers will be amazed at what can be seen. Returning individuals will enjoy another view of the wonders of the Universe.

Do you have a telescope, but aren't sure how to use it? Bring it along and members of the Astronomers Association will help you get set up and started using it properly!

Bring your binoculars if you have them. You don't need a telescope to enjoy the night sky. Star hopping techniques to find galaxies, nebula and interesting stars will be shown to those who ask.



Location:

Millennium Park • 5900 Baptist Road • Bethel Park, PA 15102

Bethel Park Farmers' Market

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2021 Vendor List

For specific vendor information and to see Half Season & Monthly vendor schedules, visit www.bethelparkfarmersmarket.com.

FULL SEASON

Simmons Farm
 Swopes Berries & Bees
 Hello Hummus
 Cherish Creamery
 Jose Quiroz Farm
 Nothing Bundt Cakes
 The Olive Tap
 Jodikino's Farm
 Kim's K9 Droolers
 Istanbul Grille
 Loafers Bread
 Logan Family Farms
 Tambellini Food Truck
 Cinco de Mayo Salsas
 The Pie Place
 Pitaland
 Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck
 Rowdy BBQ
 Wu's Shaved Ice
 Country Hammer Moonshine
 Wild River Kettle Korn
 Wood Stoked Oven



Eggs from Cherish Creamery.

Beatnik Sweet Eats
 Lil Debby's DeLights
 The Spring House
 La Vigneta Winery
 CinnaRoast

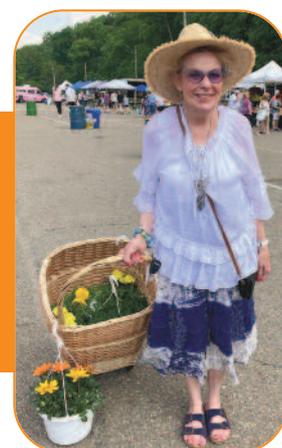
HALF SEASON

The Creamery at Pleasant Lane Farms
 Wigle Whiskey & Threadbare Cider
 Focha Store
 Lemmon Brothers Farms
 Pure Rose Organics
 Wine O'Clock Somewhere Winery
 Scorch Garden & Mitz's Meow Market



ONCE-A-MONTH

Fjord and Fable
 La Casa Del tacos
 Auntie Ann's Twist 'n Go Pretzels
 Graeter's Ice Cream
 Whimsical Wardrobe
 Gluten Free by Kassiani
 My Dogz on the Run
 Smooth 'n Ice



Municipal Offices and Community Center will be **CLOSED** Monday, Sept. 6 for the Labor Day holiday

Municipal Offices will be **CLOSED** Thursday, Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day holiday

Community Center will be **OPEN** on Veterans Day

Municipal Offices will be **CLOSED** Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday

The Community Center will be **CLOSED** Thursday - Sunday (*four days*), Nov. 25, 26, 27, & 28 for Thanksgiving

Star Party

MILLENNIUM PARK
FRIDAY, SEPT. 17
7:30 PM

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Bethel Park Recreation and Leisure Services ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Separate form REQUIRED for EACH participant. You may DUPLICATE this form.

(PARTICIPANT)
FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ BP Resident? Yes / No

PHONE: home () _____ cell () _____

BIRTH DATE: m ____ / d ____ / y ____ Current Grade: _____ Male / Female (circle)

Email address _____

Please include any special needs: _____

Shirt size (where applicable): _____

1. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

2. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

PLEASE CONTINUE AND SIGN THE WAIVER BELOW:

Make check payable to: BETHEL PARK RECREATION Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Payment is from (print name) _____ cash _____ check # _____

Mail or drop off to: Bethel Park Community Center, 5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102

I, _____ (Parent/guardian or participant - print name), understand the rules, regulations, and risks associated with the activity for which I have registered myself, or have registered my child. By my signature, I agree to release and hold harmless and blameless the Municipality of Bethel Park, Bethel Park School District, and any employee thereof as to and regarding any liability, claims, damages, or loss whatsoever resulting from any accident or injury to me or my child or any damage to our personal property which I or those under my supervision or care might receive while participating in the above Recreation program(s).

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I understand that if I do not agree to the use of my Image or the Image of my child, I must notify Bethel Park Recreation in writing upon registration.

SIGNATURE: _____
(Participant, or parent/guardian, if participant is under 18 years of age)

Please call the Recreation Office at 412-831-1328 if you have any question regarding this registration.
The Recreation Office does not contact participant to confirm registration unless there is a conflict, a change in day/date or class is full or cancelled.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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5800 Murray Avenue, Bethel Park 15102

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Benjamin Franklin Elementary

5400 Florida Avenue, Bethel Park 15102

Teresa Doumont, Principal	854-8741
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Bethel Memorial Elementary

3301 South Park Road, Bethel Park 15102

Eric Chalus, Principal	854-8506
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George Washington Elementary

515 Clifton Road, Bethel Park 15102

Fred Pearson, Principal	854-8546
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William Penn Elementary

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Bonaccorsi Named to Junior World Wrestling Team

In May, **Nino Bonaccorsi** (BPHS '17) won the 92-kilogram freestyle title at the United World Wrestling Under-23 National Championships. The University of Pittsburgh wrestler, who advanced to the NCAA Division 1 Finals in the 197-pound classification this past year, will now represent Team USA when it travels to Serbia in November for the World Championships in Belgrade.



Bethel Park School Cafeterias Awarded 76 Total Diamonds by the Allegheny County Health Department

Bethel Park School District cafeterias earned a total of 76 Diamond Awards during the 2020-2021 school year, according to the Allegheny County Health Department.

Diamonds are the ACHD's highest honors and awarded to facilities that demonstrate exceptional sanitation and food handling practices during the ACHD's unannounced inspections.

Food Service Director, **Joe Consolmagno**, of Metz Culinary Management, which oversees the cafeterias, is understandably proud of the recognition. "We have a wonderful team here at Bethel Park and they take great measures to ensure that we are consistently maintaining proper temperature controls for both hot and cold foods and providing safe food quality for our students and staff," he said. "These diamonds are just further validation of the outstanding work they are doing on behalf of our school community every single day."

Pusateri Named Steel Center CTE Student of the Year

In June, Bethel Park's **Anthony Pusateri** was recently named the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education's Student of the Year. Pusateri, a Culinary Arts student, was chosen over hundreds of other students.

Chef Adam Mika nominated Anthony for the award and said it was an honor to have Anthony as a part of his program because he is such a hard-working and dedicated student.



Anthony Pusateri, Adam Mika

A Message From... DR. JAMES WALSH Superintendent



Greetings, Bethel Park families and friends! I hope your summer has been filled with equal parts fun and relaxation, the recipe we all need after such a difficult and unique year – memorable but challenging nonetheless. I also hope you have found time to read and exercise your brain.

As the first day of the new school year is fast-approaching, we are truly excited to welcome you back for another adventure in learning and more opportunities to develop both as a learner and as a human being. Our theme this year is *Reaching our Next Best*. There are so many excellent things about our schools and staff and we see this return to school as an opportunity for each of us – students and staff alike – to stretch ourselves and grow from where we are to reach our all-time bests.

Here are the highlights of some of the exciting things awaiting you this year:

- The eighth-grade students at Independence Middle School will be getting new Chromebooks and the high school students will be receiving laptops. This is the first phase of a long-range plan to maintain and upgrade all of our technology over the next five years.
- Thanks to grant funding from ExxonMobil, we are able to offer to our AP students a series of exciting new opportunities through the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), whose core mission is to improve student performance in the critical subjects of science, technology, engineering and math.
- Elementary students will encounter a brand new science program published by the Smithsonian Institution. Students learn science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts in an integrated way that reflects the real-world practices of scientists and engineers. Students work toward explaining phenomena or designing solutions to practical problems using hands-on lab materials and activities.
- All students in Kindergarten through eighth grade will be taking the Measures of Academic Progress (M.A.P.) assessments. We will give students MAP tests to determine everyone's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year-to-year, in the areas of math, English language arts and science. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive mindset toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about a student's growth.

In my five months as superintendent at Bethel Park, I have come to recognize and appreciate the great people and excellent programs we have in place here. I have also found tremendous value and opportunity in the thoughtful process of developing a new Strategic Plan. We are truly blessed to have such an impressive group of stakeholders guiding us in this project. Each brings a unique perspective and provides valuable insights. Look for more details about this plan in the coming weeks. Additionally, I have begun the search for some new administrators to replace the departing members of the leadership team. I look forward to introducing these new administrators to everyone in Bethel Park as we open the new school year.

I am certainly not trying to rush the summer away, but I am extremely excited to welcome everyone back. Our theme for this year, *Reaching our Next Best* speaks to the idea of setting goals for ourselves and working diligently to achieve them. What are your aspirations for the coming school year and how can we help you reach your next best?

Have a productive, happy and all-time best year at Bethel Park! Go Hawks!

Kwiatkoski Funds Locker Room Renovation

In June, the Bethel Park football team's locker room received a makeover courtesy of alum, **Nick Kwiatkoski** ('11). The Las Vegas Raiders linebacker and former West Virginia University standout and his family collaborated with head coach, **Brian DeLallo** and his football coaching staff on the project, which includes brand new wall graphics throughout the space, refreshed lockers and displays celebrating the football program's proud history. The locker room is located inside the high school and is in the athletics wing, adjacent to Black Hawk Stadium.



A Message From... PAM DOBOS School Board President



On behalf of the Bethel Park School Directors, I would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year beginning on Tuesday, August 24th. I have several items of interest to share with you. First of all, under the guidance and leadership of our new Superintendent **Dr. James Walsh**, we have marched forward with our goal of a Strategic Plan. All summer long, the sub committees have been meeting to create long range goals for the district. We plan to have the draft available for the public to view by the early fall. This Strategic Plan is in timely proximity to the Municipality's Strategic Plan, and we hope to publicize them together as we jointly look forward to a better Bethel Park, one with a longer range vision than before.

Secondly, as we move forward into our new "normal," the students return to five day in-person instruction. However, as we all know, COVID has not miraculously gone away. Even as I write this, the Centers for Disease Control, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Allegheny Health Department continue to update us about all the strategies that we can employ to safeguard our students, staff, and community from the spread of the new Delta variant. For example, social distancing as much as possible and extra measures of deep cleaning will continue, as will contact tracing and quarantining for positive cases.

We know that last year was not ideal on many fronts and to compensate for any academic loss, this summer, we have held in-class and remote summer learning and provided tutoring opportunities to help remediate students. Addressing learning loss and reviewing previous year's concepts will be uppermost in our teachers' assessments at the beginning of the year.

Regarding personnel moves since last year, we have welcomed our new Director of Communications and Public Relations: **Mr. James Cromie**, and our new Administrator for Human Resource Services: **Mr. Anthony Piscioneri**. We have also bid adieu to **Mr. Ron Reyer**, Technology Director, as he enters the private sector for employment. Up and coming retirements include **Dr. Janet O'Rourke**, Assistant Superintendent, and **Mrs. Lori Sutton**, Director of Special Education. We wish all these individuals the best in their future endeavors.

We also welcome two new High School Assistant Principals, **Diana Bruno-Fronczek**, and **Mark Korcinsky**. Finally, we have realigned our Security Personnel Plan so that there will be a School Police Officer or a School Security Officer located at every school site in Bethel Park.

We are monitoring class size numbers, high on our list of priorities, as we continue to recognize our fiscal responsibilities to our citizens. Even with the budget increase voted on in June, we are still below the tax rate from the 18-19 school year. Monies garnered from State and Federal COVID relief this year have helped us tremendously to offset costs.

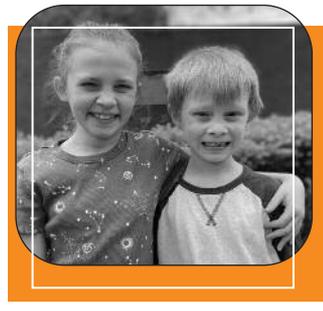
So it is with optimism that we look forward to a better future together, with renewed energy and with a renewed sense of community as we prepare for the 21-22 school year. I wish everyone much success as we begin the new school year.

Siblings Named Winners in PBS/WQED Writers Contest

Olivia Anderson, a fourth-grader at Lincoln Elementary, and her younger brother, **Jacob**, a first-grader, were each named winners in the 2021 PBS/WQED KIDS Writers Contest. Partnering with WQED on its Writers Contest this year was West Virginia Public Broadcasting (WVPB), PBS 39 (WLVT) serving eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey, and WPSU in State College, serving central Pennsylvania. Twenty-seven stories were chosen from almost 700 received from throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, and Delaware.

Winners of the 2021 Writers Contest were announced at a virtual winners' celebration and awarded prizes including the opportunity to record their winning story. Their recordings will be broadcast on **iQKidsRadio.org** and featured on Saturday Light Brigade (SLB) Radio in the summer of 2021. K-5 and STEM winners' stories will be made into an original puppet show which will be shown at the Virtual Celebration by Pittsburgh Puppet Works.

Olivia took second place for her story, "*The Case of the Wayward Wrapper*." Jacob also earned second place honors for his story, "*Frankie's Garden*." You can read their stories, which they wrote and illustrated, at: wqed.org/education/writers-contest/2021-winners.





Free & Reduced Meals Programs Forms Available Online

The Bethel Park School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers Free/Reduced Meals to those who qualify. Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are available on the Food Services page of the website or they can be picked up at the Administration Building. Please be advised that even if your child(ren) qualified for Free/Reduced meals in previous years, you will still need to reapply for the upcoming school year. Questions about the forms and to learn more about the confidentiality of the process for your child, please call the district's program liaison, **Dana Walker** at **412-854-8426**.

Use of Student Photos or Comments

The Bethel Park School District regularly provides opportunities for positive media publicity by interviewing/photographing/videotaping students through the district's Office of Communication, and by arranging for reporters and/or photographers to interview and/or photograph/videotape students throughout the school year for use in local publications, newspapers, television, the district's web page and social media platforms. If you prefer that your child not be interviewed or photographed for publicity purposes, please notify your child's building principal in writing. This request needs to be updated annually.

Emergency Communication System

The Bethel Park School District uses the School Messenger Notification System to communicate via telephone, email and texts with parents and employees throughout the school year.

The primary uses of School Messenger are to contact parents and employees as soon as a decision is made on days with inclement weather or in an emergency, to notify them of a delay or cancellation, and to email parents the school district's weekly e-mail newsletter.

The contact data that is used in School Messenger is uploaded from what is in the eSchoolPlus student data base. Should your phone number or email change during the school year, please notify the school secretary at all of your children's schools of the changes and she will update the system with the correct information or you can change it yourself in the HAC.

In addition to the e-newsletters, parents who have an email address in the student data base will also receive school-specific emails that do not come from the Office of Communication.

Malecki Wins WPIAL Pole Vault Title

Megan Malecki capped off her incredible senior season in which she repeatedly re-wrote the school's record book in the girls pole vault, by claiming the WPIAL title in May at Slippery Rock University with a mark of 11 feet, 9 inches.

Malecki has long been considered one of the WPIAL's most talented pole vaulters. However, the pandemic wiped out last year's spring sports season and she also missed the 2019 season due to injuries. Starting next year, Malecki will vault for Millersville (Pa.) University.



Volunteer Requirements

The Bethel Park School District encourages the involvement of parents and guardians as volunteers in our schools. Pennsylvania state law now requires every volunteer who has direct contact with students to have the necessary clearances on file with the School District, which need to be renewed every five years.

This means that any non-school district employee who volunteers to chaperone events/activities such as field trips, classroom parties, book fairs, band trips and scholastic club competitions/music trips, etc. MUST have current clearances in order to do so.

The following three clearances are required:

- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 151)
- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (Act 34)
- FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114)

The PA clearances are free to volunteers but the FBI Criminal History Record costs \$22.60. However; if you have lived for ALL of the past 10 years in Pennsylvania and have never been convicted of a Disqualifying Offense (*listed on-line at www.bpsd.org/VolunteerInformation.aspx*) you may request a Waiver of the FBI Fingerprint Clearance.

To learn how to apply for these clearances and what to do to obtain a Qualified Volunteer ID Card that MUST be worn every time when volunteering in our schools, please go to www.bpsd.org/VolunteerInformation.aspx.

Current volunteers whose clearances are expiring/about to expire are encouraged to update their clearances as soon as possible. No one will be permitted to volunteer with any of their clearances expired.

BP Online Academy

The Bethel Park Online Academy, (BPOA), is a fully online program offering a variety of curricula designed for students who seek an alternative to brick and mortar education. The BP Online Academy offers both core and elective courses for students in grades K-12.

Students can enroll full-time or in a blended program, which enables students to spend a portion of their day physically attending classes inside the school building and also completing cyber classes online through BPOA.

Students in the Bethel Park Online Academy are held to the same high standards set in the regular classroom and must meet the same graduation requirements as students who attend the Bethel Park brick-and-mortar schools. Complete graduation requirements can be found in the high school student handbook.

BPOA students have access to the same resources as traditional students. They may attend athletic and social events, compete in athletics, and participate in school clubs and activities offered at the middle and high schools.

Bethel Park Online Academy students graduate from Bethel Park as traditional students, participate in commencement and receive a Bethel Park School District diploma.

Bethel Park students interested in enrolling in BPOA should speak to their guidance counselor. Building Principal approval is required to attend BPOA. For more information about BPOA, please contact **Mr. Lenosky** at **412-854-8521** or lenosky.brian@bphawks.org.



NOW HIRING!

Join the Bethel Park School District team as a **BUS DRIVER** or **BUS AIDE** and enjoy the benefits of being a Pennsylvania School District employee.

Visit www.bpsd.org for more information.

Bethel Park High School Awards & Recognition Night

In June, Bethel Park High School held its annual Awards and Recognition Program to recognize those students who earned scholarships or received awards for academic and athletic achievement.

During the program, representatives from several local organizations and institutions were on-hand to personally present awards to the following students:

- **Danielle McDonald** and **Benjamin Sommer** – Abraham Lincoln PTO Scholarship
- **Marguerite Young** – American Legion Family Scholarship Essay Post 760 Phil Ward Memorial Scholarship
- **Julia Trusnovic** – Angel F. Miranda Achievement Award
- **Abigail Karstensen** and **Christian McClaine** – Bethel Bakery Scholarship
- **Jillian Airesman** – Bethel Park Community Foundation – Cynthia Buckley Memorial Scholarship
- **Sierra Kuzak** – Bethel Park Community Foundation – Frank L.P. Edwards Scholarship
- **Kate Wholey** – Bethel Park Community Foundation – John Deans Memorial Scholarship
- **Katelyn Sams** and **Madison Scheidler** – Bethel Park Community Foundation - Kramer Family Scholarship
- **Dominic Palombia** – Bethel Park Community Foundation – Michael J. Furey Memorial Scholarship
- **Grace Gealey** – Bethel Park Community Foundation - Volunteer Scholarship
- **Emily Engel** – Bethel Park Federation of Teachers Scholarship
- **Makayla Carter** – Bethel Park Kiwanis Scholarship
- **Elise Turka** – Bethel Park Lions Club Scholarship
- **Grace Gealey** – Bethel Park Women's Club Scholarship
- **Tobias Roule** – Brown University Book Award – 2020
- **Oluwatoyosi Naomi Egbebi** – Brown University Book Award – 2021
- **Johnatan Ivanov** and **Marissa Wycinsky** – Dr. Gary Cartwright Orthodontics Scholarship
- **Ilham Ariouat** and **Elise Turka** – Dr. Thomas A. Knight Memorial Scholarship
- **Ashleigh Sepesky** – Elks County Community Foundation
- **Ilham Ariouat** – First Commonwealth Bank Scholarship
- **Julie Heh** – Harvard Prize Book Award
- **Tanush Bahl**, **Christian McClaine** and **Tobias Roule** – Hometown High-Q
- **Tobias Roule** – Judge Arnoni Leadership in Action Scholarship
- **Ethan Donovan** – Ken Waldie Memorial Scholarship
- **Elise Turka** – Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship
- **Delaney Nagy** – Lois Johnson Learning Child Care
- **Christian McClaine**, **Tobias Roule**, **Katelyn Sams** (*Semifinalist*), **Liam Tena**, **Marissa** (*Semifinalist*) and **Makayla Yee** – National Merit Scholarship Recognition
- **Oluwatoyosi Naomi Egbebi** – Princeton Book Award
- **Tanush Bahl** and **Sierra Kuzak** – Principal Advisory Council for Students (*PACS*)
- **Michael Walsh** – Rosemary Gainar Scholarship
- **Madison Scheidler** – Rotary Club of Bethel Park - Robert Brindley Memorial Scholarship
- **Christian McClaine** – Class of '21 Salutatorian
- **Danielle McDonald** – Society of Women Engineers Pittsburgh
- **Jackson Baner** – Spirit Award
- **Maggie Dokmanovich** and **Ilham Ariouat** – Irene Urhik Boone Memorial Scholarship
- **Carson Hellerman** – USC/BP Breakfast Rotary Club "Service Above Self" Award
- **Tanush Bahl** – Class of '21 Valedictorian
- **Emily Carter** and **Travis Zeis** – WPIAL Scholar-Athlete Recognition

In all, 39 separate awards and special recognitions were awarded to 33 Bethel Park High School students.

Three Bethel Park High School Students Earn Their Girl Scout Gold Awards

Three recent Bethel Park High School graduates have earned their Gold Awards through the Girl Scouts. **Emily Carter**, **Brianna Hayes** and **Allison Kurtz** were each recently recognized for what is considered one of the highest achievements in Girl Scouting. While each Gold Award Girl Scout pursues an individual project that aligns with her interests or aspirations, each project provides a sustainable solution to the root cause of an issue, including gaps in community resources, youth education opportunities, environmental conservation and more.

Carter's project, which included a video and coloring book, focused on educating children on healthy ways to feed wildlife and interact with nature. Hayes created a downloadable activity book that she distributed to local shelters and veterinarians that educates children on the many responsibilities of pet ownership. Kurtz's project was also geared at young children but was science-focused.

Eighth Grade Awards

For the second consecutive year, the annual IMS Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony was held virtually. They recognize those eighth graders who have distinguished themselves in a variety of areas, including academics, leadership, sports and music.

This year's winners included:

- **Jackson Friday** and **Victoria Krappweis** – American Legion Award
- **Jack Harrie** and **Frederick Mach** – Sgt. Russell Kurtz Patriotism Award
- **Aaron Hofbauer** and **Allison Wolling** – Principal's Award
- **Nicholas Krastev** and **Ella Milliken** – Assistant Principal's Award
- **Madison Moffat** and **Shawn Mooney** – Counselors' Award
- **Nicholas Krastev** and **Anna Kelly** – Fine Arts Awards
- **Owen Campbell** and **Carly Dowell** – Nancy Gleason Gavola Award in Drama
- **Riley Lloyd** – Suzanne Reid Music Award
- **Maria Catana** (*Argumentative*) and **River Hendrych-Bondra** (*Narrative*) – Stephen Chbosky Writing Award
- **Ryan Walsh**, **Rocco Capozzoli**, **Julia Gobbie**, **Molly Welch**, **Lydia Goodman** and **Madison Bendik** – Spanish Awards
- **Kamiya Martin**, **Kristen Weiss**, **Sara Walters**, **Amelia Lancet**, **Subbasri Dhandapani** and **Lyla Walsh** – French Awards
- **Cassidy Sullivan** and **Colin Hewes** – Latin Awards
- **Sydney Felicetti**, **Jacob George**, **Isaac Wojton** and **Katelyn Wolf** – German Herrvorrangend Votrefflichkeit Auszeichnung Award
- **Julianna Gallick** – FCCLA Awards
- **Jack Bruckner** and **Ella Milliken** – Marissa Boyan Scholar-Athlete Award
- Cross Country – IMS Athletic Academic Award
- **Max LeMessurier** and **Cassidy Sullivan** (*Team Integrity*); **Rocco Capozzoli** and **Sydney Felicetti** (*Team Liberty*); and **Abigail Goldenberg** and **Michael Taylor** (*Team Freedom*) – Stephanie Petit Award
- **Lily Janus**, **Rocco Capozzoli**, **Trey Slavonic**, **Frederick Mach**, **Lyla Walsh** (*Team 1*); **Izabelle Townsend**, **Subbasri Dhandapani**, **Kalina Tierney** (*Team 2*) – Science Bowl
- **Heidi Miller**, **Marco Rodi**, **Thaddeus Smith**, **Martin Devine** (*first place*), **Anna Kelly**, **Sophia Costanzo**, **Wesley Fuccaro**, **Matthew Yee**, **Abigail Farrell** and **Zachary Kucharik** – Design Lives Here

Bethel Park Alumnus, Serafini Cast in Disney+ Series

Bethel Park High School alumnus, **Joe Serafini** ('16) has been cast as a regular cast member on the Disney+ series "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Last season, Serafini had a recurring guest role in the show while still studying musical theater at the University of Michigan.



Bethel Park French Students Excel on Le Grand Concours

Each school year, Bethel Park High School French students take the National French Exam – or Le Grand Concours. To receive a Gold Medal for the rigorous exam, students must score in at least the 95th percentile of all participating students. Silver Medalists must be at least in the 85th percentile. To earn a Bronze Medal, students must reach the 75th percentile plateau; and Honorable Mention candidates must score in the top half of all students taking the test.

Sixteen Bethel Park High School French students scored well enough to be recognized in Le Grand Concours 2021 including two Silver medalists and five Bronze medalists.

Bethel Park High School French teacher, **Mrs. Rachael Smith**, who administers the test along with her colleague, **Mrs. Tracy McCoy**, is very proud of her students' achievements this year. "Despite facing unprecedented challenges that greatly impacted everyone's preparation time, to have so many students score so well on this test is truly remarkable and a testament to both their intelligence and their commitment to academic achievement," she said.

French V

Lauréat National: Bronze Medal (75-80 Percentile):
Weeam Boumaza
Tobias Roule
Marissa Wycinsky

FRENCH IV:

Lauréat National: Silver Medal (90 Percentile):
Oluwatoyosi Egbebi

Mention D'Honneur (65-50 Percentile):
Sadie Fedor
Anna Rosemeier
Evan Zelt

FRENCH III:

Lauréat National: Silver Medal (85 Percentile):
Cora Martin-Farmer

Bronze Medal (80 Percentile):
Tatum Brown
Addison Hill

Mention D'Honneur (70-50 Percentile):
Aletris Eckert
Anna Marie Lorenzi
Yingzhi Lu
Max Smith
Katharine Tena
Andrew Williams

Bethel Park High School Student Earns Prestigious Scholarship to Study in Germany

Rising junior, **Cody Hendrych-Bondra** recently received two awards from the Bethel Park German Club for his achievements in German during the 2020-2021 school year. For the second consecutive year, Cody received the Dietrich Award of Academic Excellence, which is presented annually to the top student in the BPHS German program. Cody also received a certificate of merit as the year's most outstanding member of the BPHS chapter of the Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society.



In addition to the BPHS awards, Cody was also awarded a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholarship for the second consecutive year. He was to have lived and studied in Germany during the 2020-2021 school year, but the COVID-19 pandemic prevented him from traveling abroad. As of this August, however, Cody will live with a German host family for a year and study at a German "Gymnasium," which is a secondary school for college-bound students. Next year, Cody will study in Rheindahlen, a town in the western borough of the city of Mönchengladbach, in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Cody, who was a student in Honors German III this year, is the first student in the history of the BPHS German program to be awarded this prestigious scholarship in two consecutive years.

National Honor Society Inducts 124 New Members

In May, 124 BPHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society, including one senior, 13 juniors and 110 sophomores.

To earn entrance into NHS, students needed to have a letter of recommendation from a member of the high school faculty. They also must have a minimum of a 3.85 GPA and at least 10 hours of community service. Finally, the students were required to write essays on how their character was challenged and examples of how they used leadership in their community in the past year. All of the exercises were to represent the four pillars of the organization, which include Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.



The student inductees included:
Class of 2021:
Calvin Murphy

Class of 2022:
Robert Abraham, Kaylin Bauer, Ryan Brekosky, Sarah D'Angelo, Amelia Lazzaro, Emma McNally, Kylie Moon, Jacob Narr, Sara Sodini, Olivia Toomey, Brooke Veith, Frank Visnikar and Anna Wageley.

Class of 2023:
Raymond Altmeyer, Braleigh Anderson, Emily Ashton, Lindsay Barone, Gavin Barzan, Lexie Beck, Eva Blatz, Jeremy Blocklin, Lydia Blum, Kayla Bowman, Tatum Brown, Emma Bucheli, Nicholas Calano, Sarah Carroll, Austin Caye, Marena Chernicky, Emily Ciranni, Dinari Clacks, Joshua Clunan, Mia Coccagno, Liam Darr, Leonard DeMartino, Grace Demira, Domenic DePasquale, Victoria Depasquale, Sophia Dudowski, Sydney Edwards, Kiersten Elkins, Maura Farmerie, Colin Fink, Dylan Finnell, Caden Flanigan, Helena Gable, Merris Gable, Nicholas Gasper, Mia Gerber, Coby Goelz, Mitchell Gramm, Ian Guarino, Benjamin Guffey, Jonathan Haddox, Cameron Hannay, Jack Hartman, Lauren Heh, Corinne Hewes, Addison Hill, Evan Holewinski, Kristen Horgan, Gawin Hsu, Anthony Hughes, Reilly Keen, Ireland Kennedy, Carter Kicinski, Rachael King, Jack Kohnfelder, Emilia Koleva, Meghan Krapp, Katherine Krol-Schaus, Kristen Kusluch, Andrew Kvak, Evan Lejeune, David Lindsey, Andrew Lippert, Hailey Lisak, Yingzhi Lu, Hannah Luntz, Lucas Lybarger, Aubrey Manion, Ashleigh Manns, Nicole Martinelli, Olivia Massari, Katelyn McGuigan, Megan Miehle, Anna Minick, Allison Morgan, Gabriella Morgan, Emily Morian, Charlotte Nass, Dominic Nerone, Jason Nuttridge, Rylee O'Connell, Carley O'Mara, Grace Passios, Nolan Plassio, Kayla Pockl, Elizabeth Robinson, Natalie Sager, Cecelia Schein, Samuel Sciallo, Megan Seaman, Forrest Shaw, Gabrielle Shogan, Owen Sivetz, Melina Stewart, Martina Tatalias, Katharine Tena, Meghan Tischler, Rebekah Tupper, Abigail Turka, Jason Turske, Nathan Uselman, Jeon Varghese, Nathan Vargo, Lucas Varley, Lexi Wagner, Grant Wassil, Mira Weston, Olivia Willig, Abigail Winterhalter and Hannah Wojton.

George Washington's Petras Shines in Math Challenge

In May, students in **Mrs. Melissa Sterbal's** third grade class at George Washington Elementary School participated in the Sumdog Allegheny Math Contest. The countywide competition provides students with brief 20-minute windows to solve problems that steadily gain in intensity to help build the students' mathematical skills.

Each day, the participating schools compete for the top prize both individually and as a class. Sterbal's class beat out 37 other schools to take home the top honors during the Wednesday competition. One of her students, **Dylan Petras** finished second out of 582 competitors in the individual competition. His score of 996 was just one-point shy of the top overall spot.



Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony



Bethel Park High School's Class of 2021 graduated on June 12 during a commencement ceremony at Black Hawk Stadium. Included in the 364-member graduating class were 117 students who graduated with highest honors (*QPA of at least 4.0*). 54 who graduated with high honors (*QPA of at least 3.75*), and 38 students who graduated with honors (*QPA of at least 3.50*). Ninety-two were members of the National Honor Society.

Class Valedictorian, **Tanush Bahl** lauded his classmates for their efforts during a global pandemic and encouraged them to continue to look ahead going forward. "As Michael Scott said in Season Three, Episode 8 of 'The Office,' 'I am always thinking one step ahead, like a carpenter that builds stairs,'" joked Bahl.

Salutatorian **Christian McClaine** reminded his peers of the value of a clean slate and encouraged them to embrace that opportunity and to forge a new identity.

"One of the most challenging years any of us has ever experienced. Whether learning in-person or remotely, you continued to perform at the highest levels," he said. "You also worked within the ever-changing restrictions and guidelines in order to participate in the musical, sports and other extracurricular activities, when other districts in the area did not."



reminded her classmates, "If you ever forget where to place your tassel, you wear it on the left side, over your heart, to remind you of your alma mater."

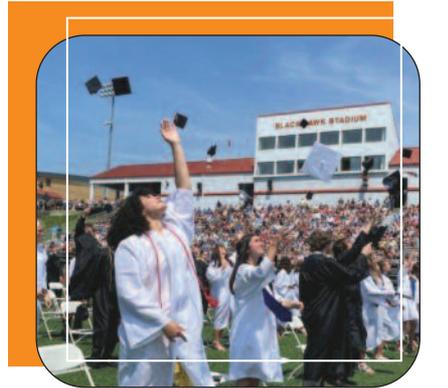
"You reminded us all what makes the students at Bethel Park High School so special," said Villani.

Superintendent, **Dr. James Walsh**, who began in March, rattled off an impressive list of achievements from the Class of '21, just in the short time he has been here. "No one, ever, in the history of Bethel Park, has experienced a senior year like you," said Walsh. "This class of 21 will be long-remembered for your resiliency and grit against the forces of adversity. You showed us that social distancing does not prevent us from making and keeping strong connections from those important influences in our lives."

As is the High School's tradition, diplomas were presented to the 17 students who will enter the military. Coordinating the presentation was Bethel Park alum and retired Brigadier General **Mark Bellini**.

The Senior Farewell was given by Class President **Jackson Banes**, who told his fellow graduates that they were no longer classmates and were on their own now. "Take the pride of being a Black Hawk and put that into everything you do," said Banes.

Student Government President **Lucia Coccagno** led the Tassel Ceremony, who



Hawks Softball Wins 2021 WPIAL Title

The Bethel Park softball team rampaged through the WPIAL this season, going 18-0 with a plus-148 run differential en route to claiming the school's first-ever WPIAL softball championship.

Eight Hawks batted above .300, including four who batted above .400. Senior shortstop an Ohio State recruit, **Reagan Milliken** led the team with a .660 batting average. Junior catcher, **Sandra Soltes** had a .500 batting

average. Seniors **Gianna Sciuolo** (*Georgetown*) and **Lauren Caye** (*Seton Hall*) also each batted well above .400 for the season.

Soltes, a Pitt recruit, saved her best game for the WPIAL title game, driving in eight of the team's nine runs, including a grand slam and another home run

in the Hawks' 9-2 route of section-rival, Canon-McMillan at California University of Pennsylvania's Lilley Field. That was more than enough run support for pitcher and UConn recruit, **Delaney Nagy**.

"We have known for a while now that this was a very special group of not only players but also young ladies," said coach, **Heather Semplice-Scott**, who herself was named Coach of the Year. "This season, they went out and proved it and I am very proud of everything they accomplished not only individually but also as a team."

Unfortunately, Bethel Park was upset by Penn Manor in the first round of the PIAA playoffs but that singular result cannot dampen the memory of what was an incredible season for the girls softball team.



Bethel Park Baseball Wins 2021 Class 5A State Championship

The Bethel Park baseball team (22-4) rode a time-tested formula of great pitching, outstanding defense and clutch hitting to win the program's first state baseball title in 33 years.

The Black Hawks scratched and clawed their way through the WPIAL bracket before losing narrowly to top-seeded Franklin Regional in the WPIAL championship game, 2-1. That setback, however, proved only temporary and seemed to fuel the team during its state playoff run, which culminated in a dramatic 4-2 upset win over heavily favored Red Land (*Lewisberry, Pa.*) at Penn State's Medlar Field at Lubrano Park.

Red Land, which is located near Harrisburg and competes in District 3, were the defending state champion and had won 13 consecutive games headed into the title game. Along the way, the Patriots averaged more than eight runs per game, blowing out just about everyone in their path. Their best player, Benny Montgomery, is a rare five-tool player who was recently selected eighth overall by the Colorado Rockies in the 2021 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

However, as the game wore along, it became obvious that they hadn't faced the type of pitching they were that afternoon from senior Kent State recruit, **Eric Chalus** and junior, **Cody Geddes**. It was also clear that Bethel Park, which had played in a number of nail-biters throughout the post-season, seemed very comfortable in that role with the state championship on the line.

Chalus, who in combination with sophomore **Evan Holewinski**, just stoned team after team down the stretch, masterfully wiggled his way out two separate jams in the fifth and sixth innings respectively before exiting the game after exceeding his allowable pitch count. Geddes was able to induce the game-ending ground ball with two more Red Land runners in scoring position in the seventh inning to seal the long-sought title for Bethel Park.

"I could not be prouder of a group of young men than I am of this particular group," said second-year head coach, **Patrick Zehnder**. "They were such a privilege to coach and be around because the moment was never too big for them and no matter what happened they stuck together and found a way to win."

Chalus finished his incredible senior season with a perfect 11-0 record and a 0.85 ERA. He was later named the Player of the Year by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and the *Washington Observer-Reporter*.





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