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OPENS TUESDAY,
JUNE 2!
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June 27, 2020 Summer Spectacular canceled due to COVID-19 Guidelines. We're looking forward to celebrating with you next year!



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MEMORIAL DAY
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Bethel Park
Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Program
10 a.m.

Ceremony
Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Ceremony Speaker
Natalie Mihalek
State Representative
40th Legislative District

This year's Memorial Day Program will be different due to COVID-19; however, the sentiment behind the program will remain the same with the intent to strive towards public awareness and remembrance of those who gave their lives for freedom, the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The program is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Presbyterian Church Cemetery with State Representative **Natalie Mihalek** as the speaker. Her topic will be the "75th Anniversary of Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima." Mihalek served in the U.S. Navy for four years with an E4 rank of Nuclear Machinist Mate.

The public is welcome to attend providing those in attendance employ social/physical distancing. The event will be aired on BPTV and may be livestreamed on the Municipality's Facebook page. Please check bethelpark.net for the most current viewing details.

Memorial Day Featured Speaker Natalie Mihalek

State Representative, 40th Legislative District

Natalie Mihalek was elected in 2018 to serve the citizens of the 40th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.



Natalie Mihalek when she served in the U.S. Navy.

A native of Allegheny County, her commitment to public service began early. A member of the Girl Scouts of America (GSA), she received the GSA Gold Award, Scouting's highest achievement. Upon graduating from South Allegheny High School, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where she qualified and served in the Navy's elite nuclear power program, of which only 1 percent of the sailors admitted are women.

She served four years with an E4 rank of Nuclear Machinist Mate.

During her time there, she said women weren't permitted to serve on submarines, so they moved into nuclear training.

"Because there was such a small amount of females, I had to learn to adapt in that type of environment which has served me well as a lawyer and legislator which is heavily male dominated," said Mihalek who, with her team, handled start up and shut downs of engine systems, engine maintenance and ensured that everything was functioning properly.

Mihalek developed her interest in serving her country when she was a Girl Scout.

"I took some amazing trips as a Girl Scout, and that got me thinking that I'd like to travel and serve in the military," she said. "I spoke to representatives from each branch while in high school. After deciding upon the Navy, I enrolled in the delayed entry program as a high school senior and left immediately after graduation."

And, she still values the skills she gained from her time serving.

"You definitely grow up fast in that environment; I became very disciplined," she said. "I think the greatest thing about the military though was the comradery. You couldn't get a more diverse crew than we had, and we all worked together to serve a common mission. It was a very unique experience."

In fact, Mihalek feels that way about her role now as a state representative.

"I feel that way about some of my colleagues now in the House...especially on my Washington County side where the six of us have that similar close-knit experience," she said.

For the Memorial Day Program, Mihalek will be speaking about the 75th anniversary of raising the flag on Iwo Jima, the Japanese island that claimed over 7,000 U.S. Marines.

"My grandfather fought there during his time in the Pacific theatre," she said. "That image of the flag being raised I think is one of the most iconic in American history."



Natalie Mihalek, her husband Jeremy, and three children.

“ I think the greatest thing about the military was the comradery. You couldn't get a more diverse crew than we had, and we all worked together to serve a common mission. It was a very unique experience. ”

After her military service, Mihalek returned to Allegheny County where she attended the University of Pittsburgh, earning bachelor's and law degrees before beginning her legal career in the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. There, she worked closely with crime victims and police to prosecute criminal cases and put violent offenders behind bars.

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Manager's Corner

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In difficult times, the true character of individuals becomes apparent; and, in Bethel Park, the character of our community has shown itself to be truly exceptional. Members of our incredible community have not only handled these unprecedented times extremely well, but in fact, banded together to provide assistance whenever and wherever they could.

Whether it was to contribute to our emergency food drive, volunteer to donate blood or make face masks, deliver lifesaving food, or chalk messages of hope and kindness throughout the community, Bethel Park has emerged as a shining example of the good that can come out of adversity.

To further assist our community, we've put a number of helpful resources on our newly updated website (www.bethelpark.net). Included there is information and guidance for employers and affected individuals; the Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act; information from the Centers for Disease Control; Allegheny County health alerts; work from home tips; and much more.

You'll notice that this issue of "Chronicles" is smaller due to the removal of our Recreation Program Guide. We're anticipating reopening our Recreation Programs on Monday, July 6 dependent upon Pennsylvania COVID-19 guidelines. And,

we're working hard to try to bring you the programs you enjoy.

We'll also be working with local childcare centers to accommodate parents returning to work who've relied on our summer camps for their children.

We expect to have this updated information out to you late June. Please see pg. 22 for more information.

This Pandemic has also created hardships that include unforeseen changes in our garbage and recycling pickup contract with Waste Management. Until such time that Waste Management can return to full operations, non-essential waste collection will be temporarily suspended.

And, on pg. 9, you'll see that we're utilizing new software to make data-driven selections for our upcoming road program. A variety of key elements such as surface condition, traffic volume, condition of underground utilities and the condition of abutting curbs and inlets will help us determine what roads are most in need of repaving.

Finally, we'll continue to provide information you need to know via our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages, BPTV, and our Municipal website as we move forward into the summer months.

Wishing you and your family good health...

Laurence Christian

Municipal Manager

Bethel Park's Emergency Food Drive Continues... Please Consider Donating!

Bethel Park's Emergency Food Drive is continuing with donations being accepted at the Bethel Park Community Center front entrance located at 5151 Park Ave. from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. weekdays.

Donations are being distributed to Operation Troop Appreciation (OTA), South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM), Bethel-St. Clair Meals on Wheels, and South Hills Assembly of God (SHAG).

The list of items needed includes:

FOOD - mac & cheese, pasta, sauce, rice (*flavored, white and brown*), canned vegetables, microwavable or canned soup, beans, cereal (*all sizes*), oatmeal (*instant or regular*), crackers (*saltines, other*), microwavable or canned meals (*beefaroni, ravioli, beef stew, etc.*), peanut butter, jelly, canned or packaged fruit, apples, oranges, bananas, individual snacks such as pudding, individual cereal bars, individual protein bars, individual bags of chips & pretzels, Pop Tarts, buns/bread, bottles of water/Gatorade/juice, boxes of juice, Ensure (*nutrition drink*), Lunchables, Snack Breaks, and/or other protein snacks.

CLEANING SUPPLIES – (*DISINFECTING ONLY*) cleaning wipes, multi-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, and hand sanitizer.

MONETARY – Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks should be made out to the agency donors wish to donate to and can be dropped off at the Community Center during Food Drive hours.

"People have been incredibly generous," said Municipal Manager **Laurence Christian**. "The need has grown so much since we began; COVID-19 is truly affecting everybody and we're trying to help wherever we can."

The Municipality is using all approved CDC protocols to handle donated items.

"As we see there's more need in our community, we'll bring other organizations into the partnership. Wherever we can help we will," said Christian.

The Bethel Park Community Center can be reached at 412-851-2910.



Black Hawk Family Relief Fund

Also, helping neighbors during this difficult time is the Black Hawk Family Relief Fund, a charitable group formed to provide outreach into the Bethel Park community during times of hardship.

Members of the organization have been distributing meals to those in need provided by the generosity of Al's Café (435 McMurray Rd., Bethel Park).

Inquiries about events and volunteering can be made to blackhawkfamilyrelieffund@yahoo.com. Donations are being accepted through PayPal at: [blackhawkfamilyrelieffund@yahoo.com](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fblackhawkfamilyrelieffund@yahoo.com).

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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

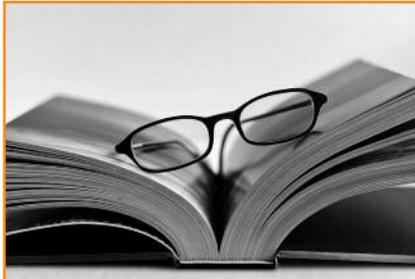
2nd Wednesday of each month 10 a.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month 7 p.m.

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 and 3rd Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

Let's talk! Experience the simple joy of conversation. Join us to freely exchange ideas, thoughts and opinions. At each session we will choose a topic as a starting point and see where the conversation leads. Sound interesting?

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Every Wednesday! 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Knitters of all levels welcome. Bring your yarn and needles to knit, stitch, learn and share!



SCRABBLE CLUB

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

PINOCHLE CLUB

2nd and 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

4th Wednesday of every month from 10-11 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. Call the library for more information. No registration needed.



UNREAL ENGINE 4 MEET UP – PITTSBURGH

4th Saturday of every other month at 2 p.m.

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 www.meetup.com/Pittsburgh-Unreal-Engine-4-Meetup. Space is limited. Meetings at Bethel Park Library.

NEW MOVIE RELEASE TUESDAYS

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

We will be showing the new blockbuster DVD release of the week on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. Why wait to see what everyone is talking about now! Call for schedule.



ESTATE PLANNING BASICS – DO I NEED A WILL AND POWER OF ATTORNEY?

Presented by **Tracy Zihmer, Esq.**
Tuesday, May 12th at 10 a.m.

Do you know who will make decisions for you if you are incapacitated, and what happens to your assets in the event that you pass away? This seminar will include information about Wills and Powers of Attorney and what happens if you do not have these documents. It will also include an overview of the probate process and a brief discussion on protecting your assets if you go into a nursing home.



WISE WALK

Thursdays, April 16th – June 18th at 9:30 a.m. (10 weeks)

Join us for a walk in South Park! Enjoy the company of new friends and old for ten weeks of walking and talking. This program is geared toward adults 50+. A short kickoff meeting will be held at the Library on **April 9th at 10 a.m.** For more information contact the Library 412-835-2207, no registration needed.



HEALING CANCER, HOLISTICALLY

Presented by **Brandon Novogradac** (*career scientist, Certified Coach with BeatCancer.org*)
Saturday, May 16th at 11 a.m.
Come learn the basic mindset of holistic healing as applied to cancer. In many things, overcoming fear is the first and highest hurdle. This presentation will provide attendees with the perspective to face cancer and other chronic disease from a place of calm awareness. We will also discuss simple ways to maintain our best health.

MARIE BARTOLETTI BOOK SIGNING

Thursday, May 21st at 7 p.m.

The author of *Perseverance: How a Determined Athlete*

Tenaciously Overcame a Stroke

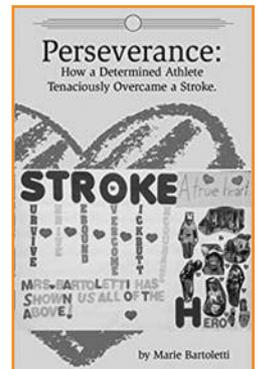
will be at the Bethel Park Public Library for a book signing.

Marie Bartoletti's story proves that with perseverance you can accomplish anything!

Meet the local author and inspirational role model!

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To register or for more information on any of these programs, call 412-835-2207.

MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

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WHY MEDITATE?

Presented by **Sheila Forester**
Thursday, May 28th at 7 p.m.
 Do you want more serenity, vitality and mental clarity? Meditation can play a healing role in achieving these benefits. 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.



ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB

Begins Monday, June 1st
 Free reading raffle! Each book read or listened to is a chance to win gift cards! Stop into the Library to register and for prize list.

DECREASING PAIN

Presented by **Martine Marino, MPT, COMT**
Weds., June 17th at 2 p.m.
 This free program will explain the basic mechanisms of pain and how pain can be treated with movement.

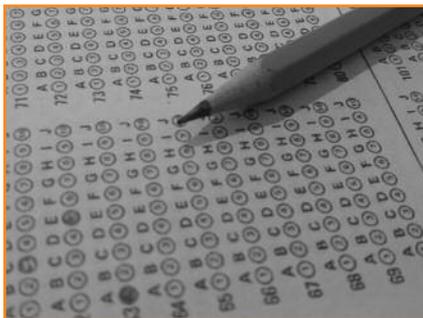


SCHOLARSHIPS ESSENTIALS

Presented by **Catherine Noonan, M. Ed.**
Wednesday, June 17th at 7 p.m.
 What is a merit-based scholarship? How do I begin the process of searching for winnable scholarships? Come learn about the ins and outs of knowledgeable and disciplined scholarship searching and gritty scholarship applying.

SPINAL STENOSIS

Presented by **Dr. George Fraudin**
Wednesday, June 24th at 7 p.m.
 This free talk will cover new breakthroughs in nonsurgical treatment.



PRACTICE SAT TEST

Presented by Omega Learning Center
Saturday, June 27th at 10 a.m.
GET THE 'SAT EDGE' with Omega Learning Center. Have your high school student take a FREE SAT Evaluation Test in a proctored, simulated environment. An Omega certified teacher will review your SAT Evaluation Test results and recommend a custom SAT Prep program. This is a no cost, no obligation opportunity! For more information and to reserve your spot, call the Library to register. This is a full 3-hour timed practice test (*optional essay takes additional hour*). Limited Space Available – Must Call to Register.

3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS

Tuesday, June 30th at 10 a.m.
 Use the Library's 3D Printer to make personalized gifts, replacements parts, or your own artistic item or creative invention. Take this free class to learn how to use this innovation of industry! Call to register. If none of the above times are convenient, please call for others.

To register or for more information on any of these programs, call 412-835-2207.



FENG SHUI: CREATING A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Presented by **Donna Rossa**
Wednesday, July 8th at 7 p.m.

- What is Feng Shui
- Understanding and applying the principles of Feng Shui
- Using the Bagua to improve your life



APPY HOUR FOR OLDER ADULTS

Friday, July 10th at 10:30 a.m. in Fireplace Room
 A special edition of Appy Hour geared towards those 50+. Learn about what's new, what's trending and what you just need to have in the world of apps! Bring your charged phone or tablet! To register, call 412-835-2207.

OBESITY IN REHAB: A WEIGHTY TOPIC

Presented by **Martine Marino, MPT, COMT**
Wednesday, July 15th at 2 p.m.
 Join us for a free program to discuss the effect of obesity and how it relates to physical therapy.

UNIQUELY ME: AUTHOR EVENT

Presented by Author **Susan Mellon**
Wednesday, July 15th at 7 p.m.
 Author Susan Mellon will speak on her journey of writing at the Bethel Park Public Library! Susan's fourth-grade reading teacher instilled the love of writing in her and she began writing poems, short stories and T.V. scripts of her favorite programs at a very young age. Fast forward 43 years, she is now pursuing her dream full time. Susan will also discuss the sweet romance novellas she is known for.

CONSUMER RESOURCES CLASS

Tuesday, Aug. 4th at 10 a.m.
 Learn how to use consumer resources through the Bethel Park Public Library. This class will include searching Consumer Reports articles, finding free legal forms and more using your Library Card. Limited Space Available – Must Call to Register.



#FAKENEWS: THE STATE OF JOURNALISM AND THE RISE OF CLICKBAIT

Presented by **Dr. Jessica Ghilani**
Thursday, Aug. 20th at 7 p.m.
 Fake news is nothing new, but it feels more prevalent these days. Misleading or outright wrong information can reach more people more quickly via social media. Join Dr. Jessica Ghilani as she examines the historical framework for understanding fake news, discusses how we got to this point, and offers tips on how to fact-check the news.

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IMAGINE YOUR STORY™

Don't Miss Our
Kick-Off Event
on
Saturday, June 6
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Summer Learning 2020 will be in full swing beginning June 8th!

Weekly Early Literacy Classes,
Lunchtime Book Clubs,
Science Programs, Art Classes,
Teen Events,
Special Guests, and more!

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www.bethelparklibrary.org.

Weekly registration will open June 1st.
You may register online, or in person,
or over the phone.

Call 412-835-2207, x267.



EMS News

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Tri-Community South EMS Maintains Excellent Level of Service while Employing Stringent Safety Protocols

Throughout the COVID-19 situation, Tri-Community South EMS (TCS-EMS) has established outstanding safety protocols for patients as well as employees.

"We use full personal protective equipment on our staff members. Depending on the situation, we typically use gowns, gloves, goggles or a face shields, N-95 masks, or surgical masks," said Tri-Community South EMS Director **Nora Helfrich**.

And even before TCS-EMS heads out on a call, a thorough prescreening process happens at the dispatch center.

"The dispatch centers that we work with and County 911 employ a whole screening process that has to be implemented for each call," said Helfrich. "Every caller has to be prescreened with questions pertaining to the Coronavirus."

Strict procedures are also in place to maintain the health and safety of employees and those they transport.



Cleaning & Safety Protocols

"Our building has been closed to public access over two months to anyone except employees including our AHA training center for CPR classes. We also have to prescreen and take the temperature of our employees each day when they come to work," said Helfrich. "The amount of infection control we have to do for every call, every day, every shift, is also very taxing and time-consuming."

When arriving with a patient at the hospital, one paramedic stays with the patient in the ambulance while the EMT goes into the hospital to be directed as to where to take the individual. This is for potential COVID-19 patients or positive COVID-19 patients. There, the crews go through a complete process of removing their protective gear, so as not to infect themselves.

"The new protocols are a significant change. For EMTs/paramedics, it tacks on at least 20–25 minutes more at each hospital for potential COVID-19 patients," said Helfrich. "Our paramedics and EMT's have to follow very specific methods of removing and disinfecting their protective gear at established emergency stations at the hospitals. Then when they're done there, they have to come back to our facility and take care of their ambulances and equipment. We have a special sprayer with specific chemicals to kill bacteria which we hook up to an air compressor to spray down the ambulances between every call. So, with one unit going out potentially on six calls, you can get an idea about all the equipment we go through and all the disinfecting that we're doing."

All staff have to remove their boots prior to entering the TCS building from the garage; and if they don't take them off, the boots are disinfected after every call. They also have to double glove on every call. Afterwards, they remove one pair and use hand sanitizer on the other before they take them off to dispose of in a biohazard bag. All of this equipment is not inexpensive and is difficult to obtain.

"Our staff not only has the stress of their jobs and Coronavirus to deal with, but also the stress of continually keeping their gear and ambulances disinfected," she said.

Helfrich, who's been director of TCS-EMS for 20 years, set up additional safety protocols for police as well.

"We've made sure they know the appropriate safety gear to wear and protect themselves, and when we get to a scene where an officer is present, we tell them to wait outside while we treat the patient when possible, in order to limit their exposure," said Helfrich.

At calls for senior citizen facilities, dementia units, assisted living facilities, etc., the call is pre-screened at intake by the dispatcher. When possible, the patient is asked to come or have family or staff bring the patient to meet the EMS crew in the lobby or at the front door to limit exposure.

Protective Equipment

For a while, TCS-EMS was scrambling to get protective equipment because it was difficult to come by.

"We have enough now, but the County was assisting with that. Twice a week, we put our order in for needed supplies and when ready, we'd drive out to the County 911 Center to pick them up," said Helfrich. "Not only were EMS services using these allotments, but also police and fire departments, so they've given out what they could. We're now being told to use our own vendors for current and future needs. But unfortunately, that's no guarantee to receive our items because much of what we need is on backorder."

TCS-EMS is staffed by five supervisors; eight full-time EMTs; 7 full-time paramedics; three part-time paramedics; and two part-time EMTs (*the two part-time EMTs will be leaving for PA school and one for Medical school over the summer*).

No TCS staff member has had the virus; if they would get it or are exposed at home, they must follow established quarantine procedures.

"Our staff is dealing with COVID-19 patients and they're worried about taking the virus home to their families, adding to their stress," said Helfrich. "That's why we're extremely protective of our employees."



Helfrich also mentioned that there are some area hotels offering free rooms and laundry services for EMS providers who don't want to go home if they're afraid of infecting their families.

And, because there is a shortage of Paramedics in Pennsylvania, the Department of Health State EMS Medical Director changed the certification requirements in order to recruit paramedics that had let their certification lapse. He also changed the staffing requirements for licensure of EMS services to help with staffing issues during this time.

Decrease in Calls...TCS-EMS Needs You

Another challenge faced by TCS-EMS is a decrease in calls since the pandemic began.

"There's been a 30–40 percent decrease in emergency calls across Allegheny County since the pandemic began. The belief is that people are afraid to go to the hospital during this time," said Helfrich.

Because of the decreased call volume and decreased insurance reimbursement rates, many EMS systems are struggling because they're not generating income from emergency calls. Multiple EMS services are having to take advantage of the CARES Act to gain short term loans just to meet their payroll.

If you'd like to support TCS-EMS, please consider purchasing a subscription for you, your family member or a friend, or making a monetary donation by visiting tcsems.org or mailing a donation to: Tri-Community South EMS, 5490 Progress Blvd., Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Bethel Park Road Selection Process Employs New Software

The Municipality of Bethel Park encompasses a 12 square mile area and is responsible for maintaining approximately 118 miles of roads over nine wards. Bethel Park is not responsible for the maintenance on State or County Roads.



Every year, the Municipality uses funding from the Capital Improvement

Budget to repair and resurface various streets throughout the community. In the past, communities had to rely on visual inspections of the roads in order to determine which streets made it on the paving list. Visual inspections are subjective to the individual doing them, and the season that they're done. In the winter, roads tend to look a lot worse than summer due to frost heave, icing issues and potholes.

In 2017, Bethel Park moved away from the visual inspections and now utilizes an asset management system to help prioritize which streets get resurfaced. By using this system, the Municipality can remove the subjective human element and make data driven selections. The asset management software was developed by an

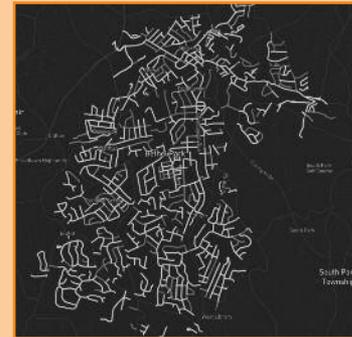
outside vendor. The company utilizes a specialty vehicle set up with technology and software to analyze every 9 ft. section of road.

The software maps the road segments and identifies individual distresses such as potholes and cracking. Each individual distress is rated on the same criteria and assigned a number between 1 and 5. The software can then assign a road rating to the entire street segment based off all the distresses observed.

After the data comes back from the vendor, Bethel Park utilizes it as the starting point for the selection of the upcoming road program. The road ratings are reviewed to determine what roads are the worst. Roads are then selected based on various criteria, including but not limited to: surface condition, traffic volume, condition of underground utilities, and condition of abutting curbs and inlets.

The Municipality puts together a draft five- year plan which is presented to Municipal Council for review and approval.

The Municipality of Bethel Park's website (bethelpark.net) has additional information about what to expect if your road is selected for the paving program. Residents can also call 412-831-6800 to obtain more information.



Residents Asked to Refrain from Open Burning During Pandemic

The Departments of Health and Emergency Services have joined forces to ask residents to "be a good neighbor" and reduce the amount of smoke and air pollution they produce during the COVID-19 crisis.

In Bethel Park, recreational burning contained within a 3ft. diameter ring is legal. However, officials are asking county residents to voluntarily refrain from recreational burning. The Health Department (ACHD) has observed an increase in legal recreational burning with some taking place for extended periods during the day.

The COVID-19 pandemic poses threats to individuals with a history of heart or respiratory illness, and open burning adds to that burden. Smoke can increase an individual's susceptibility to the virus and can also decrease a COVID-19 infected individual's ability to fight the virus and worsen their symptoms. It can also result in non-COVID infected individuals having to seek medical attention during this crisis because of respiratory illness.

Just like in other frontline careers, fire departments are adjusting operations to protect their members while still serving our communities. The voluntary ban on burning can assist with those measures.

Particularly during dry and windy conditions, open burning can lead to brush and other types of fires. Firefighters responding to those emergencies are working close to each other, are using personal protective equipment (PPE) that could be reserved for other emergencies, and could be responding to other emergencies rather than one that could have been prevented if residents refrain from burning activities.



Help Keep YOUR Sewage Treatment Plant Running Smoothly!

For the past several weeks, there's been an increase in clogged lines at the Sewage Treatment Plant serving our area due to residents flushing items that should be placed in the trash.

The only thing that should be flushed is toilet paper. Any wipe products on the market today used to clean and disinfect your homes should be thrown in the trash.

It's a Toilet, NOT a Trash Can!



Never flush the following items; toss them in the trash instead: baby/ facial/ cleaning wipes; tampons; sanitary napkins; medication; hair; dental floss; cotton swabs/balls; bandages; bags and towels; rubber items (*like latex gloves*); fat/cooking oil/grease; clothing labels; candy/food wrappers; syringes; cigarette butts; disposable toilet brushes; kitty litter; aquarium gravel; plastic items; diapers; fruit stickers; and paper towels.

A Message from Judge Arnoni...

**Judge Arnoni Introduces
Andy Amrhein as the 2019 Bethel Park
“Outstanding Citizen of the Year”
Recipient Awarded by District Court**



(l-r): State Representative Natalie Mihalek, Andy Amrhein & Judge Arnoni.

On Jan. 29, **Judge Arnoni** presented **Andy Amrhein** the “Outstanding Citizen of the Year” Award in front of Andy’s family, Bethel Park Municipal Council President **Timothy Moury**, State Representative **Natalie Mihalek**, and the previous year winners.

The Outstanding Citizen Award is meant for an individual who demonstrates excellent community leadership, makes significant contributions to their community, and shows generosity and unselfishness through their actions.

Amrhein is a lifelong resident of Bethel Park and has been married for 35 years to his wife Mary Alice. Together they have three children. He is best known in the community for his ownership of Evey True Value Hardware. At the age of 13, he started working for Ed Evey, the original store owner, mopping floors. He moved up the ranks from shift manager to general manager, and then purchased the business in 1995 from its founder.

He is also very involved in hosting many shows on local news channels. He has been on the air since 1995 with KDKA where he shares his expertise with a segment called “True Value Home Improvement Hour.” He also does regular segments on Pittsburgh Today Live TV where he’s known as ‘Handy Andy,’ and also hosts several shows including “Around Town with Andy Amrhein” on Bethel Park TV. He also works with numerous committees and organizations with the community and the school district. He is a Trustee of the BP Community Foundation, President of the Bethel Park Education Foundation, on the Bethel Park Public Library Board of Directors, a member of the Bethel Park Police Meritorious Awards Association, and a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. In the past, he served on the District Board for the Boy Scouts of America.

As the award recipient, Amrhein was presented with a commemorative medal and certificate, a gift certificate from Delallo’s restaurant, as well as a citation from State Representative Natalie Mihalek.

“I want to thank all those who participated and offer a special thank you to **Tom O’Brien** for submitting the nomination for such an excellent and well-deserved individual,” said Judge Arnoni. “If you see Andy around, please be sure to congratulate him on this award!”



Judge Arnoni & Andy Amrhein.



(l-r): Municipal Council President Timothy Moury; 2017 USC Recipient Richard “Dick” Thomas; 2019 BP recipient Andy Amrhein; Judge Arnoni; State Rep. Natalie Mihalek; 2018 BP recipient Tom O’Brien; 2018 BP recipient Rebecca Luzier; & 2017 BP recipient William Haberthur.

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Memorial Day Speaker

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In addition to her work in criminal justice, Mihalek also owned a successful small business in Upper St. Clair and was working for a large financial institution at the time of her election.

As a state representative, working mother and military veteran, Mihalek will be a voice for the thousands of brave men and women who serve or have served this great nation.

"I aim to fight to end the opioid epidemic; protect citizens from out-of-control taxes and job-killing government regulation; and ensure the kind of future that will give today's children and future generations a reason to stay here and raise their own families," she said.

Mihalek's interest in politics stemmed from her strong interest in history and being a self-proclaimed "news junkie."

"While no one in my family was directly involved in a political position, we always voted and knew who our elected officials were; my grandmother also worked the polls," said Mihalek. "And, one of my fondest memories was receiving the Gold Award in Girl Scouts in 1995. I remember all of the public officials there and receiving my award from them. Now, it's come full circle and I get the honor of presenting this same award to young people!"

Mihalek and her husband, Jeremy, reside in Upper St. Clair with their three young children – two girls (ages 8 and 7) and a boy (age 3).

Mihalek, a republican, is on the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees.



Have Important Bethel Park News & Events Delivered to Your Inbox!

Bethel Park now has the ability to send news regarding the Coronavirus and other breaking/important news events to you via email. To sign up, visit bethelpark.net/subscriptions.

Sign Up for SwiftReach

Another option to receive important news via your phone is through SwiftReach.

To register, log on to bethelpark.net/departments/police and click on the Swiftreach link near the bottom of the page. Residents wishing to sign up without computer access can call the Municipality to be registered at 412-831-6800.



BPTV – ALWAYS THERE!



Bethel Park Public Access Television
VERIZON 32 - COMCAST 7 - YOUTUBE

Whether it's covering local events or sharing important information, BPTV tries very hard to provide you with pertinent, contemporary programming for the wide audience in Bethel Park. However, we're only able to accomplish this with the help of volunteers.

If you're interested in volunteering in your community, BPTV is a great place to get involved! We offer all of the training and equipment you need to help you and your neighbors make all the great programs you see on our channel. If you have an idea for your own program, our staff will be happy to help you make your show a reality.

Here are some of our latest offerings:

- "Dress Haute TV" & "Teen Talk"

Carrie Ann, owner of Dress Haute in South Hills Village produces two programs for us. "Dress Haute TV" covers everything from local charitable events to the process of designing a custom wedding dress. In "Teen Talk," she sits down with her panel of four teens to discuss topics relevant to current teen life and positive body image.



Dress Haute TV



- "Let's Visit" – Long time host of "Let's Talk Tailwaggers," **Susan Roberti** likes people too! Check out her show, "Let's Visit" where she sits down with nice people doing nice things in your community.

Let's Visit

- "Pittsburgh Sports Memories" – Two local sports enthusiasts **Tim & Steve** pick a Pittsburgh sports topic and discuss the history and their own personal memories from them.



Pittsburgh Sports Memories

All of your old favorites are still here and we're adding new great programming all the time. Come and be a part of it!

For more information and to get started, contact us at 412-831-3304 or dcable@bethelpark.net.

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

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



Thank You!



Thank you **South Park Shops** for your donation to the BPPD K9 Fund! During the year, we partner with SPS for several events including "Touch-A-Truck," "Halloween Spooktacular" and "December Fridays." And every year, they seek to give back to programs that directly benefit our community.

Keep Bethel Park Looking Sharp!

With nice weather, comes growing grass, trees and shrubs. Please help us keep the community looking nice by keeping grass under 8", controlling weeds and other obnoxious vegetation, and trimming shrubs and trees which obstruct road signs and public right-of-ways. Police and Code Enforcement will be out looking for violations and addressing them as appropriate.
(BP Ordinance 33.2)

Merit Award Winners



(l-r) Eric Anibaldi, David Arnold, Lance Mattes, & Matthew Poling

At the March Municipal Council Meeting, **Chief O'Connor** presented four Officers with the 2019 Merit Award.

Every year since 1969, BPPD Officers have nominated their peers who they feel display outstanding devotion to duty and are a credit to this Department.

The winners are:

1st Place <i>(tie)</i>	Lance Mattes	<i>Investigations Division</i>
2nd	Matthew Poling	<i>Patrol Division</i>
3rd Place	David Arnold	<i>Patrol Supervisor</i>
	Eric Anibaldi	<i>Patrol Division</i>

Congratulations!

Update on the DEA Prescription Program 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 contact Bethel Park Police at **412-833-2000**.



Contact /Social Media

Anonymous Tips can be called into the hotline at **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



Crime Prevention Officer Helps Make Local Teen's Birthday Special



Bethel Park Crime Prevention Officer Sean Gorman recently made the day of local resident **Matthew Brace** on his 17th birthday. Matthew, who has autism, was supposed to have a birthday party on April 1, however, due to the closures from the coronavirus, his party was canceled.

Matthew's mom, **Pam**, emailed the police department explaining that her son's birthday was the next day and he was turning 17.

"I am trying to make this as special as we can in these uncertain times," wrote Brace. "We had to cancel his party, so he was pretty bummed. He really does not understand what is going on."

She went on to explain that Matthew loves police cars and fire trucks and asked if "maybe a couple police cars and maybe a fire truck" could drive by their house on his birthday and wave and say hello to him while she and her son would watch in the driveway. She also asked if there could be no sirens, just lights, as noises bother Matthew immensely.

What Gorman did was much more than that! He arranged for vehicles from Mt. Lebanon Police, Castle Shannon Police, Upper St. Clair Police and Fire, Bethel Park

Police and Fire, Allegheny County Police, and Tri-Community South EMS to drive by.

"I think she was surprised that there were so many departments," said Gorman.

Mrs. Brace and Matthew were thrilled by the long parade of vehicles that drove by their home.

"Matthew was super excited and was waving to them," she said. "It was totally amazing; it blew me away and I was speechless. This was more than I ever expected!"

Mrs. Brace explained that Matthew has been a fighter since birth born at 24 weeks and weighing only 1 lb. 6 oz.

"Not only does he have autism, Matthew is extremely high risk medically speaking. He has had three cardiac arrests and has pulmonary hypertension. He has heart and lung issues as you can imagine...He has been through so much in his 17 years of life," said Mrs. Brace. "He is a fighter and never gives up. We treasure each year with him because his doctors are doing everything they can to keep him healthy as can be. We are blessed!"

Matthew was supposed to have surgery the end of March, but it was postponed due to COVID-19.

"I was extremely happy to make Matthew's birthday so memorable," said Gorman.

To view a video of Matthew's birthday surprise, visit Bethel Park's Facebook page.

“ It was totally amazing; it blew me away and I was speechless. This was more than I ever expected! ”

- Pam Brace
(Matthew's Mother)

“ I was extremely happy to make Matthew's birthday so memorable, ”

- Crime Prevention Officer Sean Gorman

Summer Safety Tips

As temperatures warm up, many people leave windows and doors open to enjoy the nice weather. Unfortunately, criminals can also take advantage of this loosened security. We encourage residents to keep exterior doors locked at all times, and close and lock windows when you're not at home. Additionally, please close your car windows and sunroof when your car is parked and remove all valuables from view.

Don't give thieves the opportunity to ruin your summer!



Crime Watch

Be a part of the Bethel Park Crime Watch program that includes: Community Meetings, Communication via email alerts and special events.

What can Crime Watch members do to help keep Bethel Park safe?

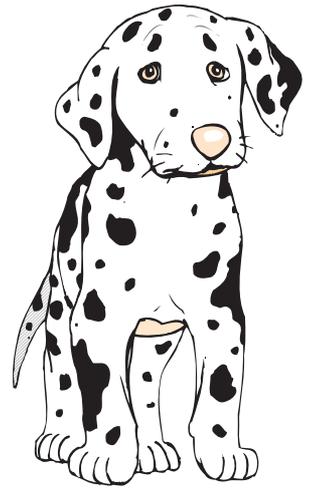
- Be alert
- Know your neighborhoods and watch out for one other
- Report suspicious activities and crime to the police
- Stay up-to-date on crime and crime prevention strategies

Monthly Crime Watch meetings are held at the Community Center and are hosted by the Chief of Police and Crime Prevention Officer to highlight current crime trends in Bethel Park and the surrounding communities. Guest speakers will also 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.



A Message from the Fire Chief: Dave Gerber



Time for Spring Cleaning! After a few cold months, the ground may have shifted outside of the emergency exits around your property. This can be especially true for basement exits not often used. Therefore, make sure that exit doors open freely and you are able to exit safely. It's much better to find the problem and correct it now versus when you may need it in an emergency.

*And, before you know it, summer will be here meaning that it's time for grilling and storms! **Following are some safety tips to help prevent problems you may encounter.***

Grilling Safely

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Over 1,000 house fires every year start from a grill that is outside on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch. Grills can be very hot, causing burn injuries.

Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Here in Bethel Park, grills are prohibited from being used on apartment balconies.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area and never leave your grill unattended.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- For a propane grill, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose; a propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.
- For charcoal grills, there are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. There are also electric charcoal starters which do not use fire.
- Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before discarding them in a metal container. Eat up and remember to grill safely!



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Now Accepting Applications!



We are accepting applications and need all the help we can get. The hours might be odd and the pay doesn't exist, but you will get a cool new outfit to wear when helping your community!

Your Support is Needed!

As you may know, your tax dollars DO NOT cover our operating expenses. That's the primary reason we are asking for your continued support to maintain our current operations. To ensure that we are able to provide the best fire and rescue services possible, we are faced with many challenges.

National Fire Service standards (NFPA 1911) state that apparatus should be replaced after 25 years of service. Last year, we put our new Rescue Pumper Truck in service to replace our old Rescue Truck that has been in service since 1992. Your donations will help pay for this expense which, with equipment, costs in excess of \$950,000.00.

When the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company was founded in 1927, a small group of individuals had the idea to dedicate their lives to protect this community. Presently, we have 75 members, and we all share that same original vision.

We're asking for your continued support so we may uphold our volunteer status and continue to provide excellent fire and rescue service. As residents of Bethel Park and members of this organization, we're proud to say that your Bethel Park Volunteer Firefighters are always ready and able to protect you, your neighbors and/or business. We personally thank you for your support!

To donate, please visit our website at www.bethelparkvfc.com/donate or check your mailbox for the flyer you should have received.

P.S. 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.

Get to Know Your Fire Fighters!

Following 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. The BPVFC takes great pride in the fact that we remain 100 percent volunteer and strive to remain that way in the future. If you or someone you know is interested or has questions about joining, please email the secretary at bethelparkvfc.secy@gmail.com, pick up an application from our website at www.bethelparkvfc.com, or phone **Ed Schmidt** at 412-559-8491.

LUKE VALECKO

Luke Valecko joined at the age of 18 with zero experience. He has served with the BPVFC as a Firefighter for two years now and responds primarily to Brightwood Station. After completing high school, he attended two years of carpentry school and works in that profession today. Valecko has completed his national Firefighter 1 certification. When asked why he joined he said, "To save lives and help the community however I can." Some of his hobbies include riding dirt bikes, exercising and playing piano. Sometimes you can find him playing the piano in his fire gear in the lobbies of local establishments after we respond to a fire alarm! Valecko is supported by his parents and brother. "The fire department quickly became my second family," he said. "It's full of great people who will always have your back, no matter what." Please consider joining if you would like to be a part of our family also!



BOB BROWN

Bob Brown joined the fire department with zero experience at the age of 30. He has served with the BPVFC for 31 years and remains active, currently serving as the Deputy Chief. Other positions Brown has held over the years include 1st and 2nd Captain, Assistant Chief and a member of the Board of Directors. He primarily has responded out of Brightwood Station, but will often respond directly to the scene in one of the departments command vehicles. Brown has attended numerous classes throughout his 30 plus year career, including Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician and Hazmat Operations. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and worked as a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance for 30 years before retiring. Brown said that he joined because he had an interest in firefighting and wanted to give to the community.

"Assisting our residents on what could potentially be the worst day of their life" is his favorite part of being a firefighter. Some of Brown's hobbies include anything with sports (especially watching), doing activities with his family, and taking numerous cruises with his

wife. He's been supported in his firefighting career by his wife Colleen and daughters Andrea, 30, and Leann, 28. His daughters grew up with him in the fire service and particularly enjoyed how he would give fire prevention presentations at their preschool all the way through high school. When they were younger, they also enjoyed stopping at the fire station to see the trucks. "I've made many friendships while serving as a Bethel Park firefighter that I anticipate will last a lifetime," said Brown. "I've also enjoyed assisting the community in both good and difficult times throughout all these years."

DEAN HUWE

Dean Huwe joined the fire company with zero experience at the ripe old age of 40. He's served as a firefighter with us now for 13 years. He responds primarily out of our Clifton Station. Huwe earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and works as a registered nurse at Jefferson Hospital Emergency Department. He's earned multiple firefighting certifications including Hazmat Operations, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Rapid Intervention, and Survival.

"I joined to give back to the awesome community I live in," said Huwe. He enjoys having the ability and tools to help someone in a time of need, as well as the camaraderie of other residents who are fellow firefighters. His hobbies include, fishing, riding bikes, and spending time with his wife and kids. He is supported at home by his wife Mary, 20-year-old son Colton, and 18-year-old daughter Samantha. Huwe is also a proud veteran who served four years in the United States Army.

JEFF FERENCIC

Jeff Ferencic came to the fire company with zero experience and has served for over 27 years now. At the time he joined, the minimum age requirement was 21. He had a strong interest in joining as he used to go to the station on calls with an older cousin. He said that it never left his blood when he was old enough to join.

Ferencic responds primarily out of Station 2 on Milford Drive and has served as both a Captain and Lieutenant. He currently serves as the Financial Secretary. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Robert Morris. He currently works as a gas controller with Equitrans Midstream. He enjoys being able to help residents in Bethel Park and the surrounding area. Ferencic's hobbies include working outside in the summer and going to his summer place at Canadohta Lake in Crawford County. He is supported at home by his wife Mary and dog Blaze. Ferencic also serves as a Hazmat Technician on the Allegheny County Hazmat Team.

Receive a Full Scholarship From CCAC for Volunteering!

In Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people. In addition, volunteer firefighters **SAVE** the county an estimated \$60 million tax dollars a year. There are 203 volunteer fire companies in Allegheny County and the challenge of keeping these companies fully staffed, well trained and ready to respond at a moment's notice is one that nearly every fire company in the region addresses on a regular basis.

Because fire companies are essential to ensuring safe and well-protected communities, the Allegheny County Executive has teamed up with the Allegheny County Fire Academy and CCAC (through the CCAC-Allegheny County Workforce Alliance) to offer **The Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST)** that provides FULL scholarships or an associate's degree or certificate program at CCAC, as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy.

Of the 200 scholarships offered per year, 150 are earmarked for new recruits in exchange for a commitment of five years of service to a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County, while 50 scholarships will be awarded

to existing volunteers in exchange for a commitment of five additional years of service.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of Allegheny County and either be a current volunteer or have joined a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County. Applicants must apply and be accepted to CCAC, file for federal and state financial aid and complete the financial aid process on time and in its entirety. If awarded a scholarship, recipients are required to meet certain obligations including: serving as a volunteer firefighter for five years in Allegheny County, maintaining an acceptable level of service as monitored by recipient's fire department, completing two required courses at the Allegheny County Fire Academy, maintaining a minimum semester grade point average of 2.0 for the duration of the recipient's studies, and repaying a portion of the scholarship if service and academic requirements are not met.

More information on the FireVEST program may be found by logging onto www.ccac.edu, search keyword "FireVEST."

FireVEST:
Training Tomorrow's Heroes



Municipality of Bethel Park 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Guide Municipal Collection Provided By Waste Management



Municipal NEWS

Bethel Park Residents:

Bethel Park provides a comprehensive solid waste program designed to encourage recycling and waste reduction, reduce litter in our neighborhoods and ensure that waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. This guide includes various services that are available to residents. Waste Management pledges to provide the high-quality service residents expect and deserve.

Regular Curbside Collection

Trash will be collected once every week. Recycling will be collected every other week, please see the street listing and calendar to identify your collection day and week. Place material at the curb after 6 p.m. on the prior day or **before 6 a.m.** on the scheduled collection day.

Service Inquiries

Residents should contact Waste Management to report a missed pickup. A representative can be reached at 1-800-866-4460 or through live chat at www.wm.com. In the event of inclement weather, visit www.wm.com/alerts for service updates, delays and cancellations.

Holiday Service

Please reference the calendar for observed holidays.

General Guidelines

Residents should use their provided trash cart for collection.

- Garbage should be properly secured in your provided cart. Additional garbage beyond what fits in the cart must be placed in an additional Waste Management cart. No bags will be collected outside of the cart.
- Residents are permitted 2 bulk items per week. Bulk items include chairs, tables, couches, lamps, etc.
- Additional carts can be purchased directly from Waste Management at a cost of \$85.00. To purchase an additional cart, residents should contact Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460.
- Grass clippings and weeds should be in plastic bags and must be placed inside a Waste Management cart.
- Furniture items, appliances, household goods and disassembled children's swing sets (cut to 4-foot length) will be accepted at curbside (bulk items).
- Carpet should be rolled and tied in lengths not to exceed 48 inches so that one man can lift (bulk items).
- Empty paint cans and dried paint are acceptable. Paint can be dried by air drying or soaking up with newspaper or kitty litter. Lids should be left off (bulk items).

Appliances Containing Refrigerant

The contractor will collect such items as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers, etc.; however, the items must have a sticker certifying that the refrigerant has been removed. If it does not have the sticker, it will not be picked up. It is unlawful for the contractor to dispose of the old appliances to save the cost of having the refrigerant removed.

PLEASE REVIEW THE BELOW STREET LISTING TO DETERMINE YOUR COLLECTION DAY AND YOUR EVERY OTHER WEEK RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY	STREET	DAY
EVEN RECYCLE WEEK															
FLORIDA AVE	Wed	MILTON RD	Tues	WILAMIT DR	Thur	CHESTNUT ST	Wed	HEMLOCK ST	Wed	Dr to Sylvania Dr	Wed	SHAWNEE RD	Thur		
FREDERICKA DR	Tues	MITCH HAVEN DR	Fri	WILLIS RD	Tues	CHURCH RD	Wed	HI RIDGE DR	Tues	MILFORD DR (Sylvania Dr to 1st St)	Tues	SHERWOOD RD (Bethel Church Rd to Milford Dr)	Wed		
FRUITWOOD DR	Mon	MOLLENAUER ST	Thur	WILLOW GLEN DR	Fri	CLEARVIEW DR	Tues	HICKORY ST	Wed	HIGHLAND RD (Forestview Rd to Rt. 88)	Fri	SHERWOOD RD (Bethel Crest Dr & North)	Tues		
GALWAY DR	Fri	MONONGAHELA AVE	Thur	WILSON DR	Thur	CLIFTON RD (Kings School Rd to Rt. 88)	Fri	HIGHLAND AVE	Tues	MILLENNIUM CT	Mon	SHORLY DR	Fri		
GATEWOOD DR	Thur	MOUNTAIN AVE	Fri	WINDGATE RD	Tues	COCKER DR	Fri	HIGHLAND RD (Forestview Rd to Milford Dr)	Tues	MILLENNIUM DR	Mon	SHORT ST	Tues		
GLEN HILL DR	Thur	MUNROE ST	Tues	WOODBRIDGE DR	Mon	COLLIE DR	Fri	HIGHLAND RD (Rt 19 to Forestview Dr)	Wed	MILLENNIUM CT	Mon	SHRYL ST	Fri		
GLEN ORA DR	Thur	MURRAY AVE	Fri	WOODLAWN AVE	Tues	COLONIAL LN	Fri	HILLARD RD	Tues	MIMOSA DR	Fri	SHORT ST	Tues		
GLENBROOK DR	Thur	NESTOR DR	Wed	WOODLET LN	Fri	COMANCHE RD	Thur	HILLCREST ST	Wed	MONASTERY VW	Fri	SHRYL ST	Fri		
GLENDALE DR	Thur	OAK PARK DR	Fri			CONESTOGA DR	Tues	HILLCREST ST	Wed	MONTOUR AVE	Wed	SHRYL ST	Fri		
GRAND RIDGE RD	Fri	OLDFIELD AVE	Tues			CONNOR RD	Tues	HILLSIDE DR	Mon	MORROW PL	Tues	SHRYL ST	Fri		
GRANDVIEW DR	Thur	ONEILL DR	Wed			COOL SPRINGS DR	Mon	HILLTOP RD	Mon	MURDOCK AVE	Tues	SMITH DR	Fri		
GREENBRIAR DR	Thur	OPALWOOD CT	Mon			COOL SPRINGS RD	Mon	HILTSOFT DR	Mon	MYRNA DR	Mon	SPARTAN DR	Wed		
GREENHAVEN DR	Fri	PARK AVE	Tues			CORDERO RD	Tues	HOLLY HILL DR	Fri	N LIGHTWOOD AVE	Tues	SPRUCE ST	Wed		
GREY FOX CIR	Mon	PARSONAGE LN	Thur			CORR DR	Thur	HORNING DR	Mon	N ST	Mon	SPRUCEWOOD DR	Wed		
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BERRYMAN AVE	Fri	PENWOOD CT	Fri			COVENTRY CT	Mon	IRROQUOIS RD	Thur	NORTH HIGHLAND RD	Wed	STOLTZ RD (Claytonia Dr to Kings School Rd E)	Fri		
BETSY DR	Fri	PHILLIPPI AVE	Fri			CRESTVIEW DR	Mon	JANET DR	Mon	OAK ST	Wed	STRATHMORE LN	Wed		
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BOULDER DR	Mon	QUAIL RUN CIR	Thur			CYPRESS DR	Mon	JORDAN DR	Mon	OAKWOOD DR	Wed	SUNSET DR	Thur		
BOYER AVE	Fri	RAILROAD ST	Thur			DALE RD	Wed	JORDAN DR	Mon	OHIO ST	Wed	SUNSET DR	Thur		
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BUCKSKIN TRL	Thur	S PAK RD (Berth St to Brightwood Rd)	Wed			DIANN DR	Wed	LADERA DR	Thur	ORCHARD PARK DR	Mon	THORNWOOD DR	Mon		
BUICK ST	Tues	S PAK RD (Brightwood Dr to Corrigan Dr)	Tues			DONATI DR	Wed	LARK ST	Wed	OREGON TRL	Tues	TRACY DR	Mon		
CALICO CT	Thur	S PAK RD (McMurray Rd to Bethel St)	Mon			DRAKE DR	Wed	LAWRENCE DR	Mon	OVERHILL ST	Tues	TURNGATE DR	Thur		
CALIFORNIA AVE	Wed	S PAK RD (Brightwood Dr to Corrigan Dr)	Tues			DRIFTWOOD DR	Tues	LIBRARY RD (Brightwood Rd to Long Ave)	Fri	PALOMINO DR	Fri	VAL ST	Tues		
CASTLE DR	Fri	S PAK RD (McMurray Rd to Bethel St)	Mon			DUMBARTON PL	Mon	LIBRARY RD (Brightwood Rd to Connor Rd)	Mon	PARK MANOR PL	Tues	VALLEY DR	Mon		
CENTER ST	Tues	SANDSTONE CT	Mon			EAST ALLEY	Tues	LIGHTWOOD AVE	Tues	PARKMAN DR	Thur	VALLEYVIEW DR	Mon		
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CHARLES CT	Wed	SARAH ST	Wed			EDWARD ST	Tues	LOCUST RD	Thur	PICKERING CT	Mon	VILLHAVEN DR	Mon		
CHERRYVIEW LN	Thur	SCENIC VIEW DR	Thur			ELDERWOOD DR	Mon	LOGAN RD (Bethel Church Rd to Irishtown Rd)	Wed	PICKWICK DR	Wed	W LIBRARY AVE (N Lightwood Ave to Sister Rd)	Tues		
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CLARENE DR	Thur	SNEE DR	Tues			FLORENCE DR	Thur	LORENE DR	Mon	PINETTE ST	Mon	WASHINGTON RD	Thur		
CLARK AVE (North of Van Car Dr)	Wed	SONNYBROOK CT	Tues			FOREST DR	Thur	LORETTA ST	Mon	PINTO CT	Fri	WELLINGTON DR	Thur		
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CLIFTON RD (McMurray to Kings School)	Fri	STOLTZ RD (Library Rd to Claytonia Dr)	Tues			FOX TERRIER DR	Fri	MAIN ST	Wed	PONTIAC RD	Thur	WHIPPLE DR	Fri		
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Excluded Items:

- Building material may be picked up for a fee by contacting WM at 800-866-4460.
- Hazardous Household Waste and Electronic Waste (*including paint, thinners, cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, etc.*) - see PA Resources Council website for county events (www.prc.org).
- Automobile parts including wheel rims and tires
- Trees, branches and bushes
- Ashes from furnaces and fireplaces
- Stones and dirt

Recycling Service

Residents will receive every other week curbside recycling collection. Please reference the calendar to identify your service week. Recyclables should be placed loose in your provided recycling cart. Material outside of the recycling cart will not be collected.

Yard Waste Recycling

The third Saturday of each month, from April - September, between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM, residents may bring yard waste bags to the **Municipal Public Works Building located at 2490 Slater Road** for recycling.

Grass Clippings

Residents have the option of **1)** composting the grass in their own back yard, **2)** mulching grass with a mulching lawn mower, **3)** bringing the grass to the Special Collection vehicle on the 3rd Saturday of the month, **4)** placing the grass in the automated trash containers for disposal with regular trash.

2020 Recycling Program Information

Great things happen when residents Recycle Right! By recycling everyday items like those listed below, raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. Plus, the recycled materials become new products - if you recycle an aluminum can today, it could be back on the shelf as a new one in 60 days - and the cycle continues. For programs to be successful, all participants must make an effort to follow good recycling practices.

- No plastic bags of any kind will be accepted. Please place material loose in your recycling bin or cart.
- Make sure you are only recycling plastic bottles, jugs and jars. Any other plastic shape must go in the trash.
- Glass is no longer accepted for recycling. Glass runs hard on our machines and can contaminate other good recyclables.
- Containers that held food should be rinsed free of food debris and liquid.
- Shredded paper is no longer accepted.

Always Recycle: Flattened cardboard & paperboard; paper; food & beverage cans; & plastic bottles, jars & jugs (*narrow neck containers labeled #1 and #2*).

Do NOT include in Your Recycling Cart: NO food waste; NO plastic bags (*find a recycling site at plasticfilmrecycling.org*); NO foam cups & containers (*check Earth911.org for options*); NO glass bottles & containers; NO needles (*keep medical waste out of recycling. Place in safe disposal containers like WM's MedWaste Tracker box*); & NO bagged recyclables.

2020 Observed Holidays

Waste Management observes the following holidays. When your collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your service will be delayed one day during that week only.

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| New Year's Day | Jan. 1 |
| Memorial Day | May 25 |
| Fourth of July | July 4 |
| Labor Day | Sept. 7 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Nov. 26 |
| Christmas Day | Dec. 25 |

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RECYCLING GUIDELINES.

BATTLE AGAINST CONTAMINATION: Beginning in January, Waste Management will be leaving contaminated recycling at the curb. Residents will receive a tag on their recycle bin explaining the item(s) that do not belong and further instructions. **Please make sure you are recycling right!**

2020 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Residents will receive every other week curbside recycling collection.

Please reference the street listing to identify your trash and recycling collection day and week

- Even Recycle Week
- ODD Recycle Week
- Yard Waste Drop-off 8am – 2pm at Municipal Public Works Building
- Holiday
- Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
No leaf collection will take place Thanksgiving week

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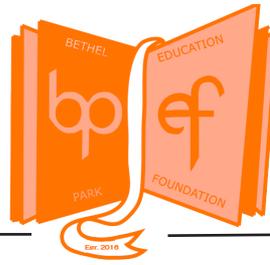
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Bethel Park Education Foundation

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Please direct any questions to:
bpefoundation@gmail.com

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.

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.

Bethel Park Education Foundation Initiatives

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.



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

Due to established COVID-19 guidelines, programs may be delayed, canceled or locations changed; please check the Municipal website for the most current information.

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 www.bpcf.org.

Foundation News

South Park Shops presented a check for \$2,175 to members of the Community Foundation. This donation was 100 percent of the proceeds from the South Park Shops "Halloween Hay Wagon Ride" and the "December Fridays" carriage rides with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. Thank you South Park Shops for your continuous generosity!



The BPCF partnered with the **Bethel Park Recreation Department** for the second annual Corn Hole Tournament. The money raised benefited both organizations. Look for this event to return again in the future!



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 furnishings at the Bethel Park Community Center. Both of these have a 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!

Foundation Grants

The Community Foundation presented the **Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Co.** and **Tri-Community South EMS** each with a \$5,000 check to purchase safety vests to protect them during critical incidents.



For information on applying for grants, please visit www.bpcf.org.



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



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.

If You Haven't Already Done So, Please Complete The 2020 Census Questionnaire! *Everyone counts!*

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

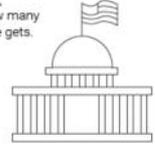
Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



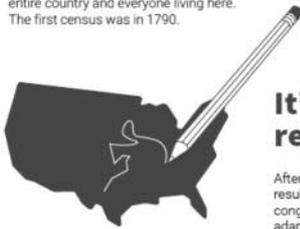
It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.



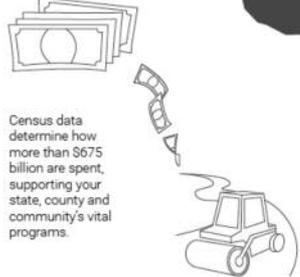
It's about redistricting.

After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.



It means \$675 billion.

Census data determine how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.



Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



For more information go to: www.pa.gov/census.

Easter Bunny Visits Bethel Park!

The Easter Bunny "hopped down the trail" in Bethel Park on Saturday, April 11 participating in a neighborhood parade from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. He was joined by a couple friends including Chewbacca and a Star Wars Stormtrooper! Residents also saw "Mrs. Bunny" and her friend as she spread holiday cheer as well.

The Easter Bunny was escorted by



Bethel Park Police as he began his visit riding in a Municipal Salt Truck followed by a convertible with a Star Wars Stormtrooper and a fire truck from the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company.

Municipal Council President **Timothy Moury** kicked off the festivities at 9:45 a.m.

Bethel Park Municipality to Hold Blood Drive June 2

Bethel Park Municipal Council will be holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 2 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Bethel Park Community Center.

"We're asking that people donate now if they can, and if not, later," said **Kathryn Ryan**, Vitalant senior donor recruitment representative. "We're trying to pace ourselves because the blood supply has a short shelf life and we need to continually replace it."

Vitalant (formerly Central Blood Bank) supplies blood to over 50 hospitals in Western Pennsylvania as well as to hospitals across the country.

To prepare to donate blood, be sure to eat well having a meal 2-3 hours prior to donating; hydrate with extra water; and bring a photo ID. The process will take 45-minutes to one hour from start to finish.

Appointments for the Blood Drive are required for social distancing. To schedule your appointment, please do one of the following: visit vitalant.org, click on the orange "Make an Appointment" button and search with group code C604; download the Vitalant-Pittsburgh mobile app for your smartphone; or call **412-209-7000**. Please keep in mind that individuals can only donate blood once every 56 days.

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309 Church Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Saturday, July 18, 2020

9 am - 1 pm

NO COST:

- * cell and home phones * computer towers and peripheral equipment
- * expanded polystyrene packaging material * glass bottles, jars and jugs
- * microwave ovens * stereo equipment * VCRs, DVD players and cable boxes

FEE CHARGED:

- * alkaline batteries * CDs, DVDs, floppy discs * fluorescent tubes
- * printers * small Freon appliances * tires (car/truck) with/without rims

- * computer monitor \$ 20
- * television \$ 30
- * projection or console TV \$ 40



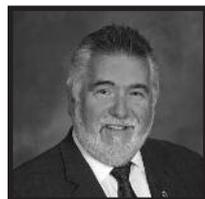
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For questions, directions or a detailed list of items and fees

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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)

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Other Important Municipal Numbers Include:

Emergency (fire, police, EMS)833-2000

Main Municipal Office Number....831-6800

Receptionist831-6800 X0

Bethel Park Community Center ..851-2910

Bethel Park Public Library835-2207

EMS (non-emergency)831-3710

Fire Department (non-emergency)
Brightwood Station835-1127

Fire Prevention Unit835-3473

Recreation & Leisure Services ..831-1328

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Fire Chief Message

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Thunder and Lightning Storm Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. But did you know that lightning strikes and lightning fires occur most often in the summer? Know what to do to keep yourself and your family safe when it does strike!

Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. **If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning.** Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. And, do not go under tall trees for shelter! There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.

Stay away from windows and doors. If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately. If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike; therefore, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet and place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

If you are inside when lightning strikes are possible, unplug appliances and other electrical items like computers, and turn off air conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off. Stay off corded phones, computers and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Avoid washing your hands, bathing, doing laundry, or washing dishes.

If travelling on roadways after a major storm, do not try and clear trees or wires off of roads that might be blocked. Often, a tree might have brought down power lines that can severely injure you if you come in contact with the line or the tree that is contacting them. The best thing to do is call 911 and report the road blockage so it can be cleared properly.

Flash Flood Safety

Several years ago, we encountered severe flooding in Bethel Park. Several roadways, pedestrian bridges and cars were swept away. We ask that during an event like this, you remain home if at all possible.

Most of the flooding and rescues that were performed occurred after the rain had stopped and the sun was out. Flash floods can occur within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainfall. Flash floods often have a dangerous wall of roaring water carrying rocks, mud and other debris. Last year, some of the creeks were powerful enough to carry cars and dumpsters.

After flooding, roads may still be closed because they have been damaged or are covered by water. Barricades have been placed for your protection. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, go another way. If you must walk or drive in areas that have been flooded, remain on firm ground. **Moving water only six inches deep can sweep you off your feet.** Standing water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.

If you encounter a flooded roadway it is best to turn around and go another route if possible. **In six inches of water it can often reach inside your car. One foot of water can cause your car to become stuck or your engine to stop. In two feet of water your car, SUV, or truck can float away.**

If at any time you come across a flooded roadway or are stuck in flood water don't hesitate to call for help at **412-833-2000 or 911.**

Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. And, make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily. Also, have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.

Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year. Be sure to also practice using different ways out.

Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Close doors behind you as you leave. **IF THE ALARM SOUNDS... get out and stay out!** Never go back inside for people or pets. If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out. Call the fire department from outside your home.

Be sure to make your plan and practice your escape plan to make sure everyone in your house is prepared for the unexpected.

Summer 2020

Programs & Activities

A Message to the Community Regarding Recreation Programs

I'm sure you've noticed that our Recreation section is substantially smaller this issue. The reason for this change is that while we're currently unable to offer our traditional program lineup due to COVID-19 guidelines, we're diligently working behind the scenes to create unique program offerings that will provide you with the types of activities that you've come to enjoy as well as offer our working families with children options to keep their kids active and safe while they physically return to their places of employment.

As of this writing, we're planning on reopening our Recreation program on Monday, July 6. We'll be releasing a special edition of *Chronicles* featuring only these new programs late June.

While our Summer Camps have been extremely successful and something that families have come to look forward to each summer, this year, we've had to come up with alternatives that fit within established COVID guidelines. What you may see will be smaller group programs housed at the Bethel Park Community Center, but possibly offsite as well. We're currently working with local childcare centers to determine possible alternate locations to use in addition to the Community Center.

You'll also most likely find that the bulk of our adult programs will be moved to evenings at the Community Center with a limited number of enrollees per program.

We're also temporarily suspending all Community Center rentals until we receive notification from the state to open them back up.

Our Farmers' Market will continue to run as planned beginning Tuesday, June 2 in the same location as last year – the South Park Ice Skating Rink Parking Lot. In fact, we're still looking for additional vendors and musicians! For complete details, please see pg. 23.

We're also planning on starting our Flea Markets back up on Saturdays, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Port Authority Parking Lot located at the corner of Brightwood & Lytle Roads.

During this unprecedented time, we truly appreciate your flexibility and patience as we continue to navigate through these uncharted waters. We're looking forward to offering you a full Recreation program this fall; one that you've become accustomed to!

Laurence Christian

Municipal Manager

Due to established COVID-19 guidelines, programs may be delayed, canceled or locations changed; please check the Recreation website for the most current information.

Farmers' Market 2020

South Park Ice Skating Rink Parking Lot
THINK SUMMER & FARMERS' MARKET!

Tuesdays
3-7 p.m.
Rain or Shine!

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Opens
June 2!

The Bethel Park Farmers' Market will return to the South Park Ice Skating rink parking lot along Corrigan Drive for our 2020 season. If you have



not stopped and shopped yet – you are

missing out on a great, friendly community of vendors & shoppers. Lots of visibility, easy in and out access, and plenty of space to park all add up to a great market for all.

Shop for bedding plants, gorgeous hanging baskets, hummus, fresh made pasta, mouthwatering breads, desserts, dog treats, coffees, handmade soaps and more. Definitely plan to come hungry since you can also grab dinner or a snack of Gyros, Pierogis, BBQ Sandwiches, or fresh made Pizza. We

expect to welcome more Wonderful Vendors that will make for a fantastic 2020 Market Season!

Mark your calendar NOW for the first day of the Bethel Park Farmers' Market. **The market will re-open on Tuesday, June 2** and run every Tuesday through September. Market hours each week will be 3 - 7 p.m.

Be sure to stop by and support local businesses! Special activities will be included on selected weeks.



Looking For Vendors & Musicians

If you would like to apply to be a vendor, we would love to hear from you! We are looking for vendors selling locally made / grown produce, plants, prepared foods, and other handmade products. Potential vendors should call 412-831-1328 or email a request to recreation@bethelpark.net.

We are also searching for local solo musicians/small groups willing to play during market hours. If you are looking for a place to perform and share your musical talent just for the love of performing, please call 412-831-1328.

EXPECTED VENDORS:

- SIMMONS FARM** - flowers, local seasonal produce
- PITALAND** - delicious Greek entrees & sides
- DILLNER FAMILY FARM** - honey, brown eggs, herbs, vegetables and orchard fruit
- HELLO HUMMUS** - fresh hummus in a variety of flavors & healthy chopped salads
- LOGAN FAMILY FARMS** - natural dry aged beef, Berkshire pork cuts & grilled natural steak burgers
- JODIKINO'S FARM** - lots of locally grown, seasonal produce
- THE OLIVE TAP** - olive oils and balsamic vinegars
- THE PIE PLACE** - pies, fruit tarts, cinnamon rolls, pepperoni rolls, brownies
- SALSA AGUILAR** - salsa in three heat varieties
- PITTSBURGH PIEROGI TRUCK** - pierogi, haluski, stuffed cabbage
- KIM'S K-9 DROOLERS** - homemade dog & cat treats, nose and paw balms, bandanas
- JAVA JEFFREY COFFEE** - Barista made hot & cold coffees, teas, hot chocolate, & fresh roasted coffee beans
- NOTHING BUNDT CAKES** - delicious individual mini bundt cakes in a variety of flavors
- WOOD STOKED OVEN** - fresh made pizzas while you wait
- TAMBELLINI FOOD TRUCK** - burgers, hot dogs, chicken parm, steak hoagies & more
- WILD RIVER KETTLE KORN** - fresh popped kettle corn, fresh squeezed lemonade - yummy!
- WU'S SHAVED ICE** - 33 different flavors of shaved ice
- SWOPES BERRIES & BEES** - in season berries, honey, creamed honey, candles
- BEATNIK SWEET EATS** - variety of brownies, cookies, cake by the slice, scones & more
- LOAFERS BREAD COMPANY** - breads, pies, cookies, jams and granola
- ROWDY BBQ** - pulled BBQ pork, chicken, St. Louis style ribs and sides
- CITY FRESH PASTA** - fresh pasta, sauces, butters, pesto & pasta salad
- LEMMON BROS. FARMS** - pure maple syrup
- LION'S MARKET** - handcrafted, natural/organic goat milk soaps, organic lotions
- BUCKET AND FRIENDS** - owner designed/handmade clothes, toys, beds & accessories for pets
- GRAETER'S ICE CREAM** - world famous ice cream in bowls or waffle cones
- J & D CELLARS** - variety of wines, dry, sweet, red, white, something for everyone
- WHIMSICAL WARDROBE** - women's clothing with unique details, jewelry, vegan leather handbags



Municipality of Bethel Park's Parks & Fields

Here you'll see a listing of our outstanding parks available throughout our community along with their locations and amenities. Once the COVID-19 regulations allow, we'll be reopening them for your enjoyment!



Flea Markets to Open Aug. 15!

Recreation Flea Markets are tentatively set to reopen on **Saturday, Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.** with one more scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 19**. They are held at the Port Authority Parking Lot located at the corner of Lytle Rd. and Brightwood Rd. To register, visit the Recreation Office at the Community Center once it reopens to the public, or download the form from the website and mail it in with a check. Registrants must be age 18 or over.

Fees follow:
Bethel Park resident, used items \$ 10
Non-resident, used items \$ 14
New or sample items \$ 14

Watch for more details in the Aug. 10th issue of Chronicles!



Park Site	Location	Acreage	Facilities
Birch Tree Park	Ashland Drive	.75	pavilion w/table, play apparatus w/tire swing, four-seat spring toy, swing set/4 adult and 2 infant; ½ basketball court
Brookside Park	Brookside Boulevard	2.50	undeveloped
Elm Tree Park	Glen Hill Drive	3.95	play apparatus w/slide, four-seat spring toy, swing set/4 adult and 2 infant, ½ basketball court, 5-foot high plastic climbing wall, 1 tether ball
Millennium Park	5900 Baptist Road	40	soccer/lacrosse/multi-purpose field, 2 youth baseball/softball fields (1 lighted), adult softball field (lighted), restroom facilities, play apparatus w/slide, four-seat spring toy, swingset, walking trail, 2 batting cages
Miner's Park	5480 Main Street	8.08	pavilion w/tables, play apparatus w/slides, 2 climbing apparatus, see-saw, swing set/3 adult and 2 infant, basketball court (lighted), 2 youth baseball/softball fields, adult softball field, ½ basketball court, 2 batting cages, concession stand
Mollyhill Park	259 Santa Fe Drive	6.00	play apparatus w/slide and tire swing, four-seat spring toy, swing set/4 adult and 2 infant, basketball court, inline hockey court
Oak Tree Park	Summit Street	3.04	pavilion w/table, play apparatus w/slide and tire swing, 2 spring toys, swing set/2 adult and 2 infant, basketball court, youth baseball/softball field
Park Avenue Fields @ Community Center	5151 Park Avenue	11	play apparatus w/slides, swing set/2 adult and 2 infant, 2 spring toys, youth baseball/softball field, multi-purpose field (lighted), walking track, storage unit/press box, concession stand
Peter Page Park	Church Road	16.65	walking trail, arboretum, community gardens
Pine Tree Park	"N" Street	1.01	pavilion w/tables, 2 play apparatus w/slides, swing set/3 adult and 1 infant, 2 spring toys, see-saw, ½ basketball court, back-stop area
Shamrock Woods	Leprechaun Drive	4.05	undeveloped, one walk-through path
Simmons Park	1200 Clifton Road	25.50	2 pavilions w/tables, 1 picnic grill, 2 play apparatus w/slides, swing sets/4 adult and 4 infant, 2 basketball courts (lighted), sand volleyball court (lighted), 3 baseball/softball fields (lighted), inline hockey court (lighted), 2 tennis courts (lighted), 2 batting cages, walking trail, concession stand, restroom facilities
UPMC Field	1300 Oxford Drive	1.50	youth baseball/softball field, scoreboard, batting cage, concession stand/storage unit/press box
Village Green Park	7000 Alicia Drive	11.0	2 pavilions w/tables, 2 play apparatus w/slides and tire swing, 3 climbing apparatus, soccer/lacrosse field, baseball/softball field, 2 horseshoe courts, walking trail, restroom facilities/storage unit/concession stand

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A Note To Our Readers:

The stories for this publication were written while the school district was closed to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus.

Some of the stories may reference an event that was scheduled to occur later in the school year. These events may or may not be cancelled due to the Coronavirus, but their status was not determined at the time the stories were written. We apologize if anything written is misleading or confusing.

There were also a number of stories that were intended for inclusion in this publication, but it was decided to hold those stories until the August 2020 issue of *Chronicles*, so photos of the students who would be mentioned in the stories could also accompany the articles.

We thank you for understanding, and we look forward to sharing the good news about these students in our next issue—with or without photos, depending on the status of school.

School Board Presentation



At its February 25 Regular Meeting, the Bethel Park Board of School Directors presented a Service to Education Award to **Bill Keith**, who retired in March after 22 years of service to the school district, the last four as the Director of Facilities and Services.

(Left to right): Bill Keith and School Board President Pam Dobos.

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School NEWS

Bethel Park School District Hires Dr. Joseph Dimperio As Interim Superintendent



At its March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Bethel Park Board of School Directors hired **Dr. Joseph Dimperio** as its Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Dimperio has been actively involved in the Southwestern Pennsylvania education community for over 50 years. His previous experience includes teaching in the Western Beaver School District and Pittsburgh Public Schools before becoming a Principal in Pittsburgh and an Administrator in the Mt. Lebanon School District.

He was the Superintendent in the Ambridge and West Mifflin School Districts, and since his retirement, he has served as an Acting or Interim Superintendent in several school districts, including Ambridge, Carlynton, Peters Township and South Side Area.

In addition to his role as Interim Superintendent, Dr. Dimperio has been tasked to lead Bethel Park's search for its next Superintendent, a job he has done for many school districts, including Peters Township, Upper St. Clair, Allegheny Valley, Carlynton and South Side Area.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science from Franciscan University, and his Masters in Education, as well as his PhD in School Administration, from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Dimperio also has a law degree from Duquesne University, specializing in the areas of Pennsylvania School Law and technology as it relates to schools.

On the collegiate level, he has taught at Carnegie Mellon, Gannon and Duquesne Universities, and he has written multiple articles for *School Administrator* and *PSBA Magazines*.

"It is my honor to serve as the District's Interim Superintendent as it transitions to a new Superintendent," explained Dr. Dimperio. "As a resident of the South Hills for more than 50 years, I am very familiar with the Bethel Park School District and its solid reputation throughout the region for providing outstanding education. As Interim Superintendent, it is my primary goal to maintain the district's high academic standards until a new Superintendent can take over the reins.

"The process of hiring a new Superintendent will be a transparent one. Once our timeline is established, we will share this information as well as the details of the application process on the District's webpage. The major component of the process will be to solicit and gather comments from all stakeholders, including but not limited to students, parents/guardians, staff, business owners and residents to ensure that the next Superintendent can effectively carry out the District's mission and values.

"I look forward to engaging with the community throughout this process to bring it to a successful conclusion."



A Message From... PAM DOBOS School Board President



We are going through an unprecedented time in our country--and in public education, in particular--with the government-mandated closure of all Pennsylvania schools to stem the spread of the Coronavirus.

During these uncertain times, the Bethel Park School District took every step possible to ensure that education, activities, athletics, and educational trips remained as safe as possible. Unfortunately, that also meant cancelling all events to ensure everyone's continued health and safety. I would like to commend all of our administrators, teachers, support staff, and all district employees--whatever their role--for coming together and working as a unified team during this difficult time, to not only make the difficult decisions, but to also keep our education program going via virtual instruction throughout the closure.

I also would like to thank our families for their continued patience and support as we created a Continuity of Education Program that had never been implemented in Bethel Park prior to the closure. Together, we have worked to overcome the initial bumps in the road and make adjustments to allow our students to continue learning. This doesn't happen without a spirit of cooperation between our educators and families. We thank you for your willingness to participate in this venture. Our administration has consistently shared as much information as possible with our families and communities, providing updates about this constantly evolving situation--no matter the time of day.

We know our families may still have questions, and unfortunately, many of these questions cannot be answered yet. We are working through several issues, mostly involving how to honor our Class of 2020 graduates in as celebratory manner as possible, while ensuring everyone's health and safety. As soon as we are able to provide definitive answers to these important questions, we will share those details through our numerous communications channels. With the Governor closing all Pennsylvania schools through the end of the school year and not knowing exactly when it will be safe to be together in large groups again, it poses quite a challenge for our administrators and everyone who is involved with planning these end of the school year traditions.

Aside from transitioning the District through the closure period, we are also in a state of transition administratively. We recently hired **Dr. Joseph Dimperio** as our Interim Superintendent, to not only lead our district educationally, but also to lead our search for a new Superintendent. You have our assurance that Dr.

Dimperio will not operate in a vacuum during the search process. We plan to involve all stakeholders--parents, community leaders, residents, staff and students--in this search to ensure that our next superintendent is the right leader for Bethel Park.

Recently, we hired **Nick Fierst** as our new Director of Facilities and Services. Mr. Fierst's first weeks coincided with the initial closure of schools, so he was immediately tasked with the difficult task of devising a plan to thoroughly sanitize all of our buildings to ensure a safe and clean environment during this unique time. We appreciate his leadership in this important area.

Additionally, the Board will be replacing two vital positions on our Administrative Team--**Leonard Corazzi**, our Director of Finance and Operations, as well as **Vicki Flotta**, our Director of Public Relations--who both will be retiring at the end of June after many years of faithful service to the District.

As the School Board moves forward with a renewed dedication to and focus on our community, we continue to work toward greater transparency, more involvement and fiscal responsibility. To that end, we are committed to developing a long-range plan that will serve as a road map that will not only be shared with the community, but will also guide us as we work together to strengthen our educational programs, facilities, finances and future.

We are conducting our meetings during the closure virtually, and we hope you have had the opportunity to watch the meetings on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/bethel.park.52. We also thank Dave Cable at BPTV for videotaping the meetings and rebroadcasting them on the cable channel, as well as the station's YouTube channel.

I would also like to thank Food Service Director **Joe Consolmagno** and his staff for their outstanding efforts to provide breakfasts and lunches on a daily basis for children 18 years and younger who need them during the closure. Your efforts are much appreciated!

As you can see, even though our schools are closed to the public, important work in the Bethel Park School District continues on a daily basis. Again, we thank everyone who works in the District for their efforts to keep things moving, and we also thank our community, our students and families for their patience and support of our efforts to try and restore some sense of normalcy within our school district community.

Bethel Park has shown great strength and resiliency as a school district and community during this unprecedented time of adversity. I know we will continue get through all of this by supporting and looking out for one another, showing care and compassion for our neighbors, and continuing to demonstrate that special Bethel Park spirit.

On behalf of the Bethel Park Board of School Directors, we hope this message finds you and your family healthy and safe. We look forward to your continued involvement in our school district. Great days are ahead.

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Sensory Room Enhanced By Mural

The newly-created Sensory Room at Lincoln Elementary School has been enhanced by a beautiful mural created by Art Teacher **Kelly Eckert-Graffam**.

The peaceful and cheerful mural depicts a sun rising over the ocean, with rolling waves ending up on a tree-lined shore.

The mural features soothing swirl patterns that are carried throughout the water and the trees.

It took Mrs. Eckert-Graffam 11 hours to draw her design on the wall and paint it.

This colorful mural was the idea of Lincoln Instructional Support Teacher **Rose DeGregorio**, who created the Sensory Room at Lincoln, using the money she received earlier this school year when she won the Hilda M. Sundermann Award from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the State Teachers of the Year Program.

This is the fourth mural Mrs. Eckert-Graffam has painted for Bethel Park. Earlier this year, she painted a Dr. Seuss-themed mural at Penn, opposite of the mural she painted there last year. She also painted a mural near the Lincoln Garden.



Mrs. Eckert-Graffam in front of the mural she painted in the Lincoln Sensory Room.

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Non-Discrimination Policy

The Bethel Park School District will not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices, based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual preference, disability, age, religion, ancestry, union membership, or any other legally protected classification.

Announcement of this policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Employees and participants who have an inquiry or complaint of harassment or discrimination, or need information about accommodations, for persons with disabilities should contact:

Mr. Leonard Corazzi

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Lincoln Teachers Speak At National Conference



(Left to right): Dawn Douds and Denice Pazuchanics address the audience at the PBS Kids' luncheon in Washington, D.C.

Lincoln First Grade Teacher **Dawn Douds** and Librarian **Denice Pazuchanics** shared their experiences with PBS and WQED as the featured guest speakers at a national luncheon in Washington, D.C.

They were invited by PBS Kids to share their story during PBS Kids' main luncheon at the NETA (National Education Telecommunications Association) conference in January in Washington, D.C. Over 600 people were in attendance to hear what they had to say.

Their speech focused on the way they have been able to incorporate PBS Kids and WQED programming into their school activities—both during the day and out-of-school time.

Lincoln was the first Bethel Park elementary school to incorporate PBS/WQED programming into the curriculum with after school activities such as Lincoln Learners and evening programs with parents through the Family Creative Learning Series. Lincoln students are heavily represented in the WQED Writers Contest each year as well. Mrs. Douds and Mrs. Pazuchanics have also written curriculum for the

Family Creative Learning Series that PBS is planning to incorporate into its national curriculum.

Former Lincoln parent and WQED Manager of Education Projects **Cathy Cook** had the honor of introducing the two teachers. She said they did an "amazing" job, and that "so many people told me how inspiring their story was."

Their speech was recorded on Facebook Live.

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You can stay up-to-date with the Bethel Park School District by following us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram! We're on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram as "Bethel Park School District" and on Twitter as "bpsdinfo."

If you follow us on social media, you will get updated information faster than just by receiving the E-Mail Newsletter.

So follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter to stay in the know with all of the BPSD happenings!

Get on the E-Newsletter Mailing List

It's never too late to put your email address on the Bethel Park School District's E-Mail Newsletter mailing list!

If you would like to receive periodic updates of Bethel Park school district news, events and recognitions, then the E-Newsletter is for you! You do not have to be a parent to receive this weekly publication.

All Bethel Park parents who included an email address as part of their child's emergency contact information in eSchoolPlus are now receiving this publication, typically sent every Monday, via School Messenger.

If you are a Bethel Park parent who is not receiving the E-Newsletter via School Messenger, please contact the building secretaries at all of your children's schools and ask them to add your email address to your children's primary contact information in eSchoolPlus so you can also receive school-specific emails in addition to the E-Newsletter.

If you are not a Bethel Park parent or if you have additional email addresses you would like to have added to the E-Newsletter mailing list, please send an email message to **Vicki Flotta** at flotta.vicki@bphawks.org and your email address to our Email Newsletter mailing list will be added ASAP.

Thank you for your interest in the Bethel Park E-Newsletter.

Greg Walker Wins Scrabble Tournament

Neil Armstrong Middle School sixth grader **Greg Walker** was the winner of the 21st annual Team Impact Scrabble Tournament.

This year, 49 students competed during their lunch periods in **Mr. Milliken's** room over a two week period, with the winners advancing to the next round. Each game lasted 20 minutes.

It took four rounds to reach the "Final 4"—**Alisa Basile, Christian Tabler, Vivian Thieroff** and **Greg Walker**, with Vivian competing against Greg for the Championship.

As this year's winner, Greg received a lunch from Subway from Mr. Milliken and had the chance to play Scrabble against Principal **Mr. Patterson**.

Mr. Milliken plans to take all four Finalists to ManorCare to play against the residents when it is safe to do so.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this NAMS tradition!



The Final 4 (left to right): Greg Walker, Alisa Basile, Vivian Thieroff and Christian Tabler.

Readers In The Myths Win This Year's Battle Of The Books



The Readers in the Myths were the 2020 NAMS Battle of the Books Champions.

This year's Neil Armstrong Middle School Battle of the Books was another huge success, with 135 students on 29 teams competing.

Winning this year's Battle were the students on Readers in the Myths--**Carter Windham, Alex Donihi, Jack Janosik, T.J. Burt** and **Gavin Stoehr**.

The Poster Contest was won by The Bob Ross Readers--**Shayla Blair, Marley Rose, Keira Ross** and **Emily Wiles**.

Winners of the Costume Contest were The ILL Literates--**Cary Hewes, Maura Blum, Riley Philage, Samantha Gross** and **Lucas Keuhn**.

The students prepared for the Battle by reading the following books: *I Survived the Battle of D-Day* by Lauren Tarshis, *Greetings from Witness Protection* by Jake Burt, *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden, and *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling. At the Battle the students were tasked with answering questions about all of the books.

The event was coordinated by NAMS Librarian **Mrs. Minnick**. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

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Students Make Cards For Kyree

Students in **Mrs. Christenson's** three T-CAP (Technology/Computer Applications) classes used the skills that they learned in class to brighten the day of a child they have never met.



Some of the T-CAP students with the cards they made for Kyree.

The NAMS students made "Cards for Kyree," on the computer and sent them to a child who lives in Ellwood City who is battling organ rejection.

The cards were designed and printed by the students and included messages of encouragement such as "Sending Sunshine," "Thinking of You," "Stay Strong" and "Be Brave."

In addition to the 125 cards the students made, they also sent Kyree several teddy bears.

Sixth Graders Compete For Medals On Olympic STEAM Day

Neil Armstrong Middle School students on Team Impact had fun working together and competing against one another on a special Olympic STEAM Day.

Students in each homeroom worked in groups of three or four to use their STEAM skills to create a venue for one of six Winter Olympics events--Luge, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Snow Boarding, Ski Jumping and Curling. Each team had to make an Olympic torch for their venue that could light up.

And, of course, it wouldn't be an Olympics without medals! Once the projects were completed, the teachers judged the projects and awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals to the best designs. It was a difficult decision, but the winners were:

LUGE: First Place--**Maddie Tygart, Emily Wiles, Declan Finnegan, Sean Betz**; Second Place--**Ella Schall, Aiden Good, Maya Moss, Caden Coates**; Third Place--**Lexi Wiard, Charlie Simmons, Keilen Jones, Jubille Liller**.

HOCKEY: First Place--**Rocco Diulus, Hannah York, Athena Clagett, Noura Schiffbauer**; Second Place--**Jennifer Heh, Brady McCarthy, Gabby Walsh, Broughan Reeder**; Third Place--**Evan Devine, Chloe Hoffman, Colin Finnegan**.

ICE SKATING: First Place--**Presley Spragg, Kiera Ross, William Popoleo, Jeremy Polosky**; Second Place--**Cecilia Romary, Sienna Nirella, Aidan Lane, Danielle Whitaker**; Third Place--**Peyton Michaels, Connor Moorhead, Bryan McGuire, Cooper Kicinski**.

CURLING: First Place--**Jacob Coffield, Julia Schumacher, Emily O'Connell, Johnny Richards**; Second Place--**Jake Lang, Micah Antonich, Grace Plassio, Koleton Patterson**; Third Place--**Alyssa Glasser, Aaron Owen, Nolan Mikush, Jordan Campagna**.

SKI JUMPING: First Place--**Gavin DeClair, Anna Duguid, Andrew Hughes, Alisa Basil**; Second Place--**Reese Mellinger, Lizzy Fonda, Locke Hemphill, Caleb Bush**; Third Place--**Dai'Sean Hunter, Ian Cross, Ross Hopkins, David Dennison**.

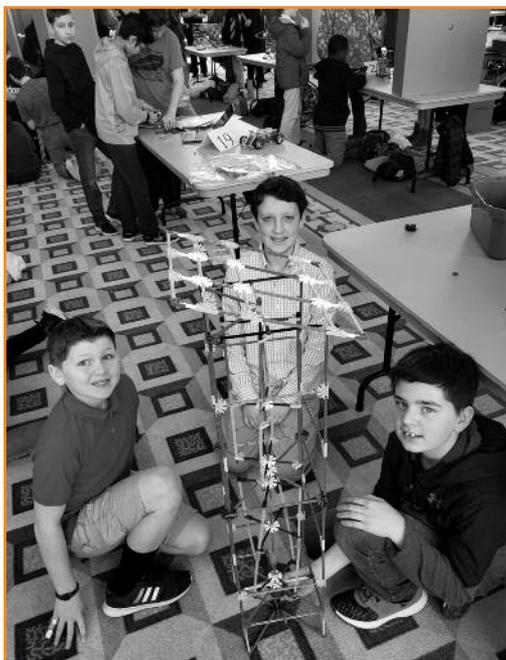
SNOW BOARDING: First Place--**Alaina McKain, Rowan Darr, Eliyah McPherson, Kate Tabler**; Second Place--**Catherine Carberry, Christian Tabler, Vivian Thieroff, Jaice Hamilton**; Third Place--**Parker Walton, Gavin Stoehr, Aiden Reesor**.



Students had to make Olympic torches that would light up as part of their assignment.

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Students Enjoy STEM Design Challenge



NAMS Gifted Program Coordinator **Steve Yost** took a group of Sixth Grade students to the STEM Design Challenge on the Duquesne University campus.

More than 60 groups of elementary and middle school students worked together to design structures as futuristic concepts for energy conservation. Prior to the competition, the students were given a few months to design the structure, journal their efforts, draw blueprints and create an overall display of their efforts, which they shared at the competition.

Doing an exceptional job with designing a tall structure that uses solar panels to power an engine were **Tyler Benlock, John Busalacchi** and **Ben Campbell**.

(Left to right): Ben Campbell, Tyler Benlock and John Busalacchi.

Elementary Team Finishes In Third Place In America Bowl

A team of three Bethel Park elementary gifted students finished in Third Place in the Grades 3-5 Division of the America Bowl competition, held at Baldwin High School.

Members of the team were Franklin Fourth Grader **Mia Hogue** and Third Grader **Clara McLean**, as well as Penn Fourth Grader **Magnolia Cavagnaro**.

The students worked as a team as well as individually to answer questions on the topics of Pittsburgh, The United States, Geography, Presidents and Famous People.

The students were prepared for this competition by Elementary Gifted Coordinator **Lisa Yost**.



(Left to right): Clara McLean, Mia Hogue and Magnolia Cavagnaro.

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Franklin

Student Collects Play Doh For Children's Hospital

Every year, Elementary Gifted Coordinator **Mrs. Yost** encourages her students to participate in an optional community service project of their choosing, and this year Franklin Third Grader **Clara McLean** accepted the challenge and created a service project to benefit the patients at Children's Hospital.

Clara oversaw a "Clara Care's Play-Doh Drive" for Children's Hospital, and spread the word about her efforts by creating a slide show and flyers that were distributed to all Franklin students. Her goal was to collect 2,000 cans, and in a two month period, she exceeded that goal. In addition to collecting new, unopened cans of Play-Doh, Clara also asked for Play-Doh kits.

She was inspired to do this because of her career aspirations to be a neurosurgeon at Children's Hospital one day. "But for now, I can help the sick kids by collecting Play-Doh for them to enjoy while they are in the hospital," explained Clara. "By donating just one can, you can help make a difference!"

Clara personally delivered the Play-Doh to Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort!



Clara McLean with some of the Play Doh she collected for Children's Hospital.

Fourth Graders Take Fallingwater Gnome House Challenge

Fourth graders in **Mrs. Meucci's** Room accepted the Fallingwater Gnome House Design Challenge!

The students used Minecraft on their computers to design a house fit for a gnome. The project allowed the students to think creatively and use their decision-making skills. The project incorporated math, science, technology and language arts skills.

In addition to creating the gnome house, the students also learned about Fallingwater and the architect who designed it--Frank Lloyd Wright.



Annabelle Gaston shows off her Gnome House.

Second Graders Have Fun Performing Silly Limericks

Second Graders in **Miss Thomas'** room were reading poetry and learning about syllables, repetition, alliteration and rhyme.

They used their new-found knowledge to create their own silly limericks using a template.

The students then presented their work, by reading their poem aloud as a "Limerick Song," accompanied by Miss Thomas on the guitar. It was silly fun!



(Left to right): Carys Hindman, Miss Thomas, Emma Constantin and Ella Shively.

Memorial

School NEWS

Memorial Students Collect Items For SHIM

Memorial students did a great job supporting the Gratitude Committee's Clothing, Toy and Food Drive for the South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM).

This week-long collection ended on the 100th Day of School and encouraged students to bring in donations of clothing, small toys and non-perishable food items to be given to SHIM for distribution to the needy in the area.

Classes were challenged to compete against one another to see which class could bring in the most items. **Mrs. Bentel's Third Grade Class** collected the most items—147. Coming in Second Place were the students in **Mrs. Reese's Fourth Grade Class** with 104 items. **Mrs. Saussol's Third Graders** earned Third Place honors with 77 items.

Thanks to the generosity of everybody, over 900 food items and many boxes of toys and clothes were brought in for SHIM.



Mrs. Bentel's Third Grade Classroom won the competition, bringing in 147 items for SHIM.

Students Have Fun With STEM Scavenger Hunt

Memorial students in **Mrs. Spell's** room had fun participating in a STEM Scavenger Hunt!

The students worked in small groups to uncover clues and gather the supplies they would need for a STEM project.

The hunt led them all over the school, but ultimately to Room 10 where they accepted the challenge of creating a snowman out of toothpicks and marshmallows that was able to stand on its own.

The groups competed against one another to build the tallest snowman.



Mrs. Spell's students enjoyed making marshmallow snowmen at the end of the STEM Scavenger Hunt.

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Odyssey Of The Mind Team Wins Local Competition To Advance To States



(Left to right): Coach Evelyn Charles and teammates Sam Elsberry, Michael Blessing, Jackson Hornfeck, CeCe Roberto, Travis Bushmire, Lily Tinney, and Coach Katie Anderson.

A group of Memorial Elementary students finished in First Place in Division I (Grades 3-5) at the Western Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind competition, held in March, competing against 11 other teams.

Members of the Memorial Team are fourth graders **Michael Blessing, Sam Elsberry, Jackson Hornfeck, Lily Tinney** and third graders **Travis Bushmire and CeCe Roberto**. They qualified to compete in the State Odyssey of the Mind competition.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program and competition for students in grades K-college. It fosters teamwork, divergent thinking, risk-taking and creativity as students work in small teams to solve open-ended problems. Through Odyssey of the Mind, the students learn to think on their feet, analyze results and see things differently. While they are coached by adults, the students must do everything themselves, from writing/performing their presentation, to making their own costumes, scenery and props.

The Division I team created a skit set in a magical forest to send messages from the past to the future, to explain how computer networking works.

This is the second year for Memorial to field an Odyssey of the Mind Team. Last year the team finished in Second Place locally and Third Place at States.

Additionally, Memorial fielded a Primary Team to participate in the local event, comprised of second graders **Charlie Clark, Anna Elsberry, Justine Johns** and first graders **Emma Dunn, Rich Rostauscher and Adeline Smeltz**. While the Primary Team is not ranked and does not compete at States, the team received high marks at the local event. Competing at this level helps them to make the transition to Division I when they reach third grade.

The Primary Team's skit evolved around a fashion show for insects, featuring a praying mantis, bee and spider modeling different fashions.

Coaching the Division I team were parents **Katie Anderson and Evelyn Charles**. The Primary Team was coached by parents **Jennifer Tinney and Barbara Dunn**.

The teams are sponsored by the Bethel Park Education Foundation, LaFace and McGovern Associates, Stoltenberg Consulting and the Big Fish Contracting Company.

Use of Student Photos or Comments

The Bethel Park School District provides opportunities for positive media publicity by arranging for reporters and/or photographers to interview and/or photograph/videotape students throughout the school year for use in local publications, newspapers or television.

If you prefer that your child **not** be interviewed or photographed for publicity purposes, please notify your child's building principal in writing. This needs to be updated on an annual basis.



Penn

Penn Students Raise \$2,000 Through Piggy Bank Program



William Penn students enthusiastically embraced a Piggy Bank fundraising program coordinated by the PTO, raising \$2,082.66 in a week-long activity that culminated on the 100th Day of School.

A piggy bank was placed in each Penn classroom and students were challenged to raise \$100, with the winning grade

Penn Second Graders enjoyed the pizza lunch they earned by bringing in the most money during the week-long Piggy Bank Challenge.

earning a lunchtime pizza party, courtesy of the PTO.

Second Grade were the winners—raising \$662.80—and they earned the right to enjoy pizza and cookies in their classrooms.

To thank the rest of the student body, fresh popped popcorn was served in the cafeteria during lunch period on the day of the pizza party.

The PTO plans to use the money for assemblies and the purchase of a new public address system.

Thanks to everybody who supported this endeavor!

Students Learn About The Weather Through School-Wide Assembly

William Penn students enjoyed learning about the weather, thanks to an assembly from WTAE-TV and the Carnegie Science Center.

WTAE Meteorologist **Alex Alecci** explained that students who are interested in a career in meteorology need to have strong math and science skills to be successful. He said that predicting the weather is not an exact science, as he showed how meteorologists use various models to make their forecasts. Even the models don't predict the same things!

Mr. Alecci also talked about severe weather, including tornadoes and lightning strikes.

Ralph from the Carnegie Science Center conducted some fun experiments, including one to demonstrate the concept of air pressure, one to show how a volcano erupts, and another to illustrate the power of wind during a tornado.



William Penn students were excited to meet Meteorologist Alex Alecci (back left) and Ralph from the Carnegie Science Center (back right).

He also involved five student volunteers to participate in an experiment to show how electricity travels.

The Penn PTO presented a \$225 check for WTAE's Project Bundle Up.

BPHS Students Help Penn Students To Feed The Need To Read

A group of Bethel Park High School Drama students in Mr. Nagel's classroom visited William Penn to kick off the school's annual Accelerated Reader Program with a special program designed to help the younger students to "Feed the Need to Read."

This clever and engaging program, written and performed by the high school students, features a variety of popular children's book characters singing and dancing. It is updated annually and performed in Bethel Park elementary schools every year.

The elementary students look forward to the productions as well as the opportunity to interact with the characters.

This year's production was coordinated by BPHS students **Kelsey Aronhalt, Sarah Dehls and Jackson Banes.**



William Penn students were all smiles when BPHS students performed "Feed the Need to Read" in their school.

Lincoln

Students Help To Make Changes In Cafeteria

Lincoln Third Graders in **Mrs. Esposito's** room had some ideas for changes in the school cafeteria, so Mrs. Esposito arranged for them to meet with Food Service Director **Joe Consolmagno** to discuss their suggestions and concerns.

After their meeting, several of their recommendations were incorporated, including adding vegan patties (which the students taste tested and overwhelmingly approved prior to being offered on the serving line), adding oatmeal to the breakfast menu, and the creation of a salad bar.

Mrs. Esposito is especially proud of her students for the respectful way

they chose to tackle a problem that was of great importance to them, follow their hearts and speak their minds—and affect a positive change in their school!



Food Service Director Joe Consolmagno was happy to meet with Mrs. Esposito's students to bear their suggestions for cafeteria improvements.

Writers' Club Helps Prepare Students For Contest

Many Lincoln students used their indoor recess time to write their 2020 WQED Writer's Contest entries in **Mrs. DeGregorio's** room!

These students called themselves the Lunchtime Writer's Club, and they really enjoyed working with Mrs. DeGregorio and other Lincoln staff members in the Publishing Center that Mrs. DeGregorio set up in her classroom.

The students were able to get help with their entries in the 2020 WQED Writer's Contest through this activity. Mrs. DeGregorio also helped

the students to bind their books with special covers made from cereal boxes and wallpaper.

Bethel Park students from all five elementary schools have been very successful in this contest over the past five years.

Good luck to all Bethel Park authors in this year's event!



Lincoln students looked forward to spending their lunchtime in Mrs. DeGregorio's room, preparing their entries for the WQED Writer's Contest.

Elementary Students Finish In Fourth Place In Science Bowl

A team of Bethel Park fourth grade students finished in fourth place in the Elementary Science Bowl, which was held at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Members of the winning team were **Mia Hogue** from Franklin, **Maggie Jaglowski** and **Addison Linz** from Lincoln, and **Veronica Balkovec** from St. Anne's.

The students competed against 17 teams from other schools in this competition that had them spending time throughout the museum, gathering answers in a scavenger hunt-style competition. The competition was divided into four areas: Dinosaurs; National Geographic photos; Fur, Feathers and Scales; and Discovery.

The students had a great time learning together.



(Left to right): Maggie Jaglowski, Veronica Balkovic, Addison Linz and Mia Hogue.

We're on the Web!

Check us out at www.bpsd.org!

The Bethel Park School District web site features updated information about school district happenings and recognitions. Our individual school pages feature more localized information as well as lots of photos of student happenings.

The Latest News pages generally feature more photos about the stories you will read in this publication, so we encourage you to visit!

Visit our site often for the latest in Bethel Park School District news.

Washington

IMS Readers Visit Washington

For the ninth year, Independence Middle School Student Council Students shared their love of reading with Bethel Park elementary students during Read Across America Week.

The students call themselves the IMS Readers, and this year they were able to visit all five Bethel Park elementary schools, visiting all classrooms to read their favorite picture books to the students.

Besides reading to the students, the IMS Readers also talked about why they like to read and the importance of reading in their lives.

The IMS Readers are truly Reading Role Models for the younger students.

The program is coordinated by IMS Student Council Adviser **Jennifer Makel**.



Washington students enjoyed meeting the IMS Readers and having stories read to them.

JA Day At Washington



Mrs. Krisfalusy's Kindergarten students were excited to receive a paper bank for completing their assignment on saving.

Washington students welcomed Bethel Park High School Child Development II and III students into their classrooms to teach them about entrepreneurship, financial literacy and work readiness on JA Day.

Junior Achievement created this grade-appropriate curriculum that can be delivered to elementary students by high school students. **Mrs. Dzanaj's** Child Development students at Bethel Park High School have been presenting this program at for the past four years, and this is the first year this fun, hands-on learning experience has been offered at Washington.

The high school students worked in groups of three and were assigned a specific classroom, where they spent the day as "teachers," guiding the younger students through five grade-appropriate lessons/activities. Many of the high school students plan to pursue a career in education and this activity provided them with the opportunity to explore what it's like to teach.

The program gave the elementary students an introduction to the importance of financial literacy and provided them with positive role models in the high school students. The high school students got valuable teaching experience and an opportunity to interact in a positive way with the younger students.

The program was also offered this year at Penn and Franklin.

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Green Team Wins \$250 For Their School

The Washington Elementary School Green Team won \$250 from the PepsiCo Recycle Rally Team for their original skit about how they were aiming to "go green" during the holiday season.

The Green Team performed the skit--written by Fourth Grader **Sydney Glover**--before Winter Break, to encourage everyone to think about not using plastic, disposable products.



The Washington Green Team on the stage after their award-winning "Go Green" Holiday Skit.

The Green Team is a group of Washington Fourth Graders who are overseeing a school-wide initiative to recycle #1 and #2 plastics, and they are doing a great job!

After just one month of recycling, Washington students saved as much energy as it would have taken to operate a laptop computer for one full year! That's 73 kilowatt hours! Recycling matters!

Washington was one of six schools across the country to win this award. The students plan to use their winnings to purchase special recycling containers to continue their mission.

Thanks to everyone at Washington who is helping to keep our planet healthy!

The students are sponsored by Washington Third Grade Teacher **Mrs. Williams**.



Kindergarten Students Support Beverly's Birthdays

Washington Kindergarten students in **Mrs. Varley's** classroom are celebrating their birthdays by remembering others.

Instead of bringing in gifts and treats to share with their classmates on their birthdays, these kindergarten students are bringing paper plates, napkins, table cloths and party hats to school to be donated to Beverly's Birthdays, an organization that hosts birthday parties for disadvantaged and homeless children.

The students are to be commended for thinking of others instead of themselves on their special day!



(Left to right): Elizabeth Hladio, Amelie Pederos Brinez, Evan Francis and Aiden Glover with some of the party supplies they've collected for Beverly's Birthdays.

IMS

STAND Group Celebrates Black History Month

Independence Middle School celebrated Black History Month this year through its STAND (Standing Together Against Negativity and Discrimination) Club.

Students painted the school's library windows, hung posters featuring student-created quotes, attempted to answer weekly "guess who" clues that were given during morning announcements, and welcomed two very special after-school guest speakers.



Independence Middle School STAND Club students enjoyed celebrating Black History Month with an enlightening and interactive presentation from sisters Tracy and Diane Ford.

Bethel Park High School Nurse and BPHS STAND Club Sponsor **Tracy Ford** and her sister, **Diane Ford** shared some of their experiences as African American women in Bethel Park with the students, including their family's history of coming to Bethel Park from Selma, AL in the 1920s.

The students used their phones to research African American inventions and claims to fame, and then shared those findings with the rest of the group.

The students and staff in attendance were enlightened by the perspectives shared. They thanked the Fords for all that they have done and continue to do for Bethel Park.

Eighth Grader Receives Scholarship To Attend Diplomacy Camp

Independence Middle School Eighth Grader **Vanya Fuller** was selected to receive the Luminari ESL Award, which covers all expenses for her to attend the I Want to be an Ambassador Camp, which will be held in June, starting in Pittsburgh and ending in Washington, D.C. where students will visit foreign embassies and meet with foreign diplomats.

Luminari is a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit organization which offers this camp to allow students to focus on the perspectives of diplomacy, and empowers them to practice everyday diplomacy to create a more harmonious world. In addition to diplomacy, the camp focuses on conflict resolution, community and global affairs, and leadership.

In her application, Vanya said she was interested in diplomacy to learn "how to overcome challenges in my life and learn effective ways of getting along with and communicating with other people."



Vanya Fuller

IMS Students Take Second Place In Design Challenge

A group of Independence Middle School students participated in the WQED Design Lives Here Challenge, competing against area schools in a variety of design and engineering challenges.



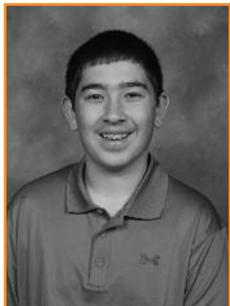
(Left to right): Leo Devine, Ryan Tierney and Dalton Roth with their prototype for "The Grease Stopper."

The students had the opportunity to pitch an invention idea to a panel of judges, with the team of **Leo Devine, Ryan Tierney** and **Dalton Roth** finishing in Second Place in the Kitchen Category for their invention "The Grease Stopper," a pair of tongs with a clear shield to help prevent grease from splattering when cooking bacon.

Also at the event, **Margaret Pivetz** and **Landon Hartman** won prizes.

The students were prepared for this competition by Independence Middle School Science Teacher **Jennifer Evans**.

Independence Middle School Eighth Grader Earns Second Place At Local PJAS Competition



Tyler Kramer

Independence Middle School eighth grader **Tyler Kramer** earned a Second Place award at the local Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition, which was held at Duquesne University.

His project was a comparison of the strength of different cardiac stent designs.

He was prepared for this competition by Independence Middle School Science Teacher **Jennifer Evans**.

Four Students Advance To Second Round Of Hardest Math Contest

Independence Middle School Eighth Graders **Conrad Gargani** and **Ya Wei Lin**, and Seventh Graders **Rocco Capozzoli** and **Caleb Steele** provided correct answers in Round 1 and advanced to Round 2 of Scholastic's Hardest Math Problem Contest.

Grand Prize Winners will receive a laptop and \$5,000 for a college savings account, and Runners-Up will receive a tablet from Scholastic, Inc. Math Teacher **Jason Turka**

encouraged all of his students to enter the contest.



(Left to right): Caleb Steele, Ya Wei Lin, Conrad Gargani and Rocco Capozzoli.

BPHS

Bethel Park High School Receives National Blood Drive Award From The ADRP



Helping to make the Blood Drives successful this school year are (front row, left to right): BPHS students Olivia Vituccio, Jessica Abraham, Tia Kean, Anastasia Antonucci, Marissa Christenson and BPHS Marketing Teacher Maria Christenson; (back row, left to right): BPHS Marketing Teacher Emily Smoller, student Hunter Dorfner and BPHS Principal Dr. Zeb Jansante.

Bethel Park High School was selected to receive the National School Blood Drive Award from the Association of Donor Relations Professionals in recognition of exceptional commitment to establishing blood donation as a priority among students.

The award is given annually to a college, university or high school. Bethel Park is the first Pennsylvania school to receive this recognition.

For the past 13 years, Bethel Park High School students have been conducting multiple blood drives each year at the high school, under the direction of the Principals Advisory Council of Students. This year DECA students have also been involved in the organization of the drives and recruitment of donors.

Bethel Park was nominated by **Kathy Ryan**, Senior Donor Recruitment Representative at Vitalant, which conducts the Blood Drives at Bethel Park High School.

Three Students Selected For Apprenticeship Program

Three Bethel Park High School students successfully applied and were accepted to participate in Career Connections apprenticeship programs this school year, sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

Selected to participate in these programs are junior **Megan Winzek** (Astronomy) and sophomores **Anna Levis** (Explore Pharmacy) and **Olivia Magnu** (Explore Pharmacy).

They join five other Bethel Park High School students who were previously accepted into Career Connections programs earlier this school year.



(Left to right): Olivia Magnu, Anna Levis and Megan Winzek.

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Career Connections Program consists of either a one half-day or one day-long experience per month over a six or seven month period during the school year.

As participants, students meet and work with local professionals who are willing to share their expertise, experience and enthusiasm for their careers with the students. The program provides the opportunity to make professional connections with organizations and people who can help them as they pursue their career choices.

Due to established COVID-19 guidelines, programs may be delayed, canceled or locations changed; please check the School website for the most current information.

German Students Earn Awards On National German Exams

Bethel Park High School German students earned 20 awards on the 2020 National German Exams, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German, including three Gold Awards, one Silver Award, five Bronze Awards and 11 Achievement Awards.

Earning Gold Awards on the Level 4 Exam were seniors **Jacob Bauer** and **Brandon Janus**, who scored in the 91st percentile nationally, and placed seventh among the 146 Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia students who took the Level 4 Exam. Senior **Lily Wilson** also earned a Gold Award for placing ninth regionally and scoring in the 90th percentile. All three of these students are now eligible to apply to win a scholarship to travel and study in Germany this summer.

Senior **Logan Zivic** earned a Silver Medal on the Level 4 Exam for scoring in the 80th percentile or higher. Bronze Awards for scoring in the 70th percentile or higher on the Level 4 Exam were earned by senior **Alex Murphy** and juniors **Johnatan Ivanov** and **Ben Sommer**.

On the Level 3 Exam, Bronze Awards were earned by sophomores **John Robert** and **Owen Dale**.



(Left to right): Bethel Park High School Level 4 German Exam Gold Medalists Jacob Bauer, Brandon Janus and Lily Wilson.

Achievement Awards were given to 11 students who scored in the 50th percentile or higher nationally. Earning Achievement Awards on the Level 4 Exam were senior **Gabby Straub** and juniors **Olivia Tabler**, **Kerrienne Troesch**, **Anthony Martinelli** and **Alex Wiernik**. Level 3 Exam Achievement Awards were given to sophomores **Nick Como**, **Braden Lloyd**, **Ella Voskamp**, **Maxwell James**, **Shelby Yonish** and **Zach Bradford**.

The students are taught by Bethel Park High School German Teacher **Christopher Tobias**.

Hockey Team Skate Continues Its 21 Year Tradition

For the 21st year, members of the Bethel Park High School Varsity Hockey Team spent a morning skating with Adaptive Physical Education students from Neil Armstrong Middle School and Washington Elementary School at the YMCA.

The program, created and implemented by Adaptive Physical Education Teacher **Linda Graney**, is a wonderful, decades-long partnership that benefits both groups of students.



The BPHS hockey players look forward to forging friendships with their skating partners as they skate with them at the YMCA.

The younger students were helped around the rink by the hockey players, and afterwards everyone enjoyed a pizza lunch. After the lunch and as a gesture of their appreciation, the younger students presented banners to the players, containing encouraging messages as the team prepared for the Penguin Cup Playoffs.

Mrs. Graney originally developed this program as a way to encourage her students to develop an interest in life-long fitness, but over the years, she has seen how this program transcends that, as it fosters relationships and deepens understanding.

Both the hockey players and the younger students look forward to participating in this program every year.

Here's to another 21 years!

Students Earn Three Awards At Catapult Competition

Bethel Park High School students earned three awards at a catapult competition held at Shaler High School.

The team of seniors **Adam Collier**, **Austin Cortopassi**, **Sebastian DiPrampiero** and junior **Genelle Jenkins** earned Second Place in the Windmill and Escape Room events.



Seniors **Jack Hare**, **Nathan Marzina**, **Patrick May**, **Ian Phelps** and junior **John Alacce** earned Third Place in the Windmill event.

The students were prepared for this competition by Bethel Park High School Teachers **Christine Robb** and **Erin Wheat**.

(Left to right): Sebe DiPrampiero, Adam Collier, Genelle Jenkins and Austin Cortopassi took Second Place in two events at the Catapult Competition at Shaler.

Students Participate In DNA Lab

Bethel Park High School Biology students had the opportunity to once again participate in a four-day lab experiment to determine if GMOs (genetically modified organisms) are present in their favorite snack foods.

The students learned how to extract DNA from the snacks and use a process called electrophoresis to separate the GMOs from the DNA.

Once they extracted the DNA, they inserted it into blue colored gels to examine the DNA on a light table.

This experiment and cutting-edge technology were brought to the high school several years ago by UPMC cancer researchers. **Dr. David Boone** and his team from UPMC were present to help guide the students through the exercise.

Bethel Park High School Biology Teacher **Alex Winschel** coordinates the project for the high school.



Bethel Park High School Biology students worked in small groups to use pipettes to transfer their samples into tubes in preparation for the electrophoresis phase of the experiment.

Latin Students Visit Phipps

Bethel Park High School Latin students took a field trip to Phipps Conservatory as the culminating activity to their unit of study on scientific terminology in Latin.

At Phipps, the students participated in a "taxonomy scavenger hunt," where they worked their way through the facility, looking for plants that had scientific names that pertained to their vocabulary worksheets.

The students are taught by Bethel Park High School Latin Teacher **Ellen Conrad**.



The BPHS Latin students in the Phipps lobby.

Skills USA

Three Bethel Park High School students who attend the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education placed at the local Skills USA Competition.

Senior **Anthony Stephon** finished in First Place in the Electrical Construction Wiring event and qualified to compete at the State Skills USA Competition.



(Left to right): Michela Grady, Anthony Stephon and Annabel Franzmann.

Senior **Michela Grady** participated on a team which finished in Second Place in the Health Knowledge Bowl.

Sophomore **Anabel Franzmann** finished in Third Place in the Advertising and Design event.

The SkillsUSA

Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels.

School NEWS

Extra Effort Award

Bethel Park High School sophomore **Briauna Harris** received the Extra Effort Award for the Second Quarter of the 2019-2020 School Year from the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education.

Briauna is a student in the Baking Program at Steel Center.

The award is given to students who demonstrate outstanding



Briauna Harris

attitude, work ethic, attendance and dependability.

Students of the Month

The Steel Center for Career and Technical Education named Bethel Park High School senior **Teddy Emmons** its December Student of the Month and senior **Anthony Stephon** its January Student of the Month.



(Left to right): Anthony Stephon and Teddy Emmons.

Teddy is a student in the Automotive Technology Program, and Anthony is a student in the Electrical Construction Program.

Hawk Eye Earns Two SNO Awards

Hawk Eye, the Bethel Park High School student online newspaper, earned two awards from School Newspapers Online.

The paper received a "Best of SNO" award for a documentary about the high school's Bean & Berry Shop in the cafeteria. Sophomore **Jacob Toth** was responsible for creating this award-winning piece.

Additionally, the newspaper won the Site Excellence Badge from School Newspapers Online, in recognition of the site's homepage having a clear sense of purpose for every element, including design, images and content.

This is the second of five possible badges the paper can earn from SNO. Previously the paper earned an Audience Engagement Badge.

Bethel Park High School English Teacher **John Allemang** is the paper's Adviser.



The Hawk Eye staff.

Due to established COVID-19 guidelines, programs may be delayed, canceled or locations changed; please check the School website for the most current information.

BPHS Student News

Rotary Students of the Month

Each month during the school year, the Rotary Club of Bethel Park recognizes a Bethel Park High School student as its Student of the Month, in recognition of the student's commitment to school and/or community service.



Molly Hoffman (left) and Rotary Club President Mary Ann Scott (right).



Olivia Greene (left) and Rotary Club President Mary Ann Scott (right).

In January, senior **Molly Hoffman** was recognized for her involvement with the Bethel Park High School Music Department as well as her Girl Scout Gold Award which benefitted the Pollinator Meadow and Amphibian Habitat at South Park.

In February, senior **Olivia Greene** was recognized for her school involvement as DECA Co-President as well as her volunteer work at St. Clair Hospital and Artis Senior Living.

PACS Staff/Student of the Month

Each month during the school year, the Principals Advisory Council for Students (PACS) recognizes a Bethel Park High School student and staff member as the Student/Staff Member of the Month.

- Band Director **Chad Thompson** and junior **Aidan Hill**—October Staff and Student of the Month.
- Social Studies Teacher **Jay Kreigline** and senior **Maddie Dziezgowski**—November Staff and Student of the Month.
- Math Teacher **Josh Lape** and senior **Cami Morgan**—December Staff and Student of the Month.
- Spanish Teacher **Alyssa D'Alessandro** and senior **Katie Crooks**—January Staff and Student of the Month.



(left to right): Mr. Thompson and Aidan Hill.



(Left to right): Mr. Kreigline and Maddie Dziezgowski.

(Left to right): Mr. Lape and Cami Morgan.



(Left to right): Mrs. D'Alessandro and Katie Crooks.

Athletic Update

(You can see all of the Athletic Highlights for the 2019-2020 school year online at: <https://www.bpsd.org/Downloads/2019-2020%20Athletic%20Highlights53.pdf>)

Indoor Track

- At the State Indoor Championships, the Team finished in 10th Place. **Emily Carter** finished in Second Place in the 3,000 Meters and Second Place in the Mile. **Emily Carter, Maddie Sellati, Anna Janaszek** and **Kirsten Gross** finished in Sixth Place in the Distance Medley Relay. **Sarah Gilliam** finished in Eighth Place in Shot Put.



The Girls Indoor Track State Medalists.

Wrestling

- Luke Montgomery** finished in Second Place at the State Wrestling Championships.
- Luke Montgomery** finished in Second Place in the WPIAL Wrestling Championships.
- The Team qualified for the Section Tournament.
- At the Section Individual Championships, **Bryson Bench** finished in Second Place; **Luke Montgomery** finished in Second Place; **Riley O'Mara** finished in Third Place; **Parker Loera** finished in Third Place and **Tyler Thimons** finished in Fourth Place. All qualified to compete in the WPIAL Individual Championships.

Girls Basketball

- State Quarterfinalists.
- WPIAL Finalists.
- Section Champions.

Boys Basketball

- WPIAL Quarterfinalists.

Rifle

- Section Champions for the first time since 2007.
- Competed in the WPIAL Championships.
- Eric Halligan** finished in 14th Place at the WPIAL Individual Championships and competed in the PIAA Individual Championships.

Swimming and Diving

- At the WPIAL Swimming Championships, **Sally Hathaway** finished in Sixth Place in the 200 Freestyle and Eighth Place in the 500 Freestyle; **Paul Kallaur** finished in Fourth Place in the 100 Breaststroke; and **Paul Kallaur, Dom Cortopassi, Eammon Anderson** and **Lenny DeMartino** finished in Seventh Place in the Medley Relay. All swimmers qualified to compete in the State Swimming Championships.
- Sadie Coda** finished in Fifth Place at the WPIAL Diving Championships and qualified to compete in the State Diving Championships.

Ice Hockey

- Qualified for the Penguin Cup Playoffs.

Inline Hockey

- The Varsity Team qualified for the PIRHL Playoffs.

BPBS Students Earned 25 Awards At DECA State Competition

Bethel Park High School students earned 25 awards at the DECA State Career Development Conference, which was held in February, including five First Place Awards, seven Second Place Awards, two Third Place Awards, two Fourth Place Awards, three Fifth Place Awards, three Sixth Place Awards and three Medallion Awards.

Students who finished in First through Fourth Places qualified to compete at the DECA International Conference, which is scheduled for Nashville in May.

Earning First Place awards and qualifying for the International Conference were seniors **Gabrielle Dunn** (Independent Business Plan), **Sarah Gilliam** (Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research), **Caleb Shook** (Human Resources Management), and **Alyssa Sholder** and **Riley Evans** (Sales Project).

Also earning a First Place Award in an event that does not compete at Internationals was senior **Riley Evans** (Female Model).

Receiving Second Place Awards were seniors **Marissa Christenson** and **Hunter Dorfner** (Community Awareness Project), and **Olivia Greene** (Business Services Operations Research); juniors **Lucia Coccagno** (Sports and Entertainment Operations Research), **Summer Lewis** and **Leigha Piazzi** (Career Development Project), **Nick Massari**, **Ryan Puskar** and **Lianna Robbins** (Business Solutions), **Christian McClaine** (Restaurant and Food Service Management); and freshmen **Emma Bucheli** and **Marena Chernicky** (Financial Literacy Project).

Third Place Awards were won by senior **Jenna Chernicky** and junior **Michael Conroy** (Community Giving); and juniors **Jake Schweitzer** and **Raffaele Zallo** (Integrated Marketing Campaign Event).

Fourth Place Awards were earned by seniors **Josh Capristo** and **Will Patrizio** (Buying and Merchandising Operations Research); and senior **Brian Torles** and junior **Morgan Beardsley** (Financial Operations Research).

Earning Fifth Place Awards were senior **Jacob Marzina** and juniors **Tyler Chorba** and **Jake Cook** (Sports and Entertainment Operations Research); and sophomores **Aletris Eckert**, **Chloe McDaniel** and **Caitlyn Schultz** (Hospitality and Tourism Operations), and **Abby Quickel**, **Sandra Soltes** and **Kate Sullivan** (Integrated Marketing Campaign Product).

Sixth Place was earned by seniors **Markus McKittrick** and **Jake Pauley** (Buying and Merchandising Operations Research); and juniors **Julia Casaldi**, **Amber Simeone** and **Mikayla Yee** (Business Services Operations Research), and **Lexi Seese** (Franchise Business Plan).

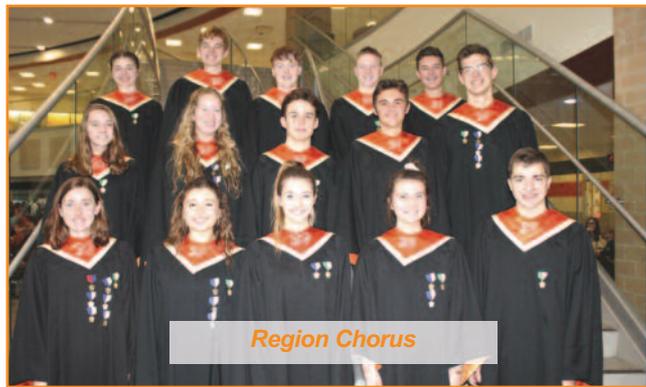


The Bethel Park High School DECA State Finalists.

Medallion Awards were presented to three students who earned one of the top three scores in their event for either the Test, Role Play A and/or Role Play B. Medallion Awardees were seniors **Caleb Shook** (Human Resources Management Test and Role Play) and **Christian McClaine** (Restaurant and Food Service Management Test and Role Play), and sophomore **Isabel Burke** (Integrated Marketing Campaign Test).

Additionally, senior **Mark Vighetti** presided over the conference as the 2019-2020 PA DECA District III Representative, and junior **Lucia Coccagno** was installed as a 2020-2021 DECA PA State Officer, serving as PA DECA District III Representative.

The students were prepared for this competition by Bethel Park High School Marketing Teachers **Emily Smoller** and **Maria Christenson**.



Region Chorus

(Front row, left to right): Molly Hoffman, Jessica Abraham, Olivia Vituccio, Kelsey Aronhalt and Declan Brusoski; (second row, left to right): Ashley Lewis, Kelsey Rogers, Evan Isenberg, Anthony Will and Collin McCormick; (third row, left to right): Anna Rosemeier, Bill Kumer, Kessid Wicker, Kadin Gray and Andrew Fullerton.

Region Chorus

- Jessica Abraham (Soprano 1)
- Kelsey Aronhalt (Soprano 2)
- Declan Brusoski (Bass 2)
- Andrew Fullerton (Bass 1)
- Kadin Gray (Tenor 2)
- Molly Hoffman (Soprano 1)
- Evan Isenberg (Tenor 2)

- Bill Kumer (Bass 1)
- Ashley Lewis (Alto 1)
- Collin McCormick (Bass 2)
- Kelsey Rogers (Soprano 2)
- Anna Rosemeier (Alto 1)
- Olivia Vituccio (Soprano 1)
- Kessid Wicker (Tenor 1)
- Anthony Will (Tenor 1)



Region Orchestra

(Left to right): Theresa Stolpa, Jaxson Stewart, Bill Kumer and Elijah Nice.

- ### Region Orchestra
- Bill Kumer (Cello)
 - Elijah Nice (Percussion)
 - Jaxson Stewart (Clarinet)
 - Theresa Stolpa (French Horn)



BPHS Jr. Hi District Orchestra

(Front row, left to right): Cody Hendrych-Bondra, Jasmine Cable, Samantha Wolf and Bekah Tupper; (back row, left to right): Jason Turske, Jeremy Blocklin, Caitlyn Bostaph and Anthony Hughes.

Junior High District Orchestra

- Jeremy Blocklin (Viola)
- Caitlyn Bostaph (Clarinet)
- Jasmine Cable (Flute)
- Bryce Clancy (Bass)
- Cody Hendrych-Bondra (Oboe)
- Anthony Hughes (Percussion)
- Lily Spence (Cello)
- Rebekah Tupper (French Horn)
- Jason Turske (Percussion)
- Angelina Velisaris (Viola)
- Samantha Wolf (Violin)



All-State Chorus

(Left to right): Kelsey Aronhalt, Kelsey Rogers, Collin McCormick, Kessid Wicker and Molly Hoffman.

All-State Chorus

- Kelsey Aronhalt (Soprano 2)
- Molly Hoffman (Soprano 1)
- Collin McCormick (Bass 2)
- Kelsey Rogers (Soprano 2)
- Kessid Wicker (Tenor 1)



IMS Jr. Hi District Orchestra

(Left to right): Angelina Velisaris, Bryce Clancy and Lily Spence

Elementary District Band Fest West

- Boyd Alspach (French Horn)
- Micah Antonich (Clarinet)
- Allison Atchison (Trombone)
- Mia DiPaolo (Percussion)
- Samuel Hoppe (Trumpet)
- Holly McGough (Flute)
- Sadie Nelson (Alto Saxophone)
- Casey Prindle (Clarinet)
- Julia Ratti (Bassoon)



Elementary District Band Fest West

(Front row, left to right): Mia DiPaolo, Sadie Nelson, Micah Antonich and Holly McGough; (back row, left to right): Boyd Alspach, Casey Prindle, Samuel Hoppe, Allison Atchison and Julia Ratti.



Elementary District Sing Fest

(Left to right): Lillie Haner, Eliyah McPherson, Holly McGough and Callee DalBon.



Elementary String Fest

(Left to right): Lucie Pacheco, Katharine Tabler, Kuon Verbosky, Christian Tabler and Bella Coleman.

Elementary String Fest

- Bella Coleman (Violin)
- Lucie Pacheco (Viola)
- Christian Tabler (Cello)
- Katharine Tabler (Cello)
- Kuon Verbosky (Violin)

Elementary District String Fest

- Callee DalBon
- Lillie Haner
- Chelsea Hudak
- Holly McGough
- Eliyah McPherson



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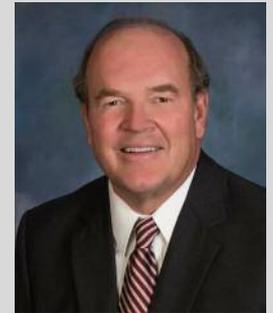
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Here's a Peak at What's Inside this Issue!



Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 25
10 a.m.

Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Although the program will be different due to COVID-19 guidelines, the sentiment will be the same. Please see pg. 3 for details and this year's guest speaker.

Important Message to the Community About Summer Recreation Programs

To learn what's happening in regard to Recreation programs, Community Center Rentals and more, see pg. 21.

Tri-Community South EMS Needs You!

To learn how Tri-Community South EMS has been working through the pandemic and what you can do to help them, see pg. 8.

Bethel Park's Emergency Food Drive

Monday - Friday

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Weekdays

Community Center

We're still collecting food and supplies to help our community! If you'd like to donate, or donate again, see pg. 3 for lists of needed items and more.

Join Bethel Park Crime Watch

Monthly Meetings

Bethel Park Community Center

Sponsored by the Bethel Park Police Department

Consider joining the Crime Watch Program and keep Bethel Park safe! Meetings and special events are all part of the program. Learn how to join and what's included on pg. 13.

Municipal Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 2

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bethel Park Community Center

Donations are needed; to register, see pg. 20.

Hard to Recycle Collection Event

Saturday, July 18

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bethel Park High School

This event enables you to get rid of those items that may be more difficult to get rid of such as cell phones, computer towers, DVD players, batteries, printers, tires and more. See pg. 20 for information.

Farmers' Market

Opens Tuesday, June 2

South Park Ice Skating Rink Parking Lot

Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Turn to pg. 23 for a full list of vendors so you can plan your weekly visits to our outstanding Market!

Bethel Park Public Library's Youth Summer Learning Program

Beginning June 8

Weekly early literacy classes, lunchtime book clubs, teen events, guests and more! See complete information on pg. 7.

