

Bethel Park CHRONICLES

The Official Bethel Park Municipal & School District Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



**BETHEL PARK
FARMERS'
MARKET
RUNNING
THROUGH
SEPT. 29!**

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In critical moments, excellence matters

THE REGION'S ONLY HOSPITAL WITH 16 STRAIGHT As IN PATIENT SAFETY



NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

A

STRAIGHT As
2012-2020

LEAPFROG
HOSPITAL
SAFETY GRADE

The Leapfrog Group, a national, independent, patient safety watchdog, awarded St. Clair special recognition for the 16th consecutive period, making St. Clair the region's only hospital to earn an 'A' grade for patient safety for 8 years running. The grades rate how well hospitals protect patients from preventable harm, like infections, falls, and medical errors. To learn more about our Hospital Safety Score, or St. Clair's performance as a national leader in quality and patient satisfaction, please visit stclair.org.



St. Clair Hospital



MAYO CLINIC
CARE NETWORK
Member

LABOR OF LOVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2020

SEPT. 4-7

SCHOOLHOUSE ARTS & HISTORY CENTER
2600 South Park Rd.

Join Bethel Park's Fantastic Four Charities (*Community Foundation, Education Foundation, Historical Society, and Public Library*) Labor Day weekend as they team up once again to showcase local artists!

SCHEDULE:

Friday (6-9 p.m.) - A ticketed preview event with refreshments and special raffles.

Saturday & Sunday (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Monday (Labor Day - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) - FREE and open to the public Saturday - Monday! Come enjoy the Artist Market as well as food trucks that will be set up along Park Avenue!

Support your local artists, eateries and the Fantastic Four Charities!

For more information: **Web:** www.bpcf.org/events • **Email:** loArtsFest@gmail.com • **Facebook:** [LaborofLoveArtsFestival](https://www.facebook.com/LaborofLoveArtsFestival)



Bethel Park

**Fantastic
FOUR**

Charities



GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPT. 21
NEMACOLIN COUNTRY CLUB
3100 NATIONAL PIKE, BEALLSVILLE, PA 15313

REGISTRATION 10 A.M.
SHOTGUN START NOON

SKILL PRIZES • 50/50 RAFFLE RAFFLE BASKETS

Golfer Registration: \$200

Includes golf, brunch, dinner, skill prizes, tons of fun and the wonderful feeling of supporting the Bethel Park Fantastic Four Charities that make such an impact in the community.

Dinner Only Ticket: \$75

Tee and Green Sponsor Opportunities Available!

Contact Andy Amrhein at 412-760-9614 or at eveyhdw@hotmail.com.



See pg. 8 for registration forms & sponsorship information!



MANAGER'S CORNER

I've now been manager of this incredible community for just about a year, and what a year it's been!

We've had our share of ups and downs – especially in recent days, but through it all, the residents and businesses in Bethel Park have shown themselves to be kindhearted, giving, caring and truly a community that not only says it cares about one another, but shows it each day.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we've had residents and businesses step forward displaying their generosity in so many ways that it's almost impossible to list them all. Between mask donations, food drives to help neighbors in need, numerous blood drives and more, this incredible community has exhibited a spirit unlike anything I've had the pleasure to witness before.

And, while we do face struggles here due to the coronavirus situation, I know that with the resolve this community has, we will prevail and flourish again.

During this time, Municipal Council, the Mayor, Municipal staff, the Police Department, Tri-Community South EMS, and our Volunteer Fire Company are diligently working to serve Bethel Park in the best manner possible. We've enhanced communications by providing a number of helpful resources on our website (www.bethelpark.net), we're posting much more information on our Municipal, Police, Recreation, Cable, and Farmers' Market Facebook pages, and you may have also noticed increased communication from our SwiftReach message program. We also offer a "Contact" menu option on our website where you can reach out to us as well.

“Between mask donations, food drives to help neighbors in need, numerous blood drives and more, this incredible community has exhibited a spirit unlike anything I've had the pleasure to witness.”

To help our working parents, we partnered with Lois Johnson Learning & Childcare Center over the summer to create a “Summer Fun” program at the Bethel Park Community Center. This joint effort offered parents needing to return to work the ability to do so while their children were being cared for in a safe, fun environment.

“Please know that we're here for you. Reach out to us and let us know how we can assist you.”

We've also created an arrangement with Outreach Teen & Family Services offering free counseling for local youth to help with anxiety, depression or other needs.

Moving into fall, we'll once again be offering our “Live Well Bethel Park” series featuring topics that you requested such as “Helping children deal with anxiety due to COVID,” “The importance of a Healthy Diet,” “Weight loss,” and much more. Details can be found on this page.

As of this writing, plans are underway for a Recreation program this fall. And, we have extensive safety protocols in place to protect you as you participate in these programs. See the Recreation Spotlight article on pg. 19 which identifies all of these measures.

Please know that we're here for you. Reach out to us and let us know how we can assist you.

Thank you for the warm welcome many of you have given me over this past year. I look forward to working with you, and for you, well into the future.

Wishing you and your family good health...

Laurence Christian



A Live Well Allegheny Community

BETHEL PARK'S “LIVE WELL” SPEAKER SERIES...

Part of the “Live Well Allegheny Initiative”

Bethel Park is proud to once again participate in the “Live Well Allegheny Initiative!” Last year's series went well, and to make it even better, we reached out to you to find out what you'd like included this year. Based on your feedback, we've created programs to meet your needs.

Each session will be held via Facebook Live on the Municipal Facebook page the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Programs will generally run an hour in length followed by a Q&A session.

Following is our fall lineup:

LIVE WELL SPEAKER SERIES

Third Wednesday of the Month
7 p.m.
Municipality of Bethel Park Facebook Page



Dr. Tracy Scanlon
Clinical Director
Outreach Teen & Family Services

Sept. 16

**Anxiety and Coping with COVID-19
Managing Your Fears as well as Your Children's**

Presented by: Dr. Tracy Scanlon from Outreach Teen & Family Services

Are you concerned about your own anxiety while helping your children deal with the mental effects of stress?

Are you worried about youth who are at high risk for developing anxiety?

What do we look for when concerned for our family's well-being?

Our presenter, **Dr. Tracy Scanlon**, hopes to provide you with some insights for identifying anxiety in your home. She will also provide aid in helping us to cope with the current state of emotional issues facing children as they attempt to acclimate to the world around them.

Oct. 21

The Obesity Crisis

Presented by: Dr. Timothy Campbell - Chief Medical Officer, Gallagher Home Health Services & Hospice

Over 40% of adult Americans are now considered obese; that number has almost quadrupled in the last 30 years. *What on Earth happened?* We followed the recommendation of federal government agencies. We cut the fat and cholesterol in our diets. We joined gyms and exercised like mad. Yet, as a nation, we continued to gain more weight. Tim Campbell, MD will give a non-commercial, evidence-based presentation on the obesity crisis.

He will examine the causes of the obesity epidemic and explain what hasn't worked for weight loss. More importantly, Dr. Campbell will explore the rationale for the weight loss programs that do work. **Join us as Dr. Campbell offers simple, no fad, doable, healthy solutions!**



Dr. Timothy Campbell
Chief Medical Officer,
Gallagher Home Health Services & Hospice

(“Live Well” cont. pg. 18)

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MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT PROGRAMS

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

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

MYSTERY BOOK CLUBS

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

MONDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

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

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

3rd Thursday of each month 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Last Thursday of each month 10 a.m.

CONVERSATION SALON: DISCUSSION GROUP

1st 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, teach, 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 required.

BETHEL PARK LIBRARY BUTTON CLUB

4th Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

Are you looking for a new hobby? Buttons are beautiful, historical, inexpensive, and fun to collect. For more information, call the library at 412-835-2207.

To register or for more information call 412-835-2207.

UNREAL ENGINE 4 MEET UP - PITTSBURGH

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

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

DECREASING PAIN

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

Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 2 p.m.

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

PUT THE SPARK BACK IN YOUR BUSINESS: HOW WRITING A BOOK CAN HELP YOUR BUSINESS REACH THE NEXT LEVEL

Presented by Author **Cori Wamsley**

Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 7 p.m.

Cori Wamsley's new business book, *The SPARK Method: How to Write a Book for Your Business Fast*, will focus on a lightning-fast, method that will help business owners finish writing a book fast.

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

Presented by **Tracy Zihmer, Esq.**

Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 10 a.m.

This seminar will include information about Wills and Powers of Attorney and the consequences of not having 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.



HOW MONEY WORKS

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

Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 7 p.m.

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

WISE WALK

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Sep. 17th - Nov. 19th

Take a Wise Walk with the Bethel Park Public Library this fall. The Wise Walk is a ten week walking program geared toward adults 50+. Make new friends and enjoy the beautiful fall weather in South Park with our library walking group on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. **Kickoff meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 10th at 10 a.m. in the library.** To register or for more information, call the library at, 412-835-2207.ext. 264

PRACTICE SAT TEST

Presented by Omega Learning Center

Saturday, Sept. 19th 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.

CLEAR THE CLUTTER AND IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

Presented by **Donna Rossa**

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 7 p.m.

- Clutter categories
- The cost of clutter
- Why we keep clutter
- Seven steps to eliminate clutter

YOUR ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS: SOUTH PARK AND BEYOND

Presented by **Carolyn Savikas**: Vice Chair, Friends of South Park and **Barbara Brewton**: Institutional Giving and Project Manager, Allegheny County Parks Foundation

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

Did you know that Allegheny County is home to nine parks that total over 12,000 acres? Or that "The Cascades at Stone Manse" in South Park is being refurbished and all three wading pools should be open this year? Have you heard about the "Boardwalk" at the Oval on Corrigan Drive that is planned for 2020? If you would like to learn more about these projects, volunteer opportunities, and the other exciting work going on at South Park and the other eight County Parks, please join us on Tuesday, Sept. 29th.

MARIE BARTOLETTI BOOK SIGNING

Wednesday, Sept. 30th 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!



SENIOR HEALTH CARE WORKSHOP SERIES WITH BARBARA A. YEAZEY, RN

Five weeks, Thursdays 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 from 1-3 p.m.

This course starts by looking at Social Security and ends five sessions later after discussing how to select the appropriate place for long term living. Along the way we investigate Medicare, Medigap, Advantage and Drug Plans, low income programs, Adult Day Care, care in your home and retirement communities. You will receive an in depth reference binder that will assist you with care planning and understanding for years to come. You must register for this program, 412-835-2207 and plan to attend all 5 sessions.

HEALING CANCER, HOLISTICALLY

Presented by **Brandon Novogradac** (career scientist, Certified Coach with BeatCancer.org)

Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 11 a.m.

Come learn the basic mindset of holistic healing as applied to cancer. 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.

ARTHRITIS: THE SLEEPING GIANT

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

Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 2 p.m.

This informative, free program will discuss the different types of arthritis and how they can be managed without pills or surgery. We will discuss risk factors, treatment, prevention, bracing and more! There will be a question/answer period following.

WHY MEDITATE?

Presented by **Sheila Forester**

Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 7 p.m.

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

To register or for more information call 412-835-2207.

MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

STORIES UNTOLD: ORAL HISTORIES OF THE WIVES OF VIETNAM SERVICEMEN

Presented by **Charlotte McDaniel**
Saturday, Oct. 10th at 11 a.m.
 Representing interviews with more than 30 wives across all branches of the military, this book presents a robust sample of wives from that era. McDaniel will discuss her newly published book at this event, and at the conclusion will entertain comments and questions from the audience.



FENG SHUI: CREATING A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Presented by **Donna Rossa**
Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 7 p.m.

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

HOME BUYING 101

Presented by **Cindy Rack**, Keller Williams Realty and **DJ Hammell** from Victorian Finance
Thursday, Oct. 15th at 7 p.m.
 Thinking about purchasing a home but just don't know where to start? Cindy Rack and DJ Hammel will guide you through the process. This workshop will help you understand renting vs buying, locations, finances, realtors, types of homes, closing costs, etc. Everything you would need to understand as a first time home buyer.



HOW TO SELL YOUR HOUSE FASTER AND FOR MORE MONEY... ON A BUDGET!

Presented by **Cindy Rack**, Keller Williams Realty and **Maria Stinger**, Keystone Building Inspections
Monday, Oct. 19th at 7 p.m.
 There are many little things you can do to make your home more attractive to home buyers. Cindy Rack will show you what can be done on a budget. Maria Stinger will discuss inspections and how you can be proactive in resolving them in advance. These tips will ensure a smoother closing.

UNIVERSAL CLASS AND MORE

Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 10 a.m.
 Learn how to access over 500 free courses online using your Library Card and Universal Class! We will also discuss other free resources available through your Library including *Mango Languages: Online Language Learning Software*.

SPINAL STENOSIS

Presented by **Dr. George Fraudin**
Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 7 p.m.
 This free talk will cover new breakthroughs in nonsurgical treatment.

3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 21st at 6 p.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 the time is not convenient, please call for others.



AN EVENING WITH HAUNTED PITTSBURGH

Presented by **Tim Murray** and **Michelle Smith** from Haunted Pittsburgh.
Thursday, Oct. 29th at 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh has a North Side and a South Side--join us for a trip to its dark side! Western Pennsylvania is teeming with great tales of ghosts and the supernatural. Haunted Pittsburgh Tours, the archivists of Pittsburgh's nightmares, has been sharing those tales in our area since 2009. Don't miss this special Halloween event--the folks from Haunted Pittsburgh will talk about the true ghost stories of Pittsburgh (they know where all the bodies are buried!).

OBESITY IN REHAB: A WEIGHTY TOPIC

Presented by **Martine Marino, MPT, COMT**
Wednesday, Nov. 4th at 2 p.m.
 Join us for a free program to discuss the effect of obesity and how it relates to physical therapy.



REDUCE STRESS AND RECAPTURE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Presented by **Donna Rossa**
Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7 p.m.

- Some frightening holiday facts
- Simplify and/or organize
- Tips for sending cards, entertaining and decorating

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Thursday, Nov. 19th at 7 p.m.
 A Higher Education Access Partner from PHEAA will present information on the financial aid application process, what types of aid might be available for students, and strategies to start thinking about affordability before your students get ready to apply for post-secondary school admission. All parents, with any grade level high school student, are encouraged to attend.

Reopening Information

Now that Allegheny County has moved into the green phase, the Library will be open to the public for limited hours.

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Friday & Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Masks are required to enter the Municipal Building and while in the Library. Children under the age of 2 and those with a valid medical condition are exempt. High touch areas such as counters and tabletops are disinfected daily. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Library for you to use.

Public computers, which have been socially distanced, will be available for use but are limited to one hour per day to accommodate as many people as possible. Toys and games have been removed from the Family Place area and furniture has been reconfigured to maintain social distancing practices. Study rooms are limited to two people.

As we are under a limited capacity order, we are asking all patrons who visit to conduct their transactions and not linger in the Library so that we may accommodate as many people as possible during our operating hours.

You may return library materials in the outside book drops at any time. All returned materials are quarantined for at least 72 hours before being checked in. You will still notice them on your account during the quarantine phase. No fines will be charged during that time.

MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

To register or for more information call 412-835-2207.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

TODDLER TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, Sept 8th-Oct. 27th
Ages 2-3 w/caregiver

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board games, and more in this virtual early literacy class. Class will be posted to a dedicated page of the Library website to be viewed at your convenience.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays, Sept. 9th-Oct. 28th
Birth-3

This nationally renowned early literacy program is engaging and fun. Participation in this class will jump start your child's learning and brain development. This virtual class is designed to build pre-literacy, motor, music, and social skills in babies and toddlers. Class will be posted to a dedicated page of the Library website to be viewed at your convenience.



BABY JAM

Thursdays, Sept. 10th-Oct. 29th
Birth-2

This virtual class provides 30 minutes of quality one on one time with your baby. This bonding experience will include songs, rhymes, knee bounces, and more. Class will be

posted to a dedicated page of the Library website to be viewed at your convenience.

PRESCHOOL POWER

Friday, Sept. 11th-Oct. 30th at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 1/2-5

Fun from A-Z! This virtual class will be conducted via Zoom and will work through the alphabet focusing on a different letter each week. Class will include stories, songs, flannel board games, and a letter-themed activity. *Registration is required. Register beginning Sept. 1st.*

THE BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY GOES VIRTUAL THIS FALL!

Online learning opportunities will be available to both kids and teens. Check the website for more information or call 412-835-2207, x267.



BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

We look forward to offering a variety of virtual classes and events this fall for kids of all ages! In addition to the weekly early literacy classes, we will offer a book club, cooking demonstrations, escape rooms, scavenger hunts, special parties, and more. Be sure to check out our Library flier at www.bethelparklibrary.org, located under the kids and teens tabs. You can also follow us on social media as we post updates and reminders frequently on both Facebook and Instagram.

MOST PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD SPONSOR - \$2,500

- One Golf Foursome
- Event & Registration Signage
- One Tee Sign
- VIP Reserved Seating at dinner for your group

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$500

- One Individual Golfer
- Event & Registration Signage
- Dinner

SILVER SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Two Individual Golfers
- Event & Registration Signage
- One Tee Sign
- Dinner for your group

TEE SPONSOR - \$125

- Name on One Tee Sign

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS AND GROUPS ARE WELCOME

*Gifts are tax deductible to the extent that they exceed benefits received.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT INFORMATION TO:

ANDY AMRHEIN
C/O Bethel Park Public Library
5100 W. Library Avenue
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Questions? Contact Andy Amrhein 412-760-9614 or at veyhdw@hotmail.com.

REGISTRATION: \$200 PER GOLFER

NAME OF GOLFER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF GOLFER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF GOLFER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME OF GOLFER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

_____ X \$200 per golfer = _____

Non-golfers are welcome to attend the dinner to socialize and have a chance at great raffle prizes. Dinner at 5 PM.

_____ x \$75 per person = _____

I cannot attend the event but would like to make a donation to the Bethel Park Fantastic Four Charities. \$ _____

CC TYPE: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER

NAME ON CARD _____

ACCOUNT #: _____

EXP. DATE _____ CCV _____

SPONSOR REGISTRATION

*Please complete this form exactly as you would like it to appear on the sponsor boards.

SPONSOR: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

CC TYPE: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER

NAME ON CARD _____

ACCOUNT #: _____

EXP. DATE _____ CCV _____

EMS NEWS

YOUR EMS SERVICE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

By Kevin Trichtinger, Tri-Community South EMS

In 2020, EMS is at the forefront in the effort to reduce sickness as death from the global coronavirus pandemic. In Pennsylvania, prudent isolation measures have so far reduced the severity of the outbreak, and health care facilities have not become overwhelmed. In fact, EMS call volumes declined as much as 35% from mid-March to mid-June. On the other hand, call severities have increased.

“Too many people are waiting too long to call for an ambulance when they are seriously ill. In some cases, people have expressed fear of contracting COVID-19 in an ambulance. This is a baseless fear.”

Too many people are waiting too long to call for an ambulance when they are seriously ill. In some cases, people have expressed fear of contracting COVID-19 in an ambulance. This is a baseless fear. At Tri-Community South EMS, and at EMS agencies across Allegheny County, rigorous cleaning procedures are in place to ensure that an ambulance is safe for all patients. In addition, all patients transported by Tri-Community South are required to wear surgical masks throughout the time they are in the ambulance.

Tri-Community South EMS workers are expected to encounter the virus as a normal part of daily operations, and to protect themselves and their patients accordingly. Providers need to wear cumbersome and uncomfortable protective equipment on all calls, and decontaminate ambulances and equipment after every call, prolonging turnaround times. EMS systems are suffering financially because of the combined effects of increased costs associated with pandemic preparedness and decreased incomes because of the decreased call volumes.

Right now, Tri-Community South needs your help, so it can continue to be there to help you when you need it most.

EMS WORKERS: UNSUNG HEROES

By John Bower, Tri-Community South EMS

A recent study has shown EMS is the 9th most stressful career. And, it isn't surprising considering that EMTs and Paramedics get exposed to trauma, violence and death on a routine basis.

EMS workers are frequently confronted with life-threatening calls like cardiac, respiratory or diabetic emergencies, as well as behavioral or mental health emergencies, trauma, allergic reactions, suspected poisonings and childbirth.

EMS is generally the forgotten part of public safety and the catch-all when a person needs help and does not know where to turn. EMS deals not only with emergencies, but also with the toothaches and everything in between.

Now, adding to the stress, is the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent protests.

The effects of stress on EMS providers from life-threatening emergencies, dealing with the unknown COVID-19 exposure, and protests lasts long after the emergency calls end. These stressors have an impact on all involved.

After the calls are over, EMTs and Paramedics have to deal with work-related stressors like shift work, long hours, overtime, scheduling demands, and stressors with peers and superiors. The daily stress sometimes continues long after the shift ends, depending on the calls they had that day.

One tool EMS uses is Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) after major or stressful incidents. This is used to deescalate and defuse emotions before the stress can affect the worker. The system also offers referrals for therapy or counseling by mental health professionals when needed.

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EMS is an ever-changing field, and Tri-Community South EMS continues to evolve with the changes to support its staff and the residents of its communities. Please support Tri-Community South EMS by becoming a subscriber to the System. For more information go to <http://tcsems.org>.

“EMS workers are frequently confronted with life-threatening calls like cardiac, respiratory or diabetic emergencies, as well as behavioral or mental health emergencies, trauma, allergic reactions, suspected poisonings and childbirth.”

Support your EMS System by Becoming a Subscriber!

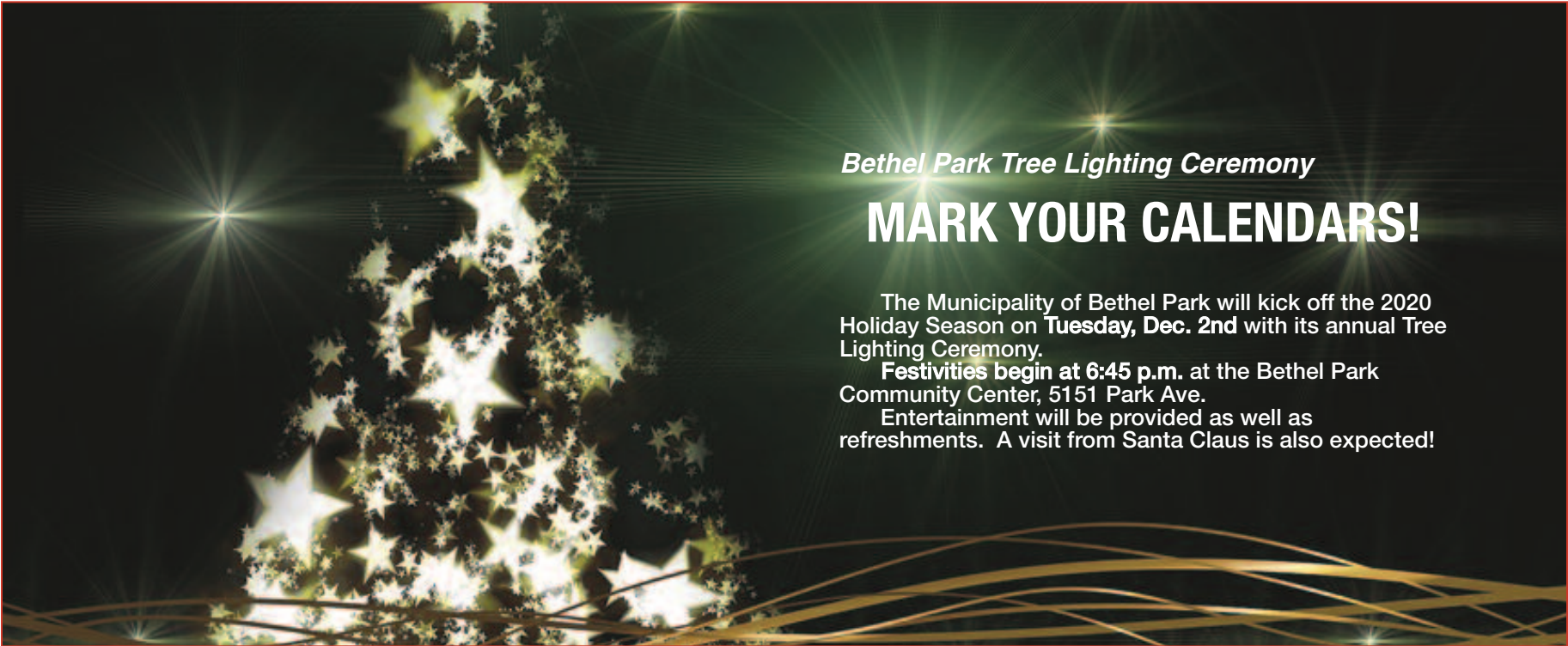
Your \$60 Individual or \$70 Family subscription helps to ensure that Tri-Community South will continue to be there to provide quality ambulance service whenever you need it. Tri-Community South EMS receives NO tax subsidies from their municipalities or townships. Without the subscription support of area residents, TCS would not be able to continue to provide service.

To subscribe, visit <http://tcsems.org/subscriptions-n-billings/residential-subscription>. You will find options for paying by check by mail, or online by credit card.



How to Contact Us

For any questions on Emergency Medical Services, call Tri-Community South at 412-831-3710, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or visit the TCS website at: <http://tcsems.org>.



Bethel Park Tree Lighting Ceremony

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Municipality of Bethel Park will kick off the 2020 Holiday Season on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd** with its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Festivities begin at 6:45 p.m. at the Bethel Park Community Center, 5151 Park Ave.

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

BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE PARADE

Bethel Park High School graduates participated in a "Graduation Celebration Parade" Friday, June 19 at 6 p.m.

Graduates rode in their own decorated vehicles and began their route on West Library Ave. near the Bethel Park Municipal Building (5100 W. Library Ave.), traveled left on Broad St., then went past the High School on Black Hawk Drive. and ended up at the Y.

Bethel Park Police and Fire escorted the graduates throughout their route. Bethel Park Municipal Council members and the Mayor cheered

seniors on at the parade start in front of the Municipal Building, and School District representatives greeted the group at the end of the parade near the High School.

The event was a partnership between the School District and Municipality.



HELP WITH TREES NEEDED

As fall and winter approach, we're asking Bethel Park property owners to remove or cut back tree branches along the edge of the roadways to clear roads and keep them safe for drivers, school buses and Municipal workers who need to pave and plow roads.

All tree limbs, branches and shrubbery should be trimmed back approximately 4 ft. from the curb and to a height of 14 ft. By removing these branches that are overhanging onto the roadway, vehicles will have the clearance needed to avoid expensive repairs that can occur from limbs and brush hitting the mirrors.

In the fall, the Municipality will send letters to property owners individually asking them to clear areas of concern. However, now is a great time to take care of this while the sun is shining and the weather is warm.

Please consider taking care of these trees and branches now!

A MESSAGE FROM JUDGE ARNONI...

“OUTSTANDING CITIZEN” AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY SATURDAY, SEPT. 19!



It’s easy to be cynical today; all we have to do is watch the news. I see crime, disputes, negativity, and despair in my courtroom every day. I think we could all use a little positivity! That’s why I want to reward those who demonstrate the good in our society. I want to honor people who strive to make our communities better.

I’ll be presenting two Outstanding Citizens’ Awards this fall; one will be from Bethel Park and the other from Upper St. Clair. **I need your help in identifying those individuals who possess the qualities that best exemplify an Outstanding Citizen.** Please take the opportunity to nominate someone who you might think meets the criteria on the nomination form listed below. Forms must be received by **Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020**. I will read all submissions and choose the honorees. Awardees will be presented with a commemorative medal and certificate in my office. We will also pay tribute to the recipients with a photo and an article about their accomplishments in a future issue of local publications, as well as on local television broadcasts. *Thank you, in advance, for your help!*



Nomination Form Outstanding Citizen Award

This award will be presented to the individuals who have consistently:

- Demonstrated excellent community leadership.
- Made significant contributions to our communities.
- Positively impacted the residents of our communities.
- Shown their generosity and unselfishness through their actions.

Nominees should meet the above criteria, have resided in Bethel Park or Upper St. Clair, respectively for at least two years, and be age 18 or older. No self-nominations please.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Please describe the attributes and qualifications of the nominee and the reason why you feel this individual should be honored *(please use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary)*:

I hope this inspires you to participate in the nomination process. Again, thank you!

Please return this application by **Saturday, September 19, 2020** via mail to:

Judge Ron Arnoni
District Court 05-2-20
Hiras Professional Building
2414 Lytle Road, Suite 200
Bethel Park, PA 15102

- OR -

Fax your application to: 412-835-4060
or email it to Heather.petronio@mdjs.pacourts.us

FALL LEAF RECYCLING DATES

2020 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- Your Trash collection will be every week while recycling collected every other week.
- Please review the Street Listing, for your collection Day.

All items must be placed at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection to avoid interrupted service.

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2020 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

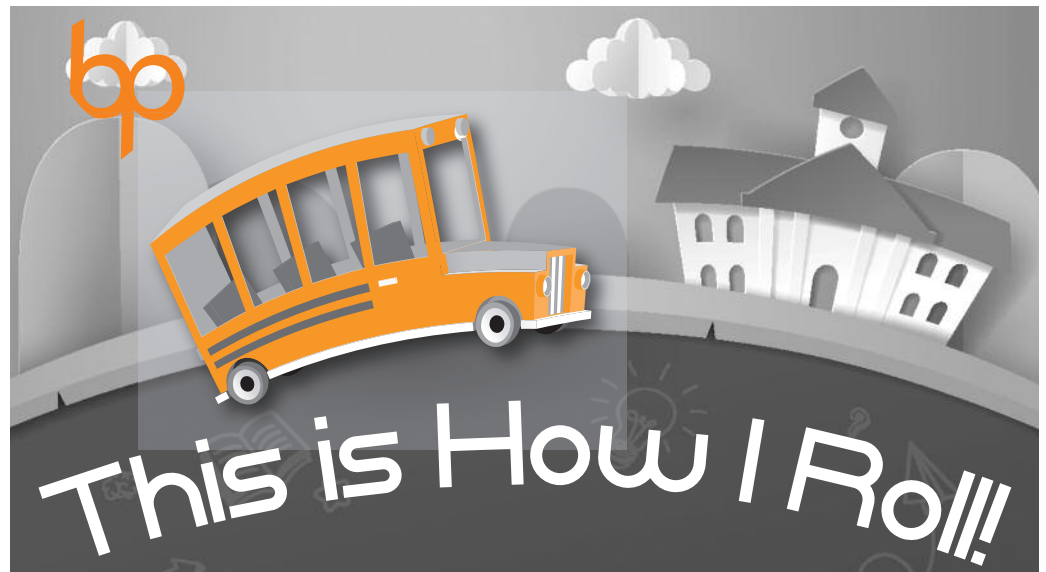
Waste Management observes the following holidays. When your collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your service will be delayed one day during that week only.

Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

 Fall Leaf Recycling

REMINDER! UPCOMING YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES

Lots of people are working on their yards now, so keep in mind that the Municipality is offering "Yard Waste Collection" the third Saturday of this month and next from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Aug. 15 & Sept. 19) at the Bethel Park Public Works Complex – 2490 Slater Rd. So bring your leaves, twigs, bushes, brush, and other yard debris in paper bags (*no plastic please!*) And, remember that branches need to be bundled.



NOW HIRING!

Join the Bethel Park School District team as a BUS DRIVER or BUS AIDE and enjoy the benefits of being a Pennsylvania School District employee.

You'll Receive:

- Excellent Starting Pay - \$17.60/hr. (Driver)
\$12.32/hr. (Bus Aide)
- Great Benefits
- School District Subsidized Individual Health Care Insurance
- School District Subsidized State Pension Program
- Summer & Holidays Off
- FREE TRAINING

Interested? Call 412-854-8414

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.

BETHEL PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!

When COVID-19 concerns began affecting our state in March, our Department, along with many frontline workers, was in urgent need of protective supplies such as masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting supplies. Without hesitation, many businesses and residents stepped up to donate these items.

In addition, many more delivered food as a way to show appreciation. *We are truly humbled by how supportive our community is of its first responders and we want to recognize and thank many of those who helped during this time!*



Brian Ruscello Agency
Gloria Horne Sewing Studio
Country Hammer Moonshine
Home Depot Bethel Park
Brookside Lumber
Stewart Dental Care
Walmart Bethel Park
Julia James Salon
Blue Roc Construction
Artis Senior Living
Sheridan at Cool Springs
Office Depot Bethel Park
Bethany Lutheran Church
The Residence at Bethel Park
Freedy Family
Crothers Family



RESIDENT ALERT FROM BPPD!

Lock Your Ride

BPPD has had several thefts from UNLOCKED vehicles over the past few months, including two stolen vehicles with the keys left inside. Do not give thieves the opportunity to ruin your day! Remove valuables from your vehicle and lock your doors every time you park your car.

Fraud Alert

There have been several incidents of mail theft and identity theft stemming from government stimulus and unemployment payments. The U.S. Treasury has been issuing payments in the form of checks AND prepaid debit cards. Please keep an eye on your mail and report any suspicious activity, and never give credit card information over the phone to unverified people.

If you receive a payment in error, please contact the Treasury Department as someone may have attempted to use your personal information to receive payment.

Email

There's been an increase in Cyber Attacks via "Phishing." A hacker sends you an email that seems trustworthy disguising it as correspondence coming from a legitimate company, a friend or a coworker. Once you open this email, the hacker attempts to gain sensitive information from you and even tries to access your devices. **Please note that about 90 percent of Cyber Attacks happen through emails!**

To protect yourself, don't download attachments unless you can verify the email sender, exercise caution at all times, and if you're unsure about an email, don't open it! Also, avoid clicking on links if you're unsure of the source (either email or website).

There are LOTS of scams out there right now, so please be careful!



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.

OFFICERS HELP AT FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS

The BPPD partnered with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and South Hills Interfaith Movement for two separate food distribution events during the COVID-19 pandemic. These events served over 1,500 vehicles quickly and efficiently thanks to our Traffic Division and Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Police!



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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

Facebook Page:
Bethel Park Police Department
Twitter:
@bethelparkpd
Instagram:
bethelparkpolice



BP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF: Dave Gerber



I hope everyone has stayed safe this summer. The Fire Company has made many changes to protect our firefighters and community members and to ensure that we're able to continue delivering the fire protection and all-hazards response that you have grown to expect from us.

We would like to thank you all for doing your part to keep the community and yourselves safe as well. I wanted to share some safety tips on ways to prevent fires and hazards in our local area. Each of these issues has caused numerous fires in Bethel Park. I invite each of you to please become educated on ways to keep both yourself and your family safe.

GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS!

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

Steve McGough

Steve joined three years ago at the age of 39. He is currently our President and responds out of Brightwood Station for fire calls. Since joining, he's obtained his National Firefighter 1 and 2 certification as well as vehicle rescue, driver/operator and Hazmat training. Steve had no training or formal experience prior to training but was very interested in firefighting in his youth. Steve had several childhood friends whose dads were firefighters and friends who became junior firefighters in high school. He was unable to go through required training with them because he had enrolled in summer pre-college programs for music. During college, Steve spent a lot of time in the firehouse in Bellevue, PA with a friend who was a career firefighter.

Steve earned a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University in music performance with a PA teaching certification.

He is currently a trumpet player and vocalist with the River City Brass, and an orchestra director for grades 4-12 in the Peters Township School District. When he isn't playing music or fighting fires, he likes to work on home improvement projects.

Steve said his reason for joining was his wife seeing him watch out the window at the BPVFC rigs driving by. She said "you should join," so he did with her full support.

His favorite part of being a fire fighter is knowing that people are looking to you for help when they need it most.

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Hoarding

Hoarding is defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or distress experienced when discarding them. Sometimes many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the room as designed. The home can also become so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised. Many fire departments are experiencing serious fires, injuries, and deaths as the result of compulsive hoarding behavior. Many occupants die in fires in these homes. Often, blocked exits prevent escape from the home. In addition, many people who are hoarding are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them. Responding emergency personnel are also put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects and excessive fire loading that can lead to collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult. Those living next to one of these houses can also be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions.

Hoarding is a mental disorder that can be genetic in nature, triggered by traumatic events, or a symptom of another disorder. If you or someone you know needs assistance to overcome a hoarding disorder, we ask that you please visit www.Hoardingcleanup.com/pennsylvania for more information on how to get help.

Cooking

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? When cooking, you need to cook with caution!

If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop. Stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen even for a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or broiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop. Remember also to check your oven for anything stored inside before you turn it on to warm up.

If you do have a cooking fire just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 412-833-2000 or 911 after you leave.

Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Electrical

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

HOW TO REACH US

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

BPVFC MEMBERS

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Steve is supported at home by his lovely wife Julie and their three daughters, Clara 14, Holly 12, and Evelyn 4. Clara says that having a dad who is a firefighter makes her feel safe, and Holly likes to tell people that her dad is a firefighter while trying on his gear. Evelyn likes being able to visit the fire trucks whenever she wants!

"BPVFC is 100 percent volunteer and is made up of men and women, business owners and retirees, lawyers and law enforcement officers, nurses and paramedics, teachers and students, techies and mechanics, and there is a spot for you," said Steve. "There is so much to learn, and it is a great motivator to improve your health. If you've ever been curious about becoming a firefighter, come down to the Brightwood station any Monday night at 7 p.m. and ask for me. If you're unable to volunteer your time, please consider supporting us financially through our fundraising mailer, or at our website at BethelParkVFC.com."

Joe Witkowski

Joe has been with us now for 22 years having joined at the age of 21 with no experience. He spent 11 years as a line officer serving as high as Assistant Chief and currently serves as a firefighter. He responds out of Station 1 on Brightwood Road.

Joe has an associate's degree in specialized business and has numerous public safety certifications including Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter 2, and Vehicle Rescue Technician.

Joe also serves as a part-time EMT/FF for North Strabane Fire Department and is a member of the Bettis Fire Department and Technical Rescue Team where he is employed.

He grew up around EMS, police and the fire service and it has always been a childhood dream to be involved. His favorite part about being a member is "Hoping to be the difference in someone's life."

When not at work or a fire station, Joe enjoys kayaking, swimming, hunting, and fishing. He is supported at home by his beautiful wife Diane.



Dave Gerber

Dave joined at age 30 and has been with us for 17 years now. He's held various line officer positions since joining and is currently our Chief, having served this position for the last nine years.

As Chief, Dave will respond directly to the scene for calls, but prior to this, his primary response station was Station 3 on Clifton Road.

He joined with seven years of prior experience from Library Fire Company where he held positions of Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief. Dave graduated from BPHS in 1990 and went on to earn an associate's degree from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. He also studied criminal justice at CCAC and earned his Act 120 certification from the Beaver County Police Academy. He's spent the last 25 years working as a Shop Mechanic for the Port Authority of Allegheny County at the South Hills Village Rail Center.

During his fire career Dave has completed numerous certifications including Fire Fighter 1 and 2, Fire Instructor 1, Fire Officer 1 and 2, Fire Inspector 1, and Emergency Medical Technician.

Dave originally became involved in the fire service because he wanted to be a police officer and thought a background in public safety would help out on his resume. But after getting involved in the fire service, he fell in love with it and never pursued a job as a police officer due to his time and employment status with the Port Authority.

His favorite part of being a fire fighter is being able to help people.

"I don't wish anything bad on anybody in this world, but unfortunately bad and unfortunate things happen to people and that is never going to change," said Dave. "I like being one of the people that are called when someone is having possibly the worst day in their lives because they have been involved in an accident or a fire or any of the other crazy incidents we respond to. I like being one of the people that responds to take care of their problem and help them on their worst day."

As you can imagine, volunteering his time as Chief of the fire company has made it his full-time hobby.

He's supported in this endeavor at home by his wife Traci, sons DJ (21), Corey (12), Cameron (7), and daughter Bailey (8). His kids have grown up with him being involved in the Fire Department and at this point, they don't know what it would be like without him belonging. They recognize that when the pager goes off, Dad runs out the door to go help someone.

"Without my wife and the incredible love and support she gives me, I would not be able to do what I do with the fire department," said Dave. "She has put up with me running out the door at a moment's notice, not coming home on time, having to take phone calls at all times of the day and night, and missing holiday meals because the fire department is out on a call. Traci Gerber is the Hero in my family, not me."

Dave also mentions that after having been born and raised in Bethel Park, he sees it as an honor and a privilege to be able to be the Fire Chief of this Municipality.

"I have been the Fire Chief in Bethel Park for nine years now and have had the chance to work with a lot of great people in the fire department and in the Municipality," he said. "I have been involved with a lot of incredible and amazing things because of being a fire fighter. Without all of these people, the BPVFC would not be where it is today and we would not be able to provide the superior fire and rescue service that we do."



WHY ARE DONATIONS NEEDED?

We know that most households and businesses have taken a financial hit over the past several months, and the fire company has been no different. While we are grateful for the stability the Municipal Fire Levy provides, it does not cover items required to protect the community.

The Municipal Fire Levy pays for the upkeep of our substations on Milford and Clifton Roads as well as the construction of Brightwood Station. Your donations help pay for everything inside of those stations including: protective gear, masks and air cylinders, purchase and maintenance of vehicles, firefighting equipment (*hoses, nozzles, ladders, hooks, axes, fans*), rescue tools (*jaws of life, cutters, spreaders, rams, jacks, chains, ropes and pullies*), carbon monoxide and combustible gas meters, plus training and classes to use all of these items.

In addition to responding to over 600 calls last year, we have tried our best to help families and neighborhoods mark special occasions with our presence. The outpouring of appreciation and positive responses to our participation in these parades has warmed our hearts. This is the only currency that our 100% volunteer members are paid in, and it further fuels our desire to be there for you.

We will be there for you, so please be here for us as you are able. Any amount that you are able to donate will help the Fire Company and will be greatly appreciated.

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

Please remember that the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company does not solicit for funds over the telephone.

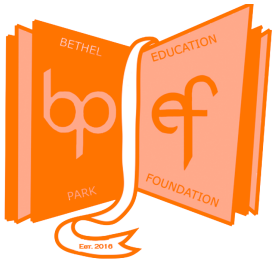
STOP DELAYING, THE TIME TO JOIN IS NOW!

We are urgently looking for volunteers of any age to help protect the community of over 34,000 residents and over 650 businesses. Your Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company is

100% volunteer, meaning we don't have paid firefighters on duty at any time, day or night. The minimum age for membership is 18.

We provide all members with free training and all necessary equipment. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please stop at the Brightwood Road Fire Station any Monday evening at 6:45 p.m., pick up an application from our website at www.bethelparkvfc.com, or phone Ed Schmidt at 412-559-8491.





BETHEL PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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



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

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

BOARD

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- Jim Knapp
- Patty Campbell
- Lindsay Crowley

Please direct any questions to:
bpefoundation@gmail.com

STEAM Grants

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

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

Individual Teacher Grant

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

Teacher initiated projects that are funded will be evaluated to:

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

Individual School Grants

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

The purpose of the Individual School Grant is to:

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

Individual Student Grants

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

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

Dear Fellow Bethel Park Alumnus/Alumna:

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

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

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

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

Thank you in advance for your support.

Bethel Park Education Foundation

Mission

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



You can now donate
via the United Way:

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

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WHAT IS THE **BPCF**?

BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

Did you know that the Bethel Park Community Foundation is a tax-deductible non-profit organization?

What better way to support the Bethel Park Police, the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company, Tri-Community South EMS, and a wide range of community focused activities than one tax deductible check to the Bethel Park Community Foundation.

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

You can also make a tax deductible donation to Jeez our Bethel Park Police K-9 or to help with furnishing at the Bethel Park Community Center. Both of these have 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, x740.

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!



**1st LABOR OF LOVE ARTS
FESTIVAL LABOR DAY
WEEKEND!**

SEE PG. 3 FOR FULL DETAILS!

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

**United
Way**



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.

MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Laurence Christian
 Manager831-6800 X137
 Finance Director.....831-6800 X210
Stacey Graf
 Director of Engineering831-6800 X208
 Municipal Planner831-6800 X382
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Timothy O'Connor
 Chief of Police831-6800 X100

Other Important Municipal Numbers Include:
 Emergency (fire, police, EMS).....833-2000
 Main Municipal Office Number831-6800
 Receptionist831-6800 X0
 Bethel Park Community Center851-2910
 Bethel Park Public Library835-2207
 EMS (non-emergency).....831-3710
 Fire Department (non-emergency)
 Brightwood Station835-1127
 Fire Prevention Unit.....835-3473
 Recreation & Leisure Services831-1328
 Public Access TV.....831-3304
 Jordan Tax Service835-5243

Visit Us Online at www.bethelpark.net

BPTV – MOVING FORWARD

As a result of operational changes that were necessary during the pandemic lockdown, BPTV has now established a new way for you to make socially distant TV programs through Zoom. If you have a Zoom account and wish to share content on our broadcast station, you are free to record an MPEG4 through the software and submit it. If you don't have a Zoom account, BPTV can host a Zoom session for you and record it through our studio. This is a great new option for those who wish to stay physically separate but socially connected!

BPTV still continues to allow residents to utilize our equipment and facilities to make not-for-profit programming free of charge. Any resident or non-profit organization with members in Bethel Park can utilize our resources to make compelling content that will be shared on our broadcast channels as well as YouTube and Facebook.

We invite you to join our award-winning team of local producers in making the programs you want to watch while sharing something important to you with your neighbors.



LIVE WELL

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Nov. 18
The Importance of a Good Diet & Nutrition - Now More than Ever

You asked for advice on diet and nutrition, so we're happy to provide you with insight into the various healthy eating plans such as Paleo, Vegan, Vegetarian, and Mediterranean to help you decide what works best for YOU! Our guest speaker will also touch on key supplements that may be helpful as you try to maintain a strong immune system as well. A Q&A will follow.

The speaker will be announced closer to the event date. Check the Recreation page on the Municipal website - www.bethelpark.net or the Recreation Facebook page for details.

2021 Wellness Series programs will be featured in the December issue of *Chronicles*. For more information, call the Bethel Park Community Center at 412-851-2910.



ADVERTISE YOUR UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENT OR PROMOTION!

Advertise in the Dec. 7th issue of *Chronicles*!

Call Janet Davin at 412-831-6800, x211 to reserve your spot. Ad deadline is Nov. 2!

BETHEL PARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL & MAYOR



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FALL 2020

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



WHAT WE'RE DOING TO **KEEP YOU SAFE** DURING YOUR TIME WITH US... COMMUNITY CENTER CUSTOMER & STAFF **SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

We've been working hard to put safety measures in place to help you feel comfortable visiting us at the Community Center whether to get in some exercise on the walking track, or to take a class offered here.

Following is an outline of protocols we've set to protect you and our staff.

We also want to ask that if you're planning on registering for a course, please do so at least 24-hours in advance and don't wait until the day of the program to register. Courses that don't meet minimum registration will be canceled. If you register in advance and we need to cancel due to limited registrants, you'll receive a full refund.

Thanks for your help and cooperation!

GENERAL Community Center Protocols

- Hand sanitizer dispensers are located on the walls near both the front and back entrances.
- All staff will be wearing masks.
- Plexiglass shields have been installed at the front desk.
 - Markings have been placed on the floors to indicate where customers should stand while waiting.
 - Customers are required to wear masks in all common areas including hallways, the lobby and restrooms.



CLASS Protocols

- Classes will be moved to larger spaces when possible to ensure greater social distancing and more room space in general.
- We're heavily encouraging online registrations to avoid physical transactions and wait times for customers. For anyone experiencing difficulties with online registrations, call 412-851-2910 or 412-831-1328 for staff assistance.
- We're lowering the maximum numbers of students per class to limit the number of people in spaces. *(So, register early if you want to participate in a class!)*
- Pre-registration is being heavily encouraged at least 24 hours prior to the class start date/time as programs will be canceled if the minimum number of students is not reached 24 hours prior to the first class.
- Programs such as basketball, open gym and more are continuing to be canceled at this time as they make social distancing impossible.

BETHEL PARK RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

Bethel Park Community Center
 5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102
 Phone: 412-831-1328
 Fax: 412-851-2915
 Register online at: www.bethelpark.net
 Contact us at: recreation@bethelpark.net
 Office hours: Monday through Friday
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION.
PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER 2020.

www.bethelpark.net

FALL 2020

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SPECIAL NOTICE

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

WHEN PROGRAMS BEGIN

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

WHEN FEES ARE DUE

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

INSURANCE INFORMATION

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

RETURNED CHECKS

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

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

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

REFUNDS: Please read...

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

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

CANCELLATION OF CLASS

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

HOW TO REGISTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF PHOTOS

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

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

CLASS ATTENDANCE

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

CONDUCT

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

of any building and to respect School District and Municipal property.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

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

The only time you will hear from us is:

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

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

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

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AQUATIC PROGRAMS

AQUATIC REGISTRATION AND SKILL TESTING WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Bethel Park High School Pool

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

It will begin on **October 3** and end on **November 14**.

No lessons will be held on October 31.

All aquatic activities will be held in the Bethel Park High School pool unless otherwise stated.

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

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

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

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SWIM LESSONS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

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

BEGINNERS and STEP 1: Registration and SKILL TESTING is on a first-come basis. You may also register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center beginning **September 21**.

TODDLER TADPOLES (6 months - 4 years old): Registration is on a first-come basis. You may also register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center beginning **September 21**.

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

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

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



SATURDAY LESSON SCHEDULE:

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

* **MUST register at BPHS pool during SKILL TESTING on Saturday, September 19 from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM.**

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

WHEN: 6 Saturdays
October 3 to November 14
NO LESSONS ON OCTOBER 31

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

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

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

TODDLER TADPOLES

This is an introductory swimming class for babies and toddlers, 6 months to 4 years old, with a parent/caregiver in the water with them. This class, led by an instructor, will help your baby develop a confidence in the water which will last a lifetime through rhyme, songs, and movement. Introducing your toddler to the water in his early years helps to develop strength, motor development and coordination. Your baby will learn how to jump into the water, float on his back, kick and learn basic swimming strokes, all while having a splashing good time! Register at 10:30am at BPHS Pool on Saturday, September 19, during skill testing. You may also register at the Community Center beginning September 21.

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

3413.360
Dates: 10/03/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
Time: 1:40PM - 2:10PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Oct 31

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

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

Ages: 5 - 17
Resident Fee: \$100.00 Non-Res Fee: \$110.00
6 session dates

3413.303
Dates: 10/03/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Oct 31

ADULT PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

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

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

3401.301
Dates: 10/03/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Oct 31

PITTSBURGH ARTISTIC SWIMMING

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

Ages: 8 - 18
Resident Fee: \$34.00 Non-Res Fee: \$39.00
Twice a week: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
 6 session dates

3413.370
 Dates: 09/08/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.371
 Dates: 09/10/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.372
 Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.373
 Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/12/2020 Thu
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Nov 3

MASTERS ARTISTIC SWIMMING

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

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$34.00 Non-Res Fee: \$39.00
Twice a week: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
 6 session dates

3413.374
 Dates: 09/08/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.375
 Dates: 09/10/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.376
 Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.377
 Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/12/2020 Thu
 Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Nov 3

AQUACISE

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

Ages: 21 and over
Resident Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res Fee: \$6.00
 3405.301
 Dates: 09/09/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon, Wed
 Time: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Nov 2

LAP SWIMMING

Swim without the crowd and do laps on your own on Monday and Wednesday evenings! Sign in and pay at the pool each evening you attend. The fee for nightly attendance is \$5.00 (non-res \$6.00).

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res Fee: \$6.00
 3411.301
 Dates: 09/09/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon, Wed
 Time: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Nov 2

BETHEL PARK MASTERS SWIMMING

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

Ages: 18 years and over
Fee: Full season: \$400
School year: \$325
Monthly: \$45
Daily drop-in: \$5
 Dates: 8/24/2020-7/28/2021
 Times: Mon and Wed 5:30am - 6:45am
 Saturday 6:00am - 7:30am

Email coachkbpswim@gmail.com with any questions.

Location: BPHS Pool



COMMUNITY SWIM

Daily Fee: \$5.00
 Non-Res Fee: \$7.00

Swim Dates: 9/11/2020 - 11/22/2020
 Fridays 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 Saturdays 2:30 - 4:30 PM
 Sundays 2:30 - 4:30 PM

NO SWIMMING ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND POSTED SWIM MEET DAYS.

3407.310 Youth Pass Ages: 5 to 17 years
Resident Fee: \$30.00 Non-Res Fee: \$35.00

3407.320 Adult Pass Ages: 18 years and over
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00

3407.330 Family Pass
 (up to 3 immediate family members)
Resident Fee: \$65.00 Non-Res Fee: \$70.00

3407.340 Family Pass
 (4+ immediate family members)
Resident Fee: \$72.00 Non-Res Fee: \$77.00

Daily Rates - \$5.00 per day (non-resident \$7.00)
Daily Family Pass - \$10 for up to 5 immediate family members. (non-resident \$13)

Beginning October 17, passes, except for Daily Family Pass, will be available at half-price. SPECIAL NOTE: DO NOT BRING VALUABLES TO THE POOL. There are lockers available, but any locks used by the participant must be removed daily. A list of pass-holders will be on file at the pool. Check in with the guard when entering the pool. Children under 14 years of age MUST be accompanied by at least one parent who is dressed to enter the water.

Location: BPHS Pool
NO COMMUNITY SWIM ON: Sep 25, Oct 9, Oct 23, Oct 30

SWIM TEAM FALL CLINIC

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

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

3421.303
 Dates: 08/31/2020 - 09/17/2020 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

Location: BPHS Pool
No class Sep 7

SCOUT SWIMMING

Bethel Park Recreation will sponsor a program at the Bethel Park High School pool on Sunday evenings for Boy Scout or Girl Scout groups to work on earning their water-related badges. LEADERS, email the recreation office:

recreation@bethelpark.net for exact dates, fees and to make arrangements for scouts to earn their badges.

All ages
Location: BPHS Pool

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

DRIVER EDUCATION

The course is conducted by Kennedy School of Driving through Bethel Park Recreation. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and 6 hours of in-car training, a certificate is given that is accepted by most insurance companies for an insurance rate discount. This class features the option of taking your driving test with our instructor. This counts as 1 hour of your behind-the-wheel instruction. You must complete the test prior to your high school graduation in order to take the test with our instructor. The \$45 (non-resident \$50) NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE fee payable to Bethel Park Recreation will secure your space in the class. The fee of \$425 must be paid to Kennedy School of Driving on the first night of class. Class size is limited to 36 students.

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

10 session dates

3311.301
 Dates: 09/08/2020 - 10/08/2020 Tue, Thu
 Time: 6:30PM - 9:30PM

Location: BPHS M415 Library

BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

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

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$80.00 Non-Res Fee: \$85.00

6 session dates

3309.301
 Dates: 08/22/2020 - 09/26/2020 Sat
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

3309.302
 Dates: 10/10/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

PUPPY OBEDIENCE

This class is taught at a slower pace than our Basic Obedience class, but still will give your puppy the stepping stones they need to learn at a young age. The puppies will also be in an environment with others their own age! They will learn the beginning of sit, down, stand, walking by your side and introducing them to new fun obstacles. An adult must accompany handlers under age 18. Your dog must be 3 to 6 months old and should have its 2nd set of shots before starting. Please bring vaccination records, six foot leash, and soft small treats to the first class. You must register with Bethel Park Recreation at least one week before the first class. Register online, by mail to Bethel Park Recreation with the registration form in the *Chronicles*, or in person at the Community Center. Classes are held at Xcel Canine Training, Inc., 5400 Progress Boulevard, 412-833-2504, www.xcelcaninetraining.com.

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$80.00 Non-Res Fee: \$85.00

6 session dates

3309.303
 Dates: 08/22/2020 - 09/26/2020 Sat
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.304
 Dates: 10/10/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

SAFE SITTER

Safe Sitter, a nationally-recognized program, teaches 11 to 13 year old boys and girls to provide safe childcare. The program teaches child care basics, tips for injury prevention and management, and behavior management skills. In addition, the participants learn the signs and symptoms of life-threatening emergencies and practice appropriate safety actions, including prevention and relief of choking in the infant and child. Each participant will receive a Safe Sitter manual, course completion card and periodic updates from the Safe Sitter Organization. Course will be taught by St. Clair Hospital Community Education staff. All supplies will be provided. Students are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Parents are encouraged to return at 2:45pm for a short student presentation and graduation ceremony.

Ages: 11 - 13
Resident Fee: \$46.00 Non-Res Fee: \$51.00

1 session dates

3860.301
 Dates: 09/19/2020 Sat
 Time: 9:30AM - 3:00PM

Location: Community Center

SILLY SCIENCE

Silly Science is an interactive hands-on approach to educate preschool children in the area of science with a twist on art. Each little scientist is active with creating, playing and learning different concepts in Science. The program is designed to have the child do all the "work" and become more engaged and comprehend more. Sample weekly topics include Dinosaur Days, Spy Science, Magical Science, Ice Cream Making, Goo, Slime & Bugs and more...

Instructor: Kathy Lesica Heinz "Miss Kathy"
 Ages: 2 - 5
Resident Fee: \$40.00* Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
 *A supply fee of \$15 is payable to the instructor at the first class.

4 session dates

3860.302
 Dates: 10/05/2020 - 10/26/2020 Mon
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

3860.303
 Dates: 10/08/2020 - 10/29/2020 Thu
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Community Center

YOUTH THEATER

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

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

6 session dates

3875.301
 Dates: 09/16/2020 - 10/21/2020 Wed
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Community Center

ARTS & CRAFTS

CANVAS CRAZINESS

Each canvas class will let loose your inner artist/painter! A new holiday theme painting will be explored in every session so attend one or all 3 for some fun and colorful art experiences and canvases. All supplies included. Attend one, two or all at \$25 per night! Must register at least 24 hours prior to class.

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

1 session dates

Time: 6:15PM - 7:45PM

3805.301 **Frankenstein in Spooky Setting**
 Dates: 10/22/2020 Thu

3805.302 **Cartoonish Turkey & Pumpkins**
 Dates: 11/12/2020 Thu

Location: Community Center

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE

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ART EXPLOSION - ENJOY THE FALL SEASON THROUGH ART

In this fun five week session children will celebrate the season of fall, letting it inspire their artwork. Students will learn about artists like Maurice Sendak and Paul Cezanne. They'll have fun collecting leaves, making still life pictures and creating a fall forest scene including some wild things. Children will use a variety of materials; paint, markers, colored pencils, and crayons to name a few and all are included. After each class children will take home a finished piece of artwork. Come join us as we have fun exploring this amazing season using our imagination and creativity through the wonderful world of art!

Instructor: Sue Ralston
 Ages: 4 - 7
Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
 5 session dates

3805.305
 Dates: 09/14/2020 - 10/12/2020 Mon
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:15PM

Location: Community Center

ART EXPLOSION - CELEBRATING THE COLORS OF FALL

Join us as we have fun exploring and celebrating the season of fall with art. Students will have fun learning about Paul Cezanne, taking a walk collecting fall leaves to incorporate into their own still life artwork. They'll learn about artist Maurice Sendak letting his artwork inspire a fall forest and the wild things of our own design we put in it. Children will use a variety of materials like tempera paint, watercolors, colored pencils, markers, model magic to name a few, all supplies are included and a completed piece of artwork will be taken home after every class. Come join us as we have fun celebrating this amazing season using our imagination and creativity through the wonderful world of art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
 Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
 5 session dates

3805.306
 Dates: 09/14/2020 - 10/12/2020 Mon
 Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Community Center

ART EXPLOSION - CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

In this fun five week session children will celebrate the holiday season with art. We will paint a winter scene, decorate ornaments, and create a collage of our favorite seasonal, holiday pictures. We'll learn about artist Thomas Kinkade, letting him inspire our artwork. We'll use a variety of materials like paint, markers, colored pencils, model magic to name a few and all are included. Children will take home a finished piece of artwork after each class. Come join us as we have fun creating with art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
 Ages: 4 - 7
Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
 5 session dates

3805.308
 Dates: 10/26/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:15PM

Location: Community Center

ART EXPLOSION - HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

Children will have fun getting creative and celebrating the holiday season with art. We'll learn about artists Norman Rockwell and Thomas Kinkade, letting them inspire our artwork. We'll paint a winter scene complete with sparkle highlights, make a seasonal collage of our favorite holiday things and create a fun snow people picture. We'll use a variety of materials like tempera paint, watercolors, markers, colored pencils, model magic to name a few and all are included. Children will take home a completed piece of artwork after each class. Come join us as we have fun creating with art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
 Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
 5 session dates

3805.309
 Dates: 10/26/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
 Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Community Center

PRIVATE/SEMI-PRIVATE DRAWING CLASS

Instructor Karen Hartman will hold 60 minute private or semi-private drawing instruction for students from beginner to advanced level. Lesson can be customized to the student's likes and needs while exploring foundation. Portfolio customization offered for High School Students. Student may bring supplies and instructor will have additional supplies at each lesson. Please bring a 5x7 or larger sketch book.

Register at the Community Center for individual 1 hour lessons between 4:00pm and 7:30pm.

Instructor: Karen Hartman
 Ages: 6 - 18
Resident Fee: \$25.00 Non-Res Fee: \$30.00
 1 session dates

Time: 4:00PM - 7:30PM to be scheduled

3805.310
 Dates: 09/24/2020 Thu

3805.311
 Dates: 10/08/2020 Thu

3805.312
 Dates: 10/15/2020 Thu

3805.313
 Dates: 10/29/2020 Thu

3805.314
 Dates: 11/05/2020 Thu

3805.315
 Dates: 11/19/2020 Thu

Location: Community Center

DANCE

BALLET/DANCE COMBO

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

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

3818.301
 Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
 Time: 5:45PM - 6:30PM

3818.302
 Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
 Time: 5:45PM - 6:30PM

Location: Community Center

BEGINNER JAZZ/HIP HOP COMBO

Students will enjoy learning two different forms of dance which combine the foundation of jazz technique with current hip-hop styles, using age-appropriate music and movement. These forms of dance develop flexibility, strength & coordination. Students will learn the latest, upbeat jazz movements along with leaps, turns, kicks, jumps, and a little street funk. This high energy class is a solid foundation of dance and sure to be a favorite. Students may wear comfortable clothing, Jazz shoes or tennis shoes. Please no flip flops, or bare feet. Please contact the instructor, Tammy Lentz, 412-851-9142, with questions about the class or where to purchase shoes.

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

3818.305
 Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3818.306
 Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Location: Community Center



PRESCHOOL TAP COMBO

This is a fun early introductory class for the beginner dancer interested in tap, Jazz, hip hop, and gymnastics. This class is designed for the dancer that wants a little of everything. Dancers will continue to work on balance, musicality, timing, and flexibility while learning simple choreography. Please wear comfortable clothing. Tap shoes are required. Ballet slippers, or Jazz shoes are optional, however tennis shoes can be worn for jazz/gymnastics/hip hop. No flip flops or bare feet. Please contact the instructor, Tammy Lentz at 412-851-9142, if you have questions about the class or where to purchase shoes.

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

3818.309
 Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

3818.310
 Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
 Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

Location: Community Center

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

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

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

MOVE AND GROOVE WITH 2'S

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

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

3818.313
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 10:45AM - 11:15AM

3818.314
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 10:45AM - 11:15AM

Location: **Community Center**

BEGINNER BATON TWIRLING

Join our fun-filled class for the beginner twirler. This class is a low cost, no pressure introduction for the first time twirlers who want to get their first taste of baton. Students will learn basic twirls and tosses and will also have fun learning how to march and twirl to music. Twirling also promotes development of good hand/eye coordination. This class is a great start for any future little majorette. Students should wear comfortable clothing and must have their own baton. Please contact the instructor, Tammy Lentz, at 412-851-9142 if you have questions about the class or where to purchase a baton. Tammy is a former Upper St. Clair Majorette with over 27 years of teaching experience training girls to be majorettes throughout the many high schools in the South Hills areas.

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

3818.315
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3818.316
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

Location: **Community Center**

INTERMEDIATE BATON TWIRLING

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

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

3818.317
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

3818.318
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 6:45PM - 7:30PM

Location: **Community Center**

**ADVANCED BATON**

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

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

3818.319
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

3818.320
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 5:15PM - 6:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

PASSION COMBO COMPETITIVE TWIRL & POM TEAM

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

Ages: 4 - 18
Resident Fee: **\$60.00** Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
5 session dates

3101.300
Dates: 09/10/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
Time: 7:30PM - 9:30PM

3101.320
Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/12/2020 Thu
Time: 7:30PM - 9:30PM

Location: **Ben Franklin Elementary**

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PASSION COMBO COMPETITIVE TWIRL AND POM TINY TEAM

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

Ages: 4 - 10
Resident Fee: **\$43.00** Non-Res Fee: \$48.00
5 session dates

3101.302
Dates: 09/10/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:15PM

3101.312
Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/12/2020 Thu
Time: 6:15PM - 7:15PM

Location: **Ben Franklin Elementary**

PASSION RECREATION COMBO TWIRL AND POMS

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

Ages: 5 - 9
Resident Fee: **\$33.00** Non-Res Fee: \$38.00
5 session dates

3101.303
Dates: 09/09/2020 - 10/07/2020 Wed
Time: 6:15PM - 7:00PM

3101.313
Dates: 10/14/2020 - 11/11/2020 Wed
Time: 6:15PM - 7:00PM

Location: **Ben Franklin Elementary**

PASSION RECREATION TWIRL

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

Ages: 10 - 18
Resident Fee: **\$33.00** Non-Res Fee: \$38.00
5 session dates

3101.304
Dates: 09/09/2020 - 10/07/2020 Wed
Time: 7:15PM - 8:00PM

3101.314
Dates: 10/14/2020 - 11/11/2020 Wed
Time: 7:15PM - 8:00PM

Location: **Ben Franklin Elementary**

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

FITNESS & EXERCISE

FIT KIDS

We did not forget about you! Planning (*hopefully*) to be able to return with fun new exercise and movement class in the new year.

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Experience and enjoy the fun and challenging Olympic sport of foil fencing. The introductory and intermediate level instruction progressively establishes fundamental skills needed for successful fencing and great fitness. Sessions include instruction and practice bouts. Note: All essential equipment will be provided by the instructors, but students will be required to wear comfortable pants, non-marking athletic shoes, and a glove (official protective fencing gloves are not required but available at class for \$10) Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

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

3140.301
 Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3140.302
 Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Community Center

ADVANCED* FENCING

Take your fencing to a new level! This twice a week instructional class focuses on techniques, fitness, and winning strategy to help the dedicated to be able to succeed at an advanced competitive level in this martial art. Sessions include instruction and practice bouts. * **Prerequisites include a minimum of 1 year of fencing experience and approval of the instructors.** Note: All essential equipment will be provided by the instructors, but students will be required to wear comfortable pants, non-marking athletic shoes, and a glove (official fencing gloves are not required but are available at class for \$10). Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

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

3140.303
 Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
 Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

3140.304
 Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
 Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: Community Center

KARATE - BEGINNER AND *INTERMEDIATE

Students will receive instruction in the Isshinryu style of Karate. Class will include warm-up exercises, basics of the style, as well as simple and practical self-defense techniques. Classes will also emphasize self-discipline and respect. Students will learn self-defense skills as well as a sense of accomplishment. Traditional karate uniform (Gi) is recommended, but not mandatory. Uniforms may be purchased through the instructor. ***Intermediate level requires instructor recommendation**

Ages: 6 and over
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
 6 session dates

3825.301
 Dates: 08/31/2020 - 10/12/2020 Mon
 Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

3825.302
 Dates: 10/19/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
 Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Location: Community Center
No class Sep 7

PICKLEBALL

Men and women, boys and girls ages 13 and over REGISTER for our recreational Pickleball program at the Bethel Park Community Center gym. This is one of the fastest growing sports in the US combining elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Pickleball is a low-impact sport played on a court smaller than the size of a tennis court. General knowledge of game rules and beginner skill level is helpful. No experience is required to play, but players must be able to bend to pick up balls and move forward and backward to play. This is not an instructional class. You may choose to play once a week but no more than twice a week. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration. Call 412-851-2910 for more information.

Ages: 13 and over
Resident Fee: \$15.00 Non-Res Fee: \$20.00
Twice a week: \$20.00 Non-Res Fee: \$25.00
 7 session dates

3901.305
 Dates: 10/05/2020 - 11/16/2020 Mon
 Time: 12:00PM - 2:30PM

3901.306
 Dates: 10/07/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
 Time: 12:00PM - 2:30PM

3901.307
 Dates: 10/09/2020 - 11/20/2020 Fri
 Time: 12:00PM - 2:30PM

Location: Community Center

RIFLE - BEGINNER

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

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
 6 session dates

3153.301
 Dates: 09/01/2020 - 09/23/2020 Tue, Wed
 Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: BPHS Rifle Range
No class Sep 2, Sep 22

INTERMEDIATE* RIFLE

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

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$50.00 Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
 6 session dates

3153.302
 Dates: 09/01/2020 - 09/23/2020 Tue, Wed
 Time: 7:45PM - 8:45PM

Location: BPHS Rifle Range
No class Sep 2, Sep 22



MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER

Children will learn the skills, moves, rules, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. Here are some highlights of the program:

Curriculum – Mighty Kicks serves over 4000 children yearly in 6 locations using an age-appropriate methodology including games, drills, exercises, stories with pictures and more!
Coaching – Classes will be led by Coach Sam, well-respected and much-liked for his 20+ years of relentlessly positive, high-energy, child-centered and expert sports coaching. Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program. More information is available at www.mightykicks.net. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play.

Ages: 3 - 6
Resident Fee: \$55.00 Non-Res Fee: \$60.00
 6 session dates

3815.305
 Dates: 08/31/2020 - 10/12/2020 Mon
 Time: 9:45AM - 10:15AM

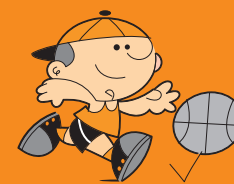
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 Time: 10:00AM - 10:30AM

3815.315
 Dates: 10/19/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
 Time: 9:45AM - 10:15AM

3815.316
 Dates: 10/16/2020 - 11/20/2020 Fri
 Time: 10:00AM - 10:30AM

Location: Community Center
No class Sep 7

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED



YOUTH BASKETBALL

We are hoping to offer youth basketball in early 2021.

Please look for details in the December 7th issue of *Chronicles*.

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

MIGHTY KICKS PARENT/CHILD SOCCER CLASS

Children will learn the skills, moves, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. This program emphasizes motor skills, social and listening skills, as well as body awareness. Additionally, parents will be able to play alongside and assist their youngsters as they get their first taste of soccer fun!

Coach Sam Bellin is a former standout college soccer player at the University of Georgia and currently highly successful Head Coach of Allderdice Boys High School soccer with 20+ years of experience coaching youth sports. More information is available at www.mightykicks.net. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play!

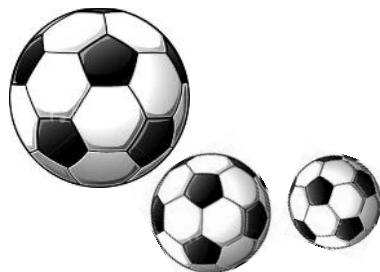
Ages: 2 - 3

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

3815.307
Dates: 09/05/2020 - 10/10/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

3815.317
Dates: 10/17/2020 - 11/21/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Location: Community Center



MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER - PM

Children will learn the skills, moves, rules, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. Here are some highlights of the program:

Curriculum – Mighty Kicks serves over 4000 children yearly in 6 locations using an age-appropriate methodology including games, drills, exercises, stories with pictures and more!
Coaching – Classes will be led by Coach Sam, well-respected and much-liked for his 20+ years of relentlessly positive, high-energy, child-centered and expert sports coaching. Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program. More information is available at www.mightykicks.net. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play.

Ages: 5 - 9

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

3815.308
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Community Center

MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER - OUTDOORS!

Children will learn the skills, moves, rules, and joy of playing America's most popular youth sport! Mighty Kicks is designed to encourage young children to build a healthy lifestyle, and offers a high-energy, fun program helping children develop coordination and confidence and utilize their physical energy in a positive way. Here are some highlights of the program:

Curriculum – Mighty Kicks serves over 4000 children yearly in 6 locations using an age-appropriate methodology including games, drills, exercises, stories with pictures and more!
Coaching – Classes will be led by Coach Sam, well-respected and much-liked for his 20+ years of relentlessly positive, high-energy, child-centered and expert sports coaching. Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program. More information is available at www.mightykicks.net. No equipment of any kind is required. Just sign up and play.

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

Dates: 09/13/2020 - 10/18/2020 Sun

Ages: 3 - 4

3815.310

Time: 12:00PM - 12:45PM

Ages: 5 - 8

3815.311

Time: 1:00PM - 1:45PM

Location: Village Green Park



NAMS JAM

NAMS Jam provides a fun, safe and supervised "night out" for any 5th and 6th grade resident of Bethel Park. Activities at each NAMS Jam include the following: basketball, crafts, movies, games, and a snack bar (additional fees). "Extra" activities are featured on a rotating basis throughout the year. They may include: Inflatables, airbrush tattoos, video gaming, karaoke, balloon artists, sport competitions, GIANT Twister, volleyball, and much, much more! There's something for EVERYONE and each event is UNIQUE!

DATE

October 23

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Halloween Fun!

Halloween Movie Feature,
Costume Contest,
GHOST Bingo, Pumpkin
Decorating, Craft, Games

December 11

Happy Holidays!

Winter Crafts & Entertainment

NAMS Jam admission is \$5 per student, payable at the door. Doors **DO NOT** open until 7:00 pm and no student is permitted to leave before 9:00 pm unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Please note that these events end PROMPTLY at 9:00pm.**

Chaperones* are ALWAYS needed for each NAMS Jam. Please contact NAMS Jam Coordinator, Michele Pilotta at (412) 831-6800 x224 to volunteer or for additional information. Leave your name and telephone number if you wish to chaperone.

- The Recreation Department **MUST** have a copy of your up to date clearances on file before you can volunteer at a NAMS Jam event. We have to keep our own record of clearances, **therefore, your school issued ID will not work at NAMS Jam events.**

Future NAMS Jam dates may be found in our upcoming brochure. Our 2020-2021 brochure will be available at the Neil Armstrong Fall Open House.

Grades: 5 & 6 Open to all **Bethel Park 5th & 6th Graders**

Resident Fee: \$5.00

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dates: 10/23/2020
12/11/2020

Fri
Fri

Location: Neil Armstrong Gym

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children in grades K-4 will enjoy Halloween crafts, movies, snacks, games, and of course....TREATS! This event will be held at the Bethel Park Community Center. Space is limited so register early. **You must register by Wednesday, October 21.** Costumes are optional.

Grades: K-4

Resident Fee: \$12.00 Non-Res Fee: \$15.00
1 session dates

3890.301

Dates: 10/24/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Location: Community Center

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Bethel Park Recreation is offering a FUN holiday workshop for boys and girls in grades K through 4 at the Community Center. Come join us for holiday crafts, games, movies, and snacks. **You must register by Wednesday, November 18.**

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

Grades: K-4

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

3890.310

Dates: 11/21/2020 - 11/21/2020 Sat
Time: 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Location: Community Center

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

FAMILY FUN

DISNEY FAMILY TRIVIA EVENT

Friday, Oct. 2
Bethel Park Community Center
7-9 p.m. * Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

\$25 team - Teams of 4 or less
 \$35 team - Teams of 5-8 players

Tickets can be purchased at the Bethel Park Community Center Sept. 28.

How much do you REALLY know about your favorite Disney movies? Be our guest for a night of team Trivia – Disney style! Team up with your family or friends to prove who is the biggest Disney Fan in Bethel Park. There will be plenty of engaging trivia rounds, a COSTUME CONTEST, prizes for the best DECORATED THEMED TABLE, a SELFIE STATION and PRIZES will be awarded for the overall winners.

Bring your own snacks and drinks (*non-alcoholic*). A water bottle will be provided to each player.

Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Teams must have minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 8. Less than 4 players will be grouped with another small group to form a complete team.

*CURRENT COVID SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED – MASKS, DISTANCING TEAM TABLES, ETC.

Call 412-851-2910 for additional information.



**STAR
PARTY**

Location: Millennium Park

5900 Baptist Road

Bethel Park, PA 15102

Sept. 18

Presentation Time: 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- SOCIAL DISTANCING MARKINGS WILL BE PLACED ON THE FIELD FOR SAFETY.
- Please bring/wear masks for common areas such as restrooms.

THESE ARE NOT BETHEL PARK RECREATION PROGRAMS

Travel Basketball Team Tryouts 2020-21 Season

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

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

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

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



Coach McVay's Summer Conditioning Camp is scheduled for Monday, August 31 – Friday, September 9 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This camp is designed for Freshman through Senior players and advanced 7th and 8th graders. Questions about the camp can be directed to Coach McVay at chimeramcv@aol.com. Camp subject to guidelines and recommendations set forth by the District due to COVID-19 concerns.

The Bethel Park Jr. Hawks Hockey Team will be holding registration via the website beginning August 1. This is a great opportunity for Bethel Park Kindergarten through 6th graders (Mite through First Year Pee Wee) to get together once a week and play hockey wearing their School District's jersey. There are no tryouts for Jr. Hawks; all players are welcome to join the team, and there IS NO LIMIT TO EXPERIENCE OR SKILL. For more information on Jr. Hawks please see www.bethelparkhockey.org. The program is subject to guidelines and recommendations set forth by the District due to COVID-19 concerns.

Tennis

Lessons and clinics are available for ages 3 to adult. Call to register and direct questions to 412-831-2630 or Email: tennis@usctdp.com
Location: USC Tennis Center

Bethel Park Jr. Wrestling



Ages: 5-12
Grades: K-6

Registration will be held on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Bethel Park High School Cafeteria. You must bring 3 checks to registration (1 for registration, 2 for deposits).

1st wrestler - \$100

2nd wrestler - \$90

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

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

Practices for beginners will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **6:00 - 7:00 pm**. Practices for experienced will be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from **7:00 - 9:00 pm**. The first practice for experienced will be on **Monday, November 9th** and the first practice for beginners will be held on **Tuesday, November 10th**. Matches and tournaments are held Saturdays and/or Sundays and a few possible weeknights during the season, which ends in late February early March. Your child will practice and compete based on their age, weight and experience. A schedule of matches will be available beginning in December 2020.

Please contact Brian.Kunkle@hotmail.com with any questions.

PACER Cross Country Track

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

All girls and boys, ages eight and older, can participate in the Cross Country season at the Gilfillan Trail, located near Westminster Presbyterian Church on Route 19, south of South Hills Village. Practices are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings with meets on Saturday and Sunday mornings. No experience is needed. A well-fitting pair of RUNNING shoes is necessary. Ages: 8yrs and over

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 06:00pm-07:30pm
Location: Gilfillan Trail

Call Damon Rhodes at 412-475-7206 or Steve Meddings at 724-301-8101 for further information. Check our website for fees and other information:

SPECIAL INTEREST



FLEA MARKET

Recreation Flea Markets will be held at the Port Authority Parking Lot, at the corner of Lytle Road and Brightwood Road. Flea Markets are from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.

DATES FOR 2020 ARE:

AUGUST 15

SEPTEMBER 19

Spaces are assigned based upon the order the registrations are received in the Recreation Office. Sellers should report between 7:00 and 7:30 AM on Saturday morning. You may lose your space if you are not on site by 8:00 AM. Your assigned space will consist of two (2) parking lot spaces. Display your items only in the area assigned to you. Sellers are to provide their own table or display equipment. Sellers must park in the right side space and sell from the left side space. **THE FLEA MARKET AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7:45 AM AND 2:00 PM.** Additional parking will be available. At the conclusion of the sale, all items must be removed from the sale area, and all litter placed in proper containers.

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

Download the flea market form from the website and mail it in with a check. Individuals may register for one or both of the Flea Markets held through September.

Ages: 18 years and over
Fee: Bethel Park resident, used items \$ 10
Non-resident, used items \$ 14
New or sample items \$ 14

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: Port Authority Parking Lot - Brightwood & Lytle Roads



DON'T MISS THE FARMERS' MARKET

We're not done yet!

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



Tuesdays 3-7 p.m.

Through Sept. 29

South Park Ice Skating Parking Lot

Off of Corrigan Drive

Masks are
Mandatory

The Bethel Park Farmers' Market has had AN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG SEASON SO FAR!! If you have not stopped and shopped yet – you are missing out on a great, friendly community of vendors and shoppers. Easy in and out access, and plenty of space to park all add up to a great market for all.

Vendor List:

FULL SEASON

SIMMONS FARM – flowers, local seasonal produce

JODIKINO'S FARM – abundance of locally grown, seasonal produce & flowers

JOSE QUIROZ – sustainable and seasonal fresh vegetables and apples

PITALAND – delicious Greek entrees & sides

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

CONTROVERSY JERKY – quality jerky with flavor that can't be matched, multiple unique flavors

THE OLIVE TAP – olive oils and balsamic vinegars

THE PIE PLACE – pies, fruit tarts, cinnamon rolls, pepperoni rolls, brownies

PITTSBURGH PIEROGI TRUCK – pierogi, haluski, stuffed cabbage

KIM'S K-9 DROOLERS – homemade dog & cat treats, nose and paw balms, bandanas

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES – individual mini bundt cakes in 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

FOCHA STORE – Turkish handmade jewelry, women's clothing and home accessories

CHERISH CREAMERY – feta, chevre (9 flavors), cheese curds, hard cheeses, drinkable yogurt & pasteurized whole goat milk

SWOPE'S 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

SUNNY BRIDGE NATURAL FOODS – ALL GLUTEN FREE! Vegan burgers, hot sausage & cheese steak sandwiches, GF, Sugar free, Vegan pints of ice cream

LIL DEBBY'S DELIGHTS – brightly colored shower steamers, soap, bath bombs, lip balm, sugar scrubs, etc.

THE SPRING HOUSE – famous for their chocolate milk, baked desserts and breads

HALF SEASON

GRAETER'S ICE CREAM – world famous ice cream in bowls or waffle cones

WIGLE WHISKEY / THREADBARE CIDER

COUNTRY HAMMER MOONSHINE – Unique flavors of moonshine in 50 different flavors

LAVIGNETA WINERY – variety of reds, whites & occasionally sangria

ONCE A MONTH

LEMMON BROS FARM – aged Maple Syrup Bourbon Barrel (1st Tuesday)

WHIMSICAL WARDROBE – feminine, romantic & whimsical apparel & accessories focusing on details (2nd Tuesday)

GLUTEN FREE BY KASSIANI – All Gluten Free product line- cookies, donuts, fritters, pies, galettes, cinnamon rolls & pre-baked pizza crusts (3rd Tuesday)

J & D CELLAR – delicious wines; dry reds, dry whites, semi-sweet wines and flavored sweet wines (4th Tuesday)



COVID 19 Market Precautions

How Should I Prepare for the Market?

- Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.
- Attend the market alone if at all possible.
- **Pets (except service animals) are not permitted.**
- Pack your personal hand sanitizer + clean face mask.

What Should I DO Once I Arrive at the Farmers' Market?

- Look for the large **ENTRANCE** signs to enter. There will be two distinct entrances into the Market. Customers will be directed to all walk the same direction to minimize passing and keep socially distant.
- Make sure your mask is on and covering both your nose and mouth.
- Once you enter, please sanitize your hands using provided hand sanitizer.
- At times, we will be limiting the number of customers entering the Market or adjusting lines at booths. Please be patient and observe social distancing as you wait to enter.
- Follow social distancing and sanitation practices as you shop.
- Help everyone by promptly leaving the Market once you've finished shopping.

MASK WEARING IS MANDATORY!

ADULT PROGRAMS

WALKING TRACK

Walking using the Community Center indoor track will be handled using a reservation only system for fall.

Procedures for the fall include:

- Allowing a limited number of walkers on the track for 45 minutes at a time.
- Walkers must enter the building wearing a mask
- Masks are not required while walking on the track
- Staff will clear the track of participants after 45 minutes
- Masks must be worn while exiting the track and the Community Center
- Next group of walkers will be permitted to enter the track and begin their exercise at the top of the hour

Reservation Procedures

- Reservations will be available for walk times for dates up to 2 weeks in advance
- Staff requests each individual to only schedule a maximum of 4 walks per week to give others a chance to exercise

We encourage everyone that has the capability to register online. For complete Walking Track registration instructions, please see pg. 38.

If unable to register online, call the Community Center at 412-851-2910 and staff will schedule appointment(s) for you.

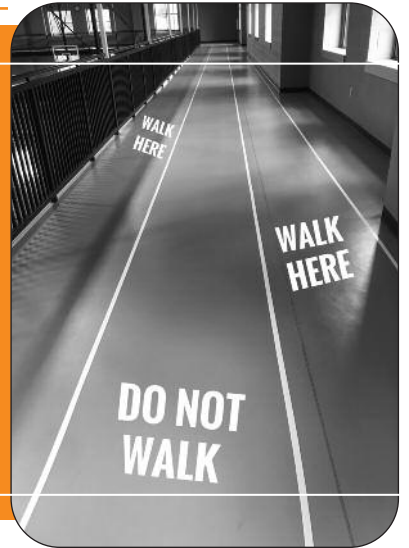


PHOTO PRESERVATION & ORGANIZATION

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

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

3970.305
Dates: 09/22/2020 Tue
Time: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

3970.306
Dates: 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: Community Center

PUPPY OBEDIENCE

This class is taught at a slower pace than our Basic Obedience class, but still will give your puppy the stepping stones they need to learn at a young age. The puppies will also be in an environment with others their own age! They will learn the beginning of sit, down, stand, walking by your side and introducing them to new fun obstacles. An adult must accompany handlers under age 18. Your dog must be 3 to 6 months old and should have its 2nd set of shots before starting. Please bring vaccination records, six foot leash, and soft small treats to the first class. You must register with Bethel Park Recreation at least one week before the first class. Register online, by mail to Bethel Park Recreation with the registration form in the Chronicles, or in person at the Community Center. Classes are held at Xcel Canine Training, Inc., 5400 Progress Blvd., 412-833-2504, www.xcelcaninetraining.com.

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$80.00 Non-Res Fee: \$85.00
6 session dates

3309.303
Dates: 08/22/2020 - 09/26/2020 Sat
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.304
Dates: 10/10/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.



BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

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

Ages: 12 and over
Resident Fee: \$80.00 Non-Res Fee: \$85.00
6 session dates

3309.301
Dates: 08/22/2020 - 09/26/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

3309.302
Dates: 10/10/2020 - 11/14/2020 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

DANCE

COUNTRY FIT

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

Instructor: Kerri Lewis
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$30.00 Non-Res Fee: \$35.00
Twice a week: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
5 session dates

3918.301
Dates: 09/14/2020 - 10/19/2020 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3918.302
Dates: 09/16/2020 - 10/14/2020 Wed
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3918.311
Dates: 10/26/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3918.312
Dates: 10/21/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Community Center
No class Sep 28

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

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

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

First Class is FREE!!!

FIT4MOM - STROLLER STRIDES

Stroller Strides is a stroller based fitness program for moms with little ones. Each 60 minute, total body workout incorporates power walking, running, strength, toning, songs, and activities. Each class offers moms (current and soon to be) an opportunity to get fit, meet other moms, and fun with their little ones! Class is led by certified instructors (who are also moms) and is a great total body workout that can be modified for any fitness level.

Instructor: Cortney Sweeney
Ages: 18 years and over
Fees vary based on frequency of participation.
First Class is Free!

Fee for Single Class: \$15.00
Fee for 5 Class Pass: \$55.00
Fee for 10 Class Pass: \$120.00
Monthly Membership: \$65.00 with \$50.00 registration fee

Class Dates: 9/8/2020 – 11/24/2020 Tue
Class Times: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Class Dates: 9/10/2020 – 11/19/2020 Thu
Class Times: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Class Dates: 9/11/2020 – 11/20/2020 Fri
Class Times: 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Registration can ONLY be completed through bethelpark.fit4mom.com.

No registrations will be accepted at the Community Center.

Location: Community Center



FIT4MOM – BODY BACK

Body Back is designed for moms who are ready to take their fitness and vitality to the next level! This is a high intensity interval training (HIIT) workout with short periods of anaerobic exercise with recovery periods. Students experience high intensity workouts, inspiration and motivation in every class. Sessions last 8 weeks with 2 group workouts weekly, at home online workouts, and a nutrition guide full of recipes for healthy eating.

Instructor: Cortney Sweeney
Ages: 18 years and over
Fee: \$199.00
8 session dates

Class Dates: 9/8/2020 – 10/29/2020 Tue, Thu
Class Times: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Registration can ONLY be completed through bethelpark.fit4mom.com.

No registrations will be accepted at the Community Center.

Location: Community Center

WALKING TRACK

See pg. 38 for instructions on how to register for a time slot on the Indoor Walking Track. No computer access? No worries! Call 412-851-2910 and staff will register your time for you!

T'AI-CHI BEGINNER

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

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

3932.302
Dates: 09/02/2020 - 10/07/2020 Wed
Time: 10:55AM - 11:55AM

3932.301
Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

3932.312
Dates: 10/14/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
Time: 10:55AM - 11:55AM

3932.311
Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Community Center

T'AI-CHI INTERMEDIATE

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

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

3932.305
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

3932.315
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Location: Community Center

CURRENT COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

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

WALK 15 (FORMERLY WALK LIVE)

This Leslie Sansone indoor aerobic group walking program has just four basic movements that include walking in place, side steps, kicks, and knee lifts with variations of all of these. Participants get a heart-pumping, calorie-burning aerobic workout, a gentle warm up, increasing to a brisk paced walk, and ends with a cool-down walk. All muscles are put in motion for a maximum muscle work out during this multi-mile walk. Participants decide on the intensity of their walk, thus customizing their walk to suit their ability level. The class format allows people of ALL fitness levels to have fun while getting fit.

Instructor: Maureen Bittner – certified Walk Live instructor
Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
6 session dates

3901.301
Dates: 09/02/2020 - 10/07/2020 Wed
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3901.302
Dates: 10/14/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Community Center

ZUMBA® GOLD

LIVE ZUMBA® is BACK, BABY!!! (Maybe!) Let's give it a try. If all goes well we will be back in the gym with our FRIENDS and LIVE classes. We have made it through some hard times so let's have some fun times. Same Zumba® fun, same great music and same empowering workouts. Remember no experience necessary. **Please, please sign up in advance in order that we know if we are able to have a live class.** See you in September!! Sign up for twice a week at a discounted rate! Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

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

3930.305
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.306
Dates: 09/01/2020 - 10/06/2020 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3930.307
Dates: 09/02/2020 - 10/07/2020 Wed
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.308
Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.309
Dates: 09/03/2020 - 10/08/2020 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3930.315
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.316
Dates: 10/13/2020 - 11/17/2020 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3930.317
Dates: 10/14/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.318
Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

3930.319
Dates: 10/15/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Community Center

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED



ZUMBA® GOLD FOR ACTIVE SENIOR/BEGINNER

First stop after being locked up....ZUMBA® GOLD. You are never too old to bust a move. Come join our Zumba® family and enjoy some great music and people (from a distance) at the same time. **Please, please sign up in advance in order that we know if we are able to have a live class.** See you in September!! Experience is not required. Sign up for twice a week at a discounted rate! Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

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

3930.310
Dates: 08/31/2020 - 10/05/2020 Mon
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.312
Dates: 09/02/2020 - 10/07/2020 Wed
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.320
Dates: 10/12/2020 - 11/16/2020 Mon
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.322
Dates: 10/14/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Location: Community Center

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Men play on Thursday evenings. Limited spots are available. Everyone MUST register and prepay to participate. Add Monday night at Neil Armstrong gym for a twice a week discount. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$26.00 Non-Res Fee: \$31.00
Twice a week: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
7 session dates

3207.320
Dates: 10/08/2020 - 11/19/2020 Thu
Time: 8:30PM - 10:00PM

Location: Community Center

COUCH POTATO BASKETBALL

Get off the couch and join us! Enjoy an evening of basketball, get some exercise, and make new friends! Everyone MUST register and prepay to participate. Add Thursday night at the Community Center gym for a twice a week discount. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration.

Ages: 35 and over
Resident Fee: \$26.00 Non-Res Fee: \$31.00
Twice a week: \$45.00 Non-Res Fee: \$50.00
7 session dates

3207.330
Dates: 10/05/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
Time: 8:30PM - 10:00PM

Location: Neil Armstrong Middle School
No class Nov 2

KARATE - BEGINNER AND *INTERMEDIATE

Students will receive instruction in the Isshinryu style of Karate. Class will include warm-up exercises, basics of the style, as well as simple and practical self-defense techniques. Classes will also emphasize self-discipline and respect. Students will learn self-defense skills as well as a sense of accomplishment. Traditional karate uniform (Gi) is recommended, but not mandatory. Uniforms may be purchased through the instructor. ***Intermediate level requires instructor recommendation.**

Ages: 6 and over
Resident Fee: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
6 session dates

3825.301
Dates: 08/31/2020 - 10/12/2020 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

3825.302
Dates: 10/19/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Location: Community Center
No class Sep 7

PICKLEBALL

Men and women, boys and girls ages 13 and over REGISTER for our recreational Pickleball program at the Bethel Park Community Center gym. This is one of the fastest growing sports in the US combining elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Pickleball is a low-impact sport played on a court smaller than the size of a tennis court. General knowledge of game rules and beginner skill level is helpful. No experience is required to play, but players must be able to bend to pick up balls and move forward and backward to play. This is not an instructional class. You may choose to play once a week but no more than twice a week. Twice a week rate is not available with online registration. Call 412-851-2910 for more information.

Ages: 13 and over
Resident Fee: \$15.00 Non-Res Fee: \$20.00
Twice a week: \$20.00 Non-Res Fee: \$25.00
7 session dates

3901.305
Dates: 10/05/2020 - 11/16/2020 Mon
Time: 12:00PM - 2:30PM

3901.306
Dates: 10/07/2020 - 11/18/2020 Wed
Time: 12:00PM - 2:30PM

3901.307
Dates: 10/09/2020 - 11/20/2020 Fri
Time: 12:00PM - 2:30PM

Location: Community Center



LADIES VOLLEYBALL

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

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$18.00 Non-Res Fee: \$23.00
5 session dates

3239.310
Dates: 09/14/2020 - 10/12/2020 Mon
Time: 8:30PM - 10:30PM

3239.311
Dates: 10/26/2020 - 11/23/2020 Mon
Time: 8:30PM - 10:30PM

Location: Community Center



MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$43.00 Non-Res Fee: \$48.00
12 session dates

3239.320
Dates: 09/09/2020 - 11/25/2020 Wed
Time: 8:00PM - 10:00PM

Location: IMS Gym

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

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

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$18.00 Non-Res Fee: \$23.00
5 session dates

3239.330
Dates: 09/13/2020 - 10/11/2020 Sun
Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

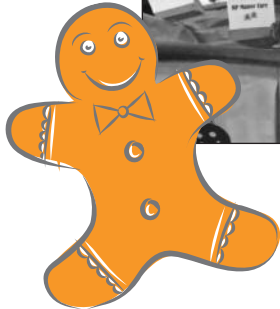
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Dates: 10/18/2020 - 11/15/2020 Sun
Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: Community Center

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED



Wednesday,
Dec. 2!



FIFTH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY & COMPETITION

Calling all Gingerbread enthusiasts! Once again, Bethel Park Recreation is excited to announce that we are continuing one of our favorite Holiday Community traditions – the annual Gingerbread House Display! Individuals, Families, and Community Groups are invited to enter their “masterpiece” in the Fourth Annual Gingerbread House Display.

All houses will be on display at the Bethel Park Community Center for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, taking place on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Judging will take place just prior to the ceremony. Judges are selected from the local community. Prize Ribbons will be awarded to the winner.

Display space will be limited. Please register by November 20, 2020 to reserve a spot for your creation. All Gingerbread Houses will be accepted for delivery on Monday, November 30 & Tuesday, December 1. Entry fee Donations will be accepted and disbursed to a local charity, as yet to be determined.

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



ARE YOU A YOUTH SPORT VOLUNTEER COACH?



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

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

The NYSCA Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports website is one of the most comprehensive resources for volunteer coaches, no matter what sport you're coaching. The website is designed to

improve your understanding in all the important areas of youth coaching. Coaches who are trained and educated on the many different aspects involved with coaching kids are best prepared to provide participants with a fun-filled, safe, and rewarding experience. Please consider completing this valuable online training at www.nays.org.



The Award Winning Bethel Park High School "Black Hawk" Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, String Orchestra, Top 21 and Music Boosters would like to say **"THANK YOU"** to the Community for supporting our hoagie sales. The Music Department is tentatively planning to travel in the Spring of 2021!

The tentative dates for hoagie sales this year are

Saturdays:
September 19
November 14
January 23
February 27
April 24

Stay up to date and bookmark our Music Department website – bpsdmusic.weebly.com.

LOOKING TO REACH MORE CUSTOMERS OR PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT?

Reserve space now in the Dec. 7, 2020 issue of Bethel Park Chronicles if you'd like to reach over 15,000 Bethel Park resident homes and businesses! The ad deadline for the Dec. issue is Nov. 2.

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



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Where else can you park in a covered lot for just **\$2.00** a day. Our **2200**-space parking garage at the South Hills Village T station not only keeps your car out of the weather, it keeps you dry with a covered walkway from the garage to the T platform. All for just 2 dollars a day. For more information, call customer service at **412.442.2000** or visit **PortAuthority.org**

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BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

PLEASE CALL THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 412-851-2910 TO VERIFY THAT CLUB MEETINGS HAVE RESUMED.

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

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

WALKING TRACK

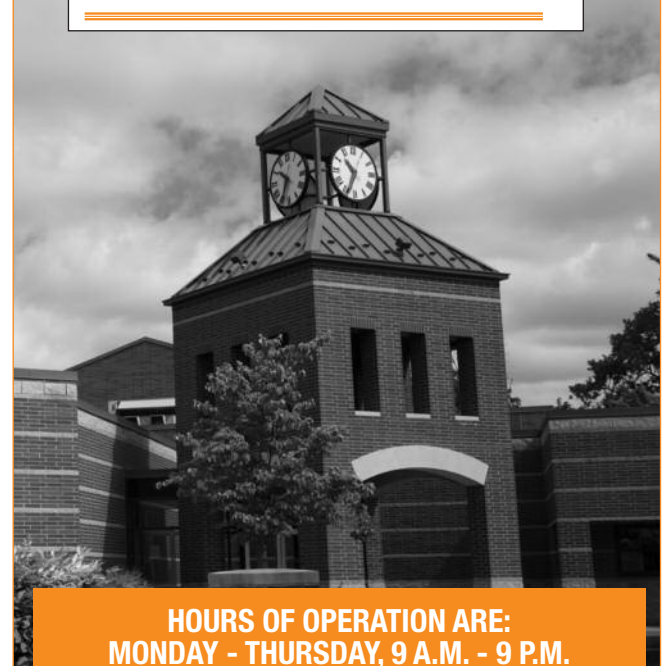
The Community Center 1/12 mile indoor track use will be changing in an abundance of caution to minimize Covid 19 transmissions.

- Walking track use will be by appointment only to minimize the number of track users.
- You may reserve a 45 minute walk appointment by following the instructions below.
- Walkers will be permitted to use the inside and outside lanes, leaving the middle lane empty for social distancing.
- At the conclusion of each 45 minute walk cycle, the track will be cleared.
- Walkers must wear a mask to enter and exit the building. Mask use on the track will be left up to each individual walker.

Register for Walking Times Online – FREE of Charge

- Go to www.bethelpark.net & at the top of the page, click on "Departments."
- Click on "Parks\Recreation and Community Center."
- Scroll down and click on the large bar sign that says "Register Here."
- Walking track times can be found under "Adult Programs CC."
- Find the time frame you would like to walk and click on "Register Drop-in."
- You will be prompted to sign into your account. If you don't have an account yet, you will need to create one.
- Choose participant(s) that will be walking at that time and click "next."
- You can then choose all dates you would like to walk *at the specific time* up to two weeks in advance.
- Scroll to the bottom and click "next."
- Review registration information and click "Add to Cart."
- Click "Checkout." (*there is no charge to register for walking*)
- If unable to register online, please call 412-851-2910 and staff will schedule an appointment for you.

5151 PARK AVENUE



HOURS OF OPERATION ARE:
MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.
FRIDAY - SATURDAY, 9 A.M. - 10:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, NOON - 9 P.M.

HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CURRENT COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

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

RENTAL PROCEDURES

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

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

Payment Schedule

- Fifty percent of total rental fees is due with the signed Rental Contract.
- The remaining 50% is due 30 days prior to your event.
- A refundable security deposit and room layout is due seven days prior to your event.

Please note that while we want your event to be a success, failure to meet any payment deadlines may result in rental cancellation. Fees paid will not be refunded.

Cancellation Policy/Fees

If you need to cancel your event, your request **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Community Center Director. Cancellation fees follow:

- Cancellations received in writing more than 60 days prior to the scheduled date will receive a refund of 50% of initial rental payment, less a \$5 processing fee.
- No refund will be issued if written cancellation is received less than 60 days prior to event.

Other Rental Notes

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

PLEASE CALL THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 412-851-2910 TO VERIFY THAT CLUB MEETINGS HAVE RESUMED.

MEMBERSHIP FEES & RENEWALS

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

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

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

<u>Annual Membership/Renewal:</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Youth (13 - 17 years old)	\$ 5.00	\$ 125.00
Adult (18 - 59 years old)	\$ 10.00	\$ 150.00
Family	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
Senior Adult (60+)	\$ 5.00	\$ 80.00
Additional Guest Passes – 5	\$ 4.00	\$ 45.00
Day pass: Individual	\$ 1.00	\$ 10.00

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

ROOM RENTAL FEES

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

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

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

All rentals require a minimum 4 hour reservation.

RENTAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

COMMUNITY CENTER ADULT AND YOUTH CLUBS

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOLD CARD CLUB

Dues: \$6.00
Ages: 60yrs and over

Due to our current Covid 19 concerns, the Gold Card Club **does not have normal monthly meetings resuming yet**. There is no definite schedule for when those will be able to be scheduled.

However, we don't want our residents to forget this club exists and has great plans to return when possible! Below is general information about this wonderful organization.

If you have any questions OR would like to share your email address to be notified when activities resume, please contact **Cindy Carfagno** at **412-831-1913** or **t2323c@comcast.net**

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

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

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

Monthly meetings are normally (*not currently being held due to Covid 19*) held at the Bethel Park Community Center on the second Thursday of each month (*except July and August*) at 1:00 PM. Sign-in begins at 12:30 PM. After a brief meeting, enjoy excellent entertainment, light refreshments and several games of bingo. We also have an indoor summer picnic each year, and an Anniversary luncheon and a Christmas luncheon, both held at outside banquet facilities.

A monthly newsletter, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, is sent to all members who are CURRENT on their membership dues. **Questions regarding membership should be directed to Regina Bauer, 412-833-2864.**

MUNICIPAL OFFICES and the COMMUNITY CENTER will be CLOSED

Monday, September 7
for the Labor Day holiday.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES will be CLOSED

Wednesday, November 11
for the Veterans Day holiday

The **COMMUNITY CENTER** will be
OPEN
on Veterans Day

MUNICIPAL OFFICES will be CLOSED

Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27
for the Thanksgiving holiday

The **COMMUNITY CENTER** will be
CLOSED

Thursday through Sunday, 4 days,
November 26, 27, 28, & 29 for Thanksgiving

SPOTLIGHT - SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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WALKING TRACK Protocols

- A limited amount of walkers will be allowed on the indoor track at one time.
- Advance registration is required to use the track. Registration details are to the right.
- Walking will be "by appointment only" with 45-minute walk times scheduled on the hour. The track will be emptied, and the next group of scheduled walkers permitted on the track at the start of next hour.
- Walkers will use the inside and outside lanes leaving the middle lane empty.

Register for Walking Times Online – FREE of Charge

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WINTER PREVIEW



YOUTH BASKETBALL

We are hoping to offer youth basketball in early 2021. Please look for details in the December issue of *Chronicles*.

SPRING 2021 SOCCER REGISTRATION BEGINS IN DECEMBER!

Look for the registration information at www.bpsoccer.org.



Bethel Park Recreation and Leisure Services ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

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

(PARTICIPANT)

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

PHONE: home (____) _____ cell (____) _____

BIRTH DATE: m ____/d ____/y ____ Current Grade: ____ Male / Female (circle)

Email address: _____

Please include any special needs: _____

Shirt size (where applicable): _____

1. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

2. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

PLEASE CONTINUE AND SIGN THE WAIVER BELOW:

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

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

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

I, _____ (Parent/guardian or participant - print name), understand the rules, regulations, and risks associated with the activity for which I have registered myself, or have registered my child. By my signature, I agree to release and hold harmless and blameless the Municipality of Bethel Park, Bethel Park School District, and any employee thereof as to and regarding any liability, claims, damages, or loss whatsoever resulting from any accident or injury to me or my child or any damage to our personal property which I or those under my supervision or care might receive while participating in the above Recreation program(s).

I understand that Bethel Park Recreation provides opportunities for positive publicity by photographing and/or videotaping patrons at programs for use in local publications, newspapers, television, websites, and social media accounts. By signing this Activity Waiver, I grant the Municipality of Bethel Park and the Bethel Park School District permission to use my image, name, and likeness (collectively, "Image"), or the Image of my child, in this manner without any further compensation to me.

I understand that if I do not agree to the use of my Image or the Image of my child, I must notify Bethel Park Recreation in writing upon registration.

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

Please call the Recreation Office at 412-831-1328 if you have any question regarding this registration. **The Recreation Office does not contact participant to confirm registration unless there is a conflict, a change in day/date or class is full or cancelled.**

OFFICE USE ONLY _____

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

Cash _____ Check # _____ Credit Card _____

Account # _____ Activity Code # _____ Date received _____ Time _____

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ADDRESS: _____

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

PHONE: home (____) _____ cell (____) _____

BIRTH DATE: m ____/d ____/y ____ Current Grade: ____ Male / Female (circle)

Email address: _____

Please include any special needs: _____

Shirt size (where applicable): _____

1. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

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SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

INFORMATION833-5000
Information Line.....854-8407

Call to hear important district news and school delay/cancellation information.

Central Administration

301 Church Road, Bethel Park 15102

- Dr. Joseph Dimperio**, Interim Superintendent854-8402
- Dr. Janet O'Rourke**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Special Services854-8420
- Dr. Zeb Jansante**, Assistant Superintendent for Administration854-8420
- Beth Wells**, Coordinator of Curriculum K-12854-8420
- L. Douglas McCausland**, Finance Director/Business Manager854-8425
- Sharon Kopy**, Assistant Director of Finance854-8445
- Lori Sutton**, Director of Special Education854-8410
- Dr. Sarah Shue**, Assistant Director of Special Education854-8410
- Administrator for Human Resource Services854-8425
- Ronald Reyer**, Director of Technology Services854-8418
- Scott Ziehler**, Transportation Director854-8414
- Nick Fierst**, Director of Facilities and Services854-8615
- Joe Consolmagno**, Director of Food Services854-8754
- Director of Public Relations/Information Specialist854-8438
- Dan Sloan**, Athletic Director854-8548

Bethel Park High School

309 Church Road, Bethel Park 15102

- Joseph Villani**, Principal854-8571
- James Fodse**, Assistant Principal854-8584
- Guidance Office854-8597
- Health Office854-8550
- Attendance Office854-8572
- Library854-8565
- Records Office854-8595
- Student Activities854-8514
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PAULA DEFELICE NAMED A CHAMPIONS OF LEARNING FINALIST



Paula DeFelice

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional **Paula DeFelice** was selected by the Consortium of Public Education and the United Way of Southwest Pennsylvania as one of three 2020 Champions of Learning Finalists in the School Staff category.

She was nominated for this recognition by Lincoln Special Education Special Education Paraprofessional **Susan Wholey**.

Champions of Learning are honored for their efforts to create innovative learning experiences for youth by going out of their way to support, mentor and give guidance to children who need it.

The Champions are annually recognized at a dinner held in May at the Marriott City Center, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the dinner was not able to be held.

FREE/REDUCED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FORMS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Bethel Park School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers Free/Reduced Meals to those who qualify.

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available on the Food Services web page under "Downloads" on the right hand side of the page. Or they can be picked up at the Administration Building.

Please be advised that even if your child(ren) qualified for Free/Reduced meals for the 2019-2020 school year, you will still need to reapply for the 2020-2021 school year.

Questions about the forms and to learn more about the confidentiality of the process for your child, please call **Dana Walker** at 412-854-8426.



ADMINISTRATION



A Message From... **JOSEPH C. DIMPERIO,** **PhD** **Interim Superintendent**

These past few months have challenged educators across the state and nation in unprecedented ways.

Closing schools. Making sure students had the technological resources to learn from home. Working closely with administration and staff to create a meaningful learning program to carry students through the end of the 2019-2020 school year—all with an eye on

the next steps, should distance learning need to be implemented some time in 2020-2021. These are only a few of the many challenges school districts had to face during the final months of the 2019-2020 school year.

As someone who is relatively new to the Bethel Park School District, I can say that I have been extremely impressed with how well the entire school district community came together and did what was necessary for the betterment of all of the students.

From the distribution of Chromebooks, to the serving of hundreds of breakfasts and lunches on a daily basis, to the collection of food and other items for the needy in the community—the Bethel Park School District worked hard to make sure everybody was taken care of during the closure of schools.

Our parents and guardians are to be commended for their efforts to keep things as normal for their children as possible. Their efforts to help their children with the technological challenges of distance learning and making sure their children turned in their assignments on time—all while dealing with their own personal challenges—is nothing short of heroic.

Our employees are also to be commended for how quickly and efficiently they came together, collaborating and creating meaningful distance learning programs, and providing the necessary support for their students to get them through this crisis.

If you attended any of the end of the year parades that were held at the schools or in the neighborhoods, then you saw first-hand the love our students and staff have for one another. The number of cars filled with teachers and families was overwhelming. It was readily apparent how important it was to everyone who participated in these events to share their thanks and best wishes with one another. I was truly touched by this display of affection and support.

During the pandemic we were able to strengthen our partnerships between schools and families, as well as set a foundation for the future.

Our administrators are working hard this summer to plan for a school year that will, at the time of this writing, open with great uncertainty. Will we resume with a “business as usual” approach? Will we be learning remotely from home? Will it be a combination of both? Planning for an uncertain future poses great challenges. It is difficult to plan under these circumstances.

No matter what the circumstances will be, come the first day of school on August 26, the Bethel Park School District will be ready to adapt to changing circumstances. The end of the 2019-2020 school year provided us with a good foundation from which to build, and I am confident that our staff and families will again work cooperatively together to provide the best education environment and opportunities for our students.

I am proud to be serving as the Interim Superintendent of this great school district. By the time this message reaches you, our search for a permanent Superintendent will be well underway. I want to thank those of you who participated in our online survey. Your input was very valuable to our search process. If they have not already occurred, we also look forward to having face-to-face conversations with you via our Stakeholder Meetings, to gain greater insight into your priorities for our next Superintendent.

I am confident that the outstanding reputation and commitment to excellence that the Bethel Park School District possesses will make this position an attractive one to many candidates, who possess solid knowledge of education, forward thinking and strong leadership skills that will be vital to guiding this District into its next chapter.

I hope all of you had a peaceful and restful summer. I also hope you will join me in looking forward to this next school year, with all of the excitement and enthusiasm that a new school year always brings.

Best wishes to you and your families.

A Message From... **PAM DOBOS** **School Board** **President**

On behalf of the Bethel Park Board of School Directors, I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new school year, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 26.

To state the obvious, the 2019-2020 school year could best be described as “historically unusual.” It was a challenge for everyone—whether you had children in school or not—to navigate stay-at-home orders and adjust your daily routines in order to prevent a pandemic from becoming far more worse than it potentially could have been.

As I write this message, it is my hope that we will be able to open our schools safely and on time, while still strongly adhering to the health and safety guidelines that will be given to all schools from our government and health organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control. It is our primary goal to provide our students and staff with the safest environment possible for working and learning.

While I don’t anticipate that the opening of school will be as usual, it is my hope that we will be able to keep it as safe as possible for everyone. Students feel a sense of normalcy and comfort with the routines and structure that our schools provide. I know that our staff will work to create a new level of structure and normalcy that will allow our students to learn and grow without worry or anxiety.

I anticipate there will be a learning curve with the return to school—complete with some hurdles and bumps along the way—until we figure out this “new normal” together. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to deliver the highest quality of education possible under these new parameters.

As always, we will stay in close contact with our families to let you know of any changes to the schedule or procedures when they arise.

When your children return to school, they will see some administrative changes. Over the summer the Board made some restructuring changes to the Administrative Team that we think best position the District for the future.

At the Administration Building, we welcome **L. Douglas McCausland** as our Finance Director/Business Manager and **Dr. Zeb Jansante** as our new Assistant Superintendent for Administration. While Mr. McCausland is new to Bethel Park, **Dr. Jansante** is a familiar name, as he was the High School Principal for the past 14 years. **Dr. Janet O’Rourke** also assumes a new role, moving from Assistant to the Superintendent for Assessments, Evaluations and Human Resources to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Special Services.

At the High School, **Joseph Villani** moves from Associate Principal to Principal, filling the vacancy created when Dr. Jansante moved to Central Administration. Joining Mr. Villani is **James Fodse** as Assistant Principal. Mr. Fodse is a familiar face at the high school, having taught Special Education for the past 10 years. We look forward to this dynamic leadership team guiding our high school students into bright futures.

We will also be filling two more administrative positions—a Director of Public Relations/Information Specialist and an Administrator for Human Resources Services, and hope to have both positions filled before the start of the school year.

Additionally, it is our goal to name a new Superintendent as quickly as possible. The closure of schools delayed the search process, but we are pleased to be moving forward to hire the final and most important piece of our Administrative Team. We believe the administrative hires and moves that were recently made will surround our new leader with the best team to help him or her acclimate to their new role and be successful.

The 2020-2021 school year is shaping up to be an exciting one for Bethel Park. Again, I welcome everybody back and wish all of you much success this school year.



ART TEACHER FEATURED IN CARNEGIE MUSEUMS' FUNDRAISING

The Carnegie Museums highlighted the work of Franklin and Memorial Art Teacher **Kristen Johnson** in a recent fundraising letter.

The letter described the Museum's commitment to providing virtual content and credited Mrs. Johnson for taking advantage of the Museum's resources. The letter says, "Kristen Ritchie-Johnson, is passionate about her classroom. She sees herself as a conductor and enjoys giving children tools to help them express themselves through various art mediums. Kristen loves nothing more than the unbridled enthusiasm, free from inhibitions, that her first through fourth graders share.

"With the physical closure of her classroom, Kristen knew that she had to find ways to keep her students engaged and excited while implementing new online teaching



Kristen Johnson

methods. Having used the lesson plans created and released by the Andy Warhol Museum before, she scoured the website for more online tools and came across the Time Capsule 21 lesson plan."

The letter goes on to describe how she encouraged her students to create a time capsule that included things such as traced handprints from everyone in the family, pieces of homework and even a beloved toy. The students shared the contents of their time capsules with their classmates online.

The fundraising letter concludes, "Distance learning disrupted their class time, but smart, creative educators like Kristen made quick adjustments to reach the students they care so passionately about."

DISTRICT AND TRANSPORTATION UNION RATIFY CONTRACT

At its May 19, 2020 Regular Voting Meeting, the Bethel Park Board of School Directors approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Bethel Park Transportation Department District Council 84 AFSCME.

The new agreement is five years in length and in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. The agreement covers 60 drivers, 16 aides and 4 mechanics.

By the end of the contract starting salaries for drivers will rise to \$22 per hour, with drivers at the top of the scale making \$23 by the end of the contract.

The contract will continue to provide both full-time and part-time employees with school-district subsidized health care insurance coverage through the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium, with employees continuing to pay 10% of their premium.

"We are pleased to be able to settle this contract without a stoppage of work," said Interim Superintendent Dr. Joseph C. Dimperio. "Our transportation employees play a vital role in the success of our district, and we look forward to the day when they will be able to transport our students safely to and from school."

FCS TEACHER NAMED TO FCCLA STATE BOARD



Heather Fontana

Independence Middle School Family Consumer Science Teacher **Heather Fontana** was elected to the Pennsylvania Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Board of Directors.

As a member of the FCCLA State Board, she will represent middle school educators and students across the state.

Mrs. Fontana has been teaching at Independence Middle School for seven years and has been sponsoring the IMS FCCLA Club for the past six years. Her students have gone on to win numerous state and national awards at FCCLA competitions. In 2019, IMS received the FCCLA Chapter Award for having the largest percentage increase in membership at the Middle School level throughout the state.

BP ONLINE ACADEMY

The Bethel Park Online Academy, (BPOA), is a fully online program offering a variety of curriculums designed for students who seek an alternative to brick and mortar education. The BP Online Academy offers both core and elective courses for students in grades K-12.

Students can enroll full-time or part-time, called a hybrid program. The flexible scheduling enables students to spend a portion of their day physically attending classes inside the school building and also completing cyber classes online through BPOA.

Students in the Bethel Park Online Academy are held to the same high standards set in the regular classroom and must meet the same graduation requirements as students who attend the Bethel Park brick-and-mortar schools. Complete graduation requirements can be found in the high school student handbook.

BPOA students have access to the same resources as traditional students. They may attend athletic and social events, compete in athletics, and participate in school clubs and activities offered at the middle and high schools.

Bethel Park Online Academy students graduate from Bethel Park as traditional students, participate in commencement and receive a Bethel Park School District diploma.

Bethel Park students interested in enrolling in BPOA should speak to their guidance counselor. Building Principal approval is required to attend BPOA. For more information about BPOA, please contact **Mr. Lenosky** at 412-854-8521 or lenosky.brian@bphawks.org.

USE OF STUDENT PHOTOS OR COMMENTS

The Bethel Park School District provides opportunities for positive media publicity by interviewing/photographing/videotaping students through the District's Public Relations Department, or arranging for reporters and/or photographers to interview and/or photograph/videotape students throughout the school year for use in local publications, newspapers, television, the District's web page and social media pages.

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



MRS. MEUCCI NAMED AN ALL-STAR TEACHER

Franklin Fourth Grade Teacher **K.D. Meucci** was named an All-Star Teacher by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

She learned of this recognition via a surprise video conference call, where she thought she was going to receive feedback on the school year from her students. Instead, Pittsburgh Pirates In-Game Host **Joe Klimchak** and Infielder **Kevin Newman** headed up a group of individuals, including Franklin Principal **Teresa Doumont**, Bethel Park Assistant to the Superintendent **Dr. Janet O'Rourke** and several of Mrs. Meucci's students to congratulate her on this achievement. Normally, the presentation would have been made at a surprise school-wide assembly, but had to be conducted virtually due to the closure of schools.

Mrs. Meucci is one of 18 Pittsburgh area teachers selected to receive this honor in 2020. In addition to a certificate, she will also receive a \$100 Visa gift card, a VIP Day at PNC Park, including a pre-game ceremony on the field, as well as a \$1,000 donation from the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Grable Foundation and Chevron to be used in her classroom.

Mrs. Meucci was nominated for this honor by Franklin Principal Teresa Doumont, who described how Mrs. Meucci uses technology in her classroom to make learning fun and innovative for her students, and how Mrs. Meucci is a life-long learner who imparts the importance of continuous learning to her students.

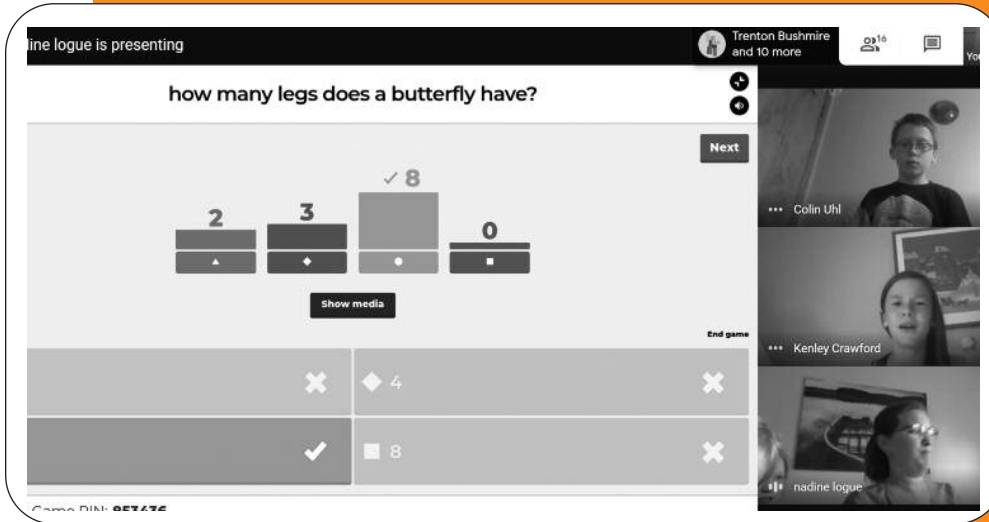
"I'm humbled and honored to have been selected as an All Star Teacher," said Mrs. Meucci. "I can't believe the effort it took to put together the conference call that included my students. It made me feel so loved and appreciated."



K.D. Meucci

NAMS

TEAM GEMINI STUDENTS HANG OUT VIA ZOOM



Team Gemini students competed against each other in weekly Kahoots online sessions, answering questions such as, "How many legs does a butterfly have?"

NAMS Fifth Graders on Team Gemini looked forward to hanging out together weekly during the closure of school via Zoom.

Teachers Mrs. Logue and Mrs. Ketner hosted these weekly Zoom "Check-ins" where the students were able to share with one another, get some questions answered and most importantly, have fun while learning!

Students learned together by playing games. Initially they started out playing "Let's Make A Deal"-type games, but their favorite game was Kahoots, an educational on-line game-based learning platform, where students competed against one another in online multiple choice quizzes.

Some of the weekly quiz topics included summer and animals. It was fun!

TEAM RANGER STUDENTS STUDY *NUMBER THE STARS*



Emily Reid enjoyed reading and discussing *Number the Stars*.

During distance learning, Team Ranger fifth grade students in Mrs. Cupp's classes studied the novel, *Number the Stars*.

Through the use of Loom videos, the students read the novel together and completed several critical thinking activities. Students used skills such as inferencing and prediction to answer questions and complete activities such as creating the dialogue for a private conversation between characters, writing journal entries from the character's perspective, and creating comic strips predicting what happened to a character after an exciting cliffhanger.

The students also enjoyed discussing the novel's characters during their Loom meetings, which were connected to a fun scavenger hunt game!

STAFF WAVES GOODBYE TO STUDENTS

In a twist on the NAMS Farewell Tradition on the last day of school, families drove by school to say goodbye to the NAMS staff.

Usually, on the last day of school, NAMS Staff line up outside as students board the buses and wave goodbye to them. But since schools were closed this year, staff returned to school on the last day of school and held two parades--one for Fifth Graders and the other for Sixth Graders--as families drove by so everybody could say goodbye to one another.

Cars were decorated and students held signs letting the staff know how much they appreciated their efforts, and wishing them a great summer. It was an amazing display of love!



Sarah Jakel made it a point to visit NAMS on the last day of school to tell her teachers how much she was going to miss them.



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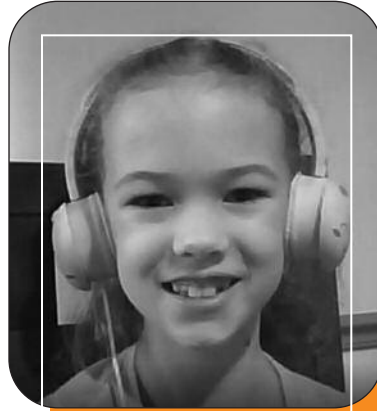
Go to @bpsd.info on Twitter or "Bethel Park School District" on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram to keep up with the latest happenings!

FOURTH GRADERS PUBLISHED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Even though school was closed and learning was being done remotely, Franklin Fourth Graders still took a serious approach to their learning.

Mrs. Meucci provided her students with a list of optional projects for them to do as part of their technology lessons, and student **Sydney Kellander** decided to create a one-page on-line newspaper. Mrs. Meucci shared Sydney's newspaper on the Franklin Bedtime Stories Facebook page, and soon other fourth grade students from all three fourth grade classrooms were asking to be a part of the staff.

The *Distance Learning Newspaper* morphed into a weekly publication that involved Sydney as Editor In Chief and 10 other fourth graders serving as Editors for their special sections of the paper. Members of the staff included **Mia Hogue, Tommy Guenther, Verona Willets, Eva Billingsley, Tessa Braham, Brady Parris, Sophie Hart, Sophia Friday, Coulson Kozak** and **Madelynn Riether**.



Editor in Chief Sydney Kellander

To keep everything running smoothly the students participated in a weekly Google Meet videoconference call, led by Sydney, where they shared their ideas for their story that week. Stories were submitted to Sydney, who put the paper together with Mrs. Meucci using Google Sheets. Once completed, the six-page paper was shared via the Facebook page.

The paper was a wonderful combination of stories, puzzles, games, videos, pictures, recipes, things to do, and cartoons--all geared toward kids.

Sydney explained that she decided to create the paper because she loves to write. "It's one of my most favorite things to do. I usually write fiction, but the newspaper enabled me to try writing non-fiction, and I found out that is fun too!" she said. Her career aspirations include incorporating her interest in writing and books, as she would like either to be an author or a librarian.



FRANKLIN

SECOND GRADERS MAKE 3D MODELS FROM CLAY



Elizabeth Breier was proud to show off the work she did at home on the 3D assignment.

During the closure of school Second Graders in **Mrs. Vescovi's** room learned about the concept of 3D.

To demonstrate their learning, they created a series of six models using clay and shared photos of their work with their teacher.

They did a great job!

PARADE HONORS TWO RETIRING TEACHERS

Franklin families and staff came out in full-force to thank two retiring teachers--Health and Physical Education Teacher **Mrs. DeCarlo**, who retired after 30 years in Bethel Park; and Third Grade Teacher **Mrs. Vandewater**, who retired after 21 years in the District.--with a special retirement parade in their honor.

Families and staff decorated their cars and lined up in the Church of the Nazarene parking lot on a Saturday afternoon to travel to Mrs. DeCarlo's house, where she and Mrs. Vandewater were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support, cards, gifts and signs--all thanking them for being great teachers and wishing them well in their retirement.

The parade was led by several Bethel Park Fire Department vehicles and even included two Shriner mini-cars! It's estimated that 100 cars participated in this show of appreciation.

Both teachers were surprised to not only see so many staff and current families, but also former students who wanted to join in the celebration!



Congratulations to retiring teachers Mrs. Vandewater and Mrs. DeCarlo and all BPSD retirees!

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:

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MEMORIAL

FIRST GRADERS LOOKED FORWARD TO 'FUNDAY FRIDAYS'

First Graders in Mrs. Collins' classroom looked forward to Funday Fridays with Tim.

Tim is Memorial Fourth Grader **Tim Myers**, a student in Mrs. Reese's room who visited the First Grade classroom every Friday this school year to read a favorite children's story book to the younger students.

The closure of school due to the Coronavirus pandemic didn't stop Tim. He still met weekly with Mrs. Collins' students via a Zoom videoconference.

His visits to First Grade started as a reading incentive from Mrs. Reese, but it evolved into something more. Mrs. Collins was impressed that Tim put in a great amount of time choosing books that have special meaning to him. For example, one week he read *White Rabbit's Color Book* and shared that he chose it because, "I loved this book since I was a kid."

He explained elements of the story to the younger students and helped them to understand concepts or words that they might not be familiar with. At the end of the book Tim always delivered a motivational message and then opened the discussion up for questions and answers.



A screenshot of Tim Myers reading a story to Memorial First Graders via Zoom.

STAFF LINED UP FOR FAREWELL PARADE



(l-r): First Grade Teacher Mrs. Collins and Fourth Grade Teacher Mr. Foster, with his sons, were two of the many Memorial staff members who came out to say goodbye to their students.

Memorial families drove up and down South Park Road to say goodbye to the Memorial staff on the last day of school.

It was great to see so many decorated cars and students holding signs, to thank the Memorial staff and to wish them a great summer! Even the Letter People showed up before they left for Summer Camp in a Bethel Park Police cruiser!

Thanks to everybody who participated and for helping to make this a memorable ending of a non-traditional school year!

ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE CLEARANCES

The Bethel Park School District encourages the involvement of parents and guardians as volunteers in our schools. Pennsylvania state law now **requires every volunteer who has direct contact with students** to have the necessary clearances on file with the School District, which need to be renewed every five years.

This means that any non-school district employee who volunteers to chaperone events/activities such as--but not limited to--field trips, classroom parties, book fairs, band trips and scholastic club competitions/music trips, etc. **MUST have current clearances** in order to do so.

The following three clearances are required:

- **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance** (Act 151)
- **Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check** (Act 34)
- **FBI Federal Criminal History Record** (Act 114)

The PA clearances are free to volunteers but the FBI Criminal History Record costs \$22.60. However, if you have lived for **ALL** of the past 10 years in Pennsylvania and have never been convicted of a Disqualifying Offense (listed on-line at www.bpsd.org/VolunteerInformation.aspx) you may request a Waiver of the FBI Fingerprint Clearance.

To learn how to apply for these clearances and what to do to obtain a Qualified Volunteer ID Card that **MUST** be worn every time when volunteering in our schools, please go to www.bpsd.org/VolunteerInformation.aspx.

Current volunteers whose clearances are expiring/about to expire are encouraged to update their clearances as soon as possible. No one will be permitted to volunteer with any of their clearances expired.

DISTRICT USES SCHOOL MESSENGER TO COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS

The Bethel Park School District uses the School Messenger Notification System to communicate via telephone, email and texts with parents and employees throughout the school year.

The primary two uses of School Messenger will be to call parents and employees as soon as a decision is made on days with inclement weather, to notify them of a delay or cancellation, and to email parents the school district's weekly E-Mail Newsletter and monthly Good News Gazette.

The District will use the texting option only to communicate in emergency situations.

The contact data that is used in School Messenger is uploaded from what is in the eSchoolPlus Student Data Base. Should your phone number or email change during the school year, please notify the school secretary at all of your children's schools of the changes and she will update the system with the correct information or you can change it yourself in the HAC.

In addition to the E-Newsletters, parents who have an email address in the student data base will also receive school-specific emails that do not come from the Public Relations Department.

The Bethel Park School District is pleased to be able to continue communicating with parents using School Messenger to deliver real time information about all of the important things that are happening in Bethel Park.

CHICKEN CAM HELPS FIRST GRADERS TO SEE CHICKS HATCH

Penn First Graders annually learn about chickens and the egg hatching process. Even though students were not in school in May, **Mrs. Joseph** still went forward with the project.

The students were able to watch the chicks hatch and grow by viewing them on Mrs. Joseph's online Chicken Cam. They started hatching on Day 21 in the incubator. Before they hatched, Mrs. Joseph "candled" the eggs, where she observed the eggs with a light to see if they had been fertilized and would hatch.

The chicks were available for watching on the Chicken Cam for two weeks before being transported to Freehling Farms by Penn Music Teacher **Mrs. Johnson**. Four of the six chicks returned to the farm and two of the chicks were adopted by a William Penn Family.

Franklin Fourth Graders participated in a similar project, thanks to Paraprofessional **Mrs. Hemphill**, who hosted the incubator and online camera in her home.

Franklin Fourth Grade Teachers **Mrs. Gallaher**, **Mrs. Luzader** and **Mrs. Meucci** created special video lessons for their students, which included the candling process.

Additional activities associated with the unit included writing chicken-themed poetry and taking a virtual tour of an egg farm.

"We wanted to make fourth grade as special as possible, keeping up as many traditions as possible," explained Mrs. Hemphill.



If you look closely, you can see some of the hatched chicks in the incubator!

STUDENT COLLECTS ITEMS FOR SHIM

Congratulations to Penn Fourth Grader **Ciera Erbrecht**, who collected over 100 non-perishable food and personal care items for the South Hills Interfaith Movement's Food Pantry.

Elementary Gifted Teacher **Mrs. Yost** annually challenges her students to participate in a community service project, and Ciera was interested in coordinating a project that would positively impact her community.

Thanks to everyone who supported this collection!



Ciera Erbrecht with some of the many items she collected for SHIM's Food Pantry.

PENN STAFF DRIVE AROUND TO SAY GOODBYE

William Penn staff met in the school parking lot on the last day of school to conduct a parade through the neighborhoods to say goodbye to students.

Led by a Bethel Park Fire Truck, they made their way through the Penn attendance zone and were greeted by students and families who were anxious to see their teachers for the final time this school year, and to thank them for all they did to make this year a good one.



The Schafer Family was outside ready to greet the Penn staff as they drove by their home.

WILLIAM PENN

FIRST GRADERS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Washington First Graders in Mr. August's, Mrs. Ellison's and Mrs. Walsh's rooms learned about Earth Day and did their part to help the planet.

Every student made a paper cut-out of themselves and took a picture with their cut-out, showing something they did to help the Earth.

Eco-friendly activities included recycling, turning off lights or running water, planting a tree or flowers, walking instead of riding in a car, not watching television for a day—instead reading or playing a game, and participating in a book exchange.

The teachers turned all of the photos into a charming video that can be seen at: <https://www.bpsd.org/FirstGradeEarthDayVideo.aspx>.



Turning off the lights was one of the ways Washington First Graders learned to help the planet on Earth Day.

SECOND GRADERS TAKE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP TO SNAPOLOGY

The Coronavirus may have kept Washington students at home, but they could still take a field trip!

Second Graders enjoyed taking a virtual field trip to

Snapology for some fun, STEAM enrichment activities. thanks to the generosity of the Kuhn Family!

It was a fun way to learn!



Washington Second Graders enjoyed the virtual field trip to Snapology!

WASHINGTON

MISSION:

To lead an educational partnership with the Community, maintaining an environment that challenges all students to reach their potential as lifelong learners and responsible members of society.

TEACHERS THANK STUDENTS WITH APPRECIATION PARADE

Each year Washington Elementary celebrates its students with a Student Appreciation Week.

Because of the closure of school, this year's celebration looked a little different from celebrations in years past. This year the students were treated to a treat from Dairy Queen, an Eat 'n Park Smiley Cookie and a parade through their neighborhood, featuring the Washington staff, who decorated their cars to wave, honk their horns and tell their students how much they love and miss them.

"The last few months have been difficult and unprecedented for most individuals, and the staff at Washington Elementary wants you to know that we continue to work to support both you and your children," said Principal Mr. Pearson in a letter to students' families. "As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our hope is to maintain the strong bond that exists between the staff and our precious student body.

"I hope that our attempt to share goodwill lightens your day and puts a smile on your child's face. On behalf of the staff at Washington Elementary we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing each of you again very soon."

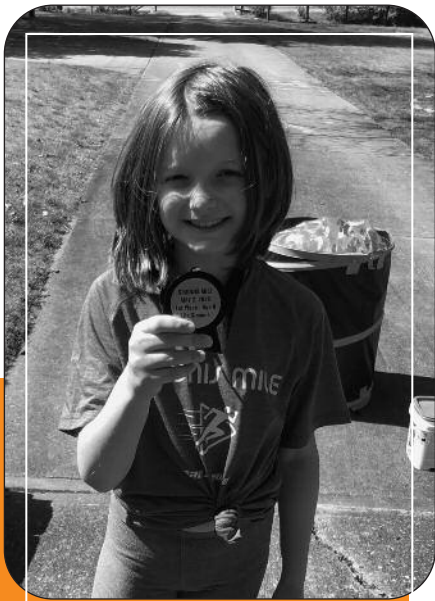


Washington families lined the streets in their neighborhoods with signs thanking the staff for all that they do.

LINCOLN

LINCOLN LOGGERS KEEP ON RUNNING

The closure of Pennsylvania schools couldn't stop the Lincoln Loggers!



Even though the Pittsburgh Kids of Steel Marathon was cancelled this year, Lincoln students worked on their own to complete the 26 mile trek.

Lincoln Loggers is a group of Lincoln students who "train" for the Pittsburgh Kids of Steel Marathon by running or walking during recess periods during school to accumulate 25 miles. They complete their Marathon by running the final mile at the Kids Marathon downtown.

Even though the Kids Marathon was cancelled this year, the students still wanted to complete their Marathon, so they kept running during the closure of school on their own.

Congratulations to all of the students who showed commitment and discipline to complete the task they started at school--and that's to run 26 miles--the equivalent of a Marathon!

All Bethel Park elementary schools have similar running groups who train together at school and complete the Kids Marathon with all of the other Pittsburgh area students.

Lincoln Instructional Support Teacher **Mrs. DeGregorio** coordinates the Lincoln Loggers program.

LINCOLN SUMMER SEND-OFF PARADE

Lincoln staff gathered in the Lincoln parking lot on Monday, June 1 to help each other decorate their cars and take to the road for a Summer Send Off Parade!

The Parade, led by School Resource Officer Remark and two BP fire trucks, traveled throughout the Lincoln attendance zone, to thank the students for a wonderful year and to wish them a safe and healthy summer. Joining the parade was the Froggy van.



Leave it to Librarian Mrs. Pazuchanics to travel with the school's namesake in the back seat of her car!

It was great to see everybody out on a bright, sunny day! What a great way to end the school year--with a parade!

FOUR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE WINNERS IN WQED WRITERS CONTEST



Olivia Anderson



Maggie Jaglowski



Aubrey Will



Kendall Exler

Four Bethel Park School District elementary students were named Winners in the 2020 WQED Writers Contest!

Congratulations to Lincoln Third Grader **Olivia Anderson**, author of "Rosita's Roses," for winning the STEM Award; Lincoln Kindergarten Student **Aubrey Will**, author of "Jenna the Jelly Fish," for taking First Place in the Kindergarten Category; Lincoln Fourth Grader **Maggie Jaglowski**, author of "The Day in the Life of a Cell," for earning Third Place in the Fourth Grade Category and Washington First Grader **Kendall Exler**, author of "Monkeys Save the Day," who received Third Place in the First Grade Category.

You can read their stories, which they wrote and illustrated, at: <https://www.wqed.org/education/writers-contest/2020-winners>.

These students were among the 27 Grade Level Finalists in this contest. Their stories were selected from almost 1,000 stories submitted by students from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland and Delaware.

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, as well as delay and closing information. Our individual school pages feature more localized information as well as lots of photos of student happenings.

If you click on the Latest News sections on each school's home page you will see more pictures from the stories you read in this issue of *The Chronicles*!

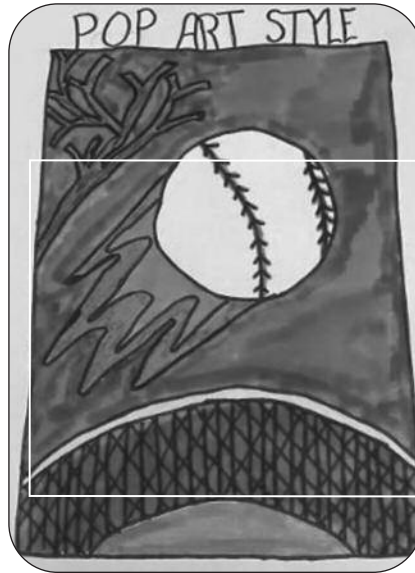
We encourage you to visit our web site often for the latest Bethel Park School District news.

STUDENTS EXPLORE THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS DURING CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

School may have been closed, but creativity continued as students in **Mrs. Whitaker's** Art Classes created some interesting pieces of work.

Some of the assignments were centered around designing Cultural Masks, a Renaissance/Pop Art Project, Pokeball and Scientific Illustration.

The mask designs could be created using any medium. The students read about African Masks and looked up masks from different cultures to try and learn their cultural meaning. The students then had to draw four masks based off of the images they researched. Coincidentally, during discussion of this project in January, students mentioned a "sickness" that was causing more people in China to wear masks!



The projects depicting different objects such as shoes, musical instruments, plants, etc. stemmed from a project where students learned about four different art styles--Renaissance, Post-Impressionism, Cubism and Pop Art. Students created one object using the four different art styles to learn some new techniques as well as information about new artists.

The Pokeball assignment coincided with Pop Art Week, and students could opt out of drawing the object in two different styles and participate in a more cartoonish project.

With the Scientific Illustration project, students learned about careers in art, such as Medical Illustrators, as well as the history of Scientific Illustrators. The key to this project was accuracy.

Mrs. Whitaker was extremely pleased with the effort that the students gave to all of the projects.

Mason Timms created this sports-themed art using the Pop Art style.

IMS

SEWING PROJECTS FINISHED AND DELIVERED BY MRS. FONTANA

When school abruptly closed on Friday, March 13, some things just had to be left behind, including all of the sewing projects **Mrs. Fontana's** students were in the process of completing.

The students only had three more steps to go to complete their draw string bags, so Mrs. Fontana took them home and finished them for the students.

As she completed them by class period, she loaded the bags into her car and drove them to each student's home to personally deliver them.

She said the students did a great job on the projects and it was her honor and pleasure to be able to complete them and deliver them to her students before summer break.



Chela Miller shows off her draw string bag.

MATH DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH ALEKS

IMS students got some great assistance with their math skills, thanks to a partnership between the IMS Math Department and the ALEKS Corporation.

ALEKS is designed to provide individualized, online instruction for each student and is based on what they already know and what they need to know as they move through the program.

The company donated several hundred online accounts for seventh and eighth graders to use during the virtual instruction that took place over the course of the final nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year.

The District will be contracting with ALEKS to continue this effort beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.



Ryan Patterson enjoyed using ALEKS to help him with his math skills.



Librarian Mrs. Heasley shared a positive message for her students.

IMS CONCLUDES THE YEAR WITH A PARADE

Cars were winding around both sides of Black Hawk Drive to participate in the IMS Farewell Send Off Parade!

IMS staff lined up in the BPHS/IMS Bus Parking Lot as hundreds of cars passed by, filled with students and families, anxious to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to everybody. A special stage was set up to honor retiring teachers **Mrs. Shannon** and **Mrs. Girman**.

It was a fun way to conclude this non-traditional school year!

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IMS STUDENTS FINISH IN SECOND PLACE IN SCIENCE BOWL

A team of five Independence Middle School students finished in Second Place in their division at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl held on the Community College of Allegheny County's South Campus with a record of 5-2.

Members of the Second Place Team were eighth graders **Nick Allan** (Captain), **Tyler Kramer**, **Hersh Kambli**, **Riswanth Sundaresh-Babu** and seventh grader **Lily Janus**.

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



EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS



The Coronavirus did not stop the IMS Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony from being held. This year it was held virtually.

The Eighth Grade Awards Assembly annually recognizes those eighth graders who have distinguished themselves in a variety of areas, including academics, leadership, sports and music.

Congratulations to:

- **Alexis Dorfner** and **Nathan Stutzman** – American Legion Awards
- **Madelyn Sams** and **Nathan Stutzman** – Sgt. Russell Kurtz Patriotism Award
- **Lacie Scheidler** and **Ryan Tierney** – Principal's Award
- **Chloe Gorman** and **Justin Muench** – Assistant Principal's Award
- **Rael Majetich** and **Emalia Sillman** – Counselor's Award
- **Ava Arnold**, **Julia Benlock**, **Rebecca Gillenberger**, **Savanna Knauff**, **Jenna Lang**, **Ryan Patterson**, **Katie Peterson**, **Delaney Puskas**, **Hailey Sable**, **Madelyn Sams**, **Lily Spence** – Spanish Awards
- **Lucas Hertzell**, **Parker Nelson**, **Brandon Mason** and **Elise Perez** – German Awards
- **April Lucidore** and **Grace Skalniak** – French Awards
- **Henry Gaston** and **Clara McGough** – Latin Awards
- **Alexis Dorfner**, **Lidia Lorenzi** and **Delaney Puskas** – FCCLA Awards
- **Paul Baronak**, **Dylan Lawton**, **Emma Smith**, **Emma Thimons** and **Nathan Tietz** – Fine Arts Awards
- **Clara McGough** and **Justin Muench** – Nancy Gleason Gavola Award in Drama
- **Parker Nelson** and **Ava Pacheco** – Suzanne Reid Music Award
- **Jack Edner** and **Jenna Lang** – Marissa Boyan Scholar-Athlete Award
- **Baseball Team** – IMS Athletic Academic Award
- **Bryce Clancy** and **Essa George** (Team Liberty); **Nivea Donati** and **Ryland Jones** (Team Integrity); **Logan Burke** and **Santino Diulus** (Team Freedom) – Stephanie Petit Award
- **Leah Maffrici** – Spirit of Independence Award
- **Brian Bitkowski**, **Joshua Gasbarro**, **Kendra Gibbons**, **Cody Roberts**, **Thaddeaus Smith**, **Austin Sweitzer** – Perfect Attendance Awards

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63vojZugei8&feature=youtu.be> to see the ceremony on You Tube.

Unfortunately, the annual Academic Excellence Awards Night had to be cancelled. Academic Excellence Awards certificates were distributed to the students when they returned to school to clean out their lockers.

This year 120 Seventh Graders and 142 Eighth Graders received Distinguished Honors for maintaining a minimum 3.75 QPA through the first three nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year.

Additionally 99 eighth graders received Presidential Academic Excellence Awards for maintaining at least a 3.5 QPA from Seventh Grade through the first three nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year and scoring Advanced on either the PSSA Reading or Math Test.

Go to: <https://www.bpsd.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6Y3P2BY&dasi=2PY> to see a list of the Academic Excellence Awards students.

Congratulations to all of this year's Award Recipients!



BP HS

BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL NAMED A 2020 US NEWS & WORLD REPORT BEST HIGH SCHOOL



Bethel Park High School was named to *US News & World Report's* 2020 Best High Schools list. The High School was ranked #5,470 among 24,000 high schools nationally, placing Bethel Park in the top 24% of high schools in America.

Bethel Park is proud to be ranked among the top high schools in the country. Congratulations to the staff and students for their commitment to excellence.

TWO BETHEL PARK SENIORS SELECTED TO RECEIVE SHASDA AWARD

Bethel Park High School seniors **Kyle Anderson** and **Carissa Chak** were selected as the high school's recipients of the SHASDA Award.

The award, presented by the South Hills Area School Districts Association, annually goes to two seniors from every SHASDA-member high school, in recognition of their overcoming obstacles to succeed in school and life.



Kyle Anderson

Carissa Chak

FIVE BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NAMED TOP OF THE SHOP

Five Bethel Park High School students received the Top of the Shop Award for the First Semester of the 2019-2020 School Year from the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education.

Receiving the award were seniors **Samuel Delancey** (Building Trades) and **Robert Graves** (Collision Repair and Refinishing); juniors **Riley McCann** (Cosmetology) and **Anthony Pusateri** (Culinary Arts); and sophomore **Briauna Harris** (Baking/Pastry Arts).

The award is presented to those students who demonstrate outstanding conduct, attendance, course work proficiency and professionalism.



THANK YOU, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOR SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS!

Even though the annual Senior Awards Night was unable to be held this year, we appreciate the generosity of the local organizations who continued to support our students!

Congratulations to the awardees whose organizations kept the Guidance Office informed of their selections this year:

- **Grace Bair** and **Anthony Will** – Abraham Lincoln PTO Scholarship
- **Miranda Johns** and **Sarah Long** – Benjamin Franklin PTO Scholarship
- **Abigail Bronco** – Bethel Park Federation of Teachers Scholarship
- **Sophia Galiotta** – Bethel Park Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship
- **Alexis Kiesling** – Bethel Woman's Club Scholarship
- **Molly Hoffman** – Blue Sky Closing Services Scholarship
- **Mark Vighetti** – Bethel Park Volunteer Scholarship
- **Abigail Bronco** – Cindy Schaudé Buckley Memorial Scholarship
- **Sophia Galiotta** – Frank L.P. Edwards Memorial Scholarship
- **Alex Brownfield** – George Washington PTO Scholarship
- **Jessica Abraham** – Jennifer A. Morgan Memorial Scholarship
- **Dylan Shields** – John Deans Memorial Scholarship
- **Sydney Burns** – Ken Waldie Memorial Scholarship
- **Sarah Gilliam** – Lions Club George Meyer Memorial Scholarship
- **Alex Sodini** and **Marissa Haunn** – Memorial PTA Scholarship
- **Alex Brownfield** and **Hannah Gold** – National Honor Society Scholarship
- **Jessica Abraham, Cami Morgan, Andrew Cassano** and **Kira Greer** – Principals Advisory Council for Students Scholarship
- **Sam Donaldson** – Rosemary Gainar Memorial Scholarship
- **Molly Hoffman** – Rotary Club of Bethel Park Scholarship
- **Miranda Johns** – Rotary Club of Upper St. Clair/Bethel Park Service Above Self Award
- **Jessica Ashton** – Sage Scholarship
- **Ethan Oczkowski** – Scott Beynon Memorial Scholarship
- **Tyler Miller** – Sydney Romanus Memorial Scholarship
- **Tyler Kvak, Miranda Johns** and **Mark Vighetti** – Kramer Family Scholarship
- **Sam Donaldson** and **Shadiyah Feliciano** – Dr. Thomas A. Knight Memorial Scholarship
- **Alex Brownfield** and **Lauren Mullen** – Urik Family Memorial Scholarship
- **Lauren Mullen** – McGrady Family Scholarship
- **Brandon Janus** – American Legion Post 760 Riders Scholarship
- **Grace Bair** – American Legion Post 760 Sons of the American Legion Scholarship
- **Kevin Kogler** – Bethel Park Baseball Boosters Scholarship
- **Samantha Gutherol** – Angel F. Miranda Achievement Award

Thank you to all of the local organizations for supporting our students!



TWO STUDENTS COMPETE ON WORLD SCHOOLS SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM



Caleb Shook



Christian McClaine



Christine Robb

Two Bethel Park High School students were members of one of the two Pittsburgh area teams that competed in the World Schools Debate Competition, which this year was held virtually in June.

Representing Bethel Park in this event were 2020 graduate **Caleb Shook** and rising senior **Christian McClaine**. They were two of the five members on the "Pittsburgh Black" World Schools Team, who were coached by Bethel Park High School Gifted Program Coordinator and Speech and Debate Coach **Christine Robb**.

At Worlds, the team advanced to the Quarterfinals before finally bowing out of the competition to the winning team from last year's competition. They finished in Sixth Place among the 166 teams from across the country and the world who competed in this elite event.

This was Caleb's second year on the team and Christian's first. This was also Ms. Robb's second year of coaching.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

For All Bethel Park Students
Is **Wednesday, August 26, 2020**
Have A Great Year!

95 STUDENTS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Bethel Park High School Chapter of the National Honor Society selected 95 students for induction into its Class of 2020, including four seniors, 21 juniors and 70 sophomores.

To be eligible for induction, students must maintain a 3.85 cumulative grade point average, perform a minimum of 35 hours of community service in the year prior to induction, and demonstrate leadership and character.

Inducted this year were seniors **Sean Heh, Jacob Marzina, Aiden Moncavage** and **Anthony Stephon**.

Juniors inducted include **John Alacce, Weeam Boumaza, Declan Brusoski, Jake Cook, Abigail Diel, Kellie Fedkoe, Michael Francus, Andrew Fullerton, Zach Haddox, Gabriella Johnson, Zoe Knight, Alessia Moreno, Ethan Nerone, Dominic Palombia, Ethan Patrick, Ryan Puskar, Maya Ripley, Carly Roberts, Nathan Rooney, Olivia Vituccio** and **Marguerite Young**.

The sophomores who were inducted are: **Sara Ackerman, Eammon Anderson, Anastacia Antonucci, Emma Becker, Michael Bostaph, Margaret Bronco, Robert Brooks, Michael Bruni, Isabel Burke, Sean Burns, Megan Cunningham, Stefania DiPrampo, Keelan Donovan,**



Emma Dziezgowski, Sean Eckert, Aletris Eckert, Oluwatoyosi Egbebi, Meghan Erfort, Kristie Faber, Sadie Fedor, Isabelle Finnegan, Lily Gaston and **Sarah Gilliland**.

Also inducted were sophomores **Alex Greene, Abigail Griffith, John Hatten, Isabella Heasley, Julie Heh, Willow Hernishin, Victoria Hoffman, Isabella Horgan, Jack Hruby, Riley Hunter, David Jakel, Emma Karstensen, David Kessler, Victoria Krapp, Anna Levis, Braden Lloyd, Rebecca Mack, Olivia Magnu, Lily Marchand, Macy Mathias, Klaudia Menko, Riley Miller, Katelyn Muench** and **Julianne Murphy**.

Additionally, sophomores **Joshua Narr, Abby Quickel, Max Radcliffe, Haylee Rapali, Brendan Ridge, Anna Rosemeier, Allison Scarlett, Frederick Schein, Caitlyn Schultz, Max Smith, Alexandra Sniegocki, William Sokira, Mackenzie Stephenson, Kate Sullivan, Madison Thiele, Jadon Tietz, Olivia Underwood, Brooke Veith, Katerina Velisaris, Madilyn Walters, Anastasia Williams, Abbey Wright** and **Isabella Zallo** were among this year's inductees.

This year's NHS Officers were **John Gummo**, President; **Madelyn Marzina**, Vice President; **Alexis Kiesling**, Secretary and **Caleb Shook**, Treasurer. Bethel Park High School Science Teacher **Sean O'Brien** is the Chapter's Sponsor.

12 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO QUILL & SCROLL

Bethel Park High School inducted 12 students into its Chapter of Quill & Scroll, the International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, at a virtual ceremony held in May.

As part of the ceremony, journalism advisers presented awards to student staff members of the high school's *Hawk Eye* newspaper, *Beacon* yearbook, Black Hawk TV video production studio, and *Vernissage* literary arts magazine, who have excelled in communications work during the past school year.

Students inducted into Quill & Scroll membership were: seniors **Kevin Aoun** (BHTV), **Kyle Bailey** (BHTV), **Sydney Burns** (*Vernissage*), **Tommy DiRienzo** (*Hawk Eye*), **Erin Dublin** (*Hawk Eye*), **Ryan Meis** (*Hawk Eye*), **Tyler Miller** (BHTV) and **Dylan Shields** (*Hawk Eye* and BHTV).

Also inducted were junior **Matthew Szymanowski** (*Hawk Eye* and BHTV) and sophomores **Evan Mannion** (*Beacon* and BHTV) **Matthew McCullough** (BHTV), and **Max Smith** (BHTV).

Dr. Charles Youngs, BPHS Curriculum Facilitator of English Language Arts, and *Vernissage* adviser, hosted the live web event. School publications advisers shared highlights of their year. The BPHS school journalism and communications advisers are **Mr. John Allemang**, adviser of the *Hawk Eye* online student newspaper and the *Beacon* yearbook; and **Mr. Brad Kszastowski**, adviser of video production and Black Hawk TV.



Dr. Youngs conducted the candle lighting ceremony remotely.

A keynote address was given by **Dr. Jane Blystone**, an award-winning and respected advocate of scholastic journalism on state and national levels, who stressed the importance of student voice, now and throughout their lives.

Following Dr. Blystone's remarks, the induction, which included a ceremonial candle lighting, took place. The initiates received membership pins and certificates by mail and a subscription to the *Quill & Scroll* online magazine.

Students are eligible for induction if they are sophomores or older, are in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing, have done superior work in some phase of school publications, and be recommended by their publication adviser.

BIG DATA TEAM GIVEN EXEMPLARY RECOGNITION



Alex Chitsazzadeh



Anthony Hudson



Allison Kurtz

The Bethel Park High School Big Data Team--seniors **Alex Chitsazzadeh** and **Anthony Hudson**, and junior **Allison Kurtz** received "Equal and Exemplary Recognition" at the 2020 "Virtual" Pittsburgh Big Data Jam Finale for their project, "The Return on Investment of College."

This year's event was held via video conference with the eight teams of students from six area high schools, their teachers, their University of Pittsburgh Project Mentors, representatives from Pittsburgh Data Works, the University of Pittsburgh's Cyber Institute and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

All eight projects were highlighted by the Pitt Project Mentors, who also shared the judges' comments with the participants. The judges called the Bethel Park project "impressive" and noted that this was a "tedious project with data visualizations that were organized in a way that answered their initial question," which was "How does receiving a degree in a field of work from a more or less expensive university affect one's starting and average pay during their career?"

Their project board showed the challenges they faced, data sources, data set examples, visualizations and a summary, which concluded that the correlation between majors and salary early and mid-career varied.

The annual Big Data Jam showcases the projects from all the schools. The event is designed to encourage students to conduct "Big Data" projects and learn how

Big Data drives informed decisions in various fields, as well as to consider pursuing a career as a data scientist.

The students worked on this project as part of their Big Data Analytics class at Bethel Park High School. They are taught by Bethel Park High School Teachers **Lee Cristofano** and **Emily Smoller**.

LATIN NEWS

National Latin Exams

Five Bethel Park High School students were recognized for their outstanding scores on the National Latin Exams.

Sophomore **Lily Gaston** received a Magna Cum Laude Certificate for her score on the Latin III Exam.

Juniors **Zack Rectenwald** and **Kate Wholey** received Cum Laude Certificates for their scores on the Latin III Exam.

Freshman **Lydia Blum** earned a Cum Laude Certificate on the Latin II Exam and freshman **Joshua Clunan** earned a Cum Laude Certificate for his score on the Latin I Exam.

Latin Honor Society

Eighteen Bethel Park High School students qualified for induction into the school's Latin Honor Society.

To be eligible for induction, students must maintain a 90 percent average for a minimum of two years of High School Latin and be in good classroom standing.

Inducted this year were sophomores **Lily Gaston**, **Sarah Gilliland** and **Matt Kurtz**.

Also inducted were juniors **Tanush Bahl**, **Grace Gealey**, **Matt McGrath**, **Cassidy Misak**, **Sarah Plotz**, **Zack Rectenwald**, **Kate Wholey** and **Malik Yasin**.

Seniors who graduated with a 90% Latin average are **Alex Brownfield**, **Hannah Crawford**, **Edric Craven**, **Sebastian DiPrampo**, **Xavier Gaefke**, **Hannah Gold** and **Claudia Huber**.

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



BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN TWO AWARDS AT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Four Bethel Park High School students won two awards at the Science Olympiad competition, which was held in March on the California University of Pennsylvania campus.



The competition engaged students in a variety of science, engineering and STEAM challenges.

Seniors **Sarah Gilliam** and **Sarah Long** finished in Second Place in the Write It, Do It event; and juniors **Tanush Bahl** and **Tobias Roule** placed Third in the Chemistry Lab event.

The students were prepared for this competition by Bethel Park High School Science Teacher **Randi Dumris**.

GERMAN NEWS

German Day

Bethel Park High School German students earned three First Place, three Second Place and two Third Place Awards at the 2020 American Association of Teachers of German's Three Rivers German Day Competition, which this year was conducted virtually due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Bethel Park's eight awards were the most of any of the eight competing schools.

Earning First Place were junior **Abby Cannon** in the Proverb Posters competition, sophomore **Willow Hernishin** in the Poetry Writing event, and sophomore **Kaitlyn Wiard** in the Painting category.

Second Place Awards were earned by **Abby Cannon** in the Poetry Recitation category, junior **Benjamin Sommer** in Fiction Writing, and **Kaitlyn Wiard** in the Drawings category.

Junior **Kerriane Troesch** earned Third Place in the Poetry Recitation category, as did **Kaitlyn Wiard** in the Proverb Posters Category.



Cody Hendrych-Bondra

German Youth Exchange Scholarship

Bethel Park High School Freshman **Cody Hendrych-Bondra**, an Honors II German Student, has been awarded the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cody was one of 350 students selected nationwide to receive a stipend to live with a German host family in the Federal Republic of Germany and attend a German "Gymnasium," which is a secondary school for college-bound students.

His travel and study will be jointly funded by the United States and German governments. Due to the current global situation, the duration of his experience living and studying abroad may have to be shortened, with a possible departure delayed until January 2021.

German National Honor Society

Nineteen Bethel Park High School German students have qualified for induction into the BPHS chapter of the Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society and will be inducted in the fall when it is safe to resume school.

In order to qualify for Delta Epsilon Phi, a student must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.6 in German and 3.0 in all other courses, must have at least one "A" grade and no grades of a "C" or lower in German over any given three-semester span, and must demonstrate personal and academic integrity, as well as a commitment to continue in the Bethel Park German program.

The induction class of 2020 will consist of the following students: junior **Alex Wiernik**; sophomores **Michael Bostaph**, **Sean Burns**, **Bella Heasley**, **Braden Lloyd**, **Becky Mack**, **Abby Quickel** and **Ella Voskamp**; and freshmen **Gavin Barzan**, **Jeremy Blocklin**, **Keegan Brusoski**, **Lauren Heh**, **Cody Hendrych-Bondra**, **Carter Kicinski**, **Nicole Martinelli**, **Megan Miehl**, **Jason Turske**, **Mira Weston** and **Samantha Wolf**.

German End-Of-Year Awards

The Bethel Park High School German Club announced the 2020 recipients of two of its annual academic awards.

Freshman **Cody Hendrych-Bondra** received the Dietrich Award of Academic Excellence, which is presented annually to the High School's Most Outstanding German Student. Cody was recognized for turning in the top academic performance of the year.

Senior **Sam Donaldson**, an AP German V student, was honored as this year's Most Outstanding Chapter Member of the Bethel Park High School Chapter of the Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society.

The German Club also awards a Summer Study Scholarship to the Millersville University Summer German Camp, but was unable to do so this year because the Camp could not be held, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



Sam Donaldson

MUSIC NEWS

All-State Orchestra

- **Bill Kumer** (Cello)
- **Elijah Nice** (Percussion)
- **Jaxon Stewart** (Clarinet)
- **Theresa Stolpa** (French Horn)



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



Becky Mack

All-State Band

- **Becky Mack** (Oboe)



(Left to right): Olivia Tabler, Becky Mack and Roma Eisel



Region Band

- **Roma Eisel** (Bassoon)
- **Becky Mack** (Oboe)
- **Olivia Tabler** (Clarinet)

Best Communities For Music Education Award

For the fifth time, the Bethel Park School District received the Best Communities for Music Education Award from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) for outstanding commitment to music education.



The award is given annually to school districts who demonstrate outstanding achievement, in an effort to provide music access and education to all students as part of a well-rounded education program.

Bethel Park was one of 754 school districts across the country to receive this award in 2020. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Bethel Park was required to answer detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs.

22 STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR WORK ON NATIONAL FRENCH EXAMS

Twenty-two Bethel Park High School students received recognition for their high scores on the National French Exam (Le Grand Concours 2020), earning four Silver Medals, seven Bronze Medals and 11 Honorable Mentions.

Senior **Caleb Shook** and junior **Marissa Wycinsky** earned Silver Medals on the French IV Exam, for scoring in the 90th-85th percentile. Sophomore **Oluwatoyosi Egbebi** earned Silver on the French III Exam, and freshman **Addison Hill** earned Silver on the French II Exam.

Junior **Tobias Roule** earned a Bronze Medal on the French IV Exam for scoring in the 80th-75th percentile. Junior **Tia Kean** and sophomore **Allison Scarlett** earned Bronze Medals on the French III Exam, with freshmen **Tatum Brown**, **Helena Gable**, **Yingzhi Lu** and **Katharine Tena** earning Bronze Medals on the French III Exam.

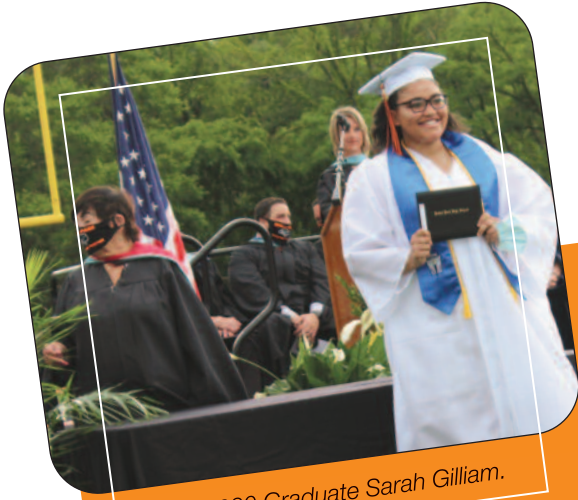
Sophomores **Megan Cunningham**, **Sadie Fedor**, **Alexandros Fekos** and **Riley Hunter** earned Honorable Mentions on the French III Exam for scoring between the 70th and 50th percentile. Sophomores **Summer Barkley** and **Max Smith**, as well as freshmen **Leah Armstrong**, **Aletris Eckert**, **Anna Marie Lorenzi**, **Cora Martin-Farmer** and **Charlotte Rose** earned Honorable Mention on the French II Exam.

This year the Exams were administered via an online platform, which had students taking the tests at home.

The students are taught by Bethel Park High School French Teachers **Tracy McCoy** and **Rachael Smith**.

Congratulations,
BPHS French
Students!

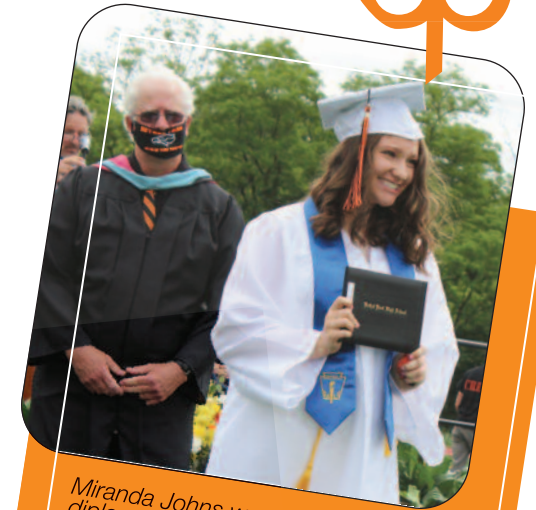




2020 Graduate Sarah Gilliam.

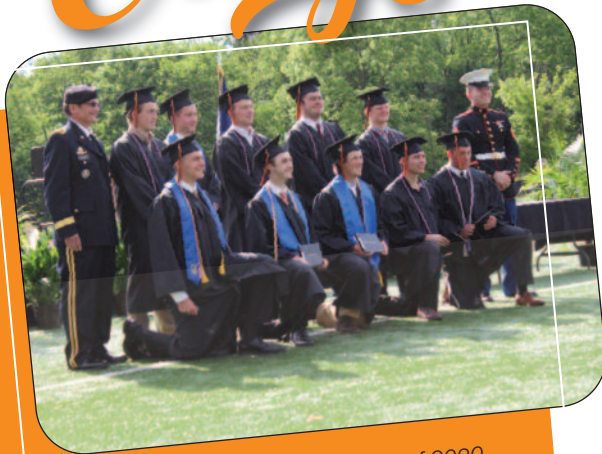


Joey Bova with his diploma.



Miranda Johns was presented her diploma by School Director Jim Modrak.

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2020!



Ten members of the BPHS Class of 2020 plan to pursue careers in the military.



Salutatorian Caleb Shook addresses the attendees.

CLASS OF 2020 FAST FACTS

Did you know...

- 349 Graduates
- 102 graduated with a QPA of 4.00 or higher (Highest Honors)
- 75 graduated with a QPA of 3.75 to 3.999 (High Honors)
- 39 graduated with a QPA of 3.50 to 3.749 (Honors)
- 85 seniors were members of the National Honor Society (QPA of 3.85 or higher)
- 5 National Merit Commended Students
- The Class of 2019's average SAT score of 1,127 was 45 points higher than the State average and 68 points higher than the National average.

The 349 members of the Bethel Park High School Class of 2020 graduated in four separate back-to-back ceremonies on Saturday, June 13 at Bethel Park Stadium.

This change in tradition was necessitated by the Governor's orders that large groups be limited to 250 individuals to help to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Each ceremony featured its own speaker. Valedictorian **Hannah Gold** spoke at the First Ceremony, telling her classmates that Graduation is the culmination of their life's work to this point. She concluded that the events surrounding the Coronavirus and the changes in schedule and routines helped the students to figure out who they are. "Perseverance and hard work have brought you here." She ended her remarks by encouraging her classmates to "keep believing."

Salutatorian **Caleb Shook** took the podium for the Second Ceremony. While he admitted he did not have all the answers about the meaning of life, he felt confident sharing his belief that every life has a purpose. He encouraged his classmates to find purpose by reflecting on the lessons they learned at Bethel Park, and to move into the future remembering how they got here and who helped them to get here.

During the Third Ceremony, Interim Superintendent **Dr. Joseph Dimperio** encouraged the students to "become a world citizen" and to "embrace work." He concluded his brief remarks by urging the students to continue to learn and not let anyone discourage them from learning.

Bethel Park High School Principal **Dr. Zeb Jansante** moved about the field during the Fourth Ceremony to congratulate the students and commend them for how they took what he termed as "something not so great" and turned it into "something meaningful." He asked the students to think of their families when they were making decisions and to choose the paths that would make their families proud. He also encouraged them to continue to help others.

During the Fourth Ceremony Senior Class President **Marissa Haunn**

put an exclamation point on the Ceremony, mentioning many of the unique things that happened to the students throughout their careers at Bethel Park High School and wishing them the best in the future.

This year, 10 students will be pursuing careers in the military, including the United States Marine Corps, Army ROTC, Air Force Academy, West Point Military Academy, the United States Army, the Merchant Marines and the Marine Reserves. Leading the special recognition ceremony for the military graduates was 1975 BPHS Graduate, Retired Army General **Mark Bellini**.

Leading the Tassel Ceremonies at each of the ceremonies were National Honor Society President **John Gummo**, Dr. **Jansante**, Principals Advisory Council for Students President **Jessica Abraham** and Student Government President **Lily Wilson**, respectively.

Among this year's graduates, 84% of this year's graduates will attend a 4 year college or university; 9% will attend a two year college and 3% will attend a trade/technical school or participate in an apprenticeship. The remaining students will either participate in the military or join the work force. To see a list of the Class of 2020's Future Plans, please go to <https://www.bpsd.org/Downloads/2020%20future%20plans.pdf>.

Congratulations, Class of 2020! Best wishes to you in the future! We look forward to hosting a special One Year Reunion for you next spring on campus to catch up with everything you have been doing. Please continue to make us proud!



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