

Bethel Park CHRONICLES

The Official Bethel Park Municipal & School District Newsletter



Bethel Park Recreation Resumes Summer Traditions!



Summer Camps are back!
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Farmers' Market opens May 4!
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BETHEL PARK MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 31

The American Legion's Annual Parade and Cemetery Service on Memorial Day strives towards public awareness and remembrance of those who gave their lives for freedom—the supreme sacrifice for their country. Marchers carrying flags representing each service branch will participate and escort 8-10 riflemen who will serve as an honor guard attending to the flags.

The ceremony starts at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, May 31 at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the Municipal Building. This year's speaker will be Bethel Park Municipal Manager **Laurence J. Christian** who will be speaking on what Memorial Day means to him in regard to the time he served in the Army and the many individuals in his family who have and are currently serving in the military as well.

Additional names will be added to the over 3,500 already in place on the Veterans Memorial representing those from the American Revolution to today.

Following the ceremony, the Memorial Day Parade will begin at the Municipal Building and end at the Bethel Cemetery, adjacent to Bethel Presbyterian Church on Bethel Church Road. A Memorial Day service will be held immediately after the parade. And, at approximately 10:20 a.m., a U.S. Airforce C-17 airplane will conduct a flyover. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in honoring our veterans. Guests are asked to follow all CDC COVID guidelines. Active duty military, reservists, Guard members, their families and Gold Star families who'd like to be in the parade can contact **Ken Nagel** at **412-983-4821**.





Bethel Park
SPRING
MAKEOVER
Challenge

A joint effort of the Buy Bethel Initiative & the Bethel Park Kindness Project
April 15 – June 20

In support of local businesses, we're holding a fun spring program sponsored by the Bethel Park Kindness Project – the *Spring Makeover Challenge!* We'd love for everyone to participate; and, the great thing is, you may already be doing what's needed to be part of the fun and win great prizes!

How to Participate:
When you plant, decorate and/or improve the outside of your home, submit before and after photos to the **Municipality of Bethel Park Facebook Page** under the **Spring Makeover** post between April 15 and June 20. When you submit pictures, don't forget to include the names of any local businesses where you purchased flowers, plants or other supplies or materials that helped make your project a success!

Entry Categories:

Window/Door Decorating: Decorate windows and/or doors of your home in a spring theme.

Planting/Growing:

- **Children (up to age 10 & age 11 & up):** Flowers grown in either pots or in a garden/ground. Please state your child's age with photo entry.
- **Adults:** Flowers and plants of any types. (pots or ground)

Landscaping: Larger scale projects to the front or rear of a home or business such as retaining walls, fencing, pavers, fire pits, patios, walkways, etc.

Water Gardening: Ponds, pond plants, and structures/plants in and around the pond.

Home Improvement: Any changes to a home's facade.

Prizes:
Everyone who submits photos will be entered into a prize raffle that will be drawn at the July Municipal Council meeting. Winners will be notified via Facebook. *Good luck!*

"How To" Videos:
Visit our Spring Makeover page at www.bethelpark.net to view a variety of "how-to" videos from local experts that will be posted throughout the project offering inspiration and expert guidance. We might even be posting special participant discounts or other surprises there along the way!

So, have fun and let's make this spring even more special in Bethel Park!




Memorial Day Speaker Laurence J. Christian Bio

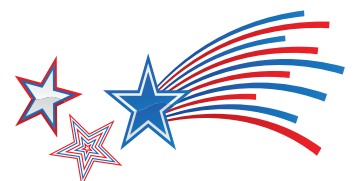
Manager of the fourth largest Municipality in Allegheny County since 2019, **Laurence** serves as the Chief Administrative Officer overseeing the daily operation of services and programs for a community of over 32,000 Bethel Park residents encompassing over 12,000 households.

Laurence came to Bethel Park after serving 24 years in the U.S. Army culminating as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for an Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, GA.

His background includes serving in a variety of diverse military organizations ranging from 1,700 to 292,000 personnel. His responsibility ranged from daily operations and facility maintenance to overseeing multi-million-dollar budgets supporting national strategies and Defense Department initiatives. Additionally, he served as Deputy Chief of Operations on the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command where he facilitated multi-national engagements executing operations across three continents supporting national strategic objectives with members from 85 partner nations.

Immediately prior to coming to Bethel Park, Laurence served as a Military Fellow with the Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship at the Office of the City Manager in Columbus, GA facilitating projects and programs for city leaders while conducting and documenting extensive project research.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Administration (*General Administration*) from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science in Social Science from Campbell University. Additionally, Laurence completed the Senior Leader Program from the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College and attended the Managerial Leadership School of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Staff College. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management, has completed the ICMA Local Government Certification and the PA Municipal Administration Training Center certification sponsored by the Pennsylvania Municipal League and serves on the ICMA Veterans Advisory Committee.





MANAGER'S CORNER



Laurence Christian

A lot has certainly changed from last year when we were first impacted by COVID. Rather than closing programs and events, we're now pleased to be reopening the bulk of them!

In fact, we'll be offering a fairly full schedule of Recreation programs including our much-anticipated Summer Day Camp program! You'll find details on pg. 27.

With spring here and summer around the corner, you're most likely going to be visiting one of our community parks. And, when you do, you'll notice that we've made significant improvements to some of them! We've completed Miner's Park renovations and will be holding a grand reopening there soon. We're also working on Millennium, Oak Tree and Birch Tree Parks. And for 2022, Elm Tree, Pine Tree and Park Avenue will be slated for renovations including new/upgraded amenities such as basketball courts, benches and playgrounds.

At the Park Avenue site, we're moving forward with the conceptual design phase and have been awarded about \$1 million in grant money to fund a large portion of this project. Our goal is to make the entire Community Center site a "one-stop" complex where families will be able to bring their kids to the gym, splash pad (*to be installed*), the playground, and more all in one area! We're hoping to unveil project plans sometime this fall. Our staff has been working tirelessly on all of these projects to bring them to fruition.

Residents can also expect a 100-year anniversary at Coverdale this July (*we realize it was last year, but we had to delay due to COVID*).

Another event we're bringing back is our "Summer Spectacular" on Saturday, June 26. Watch for details on our Facebook page and website.

And, finally, we've been working on significant internal upgrades to make ourselves more transparent, able to provide better resident communication, and provide frequently requested information in a more efficient format. We're also updating our strategic plan and will be bringing key community leaders on board for input into 2022 planning.

This community has been incredible throughout the extreme challenges that COVID presented and now we're happy to be moving into the future with a lot of hope and positive momentum!

An Update on Municipal Park Improvements and Road Paving

The Municipality has a goal of upgrading and improving its community parks. In fact, many residents expressed extremely positive feedback about the playground makeover at Miner's Park resulting in a variety of new equipment for children of all ages to enjoy!

Following are exciting plans for two additional parks as well as an update on the Municipal Road Program:

Millennium Park (*off Baptist Rd.*)

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

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

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

Security cameras will also be added at the park.

The project will begin this May and is scheduled for September completion.

Park Avenue

After receiving close to \$1 million in grant funds, Park Avenue is slated for extensive renovations beginning in April 2022. While the project is still in the conceptual stage, residents will be pleased to know that amenities such as a splash pad, an additional playground, green space, a two-story restroom with entries from both the field and splash pad, and pavilions for parties and picnics will all be added.

Community updates will be provided as the project moves forward.

Road Program

With a \$1.75 million budget, the Bethel Park Road Program will be in high gear throughout the spring, summer and fall. Area roads will be paved based on a ratings program called "Roadbotics." According to Graf, the program helps check 'distresses' such as potholes, cracks in roads, etc. and rates them. Roads are then paved in order of their rating as well as a staff review.

Prior to the start of paving, the Municipal road engineer spent three months taking road measurements.

Bids will be put together to complete paving and other road improvements. Updates will be announced on Bethel Park's Facebook page (*Municipality of Bethel Park*) and website at www.bethelpark.net.

Voter Referendum May 18th

Bethel Park's existing Home Rule Charter requires the Municipal Planner to live within the Municipality of Bethel Park; however, the most qualified candidate may or may not currently reside in the community. And, many Municipal positions are already filled by very qualified individuals who love Bethel Park despite living elsewhere.

With an average one-way work commute of 26.7 minutes in Allegheny County, the majority of Bethel Park residents most likely don't live and work within the confines of the Municipal boundaries. However, that doesn't make them less enthusiastic about where they work or their profession.

Bethel Park seeks to hire employees who have the passion to make the Municipality the most sought-after place to live!

However, not everyone wants to relocate to the community where they work due to already being established in their current home, having children happy with their schools, and a variety of other reasons.

Because of this, we want to be able to open our hiring pool up as wide as possible. Your 'YES' vote on May 18th will enable the Municipality to hire the most qualified candidate for the Municipal Planner position!

Part-Time Summer Help in Public Works

NOW HIRING

The Municipality of Bethel Park is seeking part-time summer help to assist the Public Works Department cutting, weed whacking, painting, and digging in the Municipal Parks.

Must be at least age 18 and have a valid Pennsylvania driver's license. Position start and end dates are flexible May – August. Hours are 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Rate of pay is \$12/hour. Interested candidates must apply at resume@bethelpark.net (*attach resume if applicable*) stating that you are interested in the Part-Time Summer Help position no later than 4 p.m. April 30 or contact **Doreen** at 412-831-6800, x379.

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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 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

3rd Thursday of each month 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Last Thursday of each month 10 a.m.

CONVERSATION SALON: DISCUSSION GROUP

1st & 3rd Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

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 p.m.

Knitter's of all levels welcome! Bring your yarn and needles to knit and stitch. **THIS IS NOT A CLASS.**

SCRABBLE CLUB

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Fun, friendly games! New members welcome!

PINOCHLE CLUB

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at 12 p.m.

Play some Pinochle! (*Not a class, experienced players preferred.*)

PITTSBURGH SOUTH WRITERS GROUP

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Attention Writers!

Pittsburgh South Writers Group offers writers of all genres the inspiration and constructive criticism needed to improve their work.

GENEALOGY GROUP

4th Monday of the month at 1 p.m.

Exchange information and research ideas.

Call or check the Library's Event Calendar webpage for next meeting's date.

MEMORY CAFÉ

3rd Wednesday of every month from 10:30 a.m.

Are you caring for someone with dementia? If you are, who is caring for you? Join us for an informal Dementia support group especially designed for families and caregivers. This informational, supportive group will help you learn more about the disease and support your feelings. No registration needed.

BETHEL PARK LIBRARY BUTTON CLUB

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

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

UNREAL ENGINE 4 MEET UP - PITTSBURGH

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

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

WISE WALK

Thursday, April 15th – June 17th

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

UNDERSTANDING THE REALITY OF ADDICTION

Presented by Lucy M. Garrighan, Founder of JADE Wellness Centers
Dr. Victoria Matasy, Board Certified Internal Medicine

Wednesday, May 5th at 7 p.m.

Program Topics Include: Defining Addiction; How to Recognize Addiction; Prevention; Treatment; and Narcan Q&A. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

POETRY AND MUSIC EVENT

Saturday, May 15th at 12pm

Join us on **Saturday, May 15th at 12 p.m.** for a fun afternoon of poetry reading and music. All genres are welcome. Original work only.

Upcoming Dates: *Saturday, June 12th & Saturday, July 31st at 12 p.m.*
Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

BALANCE AND FALL RISK

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

Wednesday, May 19th at 2 p.m.

Learn about common reasons for falling, ways you can make your house safer to prevent falls, and some simple exercises to improve your balance during this interactive lecture.

Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

WET FELT COASTER CRAFT

Presented by Artist and Teacher **Judé Ernest**

Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

This class is an introduction to Wet felting. All project tools and supplies will be provided. Participants will learn the wet felting basics and a bit about the amazing history of felting. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

WHY MEDITATE?

Presented by **Sheila Forester**

Wednesday, June 2nd at 7 p.m.

We will explore the holistic effects of Transmission Meditation and the practical methods of getting started. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

NEEDLE FELTED MUSHROOMS CRAFT

Presented by Artist and Teacher **Judé Ernest**

Thursday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

This class is an introduction to hand needle felting. Project tools and supplies will be provided. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB

Begins Monday, June 7th

Free reading raffle! Each book read or listened to is a chance to win gift cards! Stop in the Library to register and for prize list.

POETRY AND MUSIC EVENT

Saturday June 12th at 12pm

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

Upcoming Date: *Saturday, July 31st at 12 p.m.*

Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

**ARTHRITIS: THE SLEEPING GIANT**

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

Wednesday, June 16th 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!

HOW MONEY WORKS

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

Wednesday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

STARGAZING & MYTHS – VIRTUAL EVENT

Presented by local Astronomer **Larry McHenry**

Thursday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an introduction to the constellations and seasonal night sky mythology.

This is a virtual program (*not in-person*) using Zoom. Please register on the Library's online Event Calendar.

SELF-DEFENSE AND SAFETY SEMINAR

Presented by Damsel in Defense

Saturday, June 19th at 11 a.m.

Take control of your own safety. Protect yourself and your loved ones with everyday safety tips and basic self-defense tactics. Presenter will also demonstrate Damsel in Defense safety products. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

FENG SHUI: CREATING A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Presented by **Donna Rossa**

Wednesday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

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

Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

EXPERIENCING LIFE AS AN ADVENTURE – VIRTUAL EVENT

Presented by Author **Walter G. Meyer**

Wednesday, June 30th at 7 p.m.

Bethel Park native Walter G. Meyer used his time during the COVID lock down to start writing his memoirs one story at a time on Facebook, resulting in his seventh book. The underlying theme of the book is that life is an adventure if you choose to live it as one. Walt's presentation will be illustrated with photos from the book.

This is a virtual program (*not in-person*) using Zoom. Please register on the Library's online Event Calendar.

DEFINING AND DEMYSTIFYING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DURING COVID / SMALL EMPLOYER (2-50)

Thursday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Join **Elizabeth Ley, CPA MST, TurnKey Services LLC** as she sheds light on how employee benefits can really help small employers during Covid. Including tax credits opportunities, penalty possibilities, and how benefits can come at no or low cost to the employer. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

CLEAR THE CLUTTER AND IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

Presented by **Donna Rossa**

Wednesday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m.

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

Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS

Tuesday, July 20th at 12 p.m.

Use the Library's 3D Printer to make personalized gifts, replacements parts, or your own artistic item or creative invention. If you cannot make this class, please call the Library for additional dates. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

POETRY AND MUSIC EVENT

Saturday, July 31st at 12 p.m.

Join us on **Saturday, July 31st at 12 p.m.** for a fun afternoon of poetry reading and music. All genres are welcome. Original work only. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

CRAFT CLASSES ONLINES

Tuesday, Aug. 3rd at 12 p.m.

Your Library now has a subscription to Creativebug! Creativebug is an online collection of 1000+ crafting classes. Users can save favorite classes, receive personalized recommendations, and download patterns, templates, and recipes. Very Limited Space - must register at the Library or call 412-835-2207.

SPINAL STENOSIS

Presented by **Dr. George Fraudin**
Wednesday, Aug. 4th at 6:30 p.m.

This free talk with cover new breakthroughs in nonsurgical treatment.

NECK AND BACK PAIN

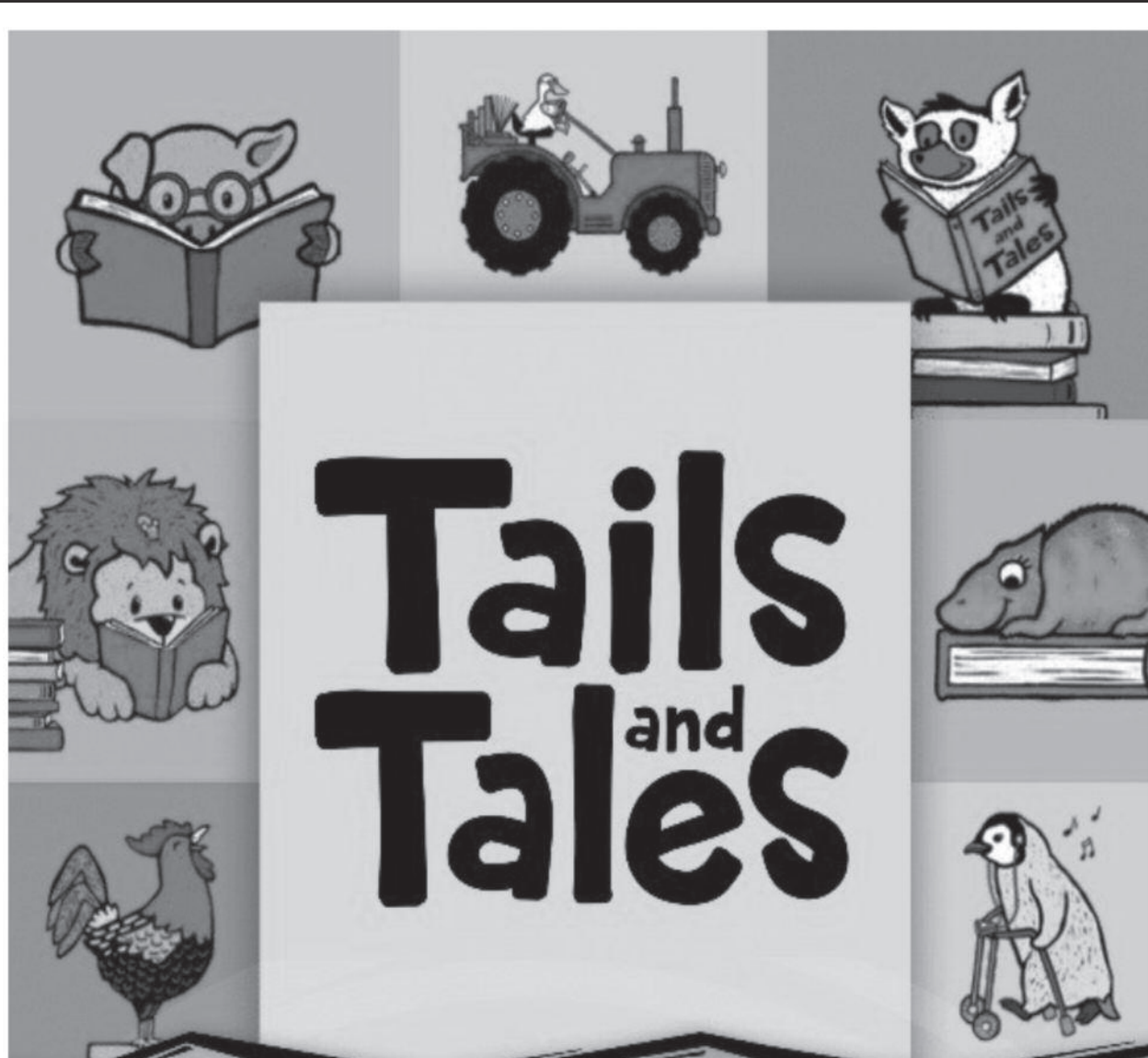
Presented by **Martine Marino, MPT, COMT**
Wednesday, Aug. 18th at 2 p.m.

A brief explanation of some common causes of back and neck pain and some tips to treat and prevent it.

NEW Library Operating Hours

<i>Monday – Thursday</i>	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
<i>Friday – Saturday</i>	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<i>Sunday</i>	1 – 5 p.m.

The Library is CLOSED on Sunday in the summer from Memorial Day - Labor Day.



Bethel Park Public Library proudly presents

Summer Learning 2021

Eight Weeks of Nonstop Fun!

Beginning May 3rd, visit our website or stop in person to pick up a flyer with all of our summer classes and events. We'll be hosting a hybrid of learning and activity with some remaining virtual, some at the Library, and many held outdoors at Simmons Park!

And, be sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 5th** when we'll be kicking off "**Tails and Tales**" with our Library Zoo event. Drop by the Library between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and have a WILD time with your friends!

EMS NEWS

National EMS Week Begins May 16!

Tri-Community South EMS is observing the 46th Annual National Emergency Medical Services Week May 16 – 21

By Kevin Trichtinger, EMT-P

National EMS week is sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in conjunction with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). It was first designated in 1974 by President Gerald Ford to honor EMS providers nationwide who deliver lifesaving care all day, every day, with little fanfare and little recognition.

In 2021, EMS remains at the forefront in the effort to reduce sickness and death from the global coronavirus pandemic. EMS workers are expected to encounter the virus as a normal part of daily operations, and to protect themselves and their patients accordingly. It's not an easy task. The effects of the pandemic have taken a toll on EMS providers and EMS systems alike. 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 nationwide and global economic situation. Through it all, Tri-Community South, along with EMS agencies across the country, serve with dedication and professionalism to respond to all calls.

Because of the pandemic, Tri-Community South once again will be unable to hold any of the public events that had been part of EMS Week in years before the pandemic began. The annual golf outing has

been cancelled. There can be no in-person mass public CPR or Stop the Bleed classes. Though vaccination efforts are well underway, and by the time EMS Week arrives some of the restrictions on public gathering may be slightly relaxed, the pandemic will be ongoing, and the best and safest course will be to maintain mask and distancing precautions. The best thing that the community can do to support EMS this EMS Week is to stay aware of the precautions and follow the CDC guidelines.

Say "Thank You" to an EMS Provider by being smart and staying safe.

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 it serves. 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.

For more information on EMS Week, to subscribe, or for any other questions on Emergency Medical Services, visit tcsems.org.



EMS For Children Program

By Kevin Trichtinger, EMT-P

Tri-Community South EMS continues to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's EMS for Children program. Tri-Community South was first awarded recognition at the highest Master Level in December of 2013.



The EMSC Program is a multi-level system of recognition for EMS agencies throughout Pennsylvania, with recognition awarded for compliance with basic equipment standards, ChildLine background clearance for all personnel, advanced pediatric education for providers, and community outreach programs.

The EMS for Children Voluntary Recognition Program is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, and is funded by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the program is to assist EMS agencies in improving their capability to treat pediatric patients, and to raise public awareness about the ability of EMS agencies to care for patients of all ages.

All of Tri-Community South ambulances have long met or exceeded the equipment requirements, and Tri-Community South's paramedics already maintain certification in Pediatric Advanced Life Support. The system's EMTs completed the requisite pediatric education. All of Tri-Community South's employees have current ChildLine clearances. TCS offers EMS awareness education to local schools through its Junior Paramedic program, and offers public CPR classes that include infant and child CPR training.

Most recently, Tri-Community South named Supervisor Kevin Trichtinger as the system's Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC). The PECC is responsible for supporting the preparedness and safe delivery of pediatric care within the EMS agency.

For more information on EMS for Children, to sign up for a class in infant or child CPR or any other CPR training, or for any other questions on Emergency Medical Services, visit tcsems.org.

TCS-EMS Annual Subscription Drive Still Underway... Purchase Your Subscription Today!

The Tri-Community South EMS annual subscription drive is continuing.

Your \$60 Individual or \$70 Household Subscription helps to ensure that Tri-Community South will continue to provide quality ambulance service whenever you need it. Your subscription to Tri-Community South EMS means that should you need medically necessary ambulance transportation, Tri-Community South EMS will accept reimbursement from your health care or other appropriate insurance carrier, and you will be responsible for only 50 percent of any co-pay and deductible amounts. The Household subscription also covers family members living at your home as well as guests. Non-subscribers are responsible for the full amount billed for the service.

Your subscription takes effect as soon as it is received, and the payment is accepted by Tri-Community South. It remains in effect through Dec. 31, 2021, regardless of the day it is received. Subscription terms and conditions are available upon request or online at http://tcsems.org/_assets/pdf/2021%20Sub%20Terms.pdf.

As of Feb. 1, 2021, fewer than 21 percent of the residences in Bethel Park, South Park, and Upper St. Clair (5,527 out of 27,057) have subscribed. This is a four percent decrease from the same time period in 2020.

Tri-Community South operates solely on income from the subscription drive, insurance reimbursements, and fees for service. Tri-Community South receives NO municipal tax money. Your subscription to Tri-Community South EMS shows that you support your Emergency Medical Service. Without the support of the residents through subscriptions and donations, the municipalities would not be able to provide this valuable service.

If you have any questions about your ambulance subscription or about Tri-Community South EMS and the services it provides, visit tcsems.org.

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

By Gary Lemasters, EMT-P, CADS

Spring is here and many people are going to be doing things outdoors, but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't be prepared for an unexpected event. Being prepared in an emergency is for all seasons. Whatever your activity may be, be careful and be prepared.

Not many people are prepared for emergencies. No one is ever ready for the unexpected, but with a little help you can make it through. No one wakes up and says "Hey, it's a good day to call an ambulance and go to the hospital." At Tri-Community South EMS, we see people at their most difficult moments. We see people when they are sick or injured.

Tri-Community South EMS personnel are highly trained Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics. We go through many hours of ongoing training throughout the year to get us prepared for what may come our way. Even though we have extensive training, there's no way to prepare for every emergency that comes along. However, there are certain things that can help you and your family prepare for the unexpected. These include:

- Taking a CPR/First-Aid class.
- Giving the correct information to the emergency dispatcher.
- Knowing the emergency number to call when an emergency arises.
- Turning your outside light on for the ambulance or having someone meet the ambulance outside so they know we got the correct house.
- Giving the right information to the emergency medical crew.

Whatever the emergency is, it's always good to be prepared. When the emergency crew comes to your house or the place of the emergency, there are several common things that we need to know about the sick or injured person.

These include their name, address, phone number, birthdate, their past medical history, medications and allergies. Many times, we ask for this information and get the response, "The hospital has all my information." It's good to know that the hospital has the information, but we also need to know what medications are being taken in case we need to give medication on the way to the hospital.


As emergency medical responders, we are highly trained and we carry certain medications in the ambulance which may affect the patient in a good or bad way. Gone are the days of the ambulance crew driving "really fast" to the hospital. We can treat the patient and perform certain skills, just like in the hospital emergency room.


It's always good to be prepared in an emergency, but not everyone is or prepared as much as they may seem. A good way to start is by taking a CPR/First-Aid course and keeping pertinent information available in case of an emergency.

Please copy our Emergency Form and pass it along to family members.

If interested in a CPR/First-Aid course, contact us or visit our website - tcsems.org.

A little bit of information goes a long way and could save a life!





TRI-COMMUNITY SOUTH EMS

Phone: (412) 831-3710 Or visit <http://www.tcsems.org>

In Case of Emergency Call

Bethel Park: (412) 833-2000

Upper St. Clair: (412) 833-7000

South Park: 911

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Interested in being an EMT or Paramedic?

Read on to Find Out More!

Tri-Community South EMS is looking for tomorrow's EMS providers. Just 50 years ago, there was no such thing as an EMT or Paramedic. Ambulances existed, of course, but the people who staffed them rarely had training beyond first aid, and often the only person in the ambulance was the driver.

Today's EMS personnel are far more than "ambulance drivers." Since the birth of Tri-Community South EMS in 1978, its EMTs and Paramedics have been regarded as skilled, professional caregivers, and the system offers an opportunity to make EMS a career. In fact, the average length of service for a full-time employee at Tri-Community South EMS is now 18 years, and three have been with the system for more than 40 years! The issue at hand is that those longest-serving employees are approaching retirement and will need to be replaced by the next generation of providers.

Many of the people who take EMT and Paramedic training today are using it as a stepping stone to careers in other health care fields. That's legitimate and understandable. EMS is a great entry into both the health care and public safety professions. What the community needs is more people who want to make EMS their career.

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The Chain of Survival Works

By John Bower, EMT-P

When a woman recently collapsed in the Bethel Park Public Library, everything fell into place to make for a great ending to a story that isn't in one of the Library books.

The woman had collapsed at a desk. Luckily, a patron in the Library was a nurse and recognized it as a sudden cardiac arrest. She placed the woman on the floor and started CPR, the first step in the "Chain of Survival."

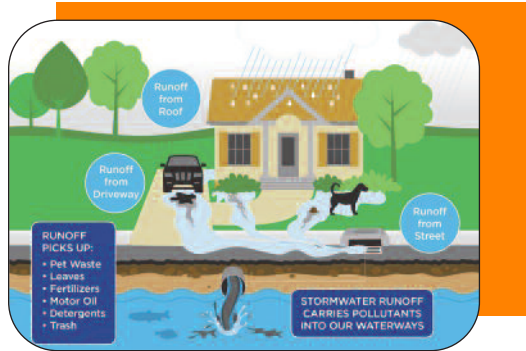
The EMS System was activated by contacting the Bethel Park Police Dispatch Center who dispatched EMS and a police officer to the scene. The Library's Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED) was obtained and placed on the patient while CPR continued. A shock was delivered with the AED by the first-responding police officer. The patient then regained a pulse and began breathing on her own. By the time EMS arrived, the patient was talking and was able to answer questions. EMS took over care of the patient and transported her to St Clair Hospital, and she was released to home several days later.

The reason the patient survived was because of the system in place in Bethel Park. If the bystander had not started CPR, an AED was not close by, and the police had not responded and shocked the patient, and EMS had not been present to treat and transport the woman to a hospital that is a cardiac center, the story would have had a different and far less happy ending.

This story is a reminder that sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. It is important to learn CPR and to be able to recognize when help is needed and activate the system.

For more information on how to learn CPR, visit tcsems.org.

Keeping Stormwater Clean



As stormwater runoff flows over the ground's surface, it can pick up pollutants such as fertilizer, motor oil, pet waste, and trash. *How can we prevent these pollutants from entering our local waterways?*

Here are some methods of doing so:

- Dispose of your pet's waste in a trash can.
- Use fertilizers and lawn chemicals sparingly.
- Maintain your vehicles to prevent leaks. Never dump motor oils or vehicle fluids down the storm drain!
- Limit impervious surface on your property.
- Consider adding green infrastructure to your property such as a rain barrel or rain garden.

BPTV...*Better than Ever!*

BPTV UPGRADE

Bethel Park Public Access Television (*Comcast 7, Verizon 32*) along with our Government Access Channels (*Comcast 17, Verizon 31*) have recently been upgraded to help bring you the latest news and information from the Municipality of Bethel Park. Many of the announcements made through our other media outlets will now be replicated for the TV viewing audience.

You can now tune in to BPTV for all the latest from Bethel Park Police, Recreation, The Bethel Park Public Library along with the community announcements BPTV has been sharing since we went into operation in 1988. If you or someone you know prefers to get their information from a more traditional source, BPTV is here for you!

The new upgrade also allows us to broadcast higher quality versions of our regular programming. BPTV takes great pride in the time and effort our volunteers put into their productions, and we are happy to have the opportunity to share these great shows at the highest quality supplied by our local cable franchises.



COMING SOON

Bethel Park Public Access Television is working with the Bethel Park School District to start broadcasting School Board Meetings live on BPTV. Look for these meetings on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. for regular, committee and special meetings as they occur. Stay tuned to BPTV for more details.

GET INVOLVED

We're always looking for new volunteers to help create the great programming you see on BPTV. Our staff will supply all the necessary training to make you a valuable member of our crew. Without volunteers, we couldn't bring you the over 500 original productions that are produced at our facility each year. If you are considering a career in TV, looking for a fun way to serve your community, or you have an internship you wish to complete in a highly hands-on environment, BPTV is a great organization to join.

If you have an idea that you always felt would make a great TV program, stop in BPTV to make that dream a reality! For our full guidelines, check us out at: bethelpark.net/departments/bptv/bptv-operational-guidelines/. Equipment and facilities are available 24/7 FREE OF CHARGE for any individual or organization that hopes to make a not for profit television program.

If you've never tuned in to BPTV, you're missing out on a great opportunity to stay informed as well as get to know some of your neighbors that help make Bethel Park a great community. You could end up being the next face on BPTV!

For more information, please contact Facility Director **Dave Cable** – 412-831-3304 or via email at dcable@bethelpark.net.

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BETHEL PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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



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

Additionally, please close your car windows and sunroof when your car is parked, and remove all valuables from view. *Don't give thieves the opportunity to ruin your summer!*

Merit Award Winners Announced

At the April Municipal Council Meeting, Chief O'Connor presented three officers with the 2020 Merit Award. Every year since 1969, BPPD Officers have nominated their peers who they feel display outstanding devotion to duty and are a credit to this department. The 2020 winners are:

1st Place **Andrew Jacobs, Patrol Division/K9**
2nd Place **Joelle Dixon, Investigations Division**
3rd Place **Colby Grubich, Patrol Division Supervisor**

Congratulations!



Bethel Park Crime Watch Program

Be part of the Bethel Park Crime Watch program which includes community meetings, communication via email alerts, and special events.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Bethel Park Community Center and are hosted by the Chief of Police and Crime Prevention Officer. Current crime trends in Bethel Park and the surrounding communities are discussed, and guest speakers are invited to provide information on crime prevention and community resources.



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

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

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

Keep Bethel Park Looking Sharp

With nice weather comes growing grass, trees and shrubs. Please help us keep the community looking nice by keeping grass under 8 inches, controlling weeds and other obnoxious vegetation, and trimming shrubs and trees which obstruct road signs and public right-of-ways.

Police and Code Enforcement will be out looking for violations and addressing them as appropriate.
(BP Ordinance 33.2)



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

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[@bethelparkpd](https://twitter.com/bethelparkpd)

Instagram:
[bethelparkpolice](https://www.instagram.com/bethelparkpolice)



BP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Get to Know Your Fire Fighters!

Following is some information about a few of our members. We would like to point out that many did not have any experience in public safety before joining. Many joined at different ages and from different backgrounds. These are your neighbors who volunteer their time to serve and safeguard the community of Bethel Park. The BPVFC takes great pride in the fact that we remain 100% volunteer and we strive to remain that way in the future.

If you or someone you know is interested or has questions about joining, please email the secretary at bethelparkvfc.secy@gmail.com, pick up an application from our website at www.bethelparkvfc.com, or phone Ed Schmidt at 412-559-8491.

Jonathan Mark

Jon joined at the age of 18 and has been with us for 9 years now. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Vice President, 1st Lieutenant, and is currently our 2nd Captain. Jon responds primarily out of Station 3 on Clifton Road and works as an Automotive Technician at Bethel Park Automotive in the Industrial Park. Jon had no previous experience before joining but he knew a few of the firefighters and had an interest. He said, "I figured I would at least give it a try and ended up loving it." After completing his essentials of firefighting training, Jon earned his National Firefighter 1 certification.

"My favorite part of being a firefighter is knowing that we make a difference in someone's day, whether it is a community service detail, a minor incident, or the worst day of someone's life," he said.

In his free time, Jon enjoys going to the gym, golfing or bowling. We would like to thank his parents, Richard and Mary Jane and sister Lauren for their support of Jon.



Mark Donald Brier

Mark joined us at the age of 40 in September of 2019 but started his fire service career in September of 2001 at the age of 22. Mark's previous experience consists of serving as a member of the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department from 2001-2009 as an interior firefighter and apparatus driver. He also served as a member of the Jefferson Hills Area Fire Department from 2009-2018 and held positions as an Assistant Chief and Lieutenant.

Since joining the BPVFC, he responds primarily out of station 1 on Brightwood Road. Mark has an extensive portfolio of fire training including Firefighter 1, Hazmat Technician, Vehicle Rescue Technician, Apparatus Driver/Aerial Operator, Apparatus Pump Operations 1 and 2, and Mass Casualty Incident Training. In 2004, Mark joined with the National Fallen Firefighters Association and serves in an active role every year to provide an escort for families who lost a family member due to a line of duty death.

Mark works two different jobs in addition to being a volunteer firefighter. He is a sales associate for over 21 years with a family business called Water Heater Distributors. He sells residential and commercial hot water heaters and parts. Mark is also an apparatus salesman with 1st Out Specialty Vehicles selling Spartan/Smeal custom fire trucks.

"My passion for the fire service came from my father who is a retired volunteer firefighter with Mt. Lebanon," he said. "I grew up watching him race out the door to answer the call and help the residents in the community for 40 years."

He finds it very rewarding to give back to the community and the residents show great gratitude and appreciate what we do for them.

"It's also a great way to be a role model to my family, especially the kids who love that I'm involved with the organization," he added.

Mark is supported at home by his girlfriend Robin Stanley, and kids Kaylin (12) and Jackson (10). The kids say that they feel safe and protected with Mark as a firefighter and they know that he wears his uniform 24/7 and is always on call to rush out the door or leave a sporting event. They both hope that one day he can drive them to school in a fire truck with the lights and sirens.

"My time as a volunteer firefighter has been one of the best experiences I've ever had," said Mark. "I'm grateful for the new relationships I've had over the years and the many residents that I've helped over my career. And, I'm very thankful to the many people who have taught me and guided me along my journey as well as the support I have received from my family, especially Robin. The continued support she gives me is amazing and she understands that Monday's 'training' night and the many committees I serve on is very key



and essential to the tough jobs and tasks that we are faced with and the risks we put our life in to help save a stranger when in need."

Mark would like to let anyone considering joining to know that Chief Gerber and the members of the Department have been outstanding and really great to work with. He looks forward to his future with the BPVFC and helping the residents of Bethel Park in any way he can.

Dave Fair

Dave has now been with us for 15 years after joining at the age of 19. When he joined, he lived closer to station 1 on Brightwood Road, but has since moved and now responds out of Station 3 on Clifton Road. He joined with no prior experience but has completed a lot of training and education over his last 15 years. Dave now has an associate's degree in Fire Science Administration and has national and state certification of Firefighter 1 & 2, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Fire Instructor 1, Fire Inspector 1 & 2, Plan Examiner 1 & 2, a class B Commercial Driver's License, and is a Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Initially Dave joined as a volunteer as a way to give back to his hometown. He enjoyed it so much

that he knew he wanted to make a career out of it and has been very fortunate to do so. Dave is a career Firefighter/AEMT for North Strabane Township Fire Department.

"My favorite part about being a firefighter is the camaraderie that is shared between the



firefighters, the men and women in the fire service become a second family," said Dave. "Having the ability to answer a call for help and make a positive impact on someone else's life is a very gratifying experience. Every day is different; you never know where you're going to be called to go or what the task will be."

When Dave isn't working or volunteering, he enjoys fishing, camping, kayaking, and driving his mustang, "Sally." Dave is supported at home by his girlfriend Arielle, yellow lab Sadie, and two cats, Google and Dennis.

Brent Kimberland

Brent didn't join until the age of 26 but has now served with us for 27 years. He has held positions as Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Engineer, Secretary, and is now on a Director on our Board. His primary response station is Station 3 on Clifton Road.

Brent has a lot of previous first responder experience and actually started with Tri-Community



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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF: *Dave Gerber*



Time for Spring Cleaning! After a cold few months, the ground may have moved outside of the emergency exits. This can be especially true for basement exits not often used. Make sure the door opens freely and you can exit safely. It's much better to find the problem and correct it now versus when you may need it in an emergency. Summer is right around the corner meaning that it's time for grilling and storms! Below are some safety tips to help prevent problems you may encounter.

Grilling Safely

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

Follow these simple tips and you'll be on the way to safe grilling! Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Here in Bethel Park, grills are prohibited from being used on apartment balconies. Keep children and pets away from the grill area and never leave your grill unattended. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

For a **propane grill**, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

For **charcoal grills** there are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use. When you're finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before discarding them in a metal container. *Eat up and remember to grill safely!*



Thunder and Lightning Storm Safety

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

Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning.

- Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under tall trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.

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

If you are inside when lightning strikes are possible, unplug appliances and other electrical items like computers and turn off air conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off. Stay off corded phones,



Receive a Full Scholarship from CCAC for Volunteering!

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

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

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

Scholarship applicants must be residents of Allegheny County and either be a current volunteer or have joined a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County. Applicants must apply and be accepted to CCAC, file for federal and state financial aid and complete the financial aid process on time and in its entirety.

If awarded a scholarship, recipients are required to meet certain obligations. These include serving as a volunteer firefighter for five years in Allegheny County, maintaining an acceptable level of service as monitored by recipient's fire department, completing two required courses at the Allegheny County Fire Academy, maintaining a minimum semester grade point average of 2.0 for the duration of the recipient's studies, and repaying a portion of the scholarship if service and academic requirements are not met.

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

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Your Support is Needed!

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

Next year we'll be faced with replacing our aging Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. These are what firefighters wear when entering an atmosphere that is dangerous to breathe in. Your donations will help pay for this expense which will cost in excess of \$250,000.

When the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company was founded in 1927, a small group of individuals had the idea to dedicate their lives to protect this community. Presently, we have sixty-five members, and we all share that same, original vision. We are asking for your continued support so we may uphold our volunteer status and continue to provide excellent fire and rescue service. As residents of Bethel Park and members of this organization, we are proud to say that your Bethel Park Volunteer Firefighters are always ready and able to protect you, your neighbors and/or business. We personally thank you for your support!

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

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

FIRE CHIEF

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computers and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Avoid washing your hands, bathing, doing laundry, or washing dishes.

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

Flash Flood Safety

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

Most of the flooding and rescues that were performed occurred after the rain had slowed or stopped. Flash floods can occur within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainfall. Flash floods often have a dangerous wall of roaring water carrying rocks, mud and other debris. Some of the creeks were powerful enough to carry cars and dumpsters. After flooding, roads may still be closed because they have been damaged or are covered by water. Barricades have been placed for your protection. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, go another way.

If you must walk or drive in areas that have been flooded, remain on firm ground. Moving water only six inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines. **If you encounter a flooded roadway, it's best to turn around and go another route if possible. In six inches of water, it can often reach inside your car. One foot of water can cause your car to become stuck or your engine to stop. In two feet of water your car, SUV, or truck can float away.**

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

Now Accepting Applications!

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

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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.

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Please direct any questions to:
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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.



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BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



WHAT IS THE BPCF?

The Bethel Park Community Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that embraces a philosophy of local philanthropy. Tax-deductible contributions made to the Bethel Park Community Foundation are applied to fund local initiative and community programs in these 5 areas: • COMMUNITY FACILITIES • EDUCATION • RECREATION • THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS • COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY.

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

Learn More About the Bethel Park Community Foundation

Did you know that the Bethel Park Community Foundation is a tax-deductible non-profit organization? Writing a tax-deductible check to the Bethel Park Community Foundation is a wonderful 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!

Interested in your family or group starting 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 also remember the 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 are at work in the Bethel Park community!

Highlights of Past Foundation Activities

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



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A MESSAGE FROM JUDGE ARNONI...

A Crime that Affects All of Us...

Retail Theft

Retail theft is a crime that affects all of us. Shoplifting is the most common type of retail theft, and it's on the rise.

Shoplifting is defined as a crime that occurs when someone steals merchandise offered for sale in a retail store. To commit shoplifting, one must "Intend" to permanently deprive the merchant of the value of the goods. **Shoplifting results in over \$33 billion of losses each year!**

The loss of merchandise, however, is not the only expense associated with shoplifting to retail establishments. There's also the added cost of security including plain clothes floor detectives, security officers, cameras, and other security equipment. Unfortunately, these costs are passed on to us...the consumer. Entire retail chains have gone out of business due to their inability to control retail theft losses. Shoplifting also burdens law enforcement and the court system wasting tax dollars.

Offenders range from children to the elderly. Men and women shoplift at the same rate. Shoplifters come from various ethnic backgrounds, educational levels and economic statuses. Shoplifters steal for a variety of reasons such as excitement (adrenaline rush), desire, need, and peer pressure. Some shoplift out of desperation due to drug addiction, alcoholism and homelessness.

The common denominator of these shoplifters, however, is their rationalization that retailers can afford the loss.

Another type of shoplifter is "the professional." In some areas, "fences" employ teams of professional shoplifters, paying the thieves 10-20 cents on the dollar to steal specific items. It's interesting to note that "the professionals" only make up about 3 percent of all shoplifters.

Shoplifting prevention is a community responsibility. The following are some of the ways that you can help:

- Parents talk to your children about honesty and integrity. Let them know that shoplifting is not okay. Also, if your child suddenly has an unfamiliar new item in possession, you need to investigate and if warranted, hold him or her accountable.
- If you are a compulsive or habitual shoplifter and often feel guilty and ashamed, there is help through educational programs, referrals, etc. through the National Association of Shoplifting Prevention (NASP) at **1-800-848-9595** or **www.shopliftingprevention.org**.
- Locally we have a diversionary program administered by Domestic Outreach Corporation (DOC) for first time offenders to educate them regarding retail theft. The court does use this program on a regular basis and in most cases, it's been quite successful.
- If you witness retail theft, report it to a store employee or the guard.
- Be patient with merchants trying to control their losses – monitoring the number of garments you take into the dressing room, attaching electronic security devices to merchandise, locking displays, and store employees being vigilant.

Hopefully, if we all do our part, we can reduce retail losses and, in turn, save money, businesses and jobs. Our economy depends on it.

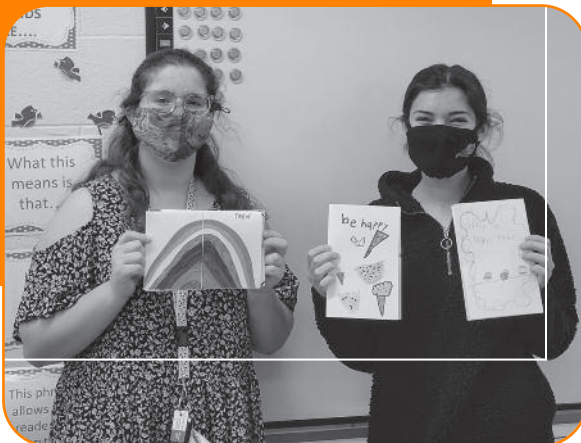


Girl Scouts Help with Kindness Cards!

Isabelle Horgan (pictured left below) and Victoria Hoffman (r) from Girl Scout Troop 51395 coordinated with George Washington and Memorial Elementary students to make 'Kindness Cards!'

Over 600 cards have been collected so far for residents in local senior living facilities from the Scouts, BPSD National Honor Society students and individual Bethel Park residents.

The project is ongoing. To participate, call **412-851-2910**.

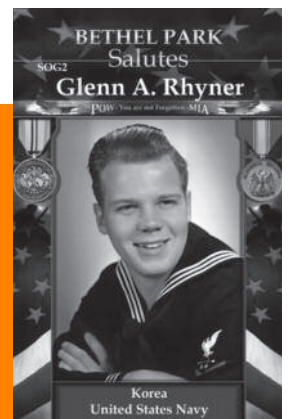


BP Military Banners in Need of Replacement

Veterans and/or family members of a Veteran on the list below are asked to call **412-831-6800, x205** or email **heason@bethelpark.net** if interested in purchasing a replacement of their banners.

Thanks for your kind attention!

Russell T. Ahlers	Faded/Cracked
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James H. Burns	Faded/Cracked
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John Hayes	Faded/Cracked
Raymond E. Hunt	Torn
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Nathan Reitmeyer	Faded/Cracked
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Steve Tranquilli	Faded
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MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Laurence Christian
Manager831-6800 X137
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Director of Engineering831-6800 X208
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Chief of Police831-6800 X100

Other Important Municipal Numbers Include:

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

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EMT or Paramedic?

(cont. from pg. 9)

Emergency Medical Service is a unique field, part health care, part public safety. EMS providers need skills and training in both areas, and a few others unique to the field. Of course, most formal training is in the medical arts, particularly patient assessment, patient treatment, and case documentation, and including medical terminology, anatomy and physiology and pathophysiology, as well as medical ethics and law. Public safety training includes incident command, emergency vehicle, rescue, and hazardous material operations, as well as training in dealing with disturbed or violent individuals and mass casualty incidents. EMS providers also learn how to use specialized equipment peculiar to Emergency Medical Services. Obviously, an EMT or Paramedic needs to be versatile.

The EMT or Paramedic needs to be a compassionate listener, an accurate questioner, a perceptive observer, a clear communicator, a thorough and concise writer, and a conscientious caregiver. He or she must be a skilled driver, a careful furniture mover and a gentle patient handler. EMS personnel are proficient at handling things from high-tech electronics to high-power tools to high-strung household pets. They need to be able to work calmly and competently in the comfort of the patient's home or the chaos of the crash scene. They need to be able to follow complex procedures in spite of distractions and make critical decisions in hostile environments. EMTs and Paramedics know they'll have to see horrible things; things nobody should ever have to see, but they know they'll have the chance to see some rare and wonderful things that few get the opportunity to see.

Do you think you have what it takes? If you would like more information on a career in Emergency Medical Services, call Tri-Community South EMS at 412-831-3710, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or visit the web site at tcsems.org.

Fire Fighters

(cont. from pg. 12)

South EMS in 1984. He has worked for Waynesburg Fire Department, City of Duquesne Fire Department, United States Steel Fire Department, Baldwin EMS/Rescue, and the PA State Fire Marshal.

He's a graduate of Bethel Park High School and Waynesburg University and has an extensive background in fire, rescue, and EMS training totaling over 6,000 hours. He is certified as Firefighter 1 and 2, Fire Officer 1, Fire Inspector 1 and 2, Building Plans Examiner 1 and 2, Fire Instructor 1, and is a Fire Service Certification Evaluator. Brent currently works as a supervisor for the PA Department of Human Services. That includes being the Fire, Safety, Code, and Emergency Management Professional statewide.

"I joined to help other people and I enjoy providing community service to people in need," he said.

In his free time, he enjoys collecting Fire Department patches and visiting Disney with his two daughters, Rachel age 24, and Christie age 21.

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Reminder! Upcoming Yard Waste Collection

Lots of people are working on their yards now, so keep in mind that the Municipality is offering "Yard Waste Collection" on **Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** 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.



SUMMER 2021 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



Summer Camp Programs

Looking for something FUN for your kids to do this summer?
 Are you worried about keeping your kids active?
 Do you need daytime supervision for your kids?
 Bethel Park Recreation has several
 Summer Programs to suit the needs of your busy family.
 Whether it's a single week-long Camp or one that lasts all
 summer, we've got quite an assortment of options for you!



Day Camp 2021 - Ages 6-10

The Recreation Summer Day Camp Program will provide many exciting experiences to keep your child actively engaged this summer! Day Camp is divided into 8 week-long sessions, with activities developed around a different central theme each week. We have a variety of options depending on the needs of your family. The Morning only program is from 9 a.m. - noon. The Afternoon only program runs from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. You have the choice of attending morning only, afternoon only, or all day from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For an additional Fee we also Before & After Camp hours! Before Camp drop off begins as early as 7 a.m. After Camp care concludes promptly at 6 p.m. There will be many activities in the areas of arts & crafts, sports, swimming, group projects, and weekly field trips visitors.

8 Weekly Sessions
Dates: 6/14/2021 - 8/6/2021* M Tu W Th F *no Camp on Monday, July 5
Times: 09:00am-03:30pm

Location: IMS Cafeteria

Summer Fun 2021 - Ages 11-14

Don't be bored this summer! Have some Summer Fun at the Bethel Park Community Center! Activities include sports, arts & crafts, swimming, cooking, and field trip visitors. Themes and activities will vary weekly. There are two program options for the older kids. The all-day program is from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The afternoon program is from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. For an additional fee there is an optional early drop-off of 7 a.m. for the all-day program and an optional late pick-up time of no later than 6 p.m.

7 Weekly Sessions
Dates: 6/14/2021 - 8/6/2021* M Tu W Th F *no Camp on Monday, July 5
Times: 09:00am-03:30pm

Location: Community Center

Camp Registration Forms can be found on pg. 28.

Please note starting/ending dates for the Day Camp & Summer Fun Programs are subject to change as deemed necessary by the school district facility availability.

NEW in 2021

- At present, **masks will be required** and temperatures will be taken upon entering Camp.
- We do not have plans to travel for Field Trips, but rather, we will bring interactive entertainment/guests in to Camp.
- You must register your child no later than Wednesday of the week prior to attending. Thus, you can no longer register **LAST MINUTE**. **Keep in mind, also, that enrollment numbers may be very limited depending on current/developing PA Covid-19 guidelines & protocol.**

ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES BEING TAKEN:

- We plan to implement a system for cleaning & disinfecting frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- We plan to keep the children outside, in the fresh air where they can more easily social distance themselves, **as much as possible**.
- We plan to keep open the lines of communication with all families regarding any situation that may arise during the week. In turn, we hope you will all do the same.

BETHEL PARK RECREATION

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

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

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

SUMMER 2021

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SPECIAL NOTICE

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

WHEN PROGRAMS BEGIN

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

WHEN FEES ARE DUE

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

INSURANCE INFORMATION

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

RETURNED CHECKS

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

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

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

REFUNDS: Please read...

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

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

CANCELLATION OF CLASS

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

HOW TO REGISTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF PHOTOS

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

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

CLASS ATTENDANCE

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

CONDUCT

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

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

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

The only time you will hear from us is:

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

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

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Monthly Meetings

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

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AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Contact the Community Center at 412-851-2910 to confirm that the pool will be open.

THERE WILL BE 4 ONE-WEEK SESSIONS OF PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS IN THE SUMMER.

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. **Register at the Recreation Office in the Community Center to schedule your specific 1/2-hour time slot.**

Locker rooms are closed due to Covid restrictions. Restrooms are available.

Ages: 3 - 18

Resident Fee: \$70.00 Non-Res Fee: \$75.00
4 session dates

Time: TBD 10:30AM - 1:30PM Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

3413.213
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/17/2021

3413.223
Dates: 06/21/2021 - 06/24/2021

3413.233
Dates: 06/28/2021 - 07/01/2021

3413.243
Dates: 07/12/2021 - 07/15/2021

Location: BPHS Pool

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. **Schedule these 1/2-hour private lessons at the Recreation Office in the Community Center to reserve your specific time.** Locker rooms are closed due to Covid restrictions. Restrooms are available.

Ages: 18 and over

Resident Fee: \$70.00 Non-Res Fee: \$75.00
4 session dates

Time: TBD 10:30AM - 1:30PM Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

3401.201
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/17/2021

3401.202
Dates: 06/21/2021 - 06/24/2021

3401.203
Dates: 06/28/2021 - 07/01/2021

3401.204
Dates: 07/12/2021 - 07/15/2021

Location: BPHS Pool



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& Community Center

COMMUNITY SWIM

The pool is open for you, your family, and friends to swim!

Pay at the pool each time you swim. Passes will not be sold. 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.** Locker rooms are closed due to Covid restrictions, but restrooms are available. Summer swim meets may impact available days.

Dates: 06/14/2021 - 07/16/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 6:15PM - 7:45PM

Resident Daily Fee: \$5.00

Non-Res Daily Fee: \$7.00

Daily Family Pass - \$10 for up to 5 immediate family members. (non-resident \$15)



PITTSBURGH ARTISTIC SWIMMING

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

Ages: 8 - 18

Resident Fee: \$27.00 Non-Res Fee: \$32.00
Twice a week: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
4 session dates

3413.270
Dates: 06/22/2021 - 07/13/2021 Tue
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.271
Dates: 06/17/2021 - 07/08/2021 Thu
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool

MASTERS ARTISTIC (SYNCHRONIZED) SWIMMING

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

Ages: 18 and over

Resident Fee: \$27.00 Non-Res Fee: \$32.00
Twice a week: \$40.00 Non-Res Fee: \$45.00
4 session dates

3413.272
Dates: 06/22/2021 - 07/13/2021 Tue
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

3413.273
Dates: 06/17/2021 - 07/08/2021 Thu
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool

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. Locker rooms are closed due to Covid restrictions. Restrooms are available. Summer swim meets may impact available days.

Ages: 21 and over

Resident Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res Fee: \$6.00
Dates: 06/02/2021 - 07/14/2021 Mon, Wed
Time: 8:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool

LAP SWIMMING

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

Ages: 18 and over

Resident Fee: \$5.00 Non-Res Fee: \$6.00
Dates: 06/02/2021 - 07/14/2021 Mon, Wed
Time: 8:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: BPHS Pool

Locker rooms are closed due to COVID restrictions.
Restrooms are available.

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

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.

Locker rooms are closed due to Covid restrictions. Restrooms are available.

Ages: 18 years and over
 Fee: Full season: \$400.00
 School year: \$325.00
 Monthly: \$45.00
 Daily drop-in: \$5.00

Dates: 8/24/2020 - 7/28/2021

Times: 5:30am - 6:45am Mon, Wed
 6:00am - 7:30am Sat

Email coachkbpswim@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

LOOKING TO REACH MORE CUSTOMERS OR PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT?

Reserve space now in the August 9, 2021 issue of Bethel Park Chronicles if you'd like to reach over 15,000 Bethel Park resident homes and businesses! The ad deadline for the August issue is July 9, 2021.

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



OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bethel Park Slow Pitch Association (BPSPA)

Bethel Park Slow Pitch Association (BPSPA) is excited to announce that Fall registration will run from June 1 - August 1, 2021.

Registration information will be posted at www.bpspa.org for those girls who will be in grades 7-12 during the 2021-2022 school year. Or contact us at BPSPAsoftball@yahoo.com.

Tryouts will be held:
 July 27—29 and August 2—5 for both JV and Varsity Teams (Junior High need only register)

Look for more information coming your way soon!



Tennis

Tennis is through the Upper St. Clair Tennis Development Program. Dates are as follows:

Summer sessions:

Junior clinics:

Level 1 & 2 - June 14 - August 8, 2021 (8 weeks)

Adult clinics:

Level 1 - 4: June 14 - August 8, 2021 (8 weeks)

Please call USCTDP for registration information at 412-831-2630 or email: tennis@usctdp.com



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Established ~ 1966



\$10.00

FLIGHT Soccer is for boys and girls, birth years 2012 to 2016, who wish to experience soccer in the recreational setting. Flight's sessions run for eight consecutive weeks beginning in early September. Games are held ON Saturdays. Skills training is held one weeknight (TBD) per week. Teams are co-ed.
 FALL 2021 ONLY - Flights fee: \$95.00 Non-residents add \$5.00
 FULL YEAR: FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022 - Flights fee \$170.00 Non-residents add

TRAVEL Soccer is for players born in 2013 and older who want to participate in a more competitive soccer program against teams from neighboring communities. **Attendance to one of the travel evaluation sessions is strongly recommended to be placed on a team.** Please go to www.bpsoccer.org for the travel evaluation schedule of days and times.

FULL YEAR: FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022 Travel fee: \$200.00 Non-residents add \$10.00 (Uniforms are additional)

Soccer Registration is NOW OPEN

To register for FALL 2021 Soccer, please go to www.bpsoccer.org

Travel Soccer registration deadline is June 30, 2021

In-house/Flights Soccer registration deadline is August 15, 2021

All registration questions should go to registration@bpsoccer.org

Check out our fun Summer Camp programs!

See pg. 27 for details



Discount Amusement Tickets will not be available at the Community Center this year.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CAMPS

Also see **YOUTH SUMMER DAY CAMP** for ages 6 -10 and **SUMMER FUN CAMP** for ages 11 - 14 on page 27!



Art Explosion!

NATURE'S JOURNALING & FIELD SKETCHING

In this fun 4-day camp children will enjoy learning about artists, exploring outside with nature, journaling, and field sketching. Campers will learn about artists Jo Whaley and Tom Vezo, looking at how nature inspired their artwork. They will learn art techniques such as looking at positive/negative space, capturing items to scale and quick sketching, working with shapes to help show movement. Materials children will work with are: field sketchbooks, watercolors, water brushes and pencils, to name a few. Come join us as we have fun playing games, learning, being creative and exploring the natural world around us.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
Ages: 6 and over
Resident Fee: \$85.00 Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
Materials Fee: \$10.00 payable to the instructor at the first class.
4 session dates

3806.201
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/17/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 1:30PM - 3:30PM

Location: Community Center

Art Explosion!

CREATING WILD PLACES & WILD THINGS WITH ART

In this fun 4-day camp, children will explore a variety of animals, then use imagination and creativity to paint, draw and sculpt unique creatures. Learn about artist/illustrator Maurice Sendak - let him inspire our "wild thing" and create a collage of where our creature would live. Children will have fun playing games, field sketching and exploring. Campers will use a variety of materials including paint, markers, colored pencils, chalk pastels and model magic to name a few. Children will take home a finished piece of artwork every day of camp. Come join us as we have fun getting creative and learning about the wonderful world of art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
Ages: 4 - 8
Resident Fee: \$85.00 Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
Materials Fee: \$10.00 payable to the instructor at the first class.
4 session dates

3806.202
Dates: 07/06/2021 - 07/09/2021 Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Time: 1:30PM - 3:30PM

Location: Community Center

Art Explosion!

CREATING WILD PLACES & WILD THINGS WITH ART

In this fun 4-day camp, children will get creative using their imagination to paint, draw and sculpt their vision of habitats and the creatures that would live there. Learn about artists like Maurice Sendak, letting him inspire our "wild thing" and Faith Ringgold, creating our own collage story board. Children will have fun field sketching, exploring, and playing games. Campers will use a variety of materials including paint, markers, colored pencils, chalk pastels, and model magic. Children will take home a finished piece of artwork every day of camp. Come join us as we have fun getting creative and learning about the wonderful world of art.

Instructor: Sue Ralston
Ages: 6 and over
Resident Fee: \$85.00 Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
Materials Fee: \$10.00 payable to the instructor at the first class.
4 session dates

3806.203
Dates: 07/19/2021 - 07/22/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 1:30PM - 3:30PM

Location: Community Center

LADY HAWK BASKETBALL CAMP

Join the Lady Hawk Team and Staff for a fun-filled week of camp this summer! Learn the basics of basketball, compete, and have fun. This fun camp is for girls who will attend Kindergarten to grade 8 in the fall. Please indicate the grade you will be in in the fall. Girls will be separated by grade level at camp. There is a discount for sisters, but the girls must register at the same time. The first girl is full price, additional girls in the same family will pay a discount rate of \$50. A T-shirt is included in your registration fee. Please indicate shirt size on your registration form: Youth S, M, L or Adult S, M, L, XL. Questions? Please call Jonna Burke at 412-251-7395. Register now!

The deadline to register is June 21!
Grades: K-8 in the fall
Resident Fee: \$85.00 Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
4 session dates

3115.201
Dates: 06/28/2021 - 07/01/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: BPHS Gym

SECRET AGENT LAB CAMP!

Develop your detective and special agent skills in this super hands-on camp! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence - from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Secret agents in-training will use science and technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this investigation into the science of sleuthing.

Instructor: Mad Science of Pittsburgh
Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$135.00 Non-Res Fee: \$145.00
5 session dates

3860.202
Dates: 06/28/2021 - 07/02/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Time: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

Location: Community Center

BETHEL PARK BOYS BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

Camp is for boys who are entering grades 1-8 for the 2021-22 school year. Please indicate the grade you will be in in the fall. Camp provides instruction on individual basketball skills such as: shooting form, rebounding, ball handling, passing, and defense. Along with camp director and varsity head coach Josh Bears, counselors will include the varsity coaching staff, current BP varsity players, and former varsity players. All sessions held in Bethel Park High School's beautiful state-of-the-art gym and full-size south gym. Prizes will be awarded for various skill competitions and for honors identified by the counselors. All campers will receive a Bethel Park Basketball shirt. Please indicate shirt size on your registration form: Youth S, M, L or Adult S, M, L, XL.

Questions? Call or text: Coach Bears @ 412-720-8431.
Register early, deadline is June 14.

Grades: 1-8 in the fall
Resident Fee: \$85.00 Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
4 session dates

3115.202
Dates: 06/21/2021 - 06/24/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 9:00AM - 11:15AM

Location: BPHS Gym

DANCE MINI CAMP

Enrich your child's summer with movement and imagination. Students will have a chance to learn several dance styles such as jazz, hip-hop, and gymnastics. Each day, we will focus on a different theme. It will be filled with games, crafting, story time, and of course lots of dance! Please make sure students bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing. Dance shoes will not be required. Please wear tennis shoes. No flip-flops permitted. Children are encouraged to dress up for theme days. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Lentz 412-851-9142.

Ages: 3 - 6
Resident Fee: \$35.00 Non-Res Fee: \$40.00
2 session dates

Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

3818.202
Dates: 06/21/2021 - 06/23/2021 Mon, Wed
Monday - ROCK STAR
Wednesday - PIRATES & PRINCESSES

3818.203
Dates: 07/13/2021 - 07/15/2021 Tue, Thu
Tuesday - WILD, WILD WEST
Thursday - BEACH PARTY

Location: Community Center

EUREKA: INVENTORS CAMP!

Overcome a series of challenges, using basic materials, simple machines, tips from famous inventors and most important of all - your mind! Create catapults and forts, build shelters, bridges, and learn about density. While Thomas Edison said, "invention is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration," this camp is 100% FUN!

Instructor: Mad Science of Pittsburgh
Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$135.00 Non-Res Fee: \$145.00
5 session dates

3860.201
Dates: 06/21/2021 - 06/25/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Time: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

Location: Community Center

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

★NEW! NEW! NEW!★

**SNAPOLOGY CAMP STAR WARS®
MORNING SESSION ONLY**

Your child will bring the world of Star Wars® to life with their LEGO building skills and our intergalactic-structured curriculum. Motivated to become Jedi like the heroes they know from the movies, they will learn to concentrate on mastering the Force, appreciating the use of teamwork to build scenes from the movies. May the Force Be With You!

Ages: 5 - 14
Resident Fee: **\$115.00** Non-Res Fee: \$125.00
5 session dates

3860.210
Dates: 07/12/2021 - 07/16/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

**SNAPOLOGY CAMP - MINECRAFT
MORNING SESSION ONLY**

Travel to the Nether with Snapology but watch out for those creepers! Come join us as we bring Minecraft® to life using LEGO® bricks. Create your own world, including animals, creepers, and your very own Minecraft® character.

This is for a morning only session. If you would like to register for all day camp, please select that activity number. See below.

Ages: 5 - 14
Resident Fee: **\$115.00** Non-Res Fee: \$125.00
5 session dates

3860.211
Dates: 08/09/2021 - 08/13/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

**SNAPOLOGY CAMP-MINI-FIGURE MANIA
AFTERNOON SESSION ONLY**

During this camp we will let you play with our secret stash of mini figures...from movie characters to sea creatures, to SpongeBob! Join us as we shrink ourselves to mini-figure size and create our own mini-figure worlds. They build zip lines, build a city, build a park, they parasail, and more. Welcome to mini figure mania!

This is for an afternoon only session. If you would like to register for all day camp, please select that activity number. See below.

Ages: 5 - 14
Resident Fee: **\$115.00** Non-Res Fee: \$125.00
5 session dates

3860.212
Dates: 08/09/2021 - 08/13/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Time: 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

SNAPOLOGY CAMP - ALL DAY SESSION

This is for a full day session. Full day campers will participate in both the morning and afternoon camps. **Please bring a packed lunch as the campers will enjoy their lunch between the morning and afternoon camps.**

Morning Session: Minecraft see description above.
Afternoon Session: Mini Figure Mania! See above.

Ages: 5 - 14
Resident Fee: **\$220.00** Non-Res Fee: \$240.00
5 session dates

3860.213
Dates: 08/09/2021 - 08/13/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Time: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

See pg. 25 for NEW! NEW! NEW!
Jump Bunch Camp!

MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER CAMP

Campers will learn how to play Total Soccer – fast, smart, technical, and brilliant! They will learn and develop multiple new dribbling, ball handling and passing moves and techniques. Campers will enjoy daily games and contests and compete in the NCAA and MLS divisions against their peers.

Camp Features:

- Camper to staff ratio approximately 6:1
- Players will be grouped by age and ability level
- “Word of the Day” A Coach Sam original, each day players will learn, discuss, and utilize a specific character attribute helpful in player and personal development
- Futsal, Soccer Tennis and Quickness/Agility training are part of daily curriculum.

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. He has 20+ years of relentlessly positive, high-energy, child-centered, and expert sports coaching. Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program that helps children develop character and confidence on and off the field.

Campers provide their own lunch, water bottle, shin guards and soccer ball each day.
Parents are invited to attend Awards Day Ceremony on Friday 11am – 12noon

Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: **\$135.00** Non-Res Fee: \$145.00
5 session dates

3815.201
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/18/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 9:00AM – 3:30PM
9:00AM – 12:00PM Fri

Location: **Community Center**

THEATER CAMP FOR KIDS

This summer get the drama out of your house and onto the Community Center Stage! Students will enjoy playing creative theater games to improve character development and improvisation skills, voice projection and enunciation skills. Students will also focus on performing in skits/ a short play to practice their new skills. A performance will be held on the last day of class for family and friends to attend.

Instructor: Adam Winter
Ages: 6 - 10
Resident Fee: **\$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
5 session dates

3875.201
Dates: 06/28/2021 - 07/02/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Time: 1:30PM - 4:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

MUSICAL THEATER CAMP FOR KIDS

Children will learn various theater games, vocal and body warm-ups to gain their confidence on the stage. During the course of the week, the participants will be able to work on learning music with the piano, learn simple dance combos, and experience the excitement of acting on the stage. By the end of week, the children will perform short musical numbers for their families and friends to show what they have learned.

Instructors: Hannah and Adam Winter
Ages: 7 - 13
Resident Fee: **\$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00
5 session dates

3875.202
Dates: 07/26/2021 - 07/30/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Time: 1:30PM - 4:00PM

Location: **Community Center**

RIFLE CAMP - BEGINNER

Olympic style target shooting, beginner level. Student must be at least 12 years old. Each class limited to 10 students. 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
4 session dates

3153.201
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/17/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 9:00AM - 10:30AM

3153.211
Dates: 07/26/2021 - 07/29/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 9:00AM - 10:30AM

Location: **BPHS Rifle Range**

RIFLE CAMP - INTERMEDIATE*

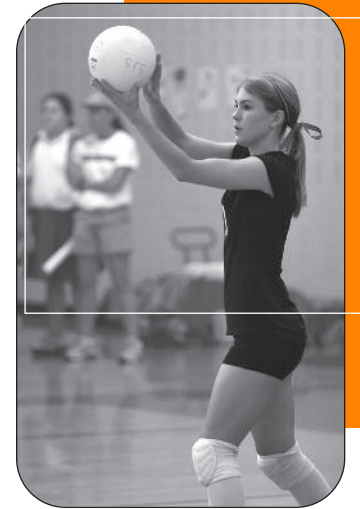
Olympic style target shooting, intermediate level, shooting the standard ten bull target. Student must be at least 12 years old and *must have taken the beginner rifle class. All materials and supplies are provided.

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

3153.202
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/17/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 10:45AM - 12:15PM

3153.212
Dates: 07/26/2021 - 07/29/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Time: 10:45AM - 12:15PM

Location: **BPHS Rifle Range**

**VOLLEYBALL CAMP GRADES 5-8**

Directed by BPHS Head Girls Volleyball Coach, Brooke Muraco, and her girls' varsity team, this camp will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball in addition to strategies to improve one's overall game. Age specific skill development for boys and girls includes passing, setting, serving, hitting, blocking, and footwork.

Each camper will also receive a T-shirt! Please indicate shirt size on your registration form. Please email Brooke at bphsgirlsvolleyball@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding this registration. **Registration deadline is June 2 at 8:00pm.** Please use the High School Athletic Entrance.

Grades: 5 - 8 in the fall
Resident Fee: **\$50.00** Non-Res Fee: \$55.00
3 session dates

3101.201
Dates: 06/14/2021 - 06/16/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: **Bethel Park High School**

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

★NEW! NEW! NEW!★

ULTIMATE OBSTACLE COURSE CAMP - JUMP BUNCH

This camp offers a unique, fun way to help your child build their imagination, coordination, balance, and self-confidence, while getting the exercise they need. Each day of camp, we learn something new about building and completing obstacle courses. Your child will be actively engaged, while having fun in a non-competitive, high energy environment. Lego activities and craft time are included.

Jump Bunch Camps are led by trained coaches and will engage children/campers in various sport and fitness activities. While the activities are designed to develop large and fine motor skills, muscle development, body balance, cardio, and confidence, it's also all about HAVING FUN!

Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$110.00 Non-Res Fee: \$120.00
 5 session dates

3815.205
 Dates: 08/02/2021 - 08/06/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Time: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

Location: Community Center

★NEW! NEW! NEW!★

SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP - JUMP BUNCH

Superhero Camp - This camp is all about training to be your favorite superhero! To be a superhero means having strength, agility, balance, and speed. We focus on learning special superhero training skills through fun games and activities such as "jumping over hot lava," "dodging fireballs," "lightsaber training," "scooter flying," "ghostbuster tag," and so many more! Being a superhero also means having a compassion for society, a kind heart, and a willingness to do good and help others. These are qualities we discuss and talk about with our campers. This camp really encourages campers to be a superhero in everyday life! Lego activities and craft time included. All-day campers ages 6-12 should bring a lunch.

Jump Bunch Camps are led by trained coaches and will engage children/campers in various sport and fitness activities. While the activities are designed to develop large and fine motor skills, muscle development, body balance, cardio, and confidence, it's also all about HAVING FUN!

Ages: 3 - 6
Resident Fee: \$110.00 Non-Res Fee: \$120.00
 5 session dates

3815.206
 Dates: 08/16/2021 - 08/20/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Time: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

Ages: 6 - 12
Resident Fee: \$195.00 Non-Res Fee: \$205.00
 5 session dates

3815.207
 Dates: 08/16/2021 - 08/20/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Time: 9:15AM - 3:45PM

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**GRADE 5, 6, 7, & 8 BAND LESSON PROGRAM #1**

The long-running Bethel Park Summer Band Lesson Program is taught by Bethel Park School District music teachers Mrs. Rachel Skilone, Mr. Jeff Knell, Mr. Zach Cable, Mr. Keith Born, and Mr. Aaron Booz.

Programs #1 and #2 are similar in the number of hours, but feature different music, activities, and days of the week. Sign up for just one program, or both! Students attend band classes and musical explorations scheduled by instrument on Monday through Wednesday, with a performance for family on the last day. **In addition to registering with BP Recreation, please go to www.tinyurl.com/lessonprogram21 for a detailed calendar and to submit band-specific information that will help us to plan the program.**

Questions? Email Mr. Aaron Booz at BPSummerMusic@gmail.com.
The deadline to register is June 18! Sign up now!
Resident Fee: \$75.00 Non-Res Fee: \$80.00
 6 session dates

Dates: 06/21/2021 - 06/30/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed

Grades: 5 & 6
 3121.201
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:30AM

Grades: 7 & 8
 3121.211
 Time: 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: Bethel Park High School

GRADE 5, 6, 7, & 8 BAND LESSON PROGRAM #2

The long-running Bethel Park Summer Band Lesson Program is taught by Bethel Park School District music teachers Mrs. Rachel Skilone, Mr. Jeff Knell, Mr. Zach Cable, Mr. Keith Born, and Mr. Aaron Booz.

Programs #1 and #2 are similar in the number of hours, but feature different music, activities, and days of the week. Sign up for just one program, or both! Students attend band classes and musical explorations scheduled by instrument on Monday through Friday, with a performance for family on the last day. **In addition to registering with BP Recreation, please go to www.tinyurl.com/lessonprogram21 for a detailed calendar and to submit band-specific information that will help us to plan the program.**

Questions? Email Mr. Aaron Booz at BPSummerMusic@gmail.com.
The deadline to register is July 23! Sign up now!
Resident Fee: \$75.00 Non-Res Fee: \$80.00
 5 session dates

Dates: 07/26/2021 - 07/30/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Grades: 5 & 6
 3121.202
 Time: 8:30AM - 10:30AM

Grades: 7 & 8
 3121.212
 Time: 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Location: Bethel Park High School



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GRADE 5, 6, & 7 SUMMER STRINGS LESSON PROGRAM #1

The long-running Bethel Park Summer String Lesson Program is taught by Bethel Park School District music teacher Mrs. Maggie Sheffer and other local private string teachers/professionals. For students who have played a string instrument in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and will be entering 5th, 6th, or 7th grade, the Lesson Program is a great opportunity for your child to learn new songs as well as revisit songs from the 2020-2021 school year and perform them for an audience. Students will attend group lessons and musical explorations scheduled by grade level and instrument each day, with a performance for parents on the final day. Students are welcome to participate in one or both string lesson programs offered this summer, as the music selections will differ.

Questions? Email Mrs. Maggie Sheffer at sheffer.maggie@bphawks.org.
Deadline to register is June 13. Sign up now!
Resident Fee: \$60.00 Non-Res Fee: \$65.00
 6 session dates

Dates: 06/15/2021 - 06/24/2021 Tue, Wed, Thu

Grade: 5
 3121.205
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Grade: 6
 3121.206
 Time: 10:15AM - 11:15AM

Grade: 7
 3121.207
 Time: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

Location: Bethel Park High School

GRADE 5, 6, & 7 SUMMER STRINGS LESSON PROGRAM #2

The long-running Bethel Park Summer String Lesson Program is taught by Bethel Park School District music teacher Mrs. Maggie Sheffer and other local private string teachers/professionals. For students who have played a string instrument in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and will be entering 5th, 6th, or 7th grade, the Lesson Program is a great opportunity for your child to learn new songs as well as revisit songs from the 2020-2021 school year and perform them for an audience. Students will attend group lessons and musical explorations scheduled by grade level and instrument each day, with a performance for parents on the final day. Students are welcome to participate in one or both string lesson programs offered this summer, as the music selections will differ. Questions? Email Mrs. Maggie Sheffer at sheffer.maggie@bphawks.org.

Deadline to register is July 23. Sign up now!
Resident Fee: \$60.00 Non-Res Fee: \$65.00
 5 session dates

Dates: 07/26/2021 - 07/30/2021 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

Grade: 5
 3121.215
 Time: 8:30AM - 9:45AM

Grade: 6
 3121.216
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:15AM

Grade: 7
 3121.217
 Time: 11:30AM - 12:45PM

Location: Bethel Park High School

SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED

PUPPY OBEDIENCE

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

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

3309.201
 Dates: 06/16/2021 - 07/21/2021 Wed
 Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

3309.202
 Dates: 06/12/2021 - 07/24/2021 Sat
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.203
 Dates: 06/12/2021 - 07/24/2021 Sat
 Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

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 Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

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 Dates: 08/07/2021 - 09/18/2021 Sat
 Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.213
 Dates: 08/07/2021 - 09/18/2021 Sat
 Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.
No class Jul 3, Sep 4

BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

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

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

3309.204
 Dates: 06/12/2021 - 07/24/2021 Sat
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

3309.214
 Dates: 08/07/2021 - 09/18/2021 Sat
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.
No class Jul 3, Sep 4

DRIVER EDUCATION

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

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

3311.101
 Dates: 07/12/2021 - 07/27/2021 Mon, Tue,
 Wed, Thu
 Time: 6:30PM - 9:30PM

Location: BPHS M415 Library

SPORTS

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE FENCING

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

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

3140.201
 Dates: 06/03/2021 - 07/08/2021 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3140.211
 Dates: 07/22/2021 - 08/26/2021 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Community Center

ADVANCED* FENCING

Take your fencing to a new level! This instructional class focuses on techniques, fitness, and winning strategy to help the dedicated to being 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, and non-marking athletic shoes. Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

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

3140.202
 Dates: 06/03/2021 - 07/08/2021 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

3140.212
 Dates: 07/22/2021 - 08/26/2021 Thu
 Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Community Center

T-BIRDS T-BALL

T-Birds T-Ball is a fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball for 3-5 year-old boys and girls. In each session, players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games. A T-Shirt and hat are included. If there are enough participants, game times will rotate weekly: 10:00AM - 11:00AM, or 11:00AM - noon.

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

3101.205
 Dates: 06/26/2021 - 08/07/2021 Sat
 Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM OR
 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Location: Park Avenue Fields
No class Jul 3

ROOKIE LEAGUE BASEBALL

A fun introduction to coach pitch baseball for 5-7 year-olds. Players will receive instruction in all basics of the sport and will apply what they have learned in fun games. The games will be non-competitive, and no score will be kept. Players who are not able to hit a pitched ball will be able to use a tee while learning. Each session includes both instruction and game play. A T-Shirt and hat are included.

Instructor: Jump Start Sports
 Ages: 5 - 7
Resident Fee: \$85.00 Non-Res Fee: \$90.00
 6 session dates

3101.206
 Dates: 06/26/2021 - 08/07/2021 Sat
 Time: 12:15PM - 1:15PM

Location: Park Avenue Fields
No class Jul 3

LOOKING TO REACH MORE CUSTOMERS OR PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT?

Reserve space now in the **August 9, 2021** issue of Bethel Park Chronicles if you'd like to reach over 15,000 Bethel Park resident homes and businesses! The ad deadline for the August issue is July 9, 2021.



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



Summer Camps Register Now!

DAY CAMP 2021 (ages 6-10)

The Recreation Summer Day Camp Program for children will provide interesting experiences to spice up your child's summer! Day Camp is divided into week-long sessions with activities developed around a different central theme each week.

The all-day program is from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The morning program is from 9 a.m. to Noon, with an optional early drop-off of 7 a.m. The afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., with an optional late pick-up time of no later than 6:00 PM. You have the choice of attending morning only, afternoon only, or all day.

There will be many activities in the areas of arts, crafts, sports, combined camp activities like the camp carnival, and weekly field trip in-house visitors.

8 Weekly Sessions
Dates: 6/14/2021* - 8/6/2021
Ages: 6yrs to 10yrs

Register for one week at a time now and space out your payments! Find the registration forms, along with the parent packet containing additional required forms, on our website or at the Community Center. *Starting dates are subject to change based upon the school calendar.

SUMMER FUN CAMP 2021 (ages 11-14)

Don't be bored this summer! Have some Summer Fun at the Bethel Park Community Center! Activities include sports, arts & crafts, swimming, and field trip in-house visitors. Themes and activities will vary weekly.


The all-day program is from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. There is an optional early drop-off of 7 a.m. for the all-day program and an optional late pick-up time of no later than 6 p.m.

8 Weekly Sessions
Dates: 6/14/2021* - 8/6/2021
Ages: 11yrs to 14yrs

Register for one week at a time now and space out your payments! Find the registration forms, along with the parent packet containing additional required forms, on our website or at the Community Center.

*Starting dates are subject to change based upon the school calendar.





YOUTH SUMMER DAY CAMP 2021
Ages 6 - 10
Location: Independence Middle School Cafeteria
Activities include sports, arts & crafts, swimming, and special events. The cost of snacks, arts & crafts, and special events is included in the registration fee. An informational packet containing a detailed Parent Consent form MUST be returned with the attached registration form. Packets are available at the Municipal Center, Community Center or can be downloaded and printed from the Recreation page on the Municipal Center website.

Registration Fee: \$100 per week for 1 child (one session). Non-refundable and \$20 per child per week. All-day campers must stay.

Session Times:
MORNING SESSION: 9:00 AM - NOON
AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
ALL DAY SESSION: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Registration Form: Includes fields for Name, Address, Phone, Email, Parent/Guardian Signature, and Payment Information.

SUMMER FUN CAMP 2021
Ages 11 - 14
Location: Bethel Park Community Center
Activities include sports, arts & crafts, swimming, and special events. The cost of snacks, arts & crafts, and special events is included in the registration fee. An informational packet containing a detailed Parent Consent form MUST be returned with the attached registration form. Packets are available at the Bethel Park Community Center or can be downloaded and printed from the Recreation page on the Municipal Center website.

Registration Fee: \$100 per week for 1 child (one session). Non-refundable and \$20 per child per week. All-day campers must stay.

Session Times:
MORNING SESSION: 9:00 AM - NOON
AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
ALL DAY SESSION: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Registration Form: Includes fields for Name, Address, Phone, Email, Parent/Guardian Signature, and Payment Information.

Find the registration forms, along with the parent packet containing additional required forms, on our website or at the Community Center.

Bethel Park Farmers' Market Opens May 4...

New Market Coordinator and a Variety of New Vendors Part of the Upcoming Season!



The Bethel Park Farmers' Market will be opening shop this season on **Tuesday, May 4 from 3-7 p.m. in South Park on Corrigan Drive (next to the ice skating rink)** with an expected 40 – 45 total vendors this year including food trucks, full and part-season vendors.

"Most of our vendors from last season are coming back along with several new ones," said Bethel Park Recreation Assistant Director **Cathy Muscato**. "We have a lot of fun, exciting changes coming as well to make this year's Market hopefully the top one in the area!"

The first of these changes was the hiring of **Miranda Wayne**, the new Market coordinator.

"We are so excited and feel really fortunate to have Miranda joining our Market," said Muscato.

Wayne has always had a strong interest in farm to table and that interest has increased since she's had her two young girls.

"I ran a lot of environmental clubs in college and learned about farm to table then," said Wayne. "I've always envisioned working with farmer's markets. And after having a child and taking a leave from my job as a chemist, I had the opportunity to volunteer at a local environmental farm where I helped a retired horticulturist with gardening."

New to the Bethel Park Farmer's Market this year will also be a colorful guest entrance.

"It will be like a hallway of vibrant flags leading guests into the Market from both entrances and will be very festive!" said Muscato. "We also received a very generous grant from the **Bethel Park Community Foundation** and they are now the sponsor of this year's Farmers' Market."

Later in the season and dependent upon COVID restrictions, several other new components will be added to the Market including a variety of cooking demos focused on foods in season, entertainment, and tables for guests to enjoy meals.

"I really want to focus on bridging the gap between the Market and sustainability in the community," said Wayne. "The Market is an interesting place and offers the opportunity to learn about food and where it comes from and enables shoppers to ask farmers about the food, their farming practices and how to use the various items in recipes. I've always tried to cook seasonally and shopping at farmer's markets has completely changed the way I cook; I hope that I can share that knowledge and make it more accessible to everyone."

When the Market opens, Muscato expects the same COVID safety protocols from last season to be in place.

"We're monitoring updates as they evolve," said Muscato. "As of now, there will still be one directional walking paths for guests, hand sanitizer at both entrances, we're still not permitting dogs at the start of the Market, and everyone will need to be masked."

Guests can also look to see the Market be more interactive on social media this season.

"I'll be posting recipes on Facebook and encouraging others to do so, too," said Wayne. "I'm also going to be starting a weekly Market online newsletter highlighting vendors and what items are currently in season. I'm also looking to use these resources to get a better gauge on what customers are looking for and to see if we can offer something that's missing or needed."

New to the Market this season are a vegan only food truck (Istanbul

Grille); Pleasant Lane Farms selling a variety of dairy cheeses; a second wine vendor, It's Wine O'clock Somewhere Winery, coming this year offering sweet wines and wine slushies; and Pure Rose Organics selling soap, body washes, lotions, soy candles and melts, and perfume oils.

"We still have some openings left for either the 2nd or 4th week of the month participation," said Muscato. "We're also looking for a couple additional rotational food trucks, maybe once a month, to offer prepared, ready-to-eat foods."

Interested in Being a Vendor or Providing Entertainment?
Call 412-831-1328.

The Market will run each Tuesday, May 4 – Sept. 28, from 3-7 p.m. rain or shine. For updated information, visit bethelparkfarmersmarket.com or "Like" our Facebook page, "Bethel Park Recreation Farmers' Market."

"Our goal this year is to be the number one farmer's market in Pittsburgh," said Muscato (the Market was voted 3rd last year). "So we want to move up!"



Farmers' Market Coordinator
Miranda Wayne

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- Miranda Wayne



See expected vendor list on pg. 34.



ADULT PROGRAMS

WALKING TRACK

Walking using the Community Center indoor track will be handled using a reservation only system. **Membership/Guest Pass/Day Pass required after 3 p.m. Monday - Friday and all day Saturday & Sunday.**

Procedures include:

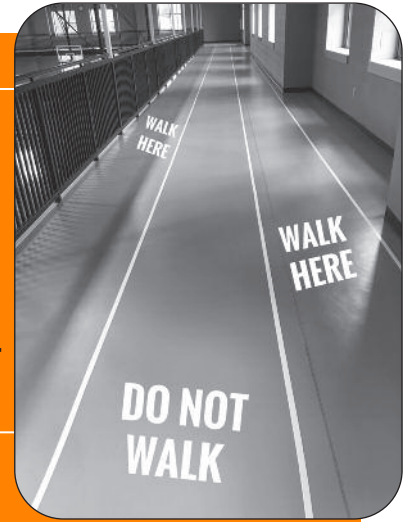
- Masks are required when walking on the track.
- Allowing a limited number of walkers on the track for 45 minutes at a time.
- Walkers must enter the building wearing a mask.
- Staff will clear the track of participants after 45 minutes.
- Masks must be worn while exiting the track and the Community Center.
- Next group of walkers will be permitted to enter the track and begin their exercise after track sanitation is completed.

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 page 32.**

If unable to register online, call the Community Center at 412-851-2910 and staff will assist you in scheduling your appointment.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

PHOTO PRESERVATION & ORGANIZATION

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

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

3970.201
Dates: 06/03/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

3970.202
Dates: 07/15/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Community Center

CHECK OUT THE FARMERS' MARKET TUESDAYS, 3-7 p.m.
Great Location!!!
South Park Skating Rink Lot
See page 28 for details

PUPPY OBEDIENCE

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

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6 session dates

3309.201
Dates: 06/16/2021 - 07/21/2021 Wed
Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

3309.202
Dates: 06/12/2021 - 07/24/2021 Sat
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

3309.203
Dates: 06/12/2021 - 07/24/2021 Sat
Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

3309.211
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Time: 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.
No class Jul 3, Sep 4

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3309.204
Dates: 06/12/2021 - 07/24/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

3309.214
Dates: 08/07/2021 - 09/18/2021 Sat
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Xcel Canine Training, Inc.

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

FITNESS & EXERCISE

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: 06/01/2021 – 08/24/2021

Class Times: 9:30AM– 10:30AM

Tue

Class Dates: 06/03/2021– 08/26/2021

Class Times: 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Thu

Class Dates: 06/04/2021– 08/27/2021

Class Times: 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Fri

Registration can ONLY be completed through

bethelpark.fit4mom.com.

No registrations will be accepted at the Community Center.

Location: Community Center

SILVER SNEAKERS CLASSIC

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

Instructor: Mon & Thu - Renea Bishop

Tue - Anne Brucker

Fee: FREE with Silver Sneakers card

Dates: 05/17/2021 – 08/30/2021

Time: 10:45AM – 11:30AM

Mon

Dates: 05/18/2021 – 08/31/2021

Time: 12:35PM – 1:35PM

Tue

Dates: 05/20/2021 – 09/02/2021

Time: 1:00PM – 1:45PM

Thu

Location: Community Center

SILVER SNEAKERS® BOOM MOVE

Designed for the Active Senior

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

Instructor: Renea Bishop

Fee: FREE with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 05/17/2021 – 08/30/2021

Time: 9:15AM – 10:00AM

Mon

Dates: 05/18/2021 – 08/31/2021

Time: 10:00AM – 10:45AM

Tue

Dates: 05/20/2021 – 09/02/2021

Time: 11:30AM – 12:15PM

Thu

Location: Community Center

SILVER SNEAKERS® BOOM MUSCLE

Designed for the Active Senior

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

Instructor: Renea Bishop

Fee: FREE with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 05/20/2021 – 09/02/2021

Time: 12:15PM – 1:00PM

Thu

Location: Community Center

SILVER SNEAKERS® STRENGTH AND STABILITY

Designed for the Active Senior

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

Instructor: Renea Bishop

Fee: FREE with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 05/17/2021 – 08/30/2021

Time: 10:00AM – 10:45AM

Mon

Dates: 05/18/2021 – 08/31/2021

Time: 9:15AM – 10:00AM

Tue

Location: Community Center

SILVERSNEAKERS® YOGA

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

Instructor: Gerrie Delaney

Fee: FREE with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 05/20/2021 – 09/02/2021

Time: 9:15am – 10:00am

Thu

Location: Community Center

SILVER SNEAKERS® CIRCUIT

Designed for the Active Senior

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

Instructor: Gerrie Delaney

Fee: FREE with Silver Sneakers' card

Dates: 05/20/2021 – 09/02/2021

Time: 10:00am – 10:45am

Thu

Location: Community Center

WALKING TRACK

Silver Sneakers members can take advantage of the climate controlled, elevated indoor walking track using their Silver Sneakers® membership card AND scheduling a walking appointment. See page 32 for walking track procedures.

T'AI-CHI BEGINNER

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

Instructor: Tamara Stark

Ages: 18 and over

Resident Fee: \$38.00 Non-Res Fee: \$43.00

Twice a week: \$62.00 Non-Res Fee: \$67.00

4 session dates

3932.201

Dates: 06/02/2021 - 06/30/2021

Time: 10:55AM - 11:55AM

Wed

3932.202

Dates: 06/03/2021 - 06/24/2021

Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Thu

3932.211

Dates: 08/04/2021 - 08/25/2021

Time: 10:55AM - 11:55AM

Wed

3932.212

Dates: 08/05/2021 - 08/26/2021

Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Thu

Location: Community Center

No class Jun 23

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: \$38.00 Non-Res Fee: \$43.00

Twice a week: \$62.00 Non-Res Fee: \$67.00

4 session dates

3932.203

Dates: 06/01/2021 - 06/22/2021

Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Tue

3932.213

Dates: 08/03/2021 - 08/24/2021

Time: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Tue

Location: Community Center



Don't forget to reserve a room at the Community Center soon for your upcoming graduation party. We have rooms to accommodate small or large groups. Call 412-851-2910.

Look for the next issue of the Bethel Park Chronicles mailed the week of August 9, 2021!

ZUMBA® GOLD

Zumba® Gold ...Because laughing while working out burns even more calories. Have fun, be positive, and be powerful. Take control of your life and step out of your comfort zone. Come join our Zumba® class, you know you want to!! Let it Move You!!! Pretty much the most awesome workout ever. Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it. Perfect for everyone!! Classes are designed to bring people together, have fun and get healthy. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Come and join the fun that your neighbors are having, you'll be glad you did. There is much more to a class than exercise and this Zumba family screams friendship and fun. You don't need coordination or any previous dance experience, you just need to show up ready. There are new friends to be made and new connections to be enjoyed and embraced. The communal benefits of coming together with friends and colleagues and exercising, while encouraging one another, pays dividends beyond exercising alone. 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

3930.206
Dates: 06/01/2021 - 07/13/2021 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3930.209
Dates: 06/03/2021 - 07/15/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

3930.216
Dates: 07/20/2021 - 08/24/2021 Tue
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

3930.219
Dates: 07/22/2021 - 08/26/2021 Thu
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Location: Community Center
No class Jun 15, Jun 17

**ZUMBA® GOLD FOR ACTIVE SENIOR/BEGINNER**

Zumba® Gold for the Active Senior is a blast! Come groove at your own pace, it's easy. An ideal class for the active senior or any adult new to exercise. Get off the couch and move, you will be happy you did. Laugh, dance, and work out to current songs or some of our favorite old music. This Class takes the Zumba® formula and modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active adult participant as well as those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. It is a lower impact cardio fitness program. Put on some comfy clothes and supportive shoes and come join the fun. Come ready to sweat and leave empowered and feeling strong! Exercise is not only a means to better fitness and health, but also a path to maintain or even regain independence. 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

3930.210
Dates: 06/07/2021 - 07/26/2021 Mon
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.212
Dates: 06/02/2021 - 07/14/2021 Wed
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.220
Dates: 08/02/2021 - 09/13/2021 Mon
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

3930.222
Dates: 07/21/2021 - 08/25/2021 Wed
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Location: Community Center
No class Jun 14, Jun 16, Jul 5, Sep 6

SPORTS**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. **Players of ALL SKILL LEVELS play together, rotating with different players each game.** This is not an instructional class. Call 412-851-2910 for more information. Players must properly wear masks even while actively playing.

Ages: 13 and over
Resident Fee: \$15.00 Non-Res Fee: \$20.00
6 session dates

3901.201
Dates: 06/07/2021 - 07/19/2021 Mon
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.202
Dates: 06/09/2021 - 07/21/2021 Wed
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.211
Dates: 07/26/2021 - 08/30/2021 Mon
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

3901.212
Dates: 07/28/2021 - 09/01/2021 Wed
Time: 12:00PM - 2:10PM

Location: Community Center
No class Jul 5, Jul 7

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. Players must properly wear masks even while actively playing.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$16.00 Non-Res Fee: \$21.00
6 session dates

3239.201
Dates: 06/07/2021 - 07/19/2021 Mon
Time: 8:00PM - 9:30PM

3239.202
Dates: 07/26/2021 - 08/30/2021 Mon
Time: 8:00PM - 9:30PM

Location: Community Center
No class Jul 5

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. Players must properly wear masks even while actively playing.

Ages: 18 and over
Resident Fee: \$21.00 Non-Res Fee: \$26.00
6 session dates

3239.230
Dates: 06/06/2021 - 07/18/2021 Sun
Time: 4:00PM - 6:00PM

3239.231
Dates: 07/25/2021 - 08/29/2021 Sun
Time: 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Community Center
No class Jul 4

SPECIAL INTEREST**Pavilion Permits**

Fee \$30.00

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

Please provide the following information:

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

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

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

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

**Flea Markets**

We are trying to secure a new location and dates for some flea markets this summer. As of the print date of this issue of Chronicles, the details have not been finalized. For updated information, please like us on Facebook "Bethel Park Recreation and Community Center" or phone 412-831-1328 or 412-851-2910.

BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

WALKING TRACK

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

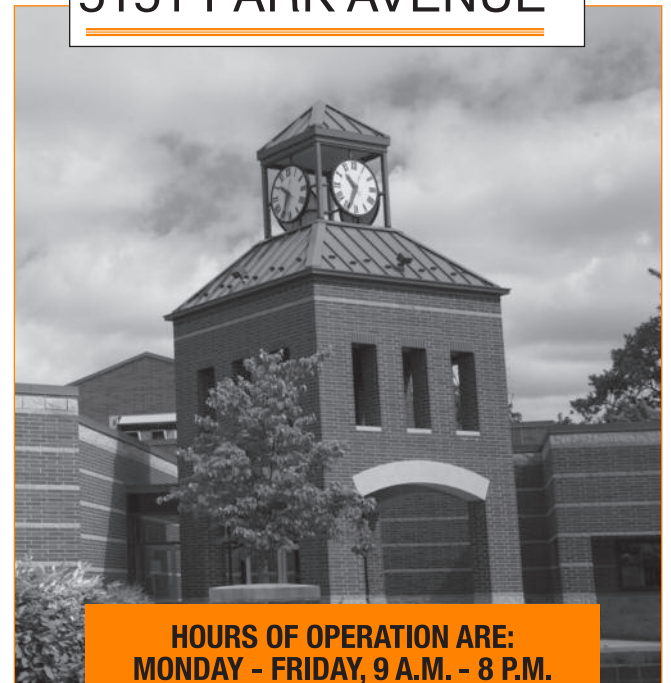
- Walkers must wear a mask to enter and exit the building. Masks ARE required on the track while walking.
- **Membership/Guest Pass/Day Pass required after 3pm Monday-Friday and all day Saturday & Sunday.**
- Walking track use will be by appointment only to minimize the number of track users.
- You may 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.

Register for Walking Times Online – FREE of Charge

Membership/Guest Pass/Day Pass required after 3pm Monday-Friday and all day Saturday & Sunday.

- Go to www.bethelpark.net
- At the top of the page, click on 'Departments'
- Click on 'Parks\Recreation and Community Center, then Recreation Program Registration
- 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 do not have an account yet, you will need to create one.
- Choose participant(s) that will be walking at that time, 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 assist you in scheduling an appointment.

5151 PARK AVENUE



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

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

Covid 19 safety procedres are being followed by limiting the number of rental guests. Contact staff at 412-851-2910.

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

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

Payment Schedule

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

Cancellation Policy/Fees

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

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

Other Rental Notes

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





Membership Fees & Renewals

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

GOLD CARD CLUB

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 per person per calendar year**, Jan. 1 - Dec. 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 p.m. Sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. 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 at 412-833-2864**.

ROOM RENTAL FEES

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

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

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

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

All rentals require a minimum 4-hour reservation.

RENTAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Community Center Facilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Farmers' Market Vendor List

Here are our wonderful 2021 vendors! Please stop by and visit them every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. in South Park on Corrigan Drive next to the Ice Skating Rink!

SIMMONS FARM - flowers, local seasonal produce

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

JODIKINO'S FARM - lots of locally grown seasonal produce.

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

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES - individual mini bundt cakes in variety of flavors

TAMBELLINI FOOD TRUCK - burgers, hot dogs, chicken parm, steak hoagies & more

THE OLIVE TAP - olive oils and balsamic vinegars

PITTSBURGH PIEROGI TRUCK - pierogi, haluski, stuffed cabbage

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

WOOD STOKED OVEN - freshly made pizzas while you wait

WILD RIVER KETTLE KORN - fresh popped kettle korn, fresh squeezed lemonade - yummy!

WU'S SHAVED ICE - 33 different flavors of shaved ice

SWOPES BERRIES & BEES - in season berries, honey, creamed honey, candles

BEATNIK SWEET EATS - variety of brownies, cookies, cake by the slice, scones & more

LEMMON BROTHERS' FARM - pure maple syrup

LOAFERS BREAD COMPANY - breads, pies, cookies, jams, and granola

ROWDY BBQ - pulled BBQ pork, ribs, beef brisket, pulled bbq chicken, and sides.

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

SPRING HOUSE - salads, hoagies, sticky buns, cookies, pies, apple fritters, milk, pepperoni rolls

GLUTEN FREE by KASSIANI - cookies, pies/galettes, mini cakes, pizza crusts, cinnamon rolls, donuts

WIGLE WHISKEY/THREADBARE CIDER - bourbons, ryes, wheats, hard apple ciders, local ingredients

PURE ROSE ORGANICS - soap bars, body wash, lotion, jewelry, hair clips, perfume oils, candles

AUNTIE ANN'S PRETZEL TRUCK - original, cinnamon sugar, hot dog pretzels, lemonade, pop, dips

FOCHA STORE - handwoven Turkish towels, scarves, robes. Ethically made, sustainable, natural.

LIL DEBBY'S DeLIGHTS - bath bombs, soaps, shower steamers, body oil, make up, face masks.

JOSE QUIROZ FARM - vegetables, fruit, herbs, lettuce, bedding plants

COUNTRY HAMMER MOONSHINE - flavored moonshine

CINCO de MAYO SALSAS - salsa, Mexican dips & salads, chips, tamales, empanadas, aqua frescas

CHERISH CREAMERY - goat cheese, goat milk yogurt, goat milk.

SCORCH GARDEN & MITZ'S MEOW MARKET - hot HOT sauce, spice mix, catnip toys, catnip

OLD BEN'S CANTINA - pork belly & wagyu steak sandwiches, vegetarian, and Gluten Free foods

CINNAROAST - cinnamon roasted almonds, pecans, cashews, and peanuts.

ISTANBUL GRILLE - vegan, gluten free, clean food. Lentil soup, red tabule, ezme, 3 milk cake

PLEASANT LANE FARMS - farmstead cheese - cheddar, Colby, secret pizza cheese, feta, gouda

WHIMSICAL WARDROBE BOUTIQUE - women's clothing with unique details, jewelry, handbags

WINE O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE WINERY - sweet wines in bottles, slushies in bags

FJORD AND FABLE - soy wax candles

LA VIGNETTA WINERY - red, white, fruit, seasonal, and dessert wines.



SUMMER SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 26
9:40 P.M.

We're happy to announce that the Summer Spectacular will be back this year with a dazzling fireworks display! To view fireworks, please park in the following approved lots:

- Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
- St. Germaine Church
- Hamilton Presbyterian Church
- Bethel Park Shop 'n Save
- Taylor Rental
- Giant Eagle/Walmart Lot Rt. 88
- Lowes
- Hillcrest Shopping Center (do not park by Bruster's)

Refreshments may be sold at some parking locations; visit www.bethelpark.net for updates. The event rain date will be the following day, Sunday, June 27, same time.

The Community Center and Municipal Offices will be

CLOSED

Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.

The Community Center and Municipal Offices will be

CLOSED

Independence Day on Sunday, July 4 and Monday, July 5, 2021

Labor Day on Monday, September 6, 2021

Garbage collection will be delayed 1 day the week of Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Bethel Park Recreation and Leisure Services ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

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

(PARTICIPANT)
FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

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

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

Email address: _____

Please include any special needs: _____

Shirt size (where applicable): _____

1. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

2. Activity Name _____ Code no. _____

Day _____ Start Date _____ Time _____

Location _____ Fee Due \$ _____

PLEASE CONTINUE AND SIGN THE WAIVER BELOW:

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

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

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

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

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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 _____

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Email address: _____

Please include any special needs: _____

Shirt size (where applicable): _____

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School District Contact Information

District Telephone Number833-5000

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Bethel Park High School

309 Church Road, Bethel Park 15102

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2807 Bethel Church Road, Bethel Park 15102

- David Muench, Principal**854-8677
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5800 Murray Avenue, Bethel Park 15102

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Abraham Lincoln Elementary

1524 Hamilton Road, Pittsburgh 15234

- Jay Johnson, Principal** 854-8618

Benjamin Franklin Elementary

5400 Florida Avenue, Bethel Park 15102

- Teresa Doumont, Principal**854-8741

Bethel Memorial Elementary

3301 South Park Road, Bethel Park 15102

- Eric Chalus, Principal**854-8506

George Washington Elementary

515 Clifton Road, Bethel Park 15102

- Fred Pearson, Principal**854-8546

William Penn Elementary

110 Woodlet Lane, Bethel Park 15102

- Brian Lenosky, Principal/Director of Cyber/Alt. Learning Options**854-8522

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Former KDKA-TV Meteorologist Turned Bethel Park School District Bus Driver, Kudzma Passes Away

In February, former KDKA-TV Chief Meteorologist, **Bob Kudzma**, passed away. He was 81 years-old. Upon his retirement from the broadcast news business, Kudzma drove a school bus for Bethel Park School District for the past 21 years, before retiring last spring.

Kudzma's meteorology career began while he was in the United States Air Force, where he eventually forecasted the weather for bombing missions in Vietnam.



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Morrow Family Donates More than 40 Diversity and Inclusion-Themed Books to District Libraries

Celebrating diversity and inclusion continues to be a priority for Bethel Park School District. In February, which also happens to be Black History Month, the school board honored **Amy Morrow** and her children, **Caroline, James, and Tommy Bova**, for donating dozens of books centered on diversity and inclusion to the school district's libraries.

"It started with me looking for ways to keep the family active during the pandemic," said Amy Morrow, the family's matriarch and admitted driver of the idea. "I didn't want the kids just sitting around all day, so we set a goal to walk at least 100 miles from the last day of school last year to the first day of school this year."

According to Amy Morrow, that led to asking friends and family for donations and sponsorships to keep everyone motivated to continue. Morrow recalled a conversation she had with **Mrs. Barbara**

Walsh, a first-grade teacher at Washington Elementary, who once told her a story of a student she had who had lamented that there were no books in the library with characters who looked like him. That gave Morrow the idea to use the donations to buy diversity and inclusion-themed books, and the results have been outstanding for everyone.

Some of the donated books include *Hair Love*, by Matthew Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison; *Chocolate Me*, by Taye Diggs and illustrated by Shane W. Evans; and *The Name Jar*, by Yangsook Choi, among others.

Morrow estimates that she and her family walked four or five days per week every week and in many different area locations, including the Montour Trail, Bethel Park High School, South Park, and Ohiopyle among others.



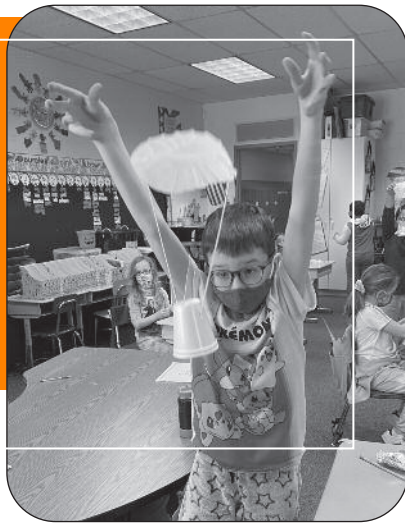
William Penn First Graders Learning Much About History and Physics from "Counting on Katherine"

In part to help celebrate Black History Month as well as Women's History Month, students in **Mrs. Lori Joseph's** class recently read the book, *Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13*, by **Helaine Becker** and illustrated by **Dow Phumiruk**.

Johnson, an astrophysicist, space scientist, and mathematician, who was also Black, lived to be 102 before passing away in 2020. She was part of a team of minority women whose computations were critical in some of NASA's greatest achievements, like sending humans into space for the first time. They were instrumental in sending **John Glenn** into orbit and **Neil Armstrong's** famous moon mission by calculating their flight paths. Known as "computers" before the word took on a very different meaning, these brave women fought segregation and sexism to accomplish extraordinary mathematical feats for the betterment of humankind. Their remarkable story was the basis for the motion picture and book, *Hidden Figures*.

The book Joseph's class read focuses on the 1970 Apollo 13 disaster, in which part of the spaceship exploded and was damaged, leaving the astronauts on board in grave peril. NASA tapped Johnson, one of its greatest minds, to recalculate its return flight path. Johnson's brilliant plan sent the ship around the far side of the moon, where the moon's gravity would act like a sling shot to zing the spaceship safely home. The plan, which thankfully worked, required incredibly precise fuel management and navigation on the part of the astronauts, with no room for error.

In a cross-curricular lesson, the students then were tasked with creating their own "spacecrafts" with parachutes, which allowed them to test the viability of their designs and how to safely land them.



Kennywood School Picnic Day Still Slated for June 18

Bethel Park families can purchase their Kennywood FunDay Tickets online any time or at the district's in-person sale from 4-7 p.m., on **Thursday, May 27** in the high school lobby.

If you choose to purchase your tickets online, they are \$29 plus processing fees, which is still roughly half off the full-price weekend admission rate of \$59.99. Families opting to buy their tickets at the in-person event will not incur processing fees. However, please note that you can only purchase the \$29 tickets with cash or money orders at that event. No personal checks or credit cards will be accepted.

Also, in lieu of teacher coupons, school district educators can purchase discounted tickets on the discount page at www.kennywood.com. Teachers must register their credentials with ID.me to be eligible for the discounted rate.

This year's Bethel Park Kennywood School Picnic Day is scheduled for **Friday, June 18**. We will see you on the Racer!

BPSD School Board Approves 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

The Bethel Park School District Board of School Directors formally approved the academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year during its regular voting meeting on Feb. 23, 2021. The first day of classes will be **Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021**, with the last day of the school year falling on **Thursday, June 2, 2022**. The Class of 2022's Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10 a.m.** in the high school gymnasium.

Thanksgiving Break will run from **Nov. 25-29**. The Winter Holiday Break will begin on **Friday, Dec. 24**, with the students returning to class on **Monday, Jan. 3**. Next year's Spring Break will run from **April 14-18**, with students returning to class on **Tuesday, April 19**.

Other dates in which classes are not scheduled include **Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day)**; **Monday, Jan. 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday)**, and **Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)**.

Next year's in-service days, which mean no classes for students while the staff undergoes professional development, will be held on **Aug. 19 and 20, Nov. 1 and 2, Feb. 21, May 17, and June 6**, respectively.

Please note that calendars can and do change, so be sure to visit our website for the most up-to-date information on our calendar and all things Bethel Park School District, www.bpsd.org.

The upcoming 2021-2022 academic calendar is structured to include the required number of instructional hours, as well as professional duty days, and vacations. The calendar for the 2022-2023 academic year will be discussed and voted on in a future school board meeting.

A Message From... DR. JAMES WALSH Superintendent

It is my sincere pleasure to introduce myself to the Bethel Park community as the new superintendent of schools. In the few weeks I have been here, I have quickly come to recognize and appreciate the excellence in what happens in Bethel Park each and every day. Moreover, I am learning about the wonderful and impressive traditions carried over a rich history of Bethel Park. Clearly, we have great people here doing great work. I am proud to join them and you in continuing the tradition of excellence that is Bethel Park School District.

I will add a note to my greeting in appreciation and admiration for **Dr. Joseph Dimperio**, who served the Bethel Park School community as an interim superintendent with buckets full of grace and all due diligence through the difficult year of COVID-19. We are very grateful for his steadfast stewardship amidst the troubled waters.

As we think about troubled waters, we quickly realize how the pandemic has disrupted so much of what we were used to with school and sports and extra-curricular activities. Moreover, our academic routines and procedures have been dislocated and still face frequent challenges. Through it all though, we have been fortunate to have the understanding and support of this community. The trust in the administration to keep everyone: students, teachers and staff, safe and healthy is noted and very much appreciated. We really hope for better days ahead.

Better days are ahead, but I will not say I hope to return to normal. This is a such a dynamic time for our schools and this community, which provides an excellent opportunity to "build back better" to borrow a popular phrase. Bethel Park School District clearly recognizes the changes in the community and the exponential growth of innovative practice in the education world around us, and with that recognition, we can envision the needs and opportunities for our schools by developing a new five-year strategic plan. To that end, I join the Board of School Directors in a commitment to engaging our community and all of our stakeholders in developing a compelling vision for Bethel Park's next best. We expect this plan will carefully consider the changing environment of education and the needs of our Bethel Park schools to conquer these challenges and exceed your expectations. To do that, we need to hear from you. Please keep an eye out for the forthcoming opportunities to provide input into the goal-setting process.

In closing, I want to thank the board and administration for the warm welcome and encouragement as I seek to establish myself among the great people here and lock arms with them to accomplish great things.



Yee Develops COVID-19 Care Packs for BPHS Teachers

In February, in an effort to help facilitate a safe return to school for everyone, Bethel Park High School senior **Makayla Yee** delivered approximately 120 COVID-19 care packs that she and her Girl Scouts troop, with help from the troop leader **Mrs. Suzanne Ambrose**, had created for the staff at Bethel Park High School.

Yee said she began working on the project over the summer while looking for ways in which she could make a tangible difference in her school during the pandemic. She noted that returning to school poses a number of challenges, including how to keep everyone as safe as possible. "In a normal school year, colds sweep through our classrooms like wildfire," she said, noting that a major reason for closing schools during the pandemic has been a lack of staff due to illness and an inability to find substitutes to replace them.

"We know that we need to protect our teachers for our in-person classes to continue," she said. "Fortunately, we also know that small, simple steps can go a long way towards keeping everyone healthy and safe."

The care packs, which were also part of DECA, an international organization of high school business students, and Girl Scouts of America projects, each feature a handmade mask and CDC-based informational pamphlet created by Yee. They also include a mask cord and an earless mask strap accompanied by a note of appreciation and encouragement written by a Bethel Park High School student.

"We had two primary goals going in: giving our teachers the tools necessary to protect themselves; and easily accessible resources and information about how they can best respond to the pandemic."

Yee's next challenge was to figure out ways to pay for the care packs, which she solved by creating a Facebook page to sell enough masks and mask cords to raise the funding necessary to create care packs she intended to donate to the Bethel Park High School staff. She also partnered with local businesses, **Wild Child Consignment** and **M&M Photography**, which sold her masks out of their brick-and-mortar businesses.

Yee's project placed fourth in the 2021 Pennsylvania State Career Development Conference (*PASCDC*).



Dimperio Recognized by School Board



The Bethel Park School District board of school directors formally acknowledged **Dr. Joseph Dimperio** at its March voting meeting for all of his hard work and dedication in guiding the school district during the pandemic. Dr. Dimperio, who took over as the acting superintendent last March (*just four days before the state-mandated shutdown*), finished his Bethel Park tenure on March 19.

Cortopassi Enjoys Record-Setting Weekend at States

Bethel Park's **Dominic Cortopassi** had quite a weekend at the PIAA State Swimming & Diving Championships at Cumberland Valley High School in suburban Harrisburg,

The junior broke a 28 year-old school record with a time of 50.54 in the 100-yard butterfly event, earning him a medal for eighth place.

Cortopassi also finished 10th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 50.87.

Finally, the team of Cortopassi, **Lenny DeMartino**, **Eammon Anderson**, and **Nathan Stutzman** finished 10th in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:10.96.



2021 Senior Prom Set for May 21 at Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport

Schools throughout the region are hoping to return to some sense of normalcy to close out the school year, and a perfect place to start is with the time-honored tradition of the senior prom. Conditions permitting, Bethel Park High School still intends to hold its annual senior prom on **Friday, May 21, 2021**, at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport.

In the event that large indoor gatherings are ruled impermissible or impractical, the senior class ways and means committee has also crafted an alternative plan which would entail using the high school campus as the setting.

In an effort to provide as safe an experience as possible for its students, while at the same time maintaining some of the event's entertainment value, Bethel Park is developing protocols that mirror its athletics safety plan, including precautions like mandatory mask-wearing and social distancing as well as frequent breaks and rotations, among others.

Also, the Class of 2021 commencement ceremony is still slated to be held at **10 a.m., on Saturday, June 12** in Black Hawk Stadium. Information on awards nights, the senior picnic and other year-end staples will be announced in the coming weeks.

Metz's Free Meals Program Ends June 11

In a year in which almost everything has continually changed, one constant has been the school district's fabulously successful meals program.

Since the pandemic began last spring, Metz Culinary Management, Bethel Park's food service provider, estimates that it has distributed approximately 150,000 free meals to area families with children ages 18 years-old and younger, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Weekdays throughout the school year, from 11:30 until 12:45 p.m., you will find members of the Metz team in front of the high school entrance handing out meals to area families, who never have to leave their car.

The program will run through June 11. To participate in the program, please place your order by no later than 10 a.m., on Friday of the previous week by visiting bpsd.org/FoodServices.

Camp Invention, July 19-23 at Neil Armstrong Middle School

This summer, from **July 19-23**, Bethel Park School District will again host Camp Invention at Neil Armstrong Middle School (5800 Murray Ave., Bethel Park, PA 15102).

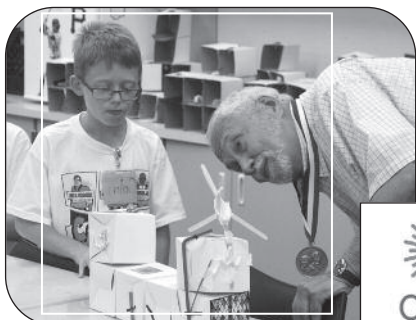


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The nationally acclaimed summer STEM program teaches kids in grades K-6 how to develop skills like persistence, confidence, creativity, and problem-solving.

Camp Invention runs daily from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost of the five-day camp is \$245. Guests will have the option to camp in-person or at home. Extended day hours are also available.

To learn more about the program or to register, visit invent.org/camp. You can also call 1-800-968-4332.

Children's Author Speaks to Neil Armstrong Middle School Students About How to Write a Good Story

Children's author **Todd Strasser** recently spoke to students in **Mrs. Kimberly Rehak's** Grade 6 reading class at Neil Armstrong Middle School about his famous novel, *The Wave*, and the mechanics of compelling storytelling.

The young adult novel is a fictionalized account of the very real 1969 Third Wave teaching experiment by California high school teacher **Ron Jones**. In *The Wave*, history teacher **Mr. Ben Ross** conducts an experiment with his students in an attempt to demonstrate to them what it may have been like living in Third Reich Germany and before long, "the movement" spreads through the entire school.

The New York City-based author, who has penned approximately 150 novels in his prodigious career, recently published another young adult novel, called, *The Good War*. He spoke at length to the students about literary devices, including how to build tension and suspense as a means towards conflict resolution.



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Bonaccorsi Finishes as National Runner-Up in NCAA Wrestling

Nino Bonaccorsi (BPHS '17) had an amazingly successful high school wrestling career at Bethel Park, including two PIAA runners-up finishes, two WPIAL championships, and three section championships. Bonaccorsi ended his high school tenure with an impressive 147 wins, which is second in Bethel Park history behind his older brother, **Nick (BPHS '11)**, who finished his Black Hawks career with 156 wins.

Bonaccorsi's success has continued in the collegiate ranks. This season, the Pitt junior (13-2) won the ACC Tournament and finished as the national

runner-up at 197 pounds, after dropping a 4-2 decision to Oklahoma State's A.J. Ferrari in the Finals. That performance earned him All-American status.

The younger Bonaccorsi, who is known for his aggressive grappling style, credits his older brother and father for blazing a trail for him on the mat, at Bethel Park, and at Pitt.

"I always felt like growing up, seeing what my brother and my dad were (as *wrestlers*), they were always my next chapter (as a wrestler)," the youngest Bonaccorsi told reporters earlier this year. "I felt like I had my mentality geared toward a higher standard of wrestling because of them."



Franklin Third Graders Following the Iditarod

In March, as part of a class project, third grade students at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School intently followed Alaska's world-renowned Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Teachers **Lindsay Crowley**, **Laura Glomb**, and **Erin St. John** each had their students read a poem about four-time Iditarod winner, **Susan Butcher**. The students also read Butcher's biography, written by her husband, and "*Balto and the Great Race*," which is about the event's amazing origins.



In 1925, a diphtheria outbreak ravaged Nome, Alaska. In a last-ditch effort to save the lives of their citizens, Alaskan officials decided to use sled dogs to deliver life-saving serums in some very remote places. The effort was so successful that in 1973, to commemorate the amazing achievement, and to test the best mushers in Alaska, the modern-day Iditarod was born and they have been running it each year since.

The annual long-distance sled dog race is run in early March from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. Mushers and a team of 14 dogs, of which at least five must be on the towline at the finish line, cover the distance in 8–15 days or more. Teams generally race through blizzards causing whiteout conditions, sub-zero temperatures, and gale-force winds which can cause the wind chill to reach -100°F (-73°C).

Due to the pandemic, there were no spectators at this year's race, the course was shortened, and for the first time in the race's 49-year history, the finish line was not in Nome.

In addition to the Language Arts components, Franklin students also explored resources from the park rangers at Denali National Park, including a webinar with a park ranger. The students also watched historical videos about the race and watched real-time race reports.

To help their students maintain interest in the event, the teachers had both their in-person and full-remote learning students select a musher to track throughout the race.

Each day, students would check on the website and record which checkpoints their musher had made it to that day. They would then record the date and time, as well as the number of dogs their musher utilized in the race. Students would then move a card with their musher's name on it along the checkpoints that the teachers had posted in their respective classrooms.

This year's winner was **Dallas Seavey**, who captured his record-tying fifth Iditarod championship. However, the real star of this year's event may have been Sable, a sled dog on Paige Drobny's 20th place team, who remarkably just completed her 15th 1,000-mile race.

Malecki Sets New School Pole Vault Record . . . Three Times

In February, Bethel Park's **Megan Malecki** broke the school record in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet, three inches at the annual Hempfield Invitational indoor track meet. The senior has topped that mark twice more during the outdoor season, with her current best (*at press time*) sitting at 11 feet, nine inches.

Track and field coach **Mark Jacobs**, a former pole vaulter himself, has coached at Bethel Park since 2012. He said he has been blessed with some outstanding pole vaulters during his time at Bethel Park and that Malecki might be the best of them all.

"Megan has that perfect combination of being a true student of the sport, but she's also completely fearless," said Jacobs, who marvels at the senior's resilience. "She had a fluke injury end her sophomore season and the pandemic obviously cancelled her junior year, but she never allowed herself to become discouraged," he said. "She just kept working, even rigging a pole vaulting set-up in her backyard, and now she's reaping the rewards of all that work, and I could not be prouder of her."

Malecki, who is currently ranked in the top ten in the state in the pole vault, has already signed her college letter to compete at Millersville (Pa.) University.



Differentiating Between Seasonal Allergies and COVID-19

Spring has sprung in Western Pennsylvania, but the April showers and the resultant May flowers can wreak havoc on those who suffer from seasonal allergies.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pollen, an airborne allergen, can trigger a myriad of allergic reactions, including some symptoms consistent with hay fever. The 2021 allergy season is off to a rough start, with the allergy risk for much of the spring ranging from medium to high due to pollen counts, according to [Pollen.com](https://www.pollen.com), a website that provides daily and weekly allergy forecasts.

This is the second pollen season during the pandemic and researchers don't know if having seasonal allergies puts people at a higher risk for more severe symptoms if they contract the coronavirus.

Seasonal allergies typically present symptoms like itchy or watery eyes and sneezing, but there are some traits that overlap with indicators of coronavirus infection, which can be confusing. If you have any questions, please seek the opinion of your primary care physician to identify and treat any illness. Also, if you have any uncertainty, please err on the side of caution and keep your child home from school until symptoms subside or they are tested for COVID-19.

That said, there are ways to differentiate between a seasonal annoyance and something that is contagious and far more dangerous. There are some symptoms common for COVID-19 and seasonal allergies, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, sore throat, and congestion or runny nose, according to the CDC. However, symptoms that are more likely exclusive to COVID-19 are fever and chills, muscle and body aches, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Conversely, itchy or watery eyes, as well as sneezing, are more common to seasonal allergies.

Still unsure? The CDC says you may need a test to confirm.

Spring Musicals Set at IMS and the High School

After theaters sat dark last Spring as a result of the pandemic, this year's spring musical season is taking on a little extra importance. Independence Middle School is excited to present, "*Peter Pan Jr. the Musical*," **May 20-22** in the IMS auditorium; and the high school will perform "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*," **May 8 and 9** in the high school auditorium.

Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale, "*Peter Pan Jr. the Musical*" is one of the most beloved and frequently performed family favorites of all time. This high-flying Tony Award-winning musical has been performed around the world and delighted audiences for 60 years and is now adapted for young performers.

"*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*," is a more modern and irreverent show about an eclectic group of six students vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (*potentially made-up*) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake.

Due to state-mandated crowd restrictions, all performances will have limited seating. After a limited number of tickets are first sold to cast, crew, and orchestra students, there will be a limited number of tickets to sell to the public at dates and times to be determined. However, according to **Todd Kaczawa**, who is directing the high school production, his students are still incredibly excited just to get out there and perform.

"Last year, we were shut down four days before our opening, which was obviously devastating to everyone concerned," he said. "This year, our students have been so committed to the show and their characters right from the start because they are just so appreciative to have something to work on."

According to Kaczawa, "Putnam" was the right show at the right time for Bethel Park High School. "It just fits us very well from a cast, crew, and orchestra perspective, and it is an extremely funny yet touching story," he said. "It is just an excellent choice for us this year."

Trish Quinque, who is directing the IMS production, said she chose "Peter Pan" in part because of how things played out last year. "Our show last year was 'Mary Poppins,' and while we did have an opening night, the rest of the shows were obviously cancelled," she lamented. "When we were considering which show to perform this year, 'Peter Pan' became a really easy choice because it allowed us to use the beautiful London backdrop we already had from last year's show."

In a nod to the times, students in both productions will be wearing masks, even as they perform. Still, Quinque believes that will actually help the students in the long run. "It's obviously an additional challenge having to perform with a mask on," she said. "However, as I always tell my students, acting is reacting, and these masks will force them to show even more emotion and to sing and speak just a little bit louder than they otherwise would, which will help them during future performances."

Show Times:

Bethel Park High School

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Bethel Park High School Auditorium
Friday, May 8: 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9: 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 each

Independence Middle School

Peter Pan Jr. the Musical
Independence Middle School Auditorium
Thursday, May 20: 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 21: 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 22: 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$8 each

Hundreds of Bethel Park School District Employees Vaccinated in the Spring

In March and April, thanks in large part to the incredible efforts of elementary school nurse, **Mrs. Eileen Wallace**, Spartan Pharmacy sponsored a pair of employee vaccination events for Bethel Park School District employees. More than 500 district employees were inoculated with the two-dose Moderna COVID-19 vaccine during those events. Roughly 100 more Bethel Park employees were inoculated during the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's vaccine clinics, which offered the single dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.



Schurko Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Record-Setting Race

In February, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* ran a fabulous piece on the 50th anniversary of a very special milestone featuring a former Bethel Park Black Hawk. On Feb. 27, 1971, the University of Pittsburgh relay team of **Michael Schurko (BPHS '67)**, **Jerry Richey**, **Smittie Brown**, and **Ken Silay** clocked an indoor distance medley relay time of 9:39.7, setting an American and world record.

In 1984, the sport of track and field moved from English units to metric units (*400 meters, 800 meters, etc.*). However, even when adjusted to today's metric distance, the 1971 relay remains a school record. Pitt's 1971 adjusted number also would have been good enough to claim every national championship through the switch to the metric system.

Just a few weeks later, at the NCAA championships in Detroit, the quartet of Schurko, Richey, Silay, and Dorel Watley won the indoor distance medley relay with a time of 9:45.7.

Schurko, who now lives in the Fox Chapel area, where he serves as a township commissioner, grew up in Bethel Park near the Oakhurst plan. He is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame and remains among the most decorated Bethel Park student-athletes of all-time. He estimates that he holds approximately 20-25 WPIAL championships in track and field and cross country. Schurko still holds the school record in the 800-meters, which at the time was the mile. He also still holds the Pitt school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

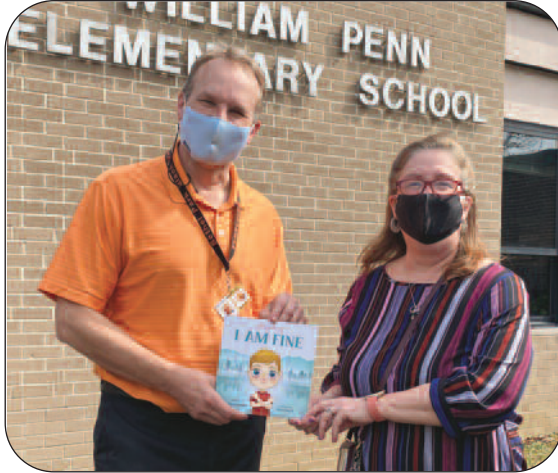
"In the late 60's and early 70's, the sport of track & field underwent a tremendous growth in America and I guess I just got swept up in it," he said.

Schurko credits his high school coach, and former math teacher, Joe Lodge for much of his success. "Joe Lodge had a tremendous impact on me as a person and in helping to realize my potential as a runner," said Schurko.



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Bethel Park Non-Profit, Dana's Sweet Wishes, Donates Childrens' Coping Strategies Book to District First Graders



Stress is always a part of our day-to-day lives. The uncertainty, and in some cases, despair, brought on by the pandemic has caused stress and anxiety levels to shoot through the roof for some adults and young people.

Bethel Park resident, **Mrs. Pat Dmarch**, started a non-profit organization called *Dana's Sweet Wishes*, which honors her late daughter, Dana, who lost her own battle with anxiety and mental illness.

The mission of Dana's Sweet Wishes is to support the mental health, wellness, and education of children and adults to help them cope with their stress and anxiety, whatever the cause.

The organization recently donated the children's book, "*Right now, I AM FINE*," by **Dr. Daniela Owen**, to every district first grader. The book teaches children coping strategies for their anxiety and how to stay present and composed in the face of their fears and uncertainty.

In March, social workers read the book aloud to some of their students during their classes. They also fielded questions and demonstrated their support of the students.

To learn more about the nonprofit organization, or to support it, visit their website: <http://www.danassweetwishes.org/>.

Zeis Claims WPIAL Rifle Crown

In February, Bethel Park's **Travis Zeis** became the first Black Hawk shooter to win the individual WPIAL rifle championship since

Nicole Cheberenchek in 2003 and the first Bethel Park boys' athlete to achieve that feat since **Mike Ruffing** in 2001. The Bethel Park senior fired a 200-18x, with six centers, to win the title at the Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club.

Zeis admits that his nerves have occasionally gotten the best of him in the past, but this time felt different. "I just felt really good out there and I just kind of knew I was going to do well," he said.

The high school senior, who is headed to Penn State's Behrend campus in the fall, says he tries to clear his mind before he shoots. "I try to just stop thinking when I shoot," he said. "I still know what I need to do and how to make an adjustment. Those things are all in my head."

Zeis's win qualified him for the PIAA state individual shooting tournament, where he also shot well. The Bethel Park rifle team finished fourth in the WPIAL's teamwide competition and an impressive sixth in the statewide competition.



Bethel Park's Zach Ott Named Class 3A PIHL February Player of the Month

At the March 29 game against the New York Islanders, the Pittsburgh Penguins honored Bethel Park's **Zach Ott** as the Class 3A PIHL February Player of the Month. The senior goaltender helped propel the Black Hawks to the postseason with an outstanding 2.08 goals against average and a .902 save percentage. Down the stretch, Ott further sharpened his game, recording a 1.00 goals against average and a .953 save percentage in his final three games in helping to lead the Hawks to the postseason.



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Bethel Park Hockey Club

Old Navy Donates Masks to Elementary Schools

The Old Navy at South Hills Village recently donated 600 reusable cloth face masks and bottles of hand sanitizer to students and staff at Bethel Park's elementary schools.

Old Navy's **Will LaGamba**, who has children in the district, thought it was a perfect way to give back to his community. "Everyone continues to do everything they can to keep themselves and their loved ones safe during the pandemic," he said. "We just thought if we can do our part to contribute to that effort and make kids feel good about themselves in the process, that was exactly what we wanted to do."



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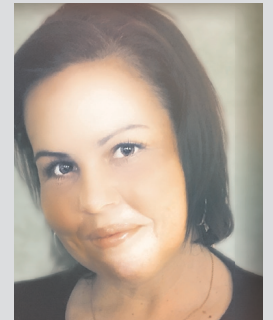
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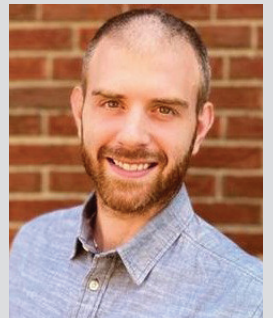
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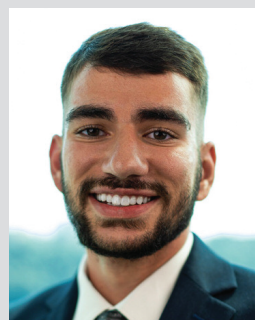
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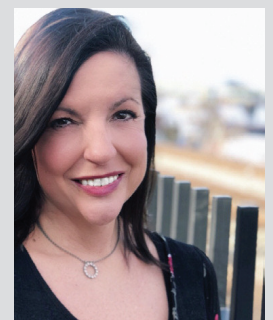
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