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# MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

**MONDAY, MAY 25**

*Honoring Those Who Gave  
Their Lives for Our Freedom*

The public is invited to attend Bethel Park's annual Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 25.

The event seeks to honor and raise public awareness of the ultimate sacrifice made by those who gave their lives for freedom and their country.

"Memorial Day is a time for us to come together as a community to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans, especially those who gave their lives for our freedom," said Bethel Park Mayor **Jack Allen**. "For more than 25 years, Bethel Park has gathered at our Veterans Memorial to remember and reflect, and that tradition continues to be one of our most meaningful. This year's program will be especially powerful, as we recognize those who have fallen and welcome respected speakers who truly embody service and dedication. I encourage everyone to attend and be part of this important day of remembrance."



## MORNING CEREMONY

**8:50 a.m.**

Veterans Memorial Plaza  
in front of the Municipal Building  
(5100 W. Library Ave.)  
Hosted by the Veteran's Memorial  
Committee



## PARADE

**10 a.m.**

Steps off at 10 a.m. from the Municipal  
Building and ends at Bethel Cemetery,  
adjacent to Bethel Presbyterian Church on  
Bethel Church Rd.



## CEMETERY SERVICE

**11 a.m. (approximately)**

Bethel Cemetery  
Hosted by the American Legion Post 760



In case of inclement weather, the Morning Ceremony will be moved indoors to Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, the Parade will be cancelled, and tents will be on site at the Cemetery for the 11 a.m. Service.

The Service will also be broadcast on BPTV and will be able to be viewed indoors at the Community Center on televisions there.

Any changes will be announced on Memorial Day by 7 a.m. on all Bethel Park social media outlets and at [www.bethelparkpa.gov](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov).

## ★ FEATURED SPEAKERS ★



**LT. COLONEL (RET.) CROWLEY**  
MORNING CEREMONY SPEAKER

**Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Shannon Crowley** is a native of Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated from Brashear High School in 1978 and went on to West Virginia University majoring in finance. Upon graduation in December 1982, she was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the US Air Force.



**SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON**  
CEMETERY SERVICE SPEAKER

**Senator Devlin Robinson** was elected in November 2020 and reelected in November 2024 to serve residents of the 37th Pennsylvania State Senatorial District, which includes parts of Allegheny County.

SEE FULL SPEAKER BIOS CONTINUED ON PG. 8.



## MANAGER'S CORNER

### *Moving from Winter to Spring Investing in Bethel Park's Future*

**Kristen Denne**

*Bethel Park Manager*

As we say goodbye to winter and welcome spring, our focus shifts from snow and ice operations to getting parks, roads, and facilities ready for a busy season of outdoor activities. This changeover is a behind-the-scenes effort that touches nearly every department—Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Administration—and it helps ensure our community is prepared for safer travel, better weather, and more ways to enjoy Bethel Park.

#### SPRING OPERATIONS

- **Roadway cleanup and repairs:** Street sweeping, debris removal, and targeted pothole repairs ramp up as temperatures stabilize.
- **Parks and facility readiness:** Crews open restrooms and shelters, prep athletic fields, and complete seasonal maintenance so programs and events can start on time.
- **Stormwater attention:** Ditches, inlets, and pipes are inspected and maintained to reduce flooding risk and support year-round water quality efforts.
- **Public safety support:** Spring brings more pedestrians, cyclists, recreation and youth activities—so we coordinate closely to keep public spaces safe and responsive.

#### \$6.8 MILLION BUDGETED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Along with seasonal work, we are continuing to make long-term investments in infrastructure, public safety, and municipal facilities. The 2026 capital program includes **\$6.8 million** budgeted for major projects and equipment purchases—work that helps protect prior investments, reduces future maintenance costs, and improves safety and reliability across the community.

- **\$255,000** for facility upgrades to maintain and improve municipal buildings and community spaces.
- **\$85,000** for advances in police technology to strengthen effectiveness and service.
- **\$30,000** for police drones to support situational awareness and safer incident response.



**\$6.8 MILLION  
INVESTED IN 2026**

*Supporting infrastructure,  
safety, and community  
growth.*

- **\$70,000** for ballistic shields to enhance officer safety during critical incidents.
- **\$2.3 million** for road repairs and improvements across the municipality.
- **\$1.0 million** for stormwater maintenance and MS4 compliance to protect waterways and improve drainage performance.
- **\$400,000** for vehicle purchases to keep essential fleets dependable and cost-effective.

#### TARGETED TRAFFIC AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Several capital projects are focused specifically on improving traffic flow and safety at key intersections:

- **Bethel Church Road & Fort Couch Road: \$486,000**
- **Hamilton Road & Baptist Road: \$1.5 million**
- **Route 88 & Kings School Road: \$400,000**

Project scheduling and bidding will see some items move quickly into construction, while others progress through design, bidding, and coordination with utilities and partner agencies. For roadway and intersection work, advance notice of traffic impacts—including detours, lane restrictions, and expected durations—will be provided as dates are finalized.

Ongoing communication will be maintained, with updates available through municipal communications. If you haven't already, please follow one of the various social media channels that Bethel Park authors or check our website for regular updates on projects.

These projects show our commitment to upkeep and future community growth. Thank you for your continued support and patience as seasonal work and capital improvements move forward.

*On behalf of the staff and elected officials of  
Bethel Park, I would like to wish you and your family  
a safe and memorable summer.*

The Municipality of Bethel Park  
presents:

# "Touch A Truck!"



THANK YOU to  
Our Sponsors:  
EVEY TRUE VALUE  
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HILL INTERNATIONAL  
TRUCKS.

Public Works Garage  
2490 Slater Rd.



**Sunday, May 17**  
**12-3 pm**

Bring the Kids to this FREE, Fun Family Event!

### \*LOTS & LOTS OF TRUCKS!

Towing, Dump, SWAT, Fire,  
Public Works, EMS, & more!

\*22-Ton Sand Pile with over **500 gifts!**

\*FREE Refreshments!

\*FREE T-Shirts (*limited amount!*)!

\*Horses (*including a mini!*)

\*Fainting Goats!

\***And More Surprises!**



**FUN** 🍊 **FESTIVE** 🍊 **FREE**

## Bethel Park Hosts FREE Touch-A-Truck Event May 17

Bethel Park Municipality's Public Works Department is holding a FREE Touch-A-Truck event on Sunday, May 17 from 12 – 3 p.m. at the Public Works Garage (2590 Slater Rd., Bethel Park).

*Over 2,000 people attended last year!*

### EVENT DETAILS



#### Public Works Garage

2490 Slater Rd., Bethel Park



Sunday, May 17



12 - 3 p.m.



FREE Event!

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Public Works, Police, Fire, & many more trucks
- ✓ 22-ton sand pile with over 500 gifts
- ✓ Visit with a mini & full-sized horse
- ✓ Fainting goats
- ✓ Free T-shirts for the first 250 children
- ✓ Surprise visits from "The Grinch" & "Sully" from Monsters, Inc.
- ✓ Free refreshments (*first-come, first-served*)

### ABOUT THE EVENT

"Over the years, my team and I saw how excited children were when they saw our trucks; we also know that they love seeing police cars and fire trucks too. So, we decided to create an event where we could bring all types of trucks together for kids to see firsthand including Public Works, Police, Fire and many, many other vehicles," said Public Works Director **Susan Dolinar**.

We're grateful for our sponsors,  
**Evey True Value Hardware &  
Hill International Trucks.**

*TrueValue.*





## 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

**102,821**  
Visitors to the Library

**1,401**  
Programs Offered

**24,039**  
Program Attendance

**767**  
New Patrons  
in 2025



**12,755**  
Total Cardholders  
1 in 3 BP Residents

**105,000**  
Website Visits

**8,803**  
Pickup Locker Items

**8,517**  
Self Check Kiosk Items

**334,022 ITEMS CHECKED OUT**

Physical Digital

**245,430**

**96,345**



- Air Quality Monitor
- Blood Pressure Monitor
- Camcorder
- Cassette to MP3 Converter
- Ghost Hunting Kit
- Go Pro Hero 7
- Metal Detector
- Movie Screen
- Radon Detector
- Sewing Machine
- Slide Projector
- Voice Recorder
- Vinyl to MP3 Converter
- Water Quality Monitor
- Portable Scanner
- VHS to DVD converter
- Gas Detector
- Tonies
- Acoustic Guitars
- Autoharp
- Digital Keyboard
- Ukulele
- American Girl Dolls
- Board Games
- Fire Tablet
- Puppets
- Kickball/Wiffleball
- Take It, Play It Kit
- Volleyball/Badminton Take It, Play It Kit
- and many more

Reference Questions Answered

**19,247**



PC Uses

**9,454**

WiFi Uses

**11,732**



**82,912**

Total Books, Media & More Collections



Bethel Park Library Users' 2025 Cost Savings

**8.9 M**

versus purchasing materials based on average cost

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5100 West Library Ave.  
Bethel Park, PA 15102  
412-835-2207

[www.bethelparklibrary.org](http://www.bethelparklibrary.org)

Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10 AM - 8 PM

Friday & Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM

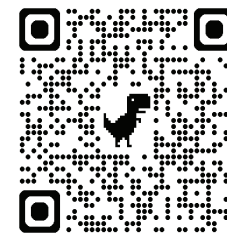
Sunday: 12 PM - 4 PM

The Library is CLOSED on Sundays

Memorial Day - Labor Day

*Always Open Online*

Visit the Library Calendar



# BP Fantastic Four Charities

## Celebrates America250



Own a piece of history by artists Linda Barnicott, Johno Prascak, and Maria DeSimone Prascak while supporting the community.

18" x 24" prints - \$175

8" x 10" prints - \$29

Two-sided metal ornament - \$29



Prints available online  
Evey Hardware  
Bethel Park Public Library



# Celebrate Summer in Bethel Park



**Beginning of Summer Bash**  
Simmons Park



**Saturday, June 6th**  
10 AM - 1 PM

NEW

**Splash Park Cinema**  
In Partnership with  LIBRARY



**Friday, June 12th**  
Movie begins at Dusk

**Summer Spectacular**  
Fireworks Experience



**Saturday, June 27th**  
Various Viewing Sites

**Splash Park Cinema**  
In Partnership with  LIBRARY



**Friday, July 10th**  
Movie begins at Dusk

**Concerts in the Park**  
Millennium Park



**Thursday, July 16th**  
Live Music & Food Trucks

**Splash Park Cinema**  
In Partnership with  LIBRARY



**Friday, August 14th**  
Movie begins at Dusk

**Concerts in the Park**  
Millennium Park



**Thursday, August 20th**  
Live Music & Food Trucks

Dates & Details subject to change.  
See [www.bethelparkpa.gov](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov) or  
Bethel Park Recreation  
social media for more information!

MAY IS **STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

**TBRC**

The Brain Recovery Crew is celebrating its **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** as a Nonprofit!

Accepting new members at our Bethel Park Location. Contact us for details.

A **no-cost** program with activities to support and challenge the *new you!*

**Learn more & get started**

**Join us today!**

**BRAINRECOVERYCREW.ORG**

724-914-2435

**WWW.BRAINRECOVERYCREW.ORG**

## ABOUT THE MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKERS

(CONT. FROM PG. 3)

### ★ **LT. COLONEL (RET.) SHANNON CROWLEY** **MORNING CEREMONY**

Entering the Air Force, she received her first choice of careers, that of an Aircraft Maintenance Officer where she would be responsible for supervising aircraft mechanics. Her first assignment was to a five-month technical school to learn the basics of aircraft maintenance on various systems: jet engines, avionics, air frames, etc. From there, she embarked on a career with increasingly more responsibilities. She supervised mechanics and planners accomplishing work on the flightline and in the various back shops like jet engines, machine shop, sheet metal, fire control, auto pilot and instruments and munitions. She worked on B-52 Bombers, KC-135 Tankers, A-10 Warthogs, F-16 Falcons, F-15 Eagles and the F-15E Strike Eagles.

In 1989, she earned her Master's of Business Administration from the University of Arkansas.

### ★ **SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON** **CEMETERY SERVICE**

Robinson was raised in Brookline and attended Central Catholic High School. After graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps – continuing a family tradition of military service dating back four generations.

Following the 9/11 attacks, he requested assignment to the infantry, ensuring him a spot on the front lines. He served one combat tour in Afghanistan and two in Iraq, where as an infantryman in Nasiriyah (*ambush alley*) his unit fought door-to-door conducting searches in the days leading up to the subsequent rescue of Army POW **Jessica Lynch**. He also later served in Fallujah.

Upon his honorable discharge, Robinson returned home to Pittsburgh and founded his own company, Veterans Medical Technology and earned a business degree from Robert Morris University and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh's Katz School of Business.

Robinson has prime-sponsored an assortment of legislation with the following priorities: lowering and reforming tax codes; assisting and honoring veterans, first responders and law enforcement; supporting small businesses; enhancing manufacturing and labor opportunities; advocating for better access to quality healthcare; and many more. He has had ten bills signed into law so far.

He is passionate about representing and serving his constituents, with two district offices available to assist with a variety of state-related issues.



# JUDGE'S OFFICE

## GOING TO COURT? A Guide to Help You Know What to Do - and What Not to Do



### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



Failure to follow court rules may result in you being removed from the building and/or facing criminal charges. This guide was compiled in part and provided by The Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania Public Relations Committee, but you should consult your local court as rules may differ from county-to-county or even court-to-court. For questions, contact **Judge Ronald A. Arnoni at 412-835-1661**.



### WHAT TO DO

- ✓ **Arrive early** and bring extra copies of evidence you plan to present. You could be found guilty or a judgment may be entered against you if you are absent, late, or not prepared.
- ✓ **Dress appropriately.** Clothing needs to be professional and respectful. Do not wear pajamas, shirts must have sleeves, and you must wear shoes. Remove Sunglasses and hats in the building, unless permission from the court is granted.
- ✓ **Stand when the Judge enters the courtroom** which is to show respect for the law and the authority of the court.
- ✓ **Silence or turn off cell phones.**
- ✓ **Be respectful** to everyone in the courtroom; only speak when instructed to do so by the Judge.
- ✓ **Make arrangements for childcare.** It is recommended that children not attend court proceedings, unless required by the court.



### WHAT NOT TO DO

- X **Do not** bring food or beverages into the courtroom!
- X **Do not** record the proceedings unless given permission to do so by the Judge (201 Pa Code Rule 1910).
- X **Do not** display pictures or slogans on clothing, banners, or signs that may be obscene, distracting, disruptive, or intended to influence the Judge.
- X **Do not** disrupt the court proceedings. Examples of disruptive behavior include: arguing, talking out of turn, laughing, making noises, or shaking your head in court.
- X **Do not** bring illegal substances or weapons into the building.
- X **Do not** use Alcohol, Marijuana, or Substances that will affect your ability to participate in court. Some substances have highly distinctive odors, and it is very easy to detect when someone is under the influence.
- X **It is unlawful to take pictures or record** inside the courtroom, in the lobby or the waiting area.



### THANK YOU

These rules help ensure a safe, respectful, and fair environment for everyone who comes to court.

*Your cooperation is appreciated.*



### NEWS FROM

## JUDGE ARNONI

*Ronald A. Arnoni*

JUDGE RONALD A. ARNONI



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2025 Merit Award Honorees

Earlier this year, **Chief Arnold** recognized three Bethel Park Police Officers with the 2025 Merit Award.

Since 1969, members of the Bethel Park Police Department have nominated their fellow officers who exemplify outstanding devotion to duty and bring great credit to the department.

Being nominated by your peers is a meaningful recognition, and these officers have truly set the standard through their dedication and service to our community.



**1st Place**  
**Officer**  
**Cristian Frost**

**2nd Place**  
**Officer**  
**Ross Small**

**3rd Place**  
**Sergeant**  
**Matthew Kearns**

## Reading with the Stars *March was National Reading Month*



We were excited to show our friends at Ben Franklin Elementary School that we love books just as much as they do by participating in their “Reading with the Stars” event!

We enjoyed reading a fun story together while also talking about what police officers do and how to respond in an emergency.

Events like this give us a great opportunity to build positive relationships with students right in their classrooms.

The best part? Being immediately recognized from our previous dodgeball games—and hearing that a rematch was requested!

Of course, we never say no to dodgeball, so we stopped back a few weeks later to reclaim our champion title!



## School & Daycare Visits

Spring is always a busy time for school and station visits, and we wouldn't have it any other way!

We love talking about safety with our youngest community members and are always impressed by how much our little friends already know.

School and daycare visits are a great way to ensure that a child's first interaction with a police officer is a fun and positive one.

Our goal is for every child in our community to know who we are and feel comfortable approaching us—whether they need help or just want to stop and say hello.

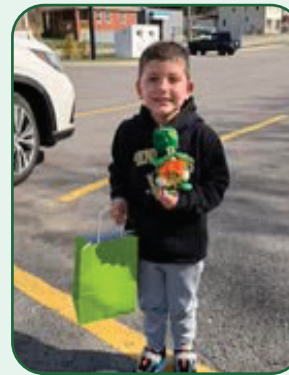


## Leprechaun Hunt Fun!

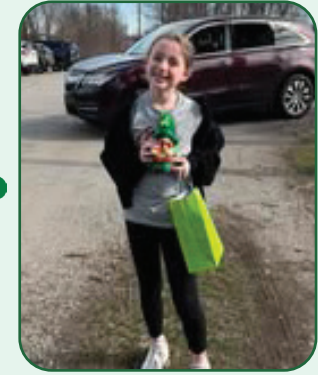
This year, the Bethel Park Police had some St Patrick's Day fun with a Leprechaun Hunt!

Kids (*and adults*) were invited to track down Pat O'Down and Finn McBadger by following clues posted on our social media pages.

Our winners, **Connor and Hailey**, received Buffalo Bucks courtesy of **South Park Shops** and an Amazon gift card courtesy of **Parker Plastics**, along with a bag of snacks.



Connor



Hailey

## Out in the Community



The Bethel Park Police were invited to celebrate Valentine's Day this year along with several other local agencies at the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine event.

Night to Shine is a prom-style celebration designed to honor individuals with special needs, and it was truly an unforgettable evening filled with smiles, dancing, and joy.

Every guest was treated like royalty. It was a privilege to be part of such a meaningful celebration!

## CONTACT / SOCIAL MEDIA

**ANONYMOUS TIPS** can be called into the Hotline - 412-851-BPPD (or 2773) or emailed to [crimewatch@bethelparkpapolice.gov](mailto:crimewatch@bethelparkpapolice.gov).

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram for updates!

**FACEBOOK:**  
Bethel Park Police Department

**TWITTER:**  
@bethelparkpd

**INSTAGRAM:**  
bethelparkpolice

**POLICE CHIEF:** David Arnold  
**CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER:** Amber Carruba



If you would like to be added to the Crime Watch e-mail list, please visit our webpage at [crimewatch@bethelparkpapolice.gov](mailto:crimewatch@bethelparkpapolice.gov) and enter your name and email on our sign-up form.



# VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

## A Message from the Fire Chief: *Russ Beeson*

**Time for Spring Cleaning!** After a long, cold winter, the ground around emergency exits may have shifted—especially for rarely used basement doors. Test them now: make sure the door opens freely and the exit path is clear. It's better to discover and fix issues during routine checks than in the middle of an emergency.

Summer is almost here, bringing grilling season and thunderstorm risks. Below are key safety tips to help prevent common problems.



### GRILLING SAFELY

Each year, over 1,000 house fires start from grills used on exterior balconies or unenclosed porches. Grills also cause many burn injuries.

#### Follow these simple steps for safe grilling:

- Use propane and charcoal grills **only outdoors**.
- Place the grill at least **10 ft. away** from your home, deck railings, eaves, and overhanging branches.
- In Bethel Park, grills are **prohibited** on apartment balconies.
- **Keep children and pets** well away from the grill area and **never leave it unattended**.
- **Prevent grease fires:** regularly clean grease and fat buildup from grates and empty cooled drip trays.
- **For propane grills:** Before the first use each year, check hoses for leaks by applying a soapy water solution. Bubbles indicate a leak. If you detect a leak (*by smell or bubbles*) with no flame present, **turn off** the tank and grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before reuse. If the leak continues, evacuate and call the fire department immediately.
- If you **smell gas while cooking**, leave the area right away and call 911—do not move the grill.
- **For charcoal grills:** Use a chimney starter with newspaper (*no lighter fluid needed*). If using starter fluid, apply **only charcoal starter fluid**—never add it to an already-lit fire or use any other flammable liquid.
- **Store charcoal fluid** out of children's reach and away from heat.
- **Electric starters** are another safe, flameless option (*use an outdoor-rated extension cord*).
- **After grilling**, let coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.

**Enjoy your meals—grill responsibly!**



### THUNDER AND LIGHTNING STORM SAFETY

Lightning strikes and related fires peak in summer. Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from rainfall, and if you can hear thunder, you're within striking distance.

#### Stay safe with these guidelines:

- When thunder roars, **go indoors:** Seek shelter in a sturdy home, large building, or hard-topped vehicle.
- Avoid tall trees, open fields, or any outdoor location - no place outside is safe during a thunderstorm.
- **Wait at least 30 minutes** after the last thunderclap before going back outside.
- **Inside:** Stay away from windows and doors; unplug appliances and electronics (*or at least turn them off*); avoid corded phones, computers, plumbing fixtures, and activities like bathing, laundry, or dishwashing.
- **If on open water:** Head to shore and find shelter immediately.
- **Last-resort outdoor position** (*if no building or vehicle is available*): Crouch low on the balls of your feet, hands over ears, head between knees—make yourself the smallest target and minimize ground contact. Do not lie flat.
- **If someone is struck: Call 911 immediately.** Lightning victims carry no residual charge—provide aid right away. Check breathing and pulse; start CPR if needed and retrieve an AED if available.
- **After a major storm:** Do not attempt to remove fallen trees or wires from roads—lines may be energized. **Call 911** to report the hazard so professionals can handle it safely.



### FLASH FLOOD SAFETY

Bethel Park has experienced severe flash flooding in recent years, with roadways, pedestrian bridges, and vehicles swept away.

#### During heavy rain or flood warnings:

- **Stay home if possible**—many rescues occur **after** rain slows or stops, when people venture out too soon.
- Flash floods **can develop in minutes**, producing a dangerous wall of fast-moving water carrying debris, rocks, mud, and even cars or dumpsters.
- **Respect barricades and closed roads** - they exist for your protection.

- Turn around and find another route ("**Turn Around – Don't Drown**").
- **Never** walk or drive through flooded areas:
  - 6 inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet.
  - 12 inches can disable a car or stall the engine.
  - 2 feet can float away most vehicles.
- **Standing water** may hide downed power lines or be electrically charged.
- If **trapped** in rising water or facing a flooded road, call for help immediately: **911 or 412-833-2000**.

## How to Reach Us

None of our three fire stations are regularly staffed with members. If you need us to respond to your emergency, you must call **911**.



Non-emergency question or concern? Visit the "contact us" page on our website: [www.bethelparkvfc.com](http://www.bethelparkvfc.com).



Send us a message on Facebook; find us as "**Bethel Park VFC**."



Call us at **412-835-1127** and leave a message on the answering machine.



**EMERGENCY CALLS: 911**

## Now Accepting Applications!

We're always looking for more volunteers! The hours can be unpredictable and there's no paycheck - but you'll gain valuable skills, be part of a great team, and enjoy the satisfaction of protecting your community. Plus, you'll get a cool new uniform.

The Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company remains proudly **100% volunteer**, and we aim to keep it that way.

If you're interested or have questions, reach out:

- » **Email:** [bpvfcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:bpvfcmembership@gmail.com)
- » **Facebook:** "**Bethel Park VFC**"
- » **Online application:** [www.bethelparkvfc.com](http://www.bethelparkvfc.com)
- » **Stop by Brightwood Station (Station #1):** Any Monday at 6:45 p.m. before weekly training



## Inaugural Citizens Fire Academy Coming September 2026!

We're excited to announce the **inaugural Bethel Park Citizens Fire Academy**, launching this Sept. 10. This free program is for Bethel Park residents (ages 18 and older) who want a hands-on, behind-the-scenes experience of what it takes to be a firefighter and the work we do to keep our community safe. No experience necessary!

**During this engaging five-session program (Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. plus one full Saturday), you'll learn about:**

- Firefighter operations
- Fire behavior and safety
- Firefighter equipment
- Search & rescue
- Vehicle extrication
- Fire Prevention
- Live demos and practical activities
- And much more!

*This program builds awareness, boosts safety knowledge, and encourages civic engagement.*



### SPACES ARE LIMITED - APPLY TODAY!

Scan the QR code or visit [www.bethelparkvfc.com](http://www.bethelparkvfc.com) to express interest. Step into our boots and see what your volunteer firefighters do every day!



## WE ARE EXPECTING!

Our newest fire engine is scheduled for delivery in the coming months! This state-of-the-art apparatus will help us continue providing top-tier protection to Bethel Park residents and businesses for years to come.



The price tag? Just over **\$875,000**—and **none** of it comes from taxpayer funds. The entire cost is covered by generous donations from our community.

We continually invest in the best, most modern equipment so we can respond effectively to fires, accidents, CO alarms, and more.

**Our sole mission: To protect you whenever the need arises.**



## We are asking you to HELP US – HELP YOU

The cost of fire protection rises every year. Your continued support is vital so we can remain ready 24/7/365.

**Don't wait—please donate today.**

Online: [www.bethelparkvfc.com/donate](http://www.bethelparkvfc.com/donate)

Venmo: @BethelPark-VFC

PayPal: @bpvfc

Check your mailbox for our annual fundraising flyer

### IMPORTANT NOTE:



The Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company solicits donations only through our annual direct-mail letter and form, or via the channels listed above. If someone contacts you by phone claiming to represent us, they do **not**—please report it.



## REPORTS & ACTIVITY

### 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Our full 2025 year-end report—including call statistics, accomplishments, department operations, and 2026 plans—is available online: <https://bethelparkvfc.com/annual-report/>

### Q1 2026 REPORT

As we move through the first months of 2026, Bethel Park and the surrounding Pittsburgh region have already experienced an unusually active stretch of severe weather. From powerful windstorms and damaging gusts (with reports of up to 110+ mph winds in parts of western Pennsylvania) to multiple rounds of severe thunderstorms, heavy rain, and isolated tornado warnings in March, we've seen a higher-than-normal volume of storm-related incidents.

Our volunteers have responded to more storm-related calls than typical for this time of year, including assisting with downed trees and power lines, fires caused by downed power lines, and related hazards. These early-season events serve as a reminder that severe weather doesn't always wait for summer—thunderstorms, high winds, and flash flooding can strike even in spring.

We want to commend our dedicated members for their quick and safe responses, often in challenging conditions. At the same time, we urge residents to remain vigilant: stay weather-aware, heed warnings, avoid flooded areas, and report hazards immediately by calling 911.

### BPVFC CALL VOLUME BY TYPE (JANUARY 2026 - MARCH 2026)

FIRE	HAZARDOUS SITUATION	NO EMERGENCY	PUBLIC SERVICE	RESCUE	TOTAL
14	62	58	77	11	222



# TRI-COMMUNITY SOUTH EMS

## 26th Annual Nora Helfrich Memorial Golf Outing - May 21

Join us on **Thursday, May 21** for our sole fundraiser of the year - our Annual Nora Helfrich Memorial Golf Outing!

The Outing runs from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the **Lindenwood Golf Club** (360 Galley Rd., Canonsburg).

Event proceeds will once again go towards the purchase of a Lucas Device, critical to the effectiveness of our team when responding to cardiac arrest calls.

With your help, we were able to purchase one in 2025 - *Thank you!*

Please help us raise the funds to purchase our FINAL Lucas Device for our trucks by attending this Golf Outing. *Help us help you!*



### CONTACT EMS



**Web:**  
tcsems.org



**Phone (non-emergency):**  
412-831-3710



**Facebook:**  
'Tri-Community South EMS'



**Address:**  
5490 Progress Blvd.,  
Bethel Park



**Emergency Calls:**  
911

### EVENT DETAILS

**Date:** May 21

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Location:** Lindenwood Golf Club  
300 Galley Rd., Canonsburg

### GOLF PACKAGE

**\$150 Per Player**

Includes Green Fees/  
Cart, Continental Breakfast,  
Refreshments, Lunch, Prizes,  
and Buffet Dinner.

### SPONSORSHIPS

- **Hole-in-One** - \$2,500 (four complimentary golfers)
  - **Gold** - \$1,000 (one complimentary golfer)
  - **Silver** - \$500
  - **Bronze** - \$250
  - **Contest Hole** - \$150
- All sponsors will be listed in the program and have a Sponsor Sign posted.



## Summer Safety Tips

*From the Desk of Chief Keith Morse, MS, Paramedic*

With Summer upon us we would like to offer some tips to help keep you and your family safe.

- ✓ Stay hydrated when out in the hot sun. Drink 8-12 cups of water daily, even if you are not thirsty.
- ✓ Limit caffeine and alcohol.
- ✓ Wear hats, sunglasses and lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- ✓ Apply sunscreen (SPF 30+) 15-30 minutes before going outside and reapply frequently on both sunny and overcast days.
- ✓ Try to schedule outdoor activities for early morning or evening.
- ✓ NEVER leave children or pets in a parked car. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120°F. Pets are already wearing a fur coat!
- ✓ Supervise children around pools, lakes and beaches.
- ✓ Wear footwear on pavement or concrete to prevent burns on your feet. Keep pets off hot pavement and concrete as well to avoid burned paws.
- ✓ Use repellent to prevent bites from ticks and mosquitoes.
- ✓ Check on elderly neighbors and those without A/C.

- ✓ Take breaks in air-conditioned spaces or shade.
- ✓ Keep a stocked first-aid kit in your car and home.
- ✓ Pay attention to Heat Advisories, Excessive Heat Warnings or Excessive Heat Watches from your local weather forecasters.

### Signs of Heat Exhaustion:

Heavy sweating, dizziness, headache, fast pulse and nausea

### Signs of Heat Stroke:

High body temperature (above 103°F), red/hot skin, rapid pulse and confusion or unconsciousness.

**For Both of These Issues – CALL 911!**

Scan the QR Code  
to Register for the  
Golf Outing!



# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Support the Bethel Park Business Community

Local businesses are vital to our community! To provide support, the Municipality has established numerous initiatives geared towards raising awareness of all that the Bethel Park business community has to offer. We've also partnered with the Bethel Park Chamber to coordinate our efforts.

### Municipal Small Business Initiatives

To provide support, the Municipality established numerous initiatives geared towards raising awareness of all that the Bethel Park business community has to offer.

- A **"Dine, Shop, Support"** website page listing businesses that expressed an interest in participating with their contact information and business descriptions.
- A **Business Blog** featuring profiles of local business owners.
- **Mayor Jack Allen's BPTV show, "Jack of All Trades,"** found on YouTube featuring local business people.
- **Job Fairs FREE** to employers and job seekers in conjunction with the Bethel Park Chamber. Visit [www.bethelparkpa.gov/jobfair](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov/jobfair) for more information!
- **Special events** geared towards supporting local businesses.



### Are You a Local Business Owner?

We **are restarting** our local business profiles for our business blog! We'll be contacting those who've shown interest in being profiled. If you'd like to be considered for a feature too, or be listed on the Municipality's 'Dine Shop Support' webpage, please email: [kweightman@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:kweightman@bethelparkpa.gov).

## Chamber News

### Annual Golf Outing Scheduled for Aug. 20

The Bethel Park Chamber golf outing will be held at Lindenwood Country Club again this year. Be sure to check the website, [www.bpchamber.org](http://www.bpchamber.org), for details.

The Chamber is looking for hole sponsors and auction baskets. If interested, call the Chamber at **412-595-8361** or contact **Charles Dinovitz** at Save here Today Printing - **412-429-0539**.

### 2026 Women's Networking Summit Scheduled!

The event will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at Crown Plaza.**

This year's guest speakers will be **Kristine Sorensen**, KDKA-TV anchor, and **Sheila Hyland**, former Comcast Newsmaker anchor.

We are so excited for this year's program! The agenda will provide **Passion, Power and Priorities** for women looking for that energetic lift, confidence building and networking.

Sign up early for **\$85.00 to register**; for \$100 you can include a vendor booth.

For more information on the conference and vendor information, call **412-595-8361** or email [Cruhl@verizon.net](mailto:Cruhl@verizon.net).



## THE CHAMBER

Bethel Park Chamber of Commerce

Serving Bethel Park, Castle Shannon, South Park

### Chamber Chatter Networking Continues to Grow

Held the **second Thursday** of every month from **8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Dunkin' Donuts** on South Park Rd. Open to any business looking to expand their network. **Free** coffee and donuts; *join us!* To register, visit [www.bpchamber.org](http://www.bpchamber.org) or just stop by!

### Job Fair a Success

The Spring Job Fair hosted by the Bethel Park Chamber and Bethel Park Municipality in April was another success. We had over 35 vendors and this time several people got interviews and a couple of job offers. It was our first afternoon Fair and it had a good outcome.

Thank you all who helped make it a success and especially to the employers who found great applicants.

### The Chamber is Seeking a Volunteer!

If you have website or social media experience and would like to volunteer a couple of hours to help the Chamber, please contact **412-719-6761**. If you have a student in your family that need some resume work to report, we can give you the experience that would help you use your media skills. You can name your working hours!

# Welcome to Mental Health Month!

By: Outreach Teen & Family Services

Every year in May, Mental Health America celebrates Mental Health Month to promote mental wellness nationwide. This annual campaign unites millions of people to spread awareness of mental health topics, share resources, and advocate for the well-being of all.



**THIS YEAR'S THEME IS**  
**“More Good Days, Together.”**

It's all about meeting people where they are, supporting them as whole people, and understanding that 'good' is defined by their unique experiences and goals. The path may look different for everyone, but we all deserve more good days, together.

Outreach Teen & Family Services is proud to join Mental Health America in this shared goal. As reflected in our agency's motto – “Counseling. Care. Connection.” – we recognize the importance of community and the power of positive relationships to help individuals build self-confidence and feel empowered to take control of their mental health.

## MUNICIPAL SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION



[www.bethelparkpa.gov](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov)



**Facebook:**  
Municipality of Bethel Park



**X (formerly Twitter):**@Bethelpark\_PA



**Instagram:** @BethelParkPA



**TikTok:** bethelparkpa

## VISIT OUR INFORMATIVE WEBSITE!



- Better Navigation
- Ease of Finding Information
- New Resident Page
- More Responsive

**LOG ON TODAY!**

[WWW.BETHELPAKPA.GOV](http://WWW.BETHELPAKPA.GOV)

One of the ways we do this is through the Outreach College Crew (OCC), a peer-to-peer resource for young adults to use their voices in broadening Outreach's mission across the South Hills of Pittsburgh. Now in its fifth year, the goal of the OCC is to give every young adult an opportunity to be heard and to thrive. Members help spread awareness about mental health by hosting special events for their peers, advocating for mental wellness education and resources, and hosting Outreach's monthly podcast, Teens Tap In.

For **Lily Simons**, Teens Tap In co-host, Outreach's work to destigmatize mental health resonated with her personal goal to help spread information and inspiration about mental health issues so her peers know they do not have to struggle in silence.

**Nancy Ho**, Co-Event Coordinator, OCC, shares a similar sentiment. It's important to her that her peers know the value of being able to lean on others for support, something she has tried to do during her time on the OCC.



**“Mental health advocacy is most powerful when it's collaborative.”**

*-Nancy Ho*

Ho said. “Planning events like our Open Mic Night and our Spring Walk taught me that leadership isn't just about organizing; it's about creating safe, brave spaces where people feel empowered to share their stories and realize they aren't alone.”

The OCC is a great opportunity for emerging professionals and any young adult who is looking to make a difference in their local community. Members within the group often find themselves just as impacted by their own work as people are outside of it.

“With the OCC, I have learned the importance of being a part of the community and giving back support for mental health, especially when things are hard,” said **Sara Faith**, Teens Tap In co-host, OCC. “I have also found a sense of community and absolutely love the girls I get to work with!”

**If you – or someone you know – is between the ages of 18-25 and passionate about mental health, we encourage you to apply for the upcoming cycle of the OCC. Applications will be accepted until May 29, 2026. To express your interest in applying, please email Outreach's Clinical Program Director and OCC Advisor, Maggie Zangara ([mzangara@outreachteen.org](mailto:mzangara@outreachteen.org)).**

*Outreach is here to help you build confidence and take back control of your mental health. We offer a variety of affordable services for children and young adults ages 5-21, along with their parents and families, including individual, group, family and parent counseling. For more information, please visit <https://outreachteen.org/> and follow us on Facebook (@Outreach Teen & Family Services) & Instagram (@outreach\_teen). To listen to our podcast, search “Teens Tap In” on your preferred podcast platform.*



Outreach does not offer crisis services or response and does not have evening and weekend on-call coverage. **In an emergency, please go to your local emergency room or call RESOLVE at 1- 888-796-8226.**

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Bethel Park Community Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that embraces a philosophy of local philanthropy. Tax-deductible contributions made to the Bethel Park Community Foundation are applied to fund local initiatives and

community programs in the **following five 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](http://www.bpcf.org) for more information or contact us via mail at **PO Box 811, Bethel Park, PA 15102.**

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

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

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

If you have any questions or would like to speak personally with a member of the Bethel Park Community Foundation, please email us at [info@bpcf.org](mailto:info@bpcf.org).

***Your tax-deductible contributions at work in our community!***

## FACEBOOK

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

## YOU CAN DONATE VIA THE UNITED WAY



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

## 2026 DEAN STREATOR Concerts

sponsored by the Bethel Park Community Foundation

Sunday afternoons at 2:30 PM at the Bethel Park Community Center

- Sunday, July 12** - Community Band South
- Sunday, July 19** - New Vintage Big Band
- Sunday, July 26** - NO CONCERT
- Sunday, August 2** - Allegheny Brass Band
- Sunday, August 9** - Pittsburgh Banjo Club
- Sunday, August 16** - Keystone Chorus
- Sunday, December 6** - Holiday Concert

**FREE Concerts!**

Donations Welcome

The concerts are free, but donations welcome to further the work of the

**BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Call (412) 851-2910  
for additional information

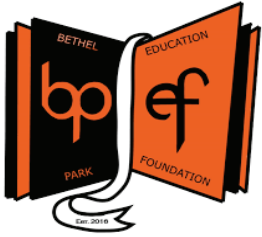


July 26, 2025  
10AM - 6PM

Join the celebration on Park Ave. as we close down the street from the Bethel Park Community Center to the Bethel Park Schoolhouse Arts & History Center.

***It's going to be a day full of amazing arts, music and fun at the Festival!***

# EDUCATION FOUNDATION



The Bethel Park Education Foundation 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. 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.

## The Bethel Park Education Foundation Seeks to:

- Create initiatives that support imaginative and creative opportunities for excellence and innovation in a Bethel Park education.
- Collaborate with educational, cultural, public, and private entities to enhance and enrich the educational experience of Bethel Park students.
- Develop supportive relationships between the Bethel Park School District, community and alumni to raise funds for the purposes set forth above.
- Encourage academic excellence in the Bethel Park School District by providing funding not available through traditional local, state or federal resources.
- Provide a perpetual source of funds through endowment gifts received from all parties interested in supporting excellence in a Bethel Park education.



### INNOVATION

Innovation implies transformation from the status quo.



### TEACHER GRANTS

These grants seek exploration of new teaching methods or to create experiences that stimulate student learning.



### SCHOOL

#### IMPROVEMENT

School improvement means making schools better places for learning.

### STUDENT GRANTS

Student grants support excellence in education and envision the student as a lifelong learner intellectually, physically and artistically.

**Join Us at the Gala!**  
**See more info on pg. 46.**

The new Bethel Park Elementary School  
**Opening Gala**

Benefits the Bethel Park Education Foundation  
*Dinner, entertainment & adventure*

Join us for a special evening to celebrate the beginning of a new adventure in Bethel Park schools.

**Saturday** | **August 29, 2026** | **6 pm**

*Bethel Park Elementary School 5655 Kings School Road*

**Formal attire** | **Tickets are \$75** | **\$100 for a "Passport to adventure"**

*Adventure Awaits!*

### BOARD

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**301 Church Rd.  
Bethel Park, PA 15102  
412-760-9614**

**www.bpsd.org  
bpfoundation@gmail.com**

### MISSION

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

### DONATE VIA UNITED WAY



You can designate the Bethel Park Education Foundation as the recipient of your United Way donation! Enter your Contributor's Choice Agency Code as **#12998472**.

# MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION

## Quick Reference Guide

Bethel Park Municipality has full-time staff members who attend Council meetings to assist in the meeting conduct and answer Council questions. Those usually in attendance are listed below (*All numbers with extensions are 412-831-6800; specific extensions & other numbers are listed below*):

### ADMINISTRATION:

5100 W. Library Ave.  
Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Kristen Denne**, Municipal Manager x137  
**Jahd Burns**, Assistant Manager x201  
**Lisa Lapaglia**, Finance Director x210  
**Susan Dolinar**, Public Works Director x301  
**David Rudolph**, Code Enforcement Officer x240  
**Jason Mentel**, Recreation Director 412-851-2910

Visit us online at [www.bethelparkpa.gov](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov).

### OTHER IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL NUMBERS:

Emergency (Fire, Police, EMS)	412-833-2000
Main Municipality Office Number	412-831-6800
Receptionist	412-831-6800 x0
Bethel Park Community Center	412-851-2910
Bethel Park Public Library	412-835-2207
EMS (non-emergency)	412-831-3710
Fire Department (non-emergency):	
Brightwood Station	412-835-1127
Fire Prevention Unit	412-835-3473
Recreation	412-831-1328
BPTV	412-831-3304
Jordan Tax Service	412-835-5243



## BETHEL PARK MAYOR & MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



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412-389-9838

**Jillian Kautzman**  
Ward 7  
412-657-4963

**Viola Garis**  
Ward 8  
267-670-1768

**Alison Piccolino**  
Ward 9  
412-398-1256

## BPTV... Volunteer at BPTV

Bethel Park Public Access Television, a division of the Media Services Department, is a great opportunity to contribute to Bethel Park.

Volunteers are given valuable experience working with professional media equipment and community stakeholders.

Our staff offers training and guidance to any interested member of the community.

Help local producers make content, or learn to use BPTV resources to make your own original productions.

### Capturing Bethel Park History

Since 1987, BPTV has been "The Pulse of Bethel Park," covering local meetings, milestones and special events.

If you have a story you'd like to share, BPTV would love to hear from you! Help us preserve the history of our community.

Contact us at **412-831-3304** or at [dcable@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:dcable@bethelparkpa.gov).



WATCH COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK!



# SPRING 2026 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

## Join Us at the Farmers Market!

### BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Phone: 412-851-2910

Register online at: [www.bethelparkpa.gov](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov)

Contact us: [recreation@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:recreation@bethelparkpa.gov)

Recreation Office hours:

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 412-831-1328

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PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION.  
PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH  
AUGUST 2026.

Stop by the Bethel Park Farmers Market, now in its 20th year!

The 2026 season opened Tuesday, May 5 and will run weekly through Sept. 30, from 3-7 p.m., at the South Park parking lot off Corrigan Dr. near the ice-skating rink.

Recently named the region's top farmers market in the "Observer-Reporter's Best of the Best" Awards, the Market will continue with its tradition of excellence this season while expanding vendor variety - including food items for those with specialized diets (such as gluten free)

while continuing its welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere.

To see the complete vendor lineup, visit <https://www.bethelparkpa.gov> - "Recreation" - "Farmers Market."

For more information, vendor applications, or volunteer opportunities, contact the Bethel Park Farmers Market at [farmersmarket@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:farmersmarket@bethelparkpa.gov).

The Market is sponsored by the Bethel Park Community Foundation.



# BETHEL PARK FARMERS MARKET

FRESH • TASTY • LOCAL



**BETHEL PARK FARMERS' MARKET**  
30 Corrigan Drive, Bethel Park, PA 15102

**MAY 5TH TO SEPTEMBER 30TH 2026**  
Every Tuesday evening

**3:00 PM-7:00 PM**  
Rain or shine




Scan to stay updated on market events and news!

**FIND FRESH PRODUCE, LOCAL MAKERS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND DELICIOUS FOOD TRUCK FAVORITES EVERY WEEK AT THE AWARD-WINNING BETHEL PARK FARMERS' MARKET.**

**SPONSORED BY**  
**BETHEL PARK**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION











# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registrations will now primarily be online only. Please go to [bethelpark.recdesk.com](http://bethelpark.recdesk.com) for more information on all our programs, activities and to register.

**Register at least one week before the start of the activity unless otherwise stated.**

It is important to pre-register for any activity found in this publication because an activity may be canceled when there is insufficient registration. **Never plan to attend the first class without pre-registering.**

**Individual telephone calls will not be made confirming registration.** The only time you will be notified is if there is a change or cancellation

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Bethel Park Recreation 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 canceled 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.**

## 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" (*non-sufficient funds*) will be subject to a **\$35 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 publication. Classes with 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 requests** received in the Recreation Office prior to the beginning of the second class or practice session for a grouped session. For a one-time class or session, a 24-hour **written request** will be required. Phone requests will not be accepted, nor does failure to attend a class constitute notification of intent to withdraw from a class.

A credit can also be applied to any non-contractual Recreation program(s) instead of a refund if the individual so desires; please specify in your written request. Exceptions for refunds or credits include special ticket sales and non-refundable programs/activities. All refunds are subject to a **service fee of \$5**.

**All requests need to be in writing or sent to: [recreation@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:recreation@bethelparkpa.gov).**

## NON-ATTENDANCE/NON-PARTICIPATION:

Non-attendance or non-participation in summer camp does not entitle the patron to a refund or credit.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Bethel Park Community Center Memberships and Bethel Park Splash Park Memberships are not eligible for any refund or transfers.

## CANCELLATION OF CLASS

Participants should check with the Recreation Office for updated program information. **Individual phone calls will not be made to verify registrations. Emails, text messages and/or phone calls will be made ONLY for classes that have been canceled.**

## USE OF PHOTOS

Bethel Park Recreation provides opportunities for positive publicity by photographing/videotaping patrons at programs for use in local publications, newspapers, and/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, skill testing only takes place in swimming and basketball programs. All advanced classes in any area are based upon the 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

**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 canceled**

**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 your registration.**

## BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Bill Bonaccorsi  
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Russ Spicuzza  
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Jennifer Mills



### Monthly Meetings

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

### Department Administration

Jason Mentel, Recreation Director  
Lindsey Sibert, Assistant Recreation Director  
Erin Mordaunt, Programs Coordinator  
Sarah Komatsu, Events Coordinator

Kristen Denne, Municipal Manager  
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# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## SCIENCE

### STEM ODYSSEY

This summer, we're serving up a perfect mix of science, fun, and hands-on discovery! Come along on a STEM Odyssey, where kids get a taste of it all: the power of heat, the magic of magnets, the secrets of sound, and the science of our senses. Each day is a new adventure filled with eye-opening experiments and mind-bending activities designed to fuel curiosity and inspire the next generation of innovators.

Grades: 1 - 5

**Resident Fee: \$180.00** Non-Res Fee: \$190.00  
5 session dates

3840.200

Dates: 6/15/2026 – 6/19/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed,  
Thu, Fri

Time: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

### MAD SCIENCE (AM, PM OR ALL DAY)

**AM 9:15am - 12:15pm**

**Forces & Flight**

Long before our skies were filled with superheroes saving the day, there were birds, there were planes, and there were... Mad Scientists! From the earliest flying machines to the first rocket flights, this hands-on program will allow campers to build many different flying devices. Junior test pilots will launch a variety of flying machines. You are cleared for takeoff!

**PM 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Eureka: The 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 program is 100% FUN!

**HALF DAY CAMPERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A NUT-FREE SNACK**

**MUST BRING A LUNCH IF ATTENDING ALL DAY**

Instructor: Mad Science

Grades: 1 - 5

**AM/PM Resident Fee: \$180.00**

AM/PM Non-Res Fee: \$190.00

**ALL DAY Resident Fee: \$340.00**

ALL DAY Non-Res Fee: \$350.00

5 session dates

3840.201

Dates: 8/24/2026 - 8/28/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed,  
Thu, Fri

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### SUPERSTAR THEATER FOR YOUNG ACTORS/ACTRESSES

Calling all young stars—whether you're brand new to the stage or already have some spotlight experience! In Superstar Theater, students will dive into the exciting world of acting through imaginative improv games that spark creativity and build confidence. They'll explore character development, practice voice projection and enunciation, and learn essential theater terms and stage directions in a fun, supportive environment. As the class progresses, students will put their skills into action by rehearsing short skits and a final play, which they'll proudly perform for family and friends on the last day of class. Get ready to shine on stage!

Instructor: **Adam Winter**

Ages: 7 - 12

**Resident Fee: \$60.00** Non-Res Fee: \$65.00  
6 session dates

3835.200

Dates: 7/23/2026 – 8/27/2026 Thu

Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

### THE KNIGHT SCHOOL PITTSBURGH (CHESS)

The Knight School Summer Chess Camps are the perfect way to get ready for your school's official chess team and chess party in the Fall. With a fun and friendly spirit, Chess Camp is a great way to keep the brain sharp over the Summer while having a real blast!

Chess Camp is a super-fun, high-energy chess experience in which kids celebrate a new chess tactic each day with silly videos, music-driven puzzlers for prizes, colorful silicone TactixBands, funny movies, and fast-paced party-bead tournaments!

Laughter, fast clocks, and compelling teaching approaches make this camp the summertime highlight for hundreds of kids nationwide. **Chess camp meets for 3 hours from 2 – 5 PM for Monday-Thursday.**

Ages: 5 - 11

**Resident Fee: \$200.00** Non-Res Fee: \$210.00  
4 session dates

3835.201

Dates: 7/27/2026 – 7/30/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 2:00PM - 5:00PM

3835.211

Dates: 8/10/2026 - 8/13/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Time: 2:00PM - 5:00PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**



## ARTS & CRAFTS

### SUNNY SANDCASTLES BEACHY ART CAMP

Lots of fun beach themed art projects will be created with sunny vibes along with drawing and painting of cool under the sea creatures! Dress to get messy and bring your Beachy vibes to class! All supplies are included.

Instructor: **Ren Hartman**

Grades: 1 - 5

**Resident Fee: \$160.00** Non-Res Fee: \$170.00  
5 session dates

3805.200

Dates: 7/6/2026 – 7/10/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed,

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM Thu, Fri

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**



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## MUSIC



### 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE SUMMER BAND LESSON PROGRAM

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

Students attend band classes and musical explorations scheduled by grade level on Monday through Thursday, July 27 - July 30 at Bethel Park High School, with a performance for family on the last day.

Students will attend in the following two-hour blocks for Monday-Wednesday and then attend from 8:30-12:30 on the final Thursday date. In addition to registering with BP Recreation, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/BPSummerBand26> for a detailed calendar and to submit band-specific information that will help us to plan the program. Questions? Email the directors at [BPSummerMusic@gmail.com](mailto:BPSummerMusic@gmail.com).

**Resident Fee: \$85.00** Non-Res Fee: \$90.00  
4 days

**Incoming 5th and 6th Grade Band** (*students who just completed Grade 4 or Grade 5*)

**3830.200 Grade 5 and 6**

Dates: 7/27/2026 - 7/30/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 8:30AM - 10:30AM

**Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Band** (*students who just completed Grade 6 or Grade 7*)

**3830.201 Grade 7 and 8**

Dates: 7/27/2026 - 7/30/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 10:30AM - 12:30PM

**Location: Bethel Park High School**



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### 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRANDS SUMMER STRING LESSON PROGRAM #1

The long-running Bethel Park Summer String Lesson Program is taught by Bethel Park School District music teachers **Mrs. Maggie Sheffer** and **Mrs. Sarah Palermo**.

For students who have played a string instrument in 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th grade and will be entering 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, the Lesson Program is a great opportunity for your child to learn new songs as well as revisit songs from the 2025-2026 school year.

Students will work on ensemble skills, improve individual playing technique, and expand musical knowledge, all while having fun! Students are welcome to participate in one or both of the string lesson programs offered this summer, as the music selections will differ. Questions? Email **Mrs. Maggie Sheffer** at [sheffer.maggie@bphawks.org](mailto:sheffer.maggie@bphawks.org).

**Resident Fee: \$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00  
4 days

**3830.202 Grade 5**

Dates: 6/22/2026 - 6/25/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

**3830.203 Grade 6**

Dates: 6/22/2026 - 6/25/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 10:15AM - 11:15AM

**3830.204 Grade 7/8**

Dates: 6/22/2026 - 6/25/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

**Location: Bethel Park High School**

### 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADES SUMMER STRING LESSON PROGRAM #2

The long-running Bethel Park Summer String Lesson Program is taught by Bethel Park School District music teachers **Mrs. Maggie Sheffer** and **Mrs. Sarah Palermo**.

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Students are welcome to participate in one or both of the string lesson programs offered this summer, as the music selections will differ.

Questions? Email **Mrs. Maggie Sheffer** at [sheffer.maggie@bphawks.org](mailto:sheffer.maggie@bphawks.org).

Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8  
**Resident Fee: \$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00  
4 days

**3830.212 Grade 5**

Dates: 8/03/2026 - 8/06/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

**3830.213 Grade 6**

Dates: 8/03/2026 - 08/06/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 10:15AM - 11:15AM

**3830.214 Grade 7/8**

Dates: 8/03/2026 - 8/06/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
Time: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

**Location: Bethel Park High School**

## DANCE



### BALLET/TAP COMBO

This class is an introduction to the disciplines of ballet and tap, while also incorporating other fun dance and movement techniques that will enhance balance, body control and the natural sense of rhythm.

Simple ballet and tap movements will be introduced and proper stretching will be taught. This is a very informal & fun approach to beginning dance. Standard dance attire (*leotard and tights*) or tight-fitting fitness attire preferred. Ballet and tap shoes strongly encouraged.

Ages: 3 - 5

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

**3810.200**

Dates: 6/01/2026 - 7/06/2026 Mon  
Time: 9:45AM - 10:15AM

**3810.210**

Dates: 7/20/2026 - 8/24/2026 Mon  
Time: 9:45AM - 10:15AM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**



## COMBO DANCE CLASS - BALLET, TAP, JAZZ AND HIP HOP

This high energy class will have your dancer moving through traditional ballet dance moves, basic tap moves, jazz style combinations and funky hip hop combinations. The class will start with traditional stretching and warm-up, followed by leaps and turns. This class is broken into two sessions. The first 3-week session will focus on ballet and tap dance. The second 3-week session will focus on jazz and hip-hop combinations to music so dancers can practice their moves all week long at home. Please wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in. Traditional dance attire (*leotard and tights*) or tight-fitting fitness attire preferred. Tap, ballet and Jazz shoes preferred but not required.

Ages: 6 - 12

**Resident Fee: \$60.00** Non-Res Fee: \$65.00  
6 session dates

3810.201

Dates: 6/02/2026 - 7/07/2026 Tue  
Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

3810.211

Dates: 7/21/2026 - 8/25/2026 Tue  
Time: 6:00PM - 6:45PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## FIT & FUN

### CHILDREN'S BEGINNER KARATE - TANG SOO DO

Students will learn Tang Soo Do, the traditional Korean martial art from instructors with CS Kim Karate. Instructors will teach students the basics of martial arts while also incorporating important life skills. Balance, flexibility and overall improved physical fitness will be cornerstones as well as building confidence, concentration, discipline and respect.

\*Uniform fee of \$35 due to instructor at first class

Instructor: **Master Bruno**

Ages: 6 - 13

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

3820.201

Dates: 6/06/2026 - 7/18/2026 Sat  
Time: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

3820.211

Dates: 7/25/2026 - 8/29/2026 Sat  
Time: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

**Location: C.S. Kim Karate**

4705 Library Rd Ste 2 \* Bethel Park, PA 15102

**No Class: July 4**



## MINI MOVERS

Come and discover the world of movement and expression with your toddler. This class blends exercise with dance, music, and imagination to enhance motor skills, balance, and coordination, while also creating a fun bonding experience between parent and child. The instructor will guide the parent/tot team in a way that makes discovering movement, balance, and listening skills easy and fun. These classes are a great way to enrich and entertain kids while also allowing parents and caregivers to socialize. It's a win-win for all ages! Please wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in.

Ages: 16m - 3y

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

3810.202

Dates: 6/01/2026 - 7/06/2026 Mon  
Time: 10:30AM - 11:00AM

3810.212

Dates: 7/20/2026 - 8/24/2026 Mon  
Time: 10:30AM - 11:00AM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## SPORTS

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

### ATHLETE ACADEMY (YOUTH ACADEMY)

Perfect for young athletes looking to improve their speed, agility, and strength. This program is guaranteed to build confidence all while learning mind/body awareness in a fun and supportive environment. Registration fee covers 1- 4 classes per week (*Tues, Thurs, Sat*), so book as often or as little works with your schedule!

Ages: 7 - 11

**Resident Fee: \$130.00** Non-Res Fee: \$140.00  
Up to 18 session dates

3815.217

Dates: 6/02/2026 - 7/11/2026 Tue, Thu  
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
5:00PM - 6:00PM Sat  
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

3815.227

Dates: 7/14/2026 - 8/22/2026 Tue, Thu  
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
5:00PM - 6:00PM Sat  
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Location: Athlete Academy PGH**

395 Logan Rd.  
Bethel Park, PA 15102

**\*SATURDAY CLASSES ARE HIGHLIGHTED**

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## T-BALL

A fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball for 3-4 year old boys and girls. Players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games! Players must have their own batting helmet, bat, and glove. Parental involvement is strongly encouraged.

Ages: 3 - 4

**Resident Fee: \$100.00** Non-Res Fee: \$110.00  
6 session dates

3815.205

Dates: 7/15/2026 - 8/19/2026 Wed  
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

3815.206

Dates: 7/15/2025 - 8/19/2026 Wed  
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

**Location: Miners Front Field**



## SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

This program is designed for players in 3rd thru 7th grade (rising 3rd - 7th graders) who want to stay active and improve their basketball skills this spring and summer! Teams will be divided evenly by age based on number of participants. This league is designed for players who are already familiar with the game of basketball and can follow a basic game structure including rules, fouls, etc. Actual schedule will vary based on scheduled games, but program will run between 6p-10p. Games will be 40 minutes. This league will feature weekly games but NO practices. As always, coaches' kids play for free! Dates/Times: June 7 - July 26, games between 6-10pm

\*\*\*Bethel Park Residents Only\*\*\*

**Resident Fee: \$100.00**

6 session dates

**Grades: 3 - 4**

3815.200  
Dates: 6/07/2026 - 7/26/2026 Sun

**Grades: 5 - 7**

3815.201  
Dates: 6/07/2026 - 7/26/2026 Sun

**Location: Simmons Park Basketball Courts**

## BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE FOIL 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. Students will be required to wear comfortable pants and non-marking athletic shoes. Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

Ages: 10 and over  
**Resident Fee: \$61.00** Non-Res Fee: \$66.00  
 6 session dates

3815.207  
 Dates: 7/23/2026 – 8/27/2026 Thu  
 Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## ADVANCED FOIL FENCING

*Take your fencing to a new level!*

This instructional class focuses on techniques, fitness, and a winning strategy to help the dedicated fencer succeed at an advanced competitive level in this martial art.

Sessions include instruction and practice bouts. Prerequisites include a minimum of 1 year of fencing experience and approval of the instructors.

**Note:** All essential equipment will be provided by the instructors - students will be required to wear comfortable pants and non-marking athletic shoes. Shorts or jeans are not permitted.

Ages: 10 and over  
**Resident Fee: \$84.00** Non-Res Fee: \$89.00  
 6 session dates

3815.208  
 Dates: 7/23/2026 – 8/27/2026 Thu  
 Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## JUNIOR PICKLEBALL CAMP

Calling all kids - learn how to play the fastest growing sport in America with specialized pickleball camps for kids! All experience levels welcome, campers will be divided into groups based on age and skill level. We will combine fun drills and games with coordination and agility exercises. Pickleball is very accessible and super social for all age groups, so sign up with a friend or make a new one! Please wear athletic shoes and bring water and a snack/lunch. No equipment needed and all campers get a free t-shirt. What are you waiting for? Sign up today!

Age: 8 - 14  
**Resident Fee: \$195.00** Non-Res Fee: \$205.00  
 4 session dates

3815.214  
 Dates: 6/08/2026 – 6/11/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
 Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

3815.215  
 Dates: 7/06/2026 – 7/09/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
 Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

3815.216  
 Dates: 8/17/2026 – 8/20/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu  
 Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

**Location: Millennium Pickleball Courts**

## YOUTH CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Come learn the fundamentals of volleyball! Girls and boys in grades 4-6 will learn the basic skills including passing, setting, serving, hitting, and rotation as well as the gross motor skills associated with the sport, such as jumping, footwork, and hand-eye coordination. The skills will be introduced through a variety of games and drills. No prior experience needed.

Age: 9 - 12  
**Resident Fee: \$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00  
 5 session dates

3815.209  
 Dates: 7/01/2026 – 7/29/2026 Wed  
 Time: 5:30PM - 6:45PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## GIRLS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

This program is designed for girls in grades 7-9 looking to improve their volleyball game through skill development, team concepts, and games.

We will work to improve each athlete's ability to serve, pass, set, and attack in this six-week course. All beginner and intermediate level athletes are welcome.

Ages: 12 - 15  
**Resident Fee: \$65.00** Non-Res Fee: \$70.00  
 5 session dates

3815.210  
 Dates: 7/1/2026 – 7/29/2026 Wed  
 Time: 6:45PM - 8:00PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## TUMBLING CLINIC

This 3-day clinic is for the gymnast or cheerleader who wants to advance their walkovers and handsprings. **Prerequisite:** Able to push up and hold a backbend independently. In addition to working on front and back walkovers and handsprings, skills will be combined into tumbling passes. Participants should wear any comfortable athletic clothing, no socks or loose shirts. Coach **Christina Mozes** has experience teaching beginning through competitive-level gymnastics and enjoys helping each child reach their potential.

**PREREQUISITE: GYMNAST CAN INDEPENDENTLY PUSH UP AND HOLD A BACKBEND**

Age: 7 - 12  
**Resident Fee: \$60.00** Non-Res Fee: \$65.00  
 3 session dates

3815.203  
 Dates: 7/20/2026 – 7/22/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed  
 Time: 9:30AM - 11:30AM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## READY TO TUMBLE! BEGINNER GYMNASTICS CAMP

Leap into summer fun with a camp to keep active and have fun! The beginner gymnast will learn basic stretching, balance, and tumbling skills in a fun and safe environment. Small-scale apparatus will be used to introduce the beam, bars, and vault. Tumbling and dance elements will be combined to learn a simple routine set to music that will help children develop coordination and confidence. Participants should wear comfortable athletic clothing, no socks, or loose shirts. Coach **Christina Mozes** has experience teaching beginning through competitive-level gymnastics and enjoys helping each child reach their potential.

Age: 5 - 10  
**Resident Fee: \$115.00** Non-Res Fee: \$125.00  
 5 session dates

3815.213  
 Dates: 8/03/2026 – 8/07/2026 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri  
 Time: 9:30AM - 11:45AM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**



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**BEGINNING OF SUMMER BASH**

Saturday June 6  
 10 am - 1 pm  
 Simmons Park

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## MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER CAMP

### Camp Highlights:

Learn how to play Total Soccer - fast, smart, technical, and brilliant! Enjoy daily games and contests led by **Coach Sam** himself; compete in the World Cup and Champions League tournaments against your peers; & learn and develop multiple new dribbling, ball handling, and passing moves and techniques. Camp features:

- Camp is open to boys and girls ages 6 - 12. Players will be grouped by age and ability level.
- Focus on learning and developing correct technique, with new skills and moves taught, demonstrated and practiced daily.
- A variety of small-sided games, in-camp leagues, competitions, and contests allow players to utilize their skills and practice their new moves in a competitive, yet supportive, environment.
- "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 the daily curriculum.
- Camper to staff ratio is approximately 8 to 1.
- Campers provide their own lunch, sunscreen, water bottle, shin guards, and soccer ball.

Half Day (9:00AM - 12:00PM) also available.

Ages: 6 - 12

**Resident Fee: \$155.00** Non-Res Fee: \$165.00

**½ Day Resident Fee: \$105.00** Non-Res Fee: \$115.00  
5 session dates

3815.200

Dates: 6/08/2026 - 6/12/2026

Time: 9:00AM - 3:30PM

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Mon - Fri

Mon - Thu

Fri

**Location: Park Avenue Field**

## MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER CLASSIC

Mighty Kicks Classic is designed for children ages 3 - 5 to learn how to play and enjoy the great sport of soccer!

Games and activities are age-appropriate and focus on players getting as many touches on the ball and as much movement as possible. Each child will have their own ball for most activities - no laps, no lines, no lectures! Perfect for beginners or intermediate.

**Coaching** - All of your classes will be led by **Coach Sam**.

Ages: 3 - 5

**Resident Fee: \$69.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$74.00

6 session dates

3815.211

Dates: 6/19/2026 - 7/31/2026

Time: 10:00AM - 10:30AM

Fri

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## MIGHTY KICKS SOCCER - INTERMEDIATE

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

**Curriculum** - Mighty Kicks serves over 4,000 children yearly using an age-appropriate methodology including games, drills, exercises, stories with pictures and more!

**Coaching** - All classes will be led by **Coach Sam**, highly successful Head Coach of Allerdice High School Boys' Soccer Team with 20+ years of experience coaching youth sports.

Coach Sam is well known for combining top notch sports instruction with a fun program that helps children develop character and confidence on and off the field.

Ages: 5 - 10

**Resident Fee: \$79.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$84.00

6 session dates

3815.212

Dates: 6/18/2026 - 7/23/2026

Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Thu

**Location: Park Avenue Field**



# Splash Park CINEMA

FRIDAY NIGHTS 🌙

June 12th

August 14th

July 10th

September 11th

*Bring your blanket, chairs & dinner —  
movies begin at dusk, admission is free!*

### LOCATION

Bethel Park Splash Park  
2600 South Park Rd

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# YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

**BETHEL PARK JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS**  
<https://sports.bluesombrero.com/bjprhawkettes>  
 Registration ends March 31, 2026



**BETHEL PARK TRAVEL BASKETBALL**  
[www.bpbasketball.com](http://www.bpbasketball.com)

**BETHEL PARK BASEBALL**  
[www.bethelparkbaseball.org](http://www.bethelparkbaseball.org)  
 Fall Registration opens July 15, 2026, and will close Aug. 31, 2026

**BETHEL PARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL**  
<https://sports.bluesombrero.com/bpjf>  
 Registration dates will be Feb. 1, 2026 - June 1, 2026.



**BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
[www.bpsoccer.org](http://www.bpsoccer.org)

**BETHEL PARK SLOW PITCH ASSOCIATION**  
[www.bpgsa.org](http://www.bpgsa.org)  
 Fall registration is open June 1, 2026 – Aug. 2, 2026

## BETHEL PARK REC SWIM TEAM

**BPR Swim Team**  
*"Success is Tradition"*

Since 1963, the Bethel Park Rec Swim Team (BPR) has brought the sport of swimming to local athletes of all ages and experience levels. We provide a full range of swim-based offerings throughout the calendar year, including:

- \*A year-round USA Swimming-affiliated competitive swim club
- \*A year-round pre-competitive development training group (*Sharks*)

- \*A recreational-based summer league team for swimmers of all skill levels ages 6 - 14

- \*Private and group introductory swim lessons

We are proud to continue serving our community by providing our athletes an opportunity to succeed in and out of the pool through hard work, dedication, teamwork, and personal growth.

Visit our website at [bprswim.org](http://bprswim.org) to learn more and for registration opportunities.



## Attention Business Owners / Managers

### FIELD BANNER SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

We have an exciting opportunity for your business or agency to sponsor a banner that will be displayed at PARK AVENUE FIELD, SIMMONS PARK, MOURY PARK, and/or MILLENNIUM PARK.

Your 4' X 6' banner will be displayed during the spring, summer and fall sports seasons.

Please contact the Bethel Park Recreation Office at [recreation@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:recreation@bethelparkpa.gov) for more information.

The Award-Winning Bethel Park High School Music Department and Music Boosters would like to say

*Thank You*

to the **Community** for your continued support of our hoagie sales!

The Music Department is planning to travel to Pigeon Forge, TN in the Spring of 2026!

Dates for our hoagie sales include:

**Sept. 19, Oct. 14, Dec. 5,  
 Feb. 13 (2027), & April 3 (2027)**

Stay updated and bookmark our Music Department website: [bpsdmusic.weebly.com](http://bpsdmusic.weebly.com) and the Music Booster website: [bpmusicboosters.com](http://bpmusicboosters.com).

**Municipal Offices & Community Center will be closed for the following holidays:**

### INDEPENDANCE DAY OBSERVED

Friday, July 3

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Saturday, July 4

### LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept. 7



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



### ORGANIZE YOUR PRINTED AND DIGITAL PHOTOS

Come and join us for an educational presentation on how to Calm the Chaos of your printed and digital photo collections!

Instructor: **Lisa Webster**

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$19.00** Non-Res Fee: \$24.00  
1 session date

3935.200

Dates: 8/4/2026 Thu  
Time: 5:30PM - 7:45PM

3935.201

Dates: 8/27/2026 Thu  
Time: 5:30PM - 7:45PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## FITNESS & EXERCISE

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

### SYNERGY CIRCUIT TRAINING

Synergy is the coordinated effort of muscle groups working together to perform a movement. Our full-body strength training class involves moving through energizing workout stations to build muscle and boost endurance. This class is designed for anyone looking to have fun while getting stronger.

Ages: 15 and over

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

3920.208

Dates: 6/01/2026 – 7/06/2026 Mon  
Time: 5:00PM – 5:45PM

3920.218

Dates: 7/20/2026 – 8/24/2026 Mon  
Time: 5:00PM – 5:45PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

### AURORA REIKI MEDITATION & SOUND BATH

Immerse yourself in a spa-inspired wellness experience designed to calm the mind and rejuvenate the body. This elevated session blends the gentle, restorative flow of Reiki with a deeply soothing, spa-inspired sound bath. You'll be enveloped in the calming tones of Tibetan and Crystal Quartz Singing Bowls, each softly illuminated in hues inspired by the Aurora Borealis, along with the delicate resonance of an Awakening Bell and shimmering Tingsha cymbals. These harmonizing sounds, paired with tranquil spa music, create a serene soundscape that encourages full-body relaxation. Participants unwind in the warm embrace of flameless candlelight; surrounded by soft twinkle lights and a serene Aurora Borealis light display that fills the room with gentle, shifting color. Reiki-infused crystals — including Labradorite, Moonstone, Clear Quartz, and Amethyst — are placed throughout the space to enhance energetic balance and amplify the universal healing flow. Reiki supports deep relaxation and emotional ease, while the sound frequencies help quiet the mind, release tension, and guide you into a state of luminous, spa-like tranquility. This accessible, restorative session is perfect for anyone seeking a peaceful reset, a moment of stillness, or a spa-like escape within the community.

#### What To Bring & Tips Before Attending A Reiki & Sound Bath Session:

- A Yoga Mat or Cushion – participants typically lie down for a more relaxed experience.
- Pillow and/or Blanket (if preferred)
- Water - staying hydrated supports the loving flow of Reiki and Sound Vibrations for healing.
- Wear Comfortable Clothing
- Set A Personal Loving Intention – It can be as simple as to just relax, release stress or to feel peace.
- Arrive a few minutes early to find your space and ease into the calming atmosphere.
- Silence your devices to help maintain a peaceful, spa-inspired environment.
- Keep an open mind. No experience with Reiki or Sound Bath healing. Simply allow yourself to receive, rest, and enjoy the soothing vibrations and sounds.
- We honor this sacred space with stillness and respect, creating an atmosphere where everyone can relax, receive, and simply be.

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$100.00** Non-Res Fee: \$110.00  
6 session dates

3920.205

Dates: 6/04/2026 – 7/09/2026 Thu  
Time: 7:15PM – 8:15PM

3920.215

Dates: 7/23/2026 – 8/27/2026 Thu  
Time: 7:15PM – 8:15PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**



★ NEW! NEW! NEW! ★

### KNOCKOUT BOXING

Unleash your inner fighter with high-energy boxing drills that build strength, stamina, and confidence. No contact — just fun, empowering rounds that torch calories and relieve stress.

Ages: 15 and over

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

3920.209

Dates: 6/4/2026 – 7/9/2026 Thur  
Time: 5:00PM – 5:45PM

3920.219

Dates: 7/23/2026 – 8/27/2026 Thur  
Time: 5:00PM – 5:45PM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

### QIGONG

Qigong, an ancient practice originating in China, is comprised of simple, efficient, and effective movements to help manage and reduce stress, heal physical and emotional pain and enhance quality of life. Qi means "energy" and Gong means "to work with" so simply put Qigong means working with the body's energy. No special equipment is required, please wear loose, comfortable clothing. It is recommended that you NOT wear earrings. Instructor Vince has been practicing Spring Forest Qigong (SFQ) for over 10 years and is a certified SFQ Professional.

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$42.00** Non-Res Fee: \$47.00  
6 session dates

3920.206

Dates: 6/03/2026 – 7/08/2026 Wed  
Time: 6:00PM – 6:45PM

3920.207

Dates: 6/04/2026 – 7/09/2026 Thu  
Time: 10:00AM – 10:45AM

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

GO TO [BETHELPAK.RECDESK.COM](http://BETHELPAK.RECDESK.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER.



## ZUMBA® GOLD

Want an instant Mood Lifter!!! If you are having a bad day at work or a stressful day at home...STOP. It's time to ZUMBA! 60 minutes a week, that's all it takes. Commit to one or even better two hours a week for you. Regularly scheduled exercise has been shown to have great mental health benefits too. Remember to take care of yourself and not forget "you" are important too. Join some of the best people in the South Hills area on their way to a healthier lifestyle. Whether you have been taking class since the beginning or are just getting started on this wonderful journey, the time to sign up is now. You will soon be soaring with energy and enjoying music in a fun fitness party. All levels are welcomed.

Instructor: **Kathy Raeder**

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$42.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$47.00

**Twice a Week: \$64.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$69.00

6 session dates

3920.200

Dates: 6/2/2026 – 7/7/2026  
Time: 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Tue

3920.201

Dates: 6/3/2026 – 7/8/2026  
Time: 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Wed

3920.202

Dates: 6/4/2026 – 7/9/2026  
Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Thu

3920.210

Dates: 7/21/2026 - 8/25/2026  
Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Tue

3920.211

Dates: 7/22/2026 - 8/26/2026  
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Wed

3920.212

Dates: 7/23/2026 - 8/27/2026  
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Thu

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## ZUMBA® GOLD FOR ACTIVE SENIORS AND BEGINNER

Men and women alike are enjoying this adapted program with the same great fun and music as a regular Zumba class. An ideal class for the active senior or someone new to exercising. This is a scaled back exercise program designed especially for seniors and beginners. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba@choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Goal of this class is to move a little and have a lot of fun!! Experience is not required.

Instructor: **Kathy Raeder**

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$32.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$37.00

**Twice a Week: \$54.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$59.00

6 session dates

3920.203

Dates: 6/1/2026 – 7/6/2026  
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Mon

3920.204

Dates: 6/3/2026 – 7/8/2026  
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Wed

3920.213

Dates: 7/20/2026 - 8/24/2026  
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Mon

3920.214

Dates: 7/22/2026 - 8/26/2026  
Time: 10:35AM - 11:15AM

Wed

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

## GOLD CARD CLUB

The Gold Card Club, a social and fellowship organization for seniors, was organized by the Bethel Park Recreation Department 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 cards, not for playing card games.**

**Dues/Eligibility:** Annual membership dues are \$6 per person per calendar year, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Annual dues shall be paid beginning at the January general meeting. Renewals paid after March 31 incur a late penalty fee. **New members, who MUST be current residents of Bethel Park in order to join the Gold Card Club, are welcome to join at any time during the calendar year.**

**Meetings/Luncheons:** Monthly meetings are normally 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, members enjoy excellent entertainment, light refreshments, and several games of bingo. We have an indoor summer picnic each year, as well as an Anniversary luncheon and a Christmas luncheon, both held at outside banquet facilities.

**Trips/Bowling:** Club members may take advantage of the many bus trips scheduled through the year by Cindy Carfagno. Some of our club members have become members of the bowling league that meets on Mondays from August through April. (*Call Tom Noonan at 412-913-2942 for more information on bowling.*)

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

If you have questions about **memberships**, please contact **Sue Forsyth at 412-605-4820**. Questions regarding **trips** should be directed to **Cindy Carfagno at 412-831-1913 or t2323c@comcast.net**.

**GO TO [BETHELPAK.RECDESK.COM](http://BETHELPAK.RECDESK.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER.**

**LifeSpan**  
YOUR PARTNER IN AGING

## LIFESPAN ACTIVE LIFE CENTER

Adults aged 60+ are welcome to attend our daily programming.

Monday - Friday  
9 AM—3 PM

Call **412-831-7111** for information.



### T'AI-CHI BEGINNER

This traditional Yang Tai-Chi Chuan is for the beginning student as well as the student who wants to work on the first 1/3 of the form.

In this class you will learn the principles in order to develop better balance, coordination and posture.

No prior experience is required. Wear comfortable clothes and slippers or socks.

Instructor: **Tamara**

Ages: 18 and over

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

3920.220

Dates: 6/3/2026 – 7/8/2026  
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Wed

3920.223

Dates: 6/5/2026 - 7/10/2026  
Time: 10:45AM - 11:45AM

Fri

3920.230

Dates: 7/22/2026 – 8/26/2026  
Time: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Wed

3920.233

Dates: 7/24/2026 – 8/28/2026  
Time: 10:45AM – 11:45AM

Fri

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

### T'AI-CHI INTERMEDIATE

This class is designed for students who have previous experience in a Tai Chi class and want to further their knowledge and experience.

Students will work on postures past the first third of the form. Instructor recommendation is required to enroll in this course.

Instructor: **Tamara**

Ages: 18 and over

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

3920.221

Dates: 6/3/2026 – 7/8/2026  
Time: 10:45AM - 11:45AM

Wed

3920.231

Dates: 7/22/2026 - 8/26/2026  
Time: 10:45AM - 11:45AM

Wed

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

### SENSE HANDS



In this class you will learn the "internal" system of Tai-Chi. When you practice you develop energy without tenseness and acquire a more heightened awareness of yourself and other players.

The principles learned in the form are used at a much higher level as a soft martial art.

Instructor recommendation is required to attend this course.

Instructor: **Tamara**

Ages: 18 and over

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

3920.222

Dates: 6/5/2026 – 7/17/2026  
Time: 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Fri

3920.232

Dates: 7/24/2026 – 8/28/2026  
Time: 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Fri

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

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## SPORTS

**LADIES VOLLEYBALL**

This is a NON-TEACHING 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.

If you can only attend occasionally, there is a nightly drop-in fee.

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$40.00** Non-Res Fee: \$45.00  
6 session dates

3915.220

Dates: 6/1/2026 - 7/6/2026  
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Mon

3915.230

Dates: 7/20/2026 - 8/24/2026  
Time: 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Mon

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

**PICKLEBALL**

General knowledge of game rules and beginner skill level is needed as this is not an instructional class.

Players must be able to bend to pick up balls and move forward and backward to play. You may register for a maximum of 2 days per week.

Experience is required. Instructions are not provided.

**REGISTRATION INFO:** Registration is open to RESIDENTS ONLY **May 11, 9:00 AM.**

Non-residents may begin registering on May 14, 9:00AM.

Ages: 18 and over

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

3915.200

Dates: 6/01/2026 - 7/06/2026  
Time: 12:00PM - 2:15PM

Mon

3915.201

Dates: 6/03/2026 - 7/08/2026  
Time: 12:00PM - 2:15PM

Wed

3915.210

Dates: 7/20/2026 - 8/24/2026  
Time: 12:00PM - 2:15PM

Mon

3915.211

Dates: 7/22/2026 - 8/26/2026  
Time: 12:00PM - 2:15PM

Wed

**Location: Bethel Park Community Center**

**"3 & ME" ADULT PICKLEBALL CLINIC AM**

**Play with a Pro!** Receive personalized instruction and gain match play experience in this semi-private lesson format that is limited to 4 players + a certified pickleball professional. Sign up with friends or meet new players!

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$120.00** Non-Res Fee: \$130.00  
6 session dates

3915.202

Dates: 6/02/2026 - 7/07/2026  
Time: 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Tue

3915.212

Dates: 7/14/2026 - 8/25/2025  
Time: 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Tue

**Location: Millennium Park Pickleball Courts**

**No Class: Aug. 11**

**ADULT BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLINIC**

Learn the basics of the fastest growing sport in America! No experience or equipment is necessary - pickleball is very accessible and super social!

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$150.00** Non-Res Fee: \$160.00  
6 session dates

3915.203

Dates: 6/02/2026 - 7/07/2026  
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Tue

3915.204

Dates: 6/02/2026 - 7/07/2026  
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Tue

3915.213

Dates: 7/14/2026 - 8/25/2026  
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Tue

3915.214

Dates: 7/14/2026 - 8/25/2026  
Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Tue

**Location: Millennium Park Pickleball Courts**

**No Class: Aug. 11**

**PAVILION PERMITS**

**Resident Fee: \$40.00**

**Non-Resident Fee: \$60.00**

**Residents and non-residents** may reserve selected picnic areas at **Simmons Park or Moury Park**. These areas include a shelter and several picnic tables.

Permits are requested through RecDesk, our online software, at <https://bethelpark.recdesk.com/> **Community/Home** starting March 16, 2026. **You must request no later than 1 week in advance. You may reserve any available date from May 1 - Oct. 31.**

**Pavilion Payment**

Rental payment in full is due at checkout and an invoice will be emailed to the provided email. Please note that while we want your event to be a success, failure to meet any payment deadlines may result in rental cancellation.

All Park and Municipal rules must be followed. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are permitted in any of the parks. You must take your garbage with you if you rent a pavilion during a weekend. 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. All dates subject to change.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RENTAL FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE.**

\*A \$50 SECURITY DEPOSIT (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) is required when Moury Park restroom key is requested. Deposit will be returned upon return of restroom key.\*

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## ADULT ADVANCED BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Already know the basics of pickleball? Take your game to the next level by improving your strokes, shot selection and court positioning with fun drills and games.

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$150.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$160.00

6 session dates

3915.205

Dates: 6/02/2026 – 7/07/2026  
Time: 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Tue

3915.206

Dates: 6/02/2026 – 7/07/2026  
Time: 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Tue

3915.215

Dates: 7/14/2026 – 8/25/2026  
Time: 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Tue

3915.216

Dates: 7/14/2026 – 8/25/2026  
Time: 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Tue

**Location: Millennium Park Pickleball Courts**  
**No Class: Aug. 11**

## ADULT INTERMEDIATE PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Already know the basics of pickleball? Take your game to the next level by improving your strokes, shot selection and court positioning with fun drills and games.

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$150.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$160.00

6 session dates

3915.207

Dates: 6/02/2026 – 7/07/2026  
Time: 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Tue

3915.208

Dates: 6/02/2026 – 7/07/2026  
Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Tue

3915.217

Dates: 7/14/2026 – 8/25/2026  
Time: 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Tue

3915.218

Dates: 7/14/2026 – 8/25/2026  
Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Tue

**Location: Millennium Park Pickleball Courts**  
**No Class: Aug. 11**

## BETHEL PARK ADULT PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Enjoy competitive league play while receiving pro feedback, tips and strategies! Players will rotate partners in this doubles league and accumulate points throughout the season for each victory. The players with the most points at the end of the session will be crowned League Champion!

Ages: 18 and over

**Resident Fee: \$150.00**

Non-Res Fee: \$160.00

6 session dates

3915.209

Dates: 6/02/2026 – 7/07/2026  
Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM

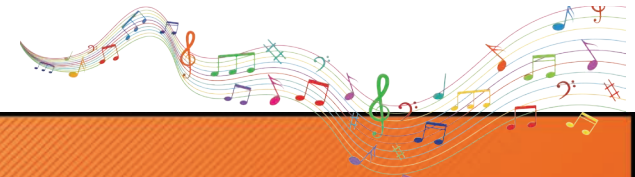
Tue

3915.219

Dates: 7/14/2026 – 8/25/2026  
Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM

Tue

**Location: Millennium Park Pickleball Courts**  
**No Class: Aug. 11**



BETHEL PARK REC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# Summer Music Events!

BETHEL PARK, PA · SUMMER 2026

INDOORS · COMMUNITY CENTER

## Dean Streator Concert Series

A beloved Sunday afternoon tradition

**Sundays at 2:30 PM** Bethel Park Community Center

**Jul 12** Community Band South

Max Gonano & Chad Hill, Directors

**Jul 19** New Vintage Big Band

Max Gonano, Director

**Aug 2** Allegheny Brass Band

Steve Baldanzi and Louise Marino, Directors

**Aug 9** Pittsburgh Banjo Club

Norman Azinger, Director

**Aug 16** Keystone Barbershop Chorus

Ken Williams, Director

Sponsored by:



OUTDOORS · FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK!

## Millennium Park Summer Concerts

TURF FIELD · MUSIC STARTS AT 6 PM

JULY

**16**

THURSDAY

AMERICANA & SINGER-SONGWRITER

**Dan Rodriguez**

AUG

**20**

THURSDAY

COUNTRY & AMERICANA

**Joe Wodarek & 51 South**

📍 MILLENNIUM PARK TURF FIELD

🍷 FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE!

🪑 BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET

JULY 25

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT · PARK AVE

**Art & Music Festival on Park Ave**



FREE & OPEN TO ALL!

GO TO [BETHELPAK.RECDESK.COM](http://BETHELPAK.RECDESK.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER.

# BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

## COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES



### BETHEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 5151 Park Avenue

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.

Go to [bethelpark.recdesk.com](http://bethelpark.recdesk.com) for room reservations or other information.

#### **May 1 - Oct. 31 Hours of Operation:**

**Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

#### **Nov. 1 - April 30 Hours of Operation:**

**Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

The open gym schedule is available on the RecDesk calendar on the Municipality's website.

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

#### **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, griddle, refrigerator, freezer, coffee makers, and microwave.

#### **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.



#### **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. Locks are not permitted to remain overnight.

## COMMUNITY CENTER ADULT AND YOUTH CLUBS

### **BETHEL ARTIST GUILD**

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

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

**SEE GOLD CARD CLUB ON PG. 30!**

## 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 memberships must be purchased at the Bethel Park Community Center. Valid identification is required.

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

Annual Membership / Renewal:	Resident	Non-resident
Youth (13 - 17 years old)	\$ 5	\$125
Adult (18 - 59 years old)	\$10	\$150
Family	\$25	\$250
Senior Adult (60+)	\$ 5	\$ 80
Splash Park Seasonal Pass	\$50.00 (RESIDENTS ONLY)	

#### Day Pass:

Individual Community Center (Day)	\$ 1	\$ 10
Splash Park (Day)	\$ 3	\$ 5

(Everyone entering the Splash Park needs a pass)

#### To purchase day passes, please provide photo ID to prove residency.

Acceptable forms of identification include a Driver's License, Bethel Park School District Student ID, or a bill with your name and address. If NO ID is provided, the Non-Resident rate will apply.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All Gym memberships expire 12 months after they were issued.

## ROOM RENTAL FEES

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

\*\*\*RATES TO INCREASE JAN. 1, 2026\*\*\*

AREA	RATE	CAPACITY
A	\$40 per hour	49
B	\$80 per hour	148
C	\$40 per hour	49
Classroom	\$45 per hour	49
A B C	\$130 per hour	245
Catering Kitchen	\$100 per event	
Stage	\$50 per event	(With Area B only)
Alcohol Permit	*\$50 per room	

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

A minimum 2-hour reservation is required for rentals in The Classroom, Room A, C, and D. Room B and rentals spanning multiple spaces require a 4-hour reservation. Example of multiple spaces rentals, such as A, B, and C, or combinations like AB or BC.

\*If event with alcohol has 150 persons or more, security personnel fee will be a minimum charge of \$240.

## RENTAL PROCEDURES

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

- Requests for rentals must be requested through our RecDesk software. The RecDesk portal can be found on [bethelpark.recdesk.com](http://bethelpark.recdesk.com). There will be a requirement of an electronic signature required for all forms necessary.
- Within five business days, you'll be able to see if your request was approved via the RecDesk online portal.
- If the space is available and approved, you'll be sent an invoice for the amount that is due via the RecDesk online portal.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Rental payment in full is due as soon as the rental is approved and invoice is provided.
- A refundable security deposit of \$100 per area rented (*cash or check only*) in case there is any damage and room layout is due 15 days prior to your reservation.

\*\*\*Please note that while we want your event to be a success, failure to meet any payment or layout deadlines may result in rental cancellation. Fees paid will not be refunded. (Refer to *Cancellation Policy/Fees.*)

### CANCELLATION POLICY/FEES

If you need to cancel your event, your request **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Bethel Park Community Center at [recreation@bethelparkpa.gov](mailto:recreation@bethelparkpa.gov).

- Cancellations received in writing more than 45 days prior to the scheduled date will receive a refund of rental payment, less a \$35 processing fee.
- Rental fee will not be refunded if written cancellation is received less than 45 days prior to event.
- \*No refunds will be issued for any unused portion of the rental.

### 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. This fee needs to be paid the day of the rental.
- Should your event need an alcohol permit for 150 persons or more, as a requirement, there will be additional security personnel fee. (*\$60 per hour*) Rental rate includes the set-up of tables and chairs.
- Renters will be responsible to submit a layout 15 days in advance of their event to sign-off on all seating/room arrangements.
- Rental rate includes setup of tables/chairs.
- Your rental space only includes the specified area listed in your rental agreement; use of additional amenities requires prior authorization.





**AMERICA'S 250th**

# SUMMER SPECTACULAR

**Saturday, June 27th**

Fireworks start at **Dark (After 9 PM)**

**RAIN DATE SUNDAY JUNE 28TH**

Viewing site information will be posted on our website and social media!

## Don't Miss this Outstanding Fireworks Show!

Be sure to join us for one of our most anticipated events of the year - our **Summer Spectacular on Saturday, June 27!** We'll once again have a variety of suggested viewing areas to enjoy a Zambelli Fireworks show that will last close to 30 minutes!

Keep watch for event details on our website ([www.bethelparkpa.gov](http://www.bethelparkpa.gov)) or follow us on our social media outlets! The event rain date will be the next day (June 28).



## COMMUNITY DAY 2026 | DATE UPDATE

Plans evolved since we went to print — stay tuned for an updated date announcement coming soon. We can't wait to see you there!



Follow along to be the first to hear updates and details

# DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

## Quick Reference Guide: Who to Contact & Where to Find Them

### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

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**Mandi Figlioli**, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education

**Joseph Villani**, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

**Elizabeth Wells**, Director of Literacy, Assessment, Programs  
& Accountability

**Sharon Kopy**, Director of Accounting & Financial Reporting

**Dr. Mark Korcinsky**, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities & Operations

**Dan Sloan**, Supervisor of Facilities and Operations

**Dr. David Muench**, Director of Student Support Services

**Christopher Bolin**, Director of Technology

**Chris Gawlas**, Bethel Park School Police

**Brandon Agostinelli**, Food Services Director, Metz Culinary Management

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### BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL

309 Church Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

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**Nicola Hipkins**, Assistant Principal

Student Academics & Affairs

**Brennan Hoffer**, Assistant Principal

Student Academics & Affairs

- Counseling Office

- Health Office

- Attendance Office

- Library

- Records Office

- Activities Office

- Athletic Office

854-8571

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### INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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854-8677

854-8678

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**Keith Walters**, Assistant Principal

854-8751

854-8756

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515 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

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# A Message from Our District Leaders

*Reflection. Appreciation. A Bright Future.*



Superintendent  
**Dr. James Walsh**

## WHAT ENDURES

When I first had the privilege of serving this community, I knew I was stepping into something special. What I did not yet understand was just how deeply Bethel Park: its people, its pride, its promise, would shape me. Schools are buildings, yes. But more importantly, they are belief systems...

...they are daily acts of courage by teachers who show up prepared and hopeful;  
...they are bus drivers who greet children by name, sometimes before the sun rises;  
...they are parents who trust us with what matters most;

...they are board members who wrestle with hard decisions because they care deeply about doing right by the community, and  
...they are students: endlessly capable, endlessly becoming.

Over the past five years, we have built new spaces, launched new initiatives, navigated challenges, celebrated championships and curtain calls, and reimagined what it means to prepare students for a changing world. We have talked often about being "Best in Class." Not as just a slogan, but as a standard of character, commitment, and care.

We have worked to ensure that our graduates leave not only with strong academic foundations, but with resilience, curiosity, empathy, and the confidence to contribute.

But if you ask me what I am most proud of, it is not a building, a plan, or even a program. It is the culture. Bethel Park has developed a culture that believes in continuous improvement, a culture that listens first, a culture that understands that excellence and kindness are not competing values; they belong together.

No school system is perfect. Ours included. There were difficult conversations. There were hard trade-offs. There were moments when the path forward was not obvious. But what endured is the shared commitment to children.

As I am set to retire and to turn the page to a new chapter, I do so with immense gratitude. I am grateful for colleagues who challenged me to grow. I am grateful for students who reminded me daily why the work matters. I am grateful for this community that expects much and gives even more.

Leadership is temporary. Institutions endure. The true strength of this district has never rested in one individual. It rests in a collective belief: that what we build together today shapes the opportunities of tomorrow. The future of Bethel Park is bright, not because it will be easy, but because this community knows how to work, to care, and to lead.

***Thank you for the honor of serving you.***

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School Board  
President  
**Buffie Faes**

## Celebrating Our Legacy While Looking Forward to a Bright Future Together

As we look toward the future of our school district, there is much to celebrate and even more to be proud of.

One of the most exciting developments on the horizon is the construction of our new elementary school, scheduled to open for the 2026–2027 school year.

This state-of-the-art facility reflects our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional learning environments that meet the evolving needs of our students. Thoughtfully designed

with innovation, safety, and collaboration in mind, the new academic facility will offer opportunities that will benefit generations of learners to come.

At the same time, this moment of progress is also a moment of reflection. For the better part of the past 60-75 years, our five elementary schools have served as the heartbeat of our community.

Within their walls, countless memories have been made, strong foundations have been built, and lifelong relationships have taken root. These schools have not only educated our children but have helped shape the character and spirit of Bethel Park itself.

As we prepare to transition into this new chapter, we do so with deep gratitude and respect for the legacy of these beloved buildings and for the educators, families, and students who brought them to life.

Their impact will not be lost—it will live on in the traditions, values, and sense of community we carry forward into our new elementary center.

This transition is not simply about a new building; it is about honoring our past while embracing the future.

Together, we will ensure that the pride, excellence, and connection that have always defined Bethel Park Schools remain at the center of all we do.

***Thank you for your continued support as we move forward together.***

"This transition is not simply about a new building; it is about honoring our past while embracing the future."



## Bethel Park School District Names Dr. Matthew J. Patterson as Its New Superintendent



The Bethel Park School District Board of School Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Matthew J. Patterson** as the district's 13<sup>th</sup> full-time superintendent.

Dr. Patterson brings nearly three decades of experience in public education and a strong record of instructional leadership, community engagement, and organizational excellence to Bethel Park.

Dr. Patterson most recently served as Executive Director of Secondary Education and Instruction for the Fox Chapel Area School District, where he provided strategic oversight of middle and high school programs, led districtwide instructional initiatives, and supported more than 2,200 students and 180 educators. His career also includes seven years as assistant superintendent in the West Jefferson Hills School District, as well as central office and building-level leadership roles in the Corry Area School District.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Patterson to Bethel Park," said **Buffie Faes**, the School Board president. "Throughout the search process, he demonstrated a deep commitment to students, a collaborative leadership style, and a clear understanding of how to guide a district through both opportunity and change. His experience and values align closely with our community's expectations for excellence."

Dr. Patterson's professional background reflects extensive experience in curriculum and instruction, data-informed decision-making, school consolidation and reconfiguration, federal programs, and fiscal stewardship. He has led large-scale initiatives focused on literacy, mathematics, and science achievement, strengthened systems of accountability, and supported districts through periods of growth and transition while maintaining a strong focus on equity and student success.

A strong advocate for relationship-building, Dr.

Patterson is known for fostering trust through transparent communication and collaboration with boards of education, staff, families, and community partners. His leadership emphasizes thoughtful planning, shared ownership, and a "people-first" approach grounded in what is best for students.

"It is a profound honor to join the Bethel Park School District. I have great respect for the student-centered focus, courageous leadership, and community dedication found here, and I thank the Board of School Directors for the trust they have placed in me," said Patterson. "I am eager to begin partnering with the students, staff, and families who make Bethel Park such a vibrant place to learn and grow, as we collectively build a bright, innovative future for all of our students."

Dr. Patterson holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Learning and Leadership from Gannon University and a Pennsylvania Superintendent Letter of Eligibility. He also earned a master's degree in educational leadership and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Over the course of his career, he has been actively involved in regional and national professional organizations and has presented topics including literacy instruction, data use, and educational innovation.

Dr. Patterson will succeed **Dr. James Walsh**, who will retire from public education in June. Dr. Patterson will officially assume the role of superintendent on a date to be announced. The district will share additional details in the coming weeks as he begins his transition into the Bethel Park community.



### ABOUT DR. PATTERSON



**Nearly 30 years  
in public education.**



**Most recently Executive  
Director of Secondary  
Education & Instruction**  
Fox Chapel Area  
School District.



**Ph.D. in Organizational  
Learning and Leadership**  
Gannon University



**Master's in Educational  
Leadership & Bachelor's  
in Elementary Education**  
Edinboro University  
of Pennsylvania

## Bethel Park Day at Kennywood Park June 19

Bethel Park students, staff, and families can get discounted tickets for the Kennywood school picnic on Friday, June 19, 2026 — but they need to buy early to save.

Tickets are available for as low as \$32.99 if purchased by May 3. After that, the price increases to \$35.99.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools), enter the quantity of 2026 School Tickets to purchase, and use the promo code *bethelpark* (*case-sensitive*) in the Promotional Code box. After clicking Apply, select June 19 on the

ticket calendar, confirm the date, and complete the purchase by following the remaining steps.

For those unable to visit on June 19, there's still a chance to save. Students can purchase discounted tickets for \$35.99. To buy flexible tickets, visit [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools), enter the quantity of tickets, and use the promo code *bethelparkflex* (*case-sensitive*) before completing the purchase.

Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase through Tuesday, June 30. All tickets must be purchased online, and refunds are not

available for online purchases. However, Kennywood offers a Rainy-Day Guarantee. If the weather disrupts the visit, the park will provide a return ticket.

Follow the step-by-step purchase instructions to secure the best deal and enjoy a fun-filled day at Kennywood.



# Looking Back on Our Strategic Plan

*A Reflection on Five Years of Growth, Innovation and Progress*

by James Walsh, Ed.D.

**In 2021, Bethel Park School District had many strengths:** *passionate, dedicated educators and leaders, supportive families, and proud traditions. At the same time, the district stood at an inflection point. Systems, people, and programs had become complacent over time; being good was deemed to be good enough. But student needs were more complex, and expectations, both academic and social, were evolving rapidly. Innovation in education and the acceleration of the academic world had zoomed by. So, with our strengths at the forefront of our thinking and clarity on the opportunities, we believed the work ahead would not be about reinventing Bethel Park, but about polishing the tarnish off our system. We needed to align our trajectory toward innovation and a 21st-century curriculum.*

From the outset, our guiding belief was simple: meaningful improvement in education does not come from isolated nifty initiatives, but from repointing the foundational systems that already stand in service of students. Over the past five years, our focus has been on strengthening those foundational systems: curriculum, student support, innovation, facilities and infrastructure, our people, and the student experience, so that excellence is not isolated or happenstance, but embedded into how the district functions every day. We desired to be “best in class.”

## A Shared Instructional Vision

One of the most important shifts during this time has been the move toward a **shared instructional vision**. Through a new “curriculum council,” attention to curriculum mapping and alignment, a commitment to the science of reading, and the development of a districtwide Multi-Tiered System of Supports, Bethel Park’s program of study has become more sophisticated, research-based, more equitable, and more responsive to student needs. Teachers now operate within clear curriculum maps, supported by data, and with professional learning designed to help them grow, not simply get by.



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## Supporting the Whole Student

Equally significant has been our expanded focus on the **student experience**. We have worked intentionally to ensure that students feel connected, respected, and valued as members of our learning community. Investments in social-emotional learning, Student Assistance Programs, mentoring, restorative practices, and student voice have helped shift our culture from reactive to proactive. These efforts reflect a belief that academic success and student well-being are inseparable.

## Innovation with Purpose

As the world around us continues to change, Bethel Park has also embraced **innovation with purpose**. Expanded STEAM programming, redesigned learning spaces, computer science pathways, and thoughtful guidance around artificial intelligence have positioned the district to prepare students not just for the next test, but for the next chapter of their lives. Innovation here has never been about novelty; it has been about relevance, responsibility, and usefulness in our programs of study.



## Investing in Our People

None of this progress would be possible without taking care of the people of the Bethel Park School District. We made it a priority to support our staff, helping them find their next best through meaningful professional learning and wellness initiatives. Collaboration and acting on their feedback have been a priority. As a district, we have worked to create a culture where employees are trusted as professionals, supported in their growth, and confident that their voices matter, because strong schools are built by people who feel respected, empowered, and invested in their work.

## A Strong Foundation

Finally, we have strengthened the foundation beneath it all: responsible operations, clear communication, modernized systems, and long-range facilities planning. These efforts are often less visible, but they are essential. They build community trust and ensure that educational priorities are supported by sound stewardship of public resources.

Legacy, in the end, is not about programs completed or buildings opened. It is about what remains when leadership transitions. As Bethel Park transitions, we do so with confidence, not because the work is finished, but because the district has the clarity, structures, and shared understanding to continue growing and polishing together. The most important work will always be the work ahead, and Bethel Park is well-positioned to meet it. Our work over the past five years was not about changing anything for its own sake, but about strengthening the foundation so Bethel Park could reach great heights.

# Honoring Excellence

## BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Bethel Park High School recently hosted its 2026 National Honor Society induction ceremony, recognizing new members, honoring distinguished alumni and celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2026.

The ceremony, held in the high school auditorium, featured remarks from Principal **Mrs. Racquel Sutton** and included the introduction of this year's distinguished alumni inductees: **David L. Barraclough** (*Class of 1971*), **Damian M. Ferrese** (*Class of 2004*), **Roger Graham** (*Class of 1988*), **Margaret Ann Mannella** (*Class of 1969*) and **Judy Murtaugh Volpatti** (*Class of 1976*).

Senior **Tyler Benlock** serves as National Honor Society president for 2026, joined by Vice President **Callee DalBon**, Secretary **Julia Bitkowski** and Treasurer **Nate Purcell**. The group led the ceremony, including the recitation of the National Honor Society oath.

Students also delivered remarks centered on the organization's four pillars — scholarship, leadership, character and service — highlighting the qualities required for membership. At Bethel Park, students must maintain a minimum 3.85 cumulative GPA, complete at least 35 hours of community service, demonstrate leadership and provide faculty recommendations.

More than 100 seniors from the Class of 2026 were recognized for their membership and contributions, along with newly inducted students from the Classes of 2027 and 2028.

The ceremony also featured performances by the school's Top 21 vocal group under the direction of **Mr. Todd Kuczawa** and concluded with the presentation of certificates and closing remarks from Mrs. Sutton.

The Bethel Park chapter of the National Honor Society continues to emphasize academic excellence, leadership and service, while celebrating the accomplishments of both current students and distinguished alumni.



### BY THE NUMBERS

**100+**

Recognized for Induction

**3.85**

Minimum Cumulative GPA Requirement

**35**

Minimum Hours of Community Service

**4**

Pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, & Service



## 2026 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

### Class of 2026

Boyd Alspach  
Emily Wiles

### Class of 2027

Alexandra Cecala  
Kylee Elkins  
Lyla Paull  
Marissa Dankwardt  
Carson Foote  
Jaden Veinovich  
Luca Del Greco  
Sydney Miller  
Kayla Weiss

### Class of 2028

Alyssa Abel  
Sarah George  
Ryan Oster  
Aruzhan Akhmetkhali  
Marcus Gerber  
Caden Powell  
Angelia Ankrom  
Sydney Glover  
Apsa Rai  
Tyler Atchison  
Thomas A. Guenther  
Aiden Rea  
Veronica Balkovec  
Charlotte Heckman  
Daryn Ringer  
Jenna Benlock

Mia Hogue  
Seath Rovers  
Josephine Boni  
Gracie Hope  
Temperance Sethman  
Tessa Braham  
Brendan Hunkele  
Hunter Slavonic  
Petar Budesa  
Maggie Jaglowski  
Zofia Smith  
Magnolia Cavagnaro  
Bryce Kautzman  
Ellis Stearman  
Gavin DeMart  
Sydney Kellander  
Eliza Sterbal

Ciera Erbrecht  
Ella Korb  
Scarlett Stockhausen  
Brice Faber  
Peyton Lambright  
Emma Straub  
Courtney Felicetti  
Michael Mariano  
Thomas Strock  
Isabella Fonda  
Jane McCann  
Shelby Studeny  
Ava Friday  
Teagen McKown  
Presley Thimons  
Sophia Friday  
Kathleen Mehrlander

Jacey Vinoski  
Patrick Gaefke  
Myah Milko  
Verona Willetts  
Annabelle Gaston  
Sophia Nguyen  
Samantha Wolf  
Fiona O'Neill

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR INDUCTEES!**



## High School Wraps Successful Run of “The Little Mermaid”

Bethel Park High School concluded a successful four-night run of its spring musical, “The Little Mermaid,” which was staged in March before large and enthusiastic audiences.

The production, based on the classic story by Hans Christian Andersen and the Disney adaptation featuring music by Alan Menken, told the story of Ariel, a young mermaid who dreams of life on land. With the help of friends like Flounder, Sebastian and Scuttle, Ariel navigates a dangerous bargain with the sea witch Ursula in pursuit of love and independence.

Directed by a veteran creative team, the show featured a large cast, elaborate costumes and technically demanding elements, including aerial effects. Despite challenges — including weather-related disruptions during the production period — students adapted and delivered polished performances.

“This show really fit our students,” said vocal director **Todd Kuczawa**. “We talked about it last summer, and it became clear that ‘The Little Mermaid’ was the right choice, especially with such a large and talented cast.”

Orchestra director **Jay McDowell**, who co-produced the show alongside Kuczawa, credited the students’ resilience as a defining factor in the production’s success.

“I was very impressed with how well the kids stepped up,” McDowell said. “We dealt with some unexpected challenges, but they were flexible, professional and passionate. They handled everything thrown at them.”

Kuczawa noted the complexity of the production, particularly the coordination required for costumes and flight sequences.

“There are a lot of ornate costumes, and the flying elements require a high level of responsibility,” he said. “The students were outstanding and very committed to following safety protocols. I couldn’t have been happier with how

they worked together,” he said.

The production marked a milestone for Kuczawa, who completed his 28th and final high school musical before announcing his retirement in June. McDowell, a veteran of 21 productions including six as pit director, emphasized the strength and continuity of the team, which has worked together for several years.

“It’s great knowing everyone so well and understanding what each person needs,” McDowell said. “There’s a real sense that everyone is on the same page.”

Kuczawa added, “This kind of production requires collaboration between students and adults. That’s something I’ll miss — that shared effort to create something special. The world could use more of that these days,” he said.

Following the final curtain, attention quickly turned to tear down and cleanup, a process Kuczawa said is an important but often overlooked part of the production cycle.

“The show is over, but the work isn’t,” he said. “All the scenery comes down right away, and we’re grateful for the support we receive to make it all happen.”

Both directors reflected on the unique intensity of the musical season.

“You pack so much into a short time,” McDowell said. “I always miss working with the students, but it also opens the door to new opportunities.”

Kuczawa agreed, adding, “Everything has a season. It’s exciting while it’s happening, and then it’s time to move on to what’s next.”

The production was supported by a full creative team, including staging director Julia Davin, choreographer Paige Landay, costume director **Heather Veltri**, production designer and technical director **Christopher Plummer** and artistic director **Sandy Boggs**.

**I was very impressed with how well the kids stepped up,” McDowell said. “We dealt with some unexpected challenges, but they were flexible, professional and passionate. They handled everything thrown at them.”**



## IMS Musical “Footloose: Youth Edition” Highlights Student Talent, Teamwork

Independence Middle School students took the stage in early March for “Footloose: Youth Edition,” featuring a diverse cast of 65 and emphasizing collaboration, creativity and growth.

The 90-minute musical followed Ren, a teenager challenging a town’s ban on dancing, blending high-energy music with themes of connection, loss and self-expression. Directed by vocal director and choreographer **Mrs. Tricia Quinque**, technical director **Mr. Jeff Schilling** and artistic director **Ms. Nina Persi**, the production included cast, crew, stage manager **Ms. Amelia Heastings**, and sponsor **Mr. Todd Richert**, who helped build the set and streamed the show.

Quinque said the goal extended beyond performance. “We want every student to get their feet wet on stage,” she said. “It’s about building confidence and creating a place where everyone belongs.” The inclusive approach was evident on stage and behind the scenes, where the stage crew helped keep the show’s momentum, earning applause alongside the ensemble.

Schilling emphasized the community atmosphere. “It truly is a familial culture, and I’m sure I speak for Trish and Nina when I say we are most proud of that,” he said. “Pulling off a high-level production is not without its challenges. However, it’s also the best time of the year — a warm, welcoming place everyone wants to be part of.”

Persi said the team creatively adapted set designs after auditorium

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*Mrs. Tricia Quinque  
Vocal Director & Choreographer*

renovations removed former staples, including balconies and a façade. Quinque said the production also prepared students for future performances, teaching them teamwork, time management and how to follow direction.

The show marked Quinque’s 25th and final production before

her retirement in June. She said she delayed announcing her decision to keep the focus on the students. “It’s always been about the kids and their hard work,” she said, leaving the door open to help in the future in a less demanding role.



## Bethel Park Prepares for Fall 2026 Kindergarten

### New State-of-the-Art Elementary School Opening

Parents of children eligible for kindergarten this fall are encouraged to register for the 2026–27 school year in the Bethel Park School District, which will open one of the most modern, state-of-the-art elementary facilities in Pennsylvania.

The new elementary school is designed with near-limitless possibilities for learning, collaboration, and innovation, providing a cutting-edge environment for the district's youngest students.

Families can complete online registration at [www.bpsd.org](http://www.bpsd.org) under the New Student Enrollment tab in the About Us section of each school's homepage. To register for kindergarten, families should submit the Kindergarten Student Information Form along with Focus Online

Registration and required documentation, including proof of age and residency.

Kindergarten screenings were held at the district's elementary schools in April, with additional information shared directly by each school. Beginning in fall 2026, all kindergarten students will attend full-day classes at the new Bethel Park Elementary School. An August orientation and open house will be held, with details to be announced closer to the start of school.

Under Pennsylvania law, children must be 5 years old by **Sept. 1, 2026**, to enroll in kindergarten. Families with questions are encouraged to contact their child's current school.



#### KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT DETAILS



Must be 5 years old by **Sept. 1, 2026**



Register at [www.bpsd.org](http://www.bpsd.org)



Submit Kindergarten Student Information Form, Focus Online Registration, proof of age, and proof of residency.



Full-day kindergarten classes begin Fall 2026 at the new Bethel Park Elementary School.



Orientation & Open House: Details to be announced closer to start of school.

### STAY CONNECTED & UPCOMING FINAL BELL EVENTS!

**FINAL BELL EVENTS**  
FINAL CELEBRATION AND WALK-THROUGHS  
OF OUR RETIRING SCHOOLS

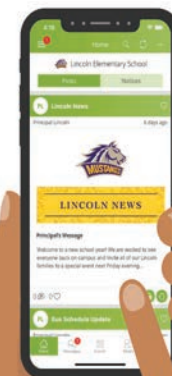
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MAY 28: BETHEL MEMORIAL (6 PM)  
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# Bethel Park High School Honors 2026 Distinguished Alumni

Bethel Park High School recently inducted its 2026 Distinguished Alumni, honoring graduates whose achievements have made a significant impact locally, nationally, and internationally. The ceremony recognized five alumni for their professional accomplishments and community contributions.

**Colonel David L. Barraclough** (Class of 1971) retired after 31 years in the United States Marine Corps, during which he built Habitat for Humanity homes, adopted an elementary school, and raised over \$70,000 for children with special needs, in addition to mentoring thousands of Marines.

**Judy Murtaugh Volpatti** (Class of 1976) has owned and taught at her namesake dance studio for nearly 50 years, instructing an estimated 10,000 students with a focus on inclusivity and instilling lifelong values of compassion and creativity.

**Damian M. Ferrese** (Class of 2004) leveraged his studies in French and German at BPHS into dual Bachelor's degrees and a career in government and international trade, including diplomatic service as an Agricultural Attaché in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Lieutenant Commander Roger S. Graham** (Class of 1988) served nine years as a Naval Flight Officer with two deployments, later transitioning to the Naval Reserves while leading Teleflex's Interventional Cardiology business unit and supporting veterans through Make-A-Vet-Sweat.

**Margaret Ann Mannella** (Class of 1969) founded PA Connecting Communities, a nonprofit supporting over 3,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and veterans, providing services ranging from employment and behavioral support to youth transition programs.



The Bethel Park Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2026 featured Margaret Ann Mannella '69, Judy Murtaugh Volpatti '76, Lieutenant Commander Roger S. Graham '88, Colonel David L. Barraclough '71, and Damian M. Ferrese '04. Ferrese was represented by his mother, Mary (far right), as he is abroad serving as an agricultural attaché for the United States.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Distinguished Alumni program, established in 2013, continues to celebrate the personal and professional accomplishments of BPHS graduates, highlighting the ways alumni contribute to their communities and fields of work.



In one of the most highly anticipated baseball games in recent memory, it was a Bethel Park product who delivered the final moment.

## Mason Miller Shines as MLB Closer on Team USA Stage

**Mason Miller**, a former Black Hawks standout and now one of Major League Baseball's premier closers with the San Diego Padres, closed out Team USA's victory to secure a berth in the World Baseball Classic championship, showcasing the elite velocity and composure that have made him one of the game's top relievers. For those in Bethel Park, however, the moment carried deeper meaning — it was one of their own on the mound in a global spotlight.

"That kid was one of our guys," former Bethel Park coach **Tony Fisher** said. "It's incredible."

Miller's journey began at Bethel Park High School, where he developed into the team's ace before continuing his career at Waynesburg University. During his college career, he overcame a diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes, transforming his training and adding significant strength to his frame — a turning point that helped propel his development.

After finishing his collegiate career at Gardner-

Webb University, Miller was selected in the 2021 MLB Draft. A move to the bullpen unlocked his full potential, with his fastball reaching triple digits and establishing him as a dominant late-inning presence.

Despite the high-pressure environment of international competition, Miller's approach remains steady.

"Got the job done," Miller told The Associated Press. "That's all we're here to do."

That mindset has defined his rise, as he continues to thrive in the sport's biggest moments. Coaches and mentors from his Bethel Park and college days point to his work ethic, consistency and mental toughness as key factors in his success.

Now pitching on one of baseball's biggest stages, Miller's performance is a point of pride for the Bethel Park community — a reminder of the talent and determination that began on a local field and now resonates worldwide.



The new Bethel Park Elementary School

## Opening Gala

Benefits the Bethel Park Education Foundation

*Dinner, entertainment & adventure*

Join us for a special evening to celebrate the beginning of a new adventure in Bethel Park schools.

Saturday	August 29, 2026	6 pm
Bethel Park Elementary School 5655 Kings School Road		
Formal attire	Tickets are \$75	\$100 add-on for a "Passport to adventure"

Tickets available at: Evey's Hardware, BP Public Library and the School District Administration Building. Cash or checks only.

*Adventure Awaits!*

## BPEF to Host Gala

### SUPPORTING STUDENT PROGRAMS AND NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Bethel Park Education Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization separate from the Bethel Park School District, will host a gala fundraiser this summer to support educational opportunities for local students.

The foundation will hold the Bethel Park Elementary School "Opening Gala" on Saturday, Aug. 29, beginning at 6 p.m. at the new school, 5655 Kings School Road. The formal event will feature dinner, entertainment and themed activities.

Tickets are \$75, with an optional \$100 "Passport to Adventure" add-on. The passport gives guests fun make and take STEAM opportunities, portraits, the opportunities to leave the incoming students messages of encouragement and more. Tickets can be purchased with cash or check at Evey's True Value Hardware, the Bethel Park Public Library, and the Bethel Park School District Administration Building.

Attendees are encouraged to wear formal attire as the community celebrates the opening of the district's newest school building. Free public tours of the facility are also planned before the school's official opening in September.

Events such as this provide critical funding for initiatives, including field trips, guest speakers, and special projects, such as the outdoor classroom at the new Bethel Park Elementary School.

### WHY IT MATTERS

*Events like the Opening Gala provide critical funding that makes a difference for Bethel Park students.*



#### SUPPORTS FIELD TRIPS & GUEST SPEAKERS

Gives students the chance to learn beyond the classroom.



#### FUNDS INNOVATIVE STUDENT PROGRAMS

Helps bring new ideas, enrichment and hands-on learning to life.



#### HELPS BRING PROJECTS LIKE THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM TO LIFE

Creates spaces that inspire exploration, creativity and collaboration.



#### EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND TRADITIONAL FUNDING

Supports classroom success.



## The Bethel Park Education Foundation

The Bethel Park Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports ideas to promote quality education in Bethel Park. Public schools face challenges as state and federal funding sources have been reduced or eliminated. The Foundation works to find alternative funding sources for innovative initiatives within our schools. The Foundation does not receive any public funding; our programs are supported by individuals, the community, and corporate partners. Our partners donate, knowing their gifts are creating exceptional educational opportunities for students. They know that providing a quality education favorably impacts the entire community. Through its grant program, the Bethel Park Education Foundation has empowered educators to bring creative ideas to life. 2025-26 was another big year in funding.

- The Foundation provided a \$20,000 grant to support the development of an outdoor classroom at the new elementary school.
- At the high school, **Mr. John Allemang** received funding for a new digital camera, enhancing the quality and professionalism of student publications and giving students hands-on

experience with modern media tools.

- In the arts, **Mrs. Stephanie Glover** was awarded funding for a new string upright bass, expanding musical opportunities and strengthening the district's commitment to music education
- At Independence Middle School, **Mr. Ken Adler** was awarded a grant to purchase a laser engraver for the school's entrepreneurship class. This cutting-edge tool is helping students develop real-world business and design skills, blending creativity with career-ready learning.
- The Foundation also supported programming that reflects the district's commitment to inclusion and student well-being. **Mrs. Heather Fontana** received funding for a peer-to-peer foods class that brings together students with and without special needs in a collaborative, hands-on learning environment that fosters both life skills and meaningful relationships. In addition, **Dr. Dave Muench's** employee wellness program was enhanced through Foundation support for a keynote speaker on Wellness Day and for the development of mindfulness videos, both of which promoted mental health and resilience among students.

Together, these grants represent more than individual projects; they reflect the Foundation's ongoing mission to enrich learning, inspire innovation, and support every student in reaching their full potential. The Bethel Park Education Foundation continues to be a vital partner in advancing opportunities that make our schools truly "Best in Class."

To mark a historic transformation in our community, the Bethel Park Education Foundation will host a black-tie fundraising gala inside the new elementary school, including the Outdoor Classroom, which received a \$20,000 Foundation grant. **See details in the article above.** This will not simply be a fundraiser for the Foundation. It will be a celebration of the craftsmanship, collaboration, and community: an evening where guests dine, visit the new spaces, enjoy performances, and see firsthand the impact of the years of thoughtful planning that will transform the District.

When we selected the theme "Adventure Awaits," we did so intentionally. Every child who walks through those doors next fall will begin an adventure, and our donors' support will enrich that adventure.

## America 250 Essay Contest

*Celebrate 250 Years of Independence!*

As the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on **July 4, 2026**, Bethel Park School District is partnering with the Bethel Park Community Foundation to launch an essay contest celebrating America's Semiquincentennial.

The contest invites Bethel Park students in grades K-12 to reflect on what makes America special. The competition is divided into three levels — high school, middle school and elementary school — with cash prizes awarded at each level. The high school winner will receive \$500, while the top middle school and elementary school submissions will each earn \$250.

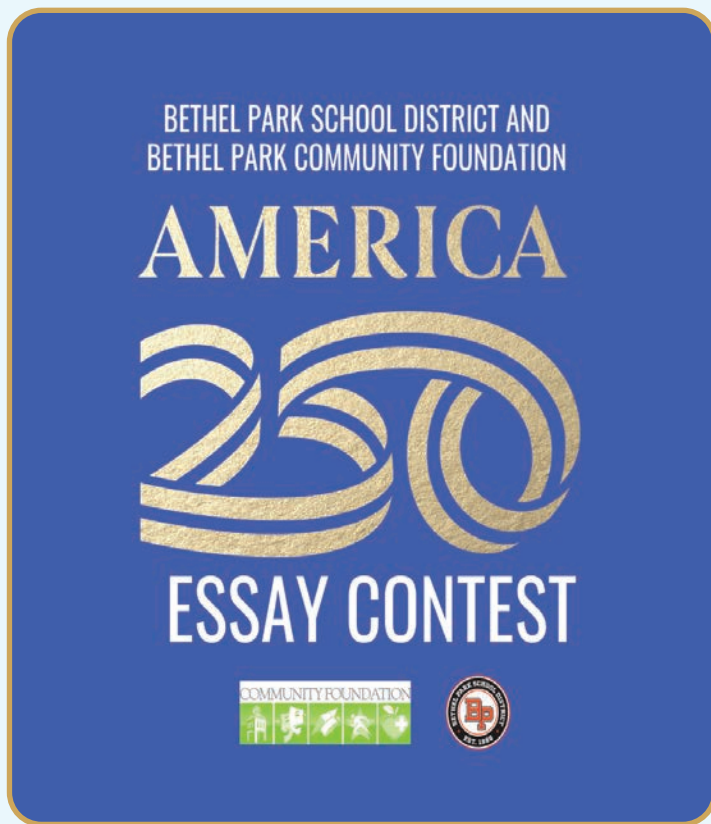
Students may choose from various prompts listed below. While students may submit more than one essay, each entry must respond to a different prompt.

The word-count guidelines for the essays are as follows:

- **High School Contest (9-12):**  
200-800 words
- **Middle School Contest (5-8):**  
100-400 words
- **Elementary School Contest (K-4):**  
50-200 words

Winners will be recognized at the Bethel Park High School Awards Night on **May 27, 2026**.

The initiative was proposed by Bethel Park Community Foundation Chairman **Andy Amrhein**, who said the contest is intended to encourage students to reflect on the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence and to consider how those ideals continue to shape the nation, the state and the Bethel Park community 250 years later.



## IMS's Waterstram Selected for USMNT Olympic Development Program

Independence Middle School seventh grader **Henry Waterstram** (2013 birth year) has been selected to the United States Men's Soccer National Team's Olympic Development Program. This honor stamps Henry as one of the top young boys soccer prospects in the nation.

According to team officials, Waterstram, a goalkeeper, earned his place through his dedication, consistent performance, and commitment to excellence throughout his journey in the program.

Henry began his soccer journey with the Bethel Park Soccer Association, where he developed his skills and passion for the sport.

His hard work has led to this significant achievement as he prepares to represent our region on the national stage.



## BPHS DECA Excels at 2026 State Conference

Bethel Park High School made a significant mark at the 2026 Pennsylvania DECA State Conference, which took place from **February 17-20** in Hershey. With over 80 members competing, the students showcased their skills across various categories, resulting in 28 students qualifying for the upcoming DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) scheduled for **April 25-29** in Atlanta.

Two students from Bethel Park

garnered special recognition for achieving the highest test or role play scores within the organization.

**Mrs. Maria Christenson** was honored with a DECA Certificate of Appreciation, acknowledging her 15 years of dedicated service as a DECA Advisor.

**Carly Conroy** was sworn in as the new PA DECA District III Representative for the 2026-2027 year during the conference, enhancing the leadership presence from Bethel Park.



### DECA NOTABLE PLACEMENTS

*At the conference, Bethel Park students achieved notable placements across various categories:*

#### 1st Place Winners:

- **Bryan McGuire** and **Dominic Ollio** in the Business Solutions Project
- **Laura Casaldi** and **Samira Gorman** in the Integrated Marketing Campaign – Service

#### 2nd Place Winners:

- **Veronica Balkovec**, **Colleen Kuhn**, and **Presley Thimons** in the Innovation Plan
- **Camdyn Cekus**, **Maddie Jackson**, and **Annabella Laffey** in the Financial Literacy Promotion Project
- **Gavin Coleman** and **Reese Coleman** in the Integrated Marketing Campaign – Event
- **Adelyn LeMessurier** and **Grace Mattila** in the Independent Business Plan
- **Leena Miloua** and **Andrea Solorzano** in the Career Development Project

- **Haylee Moore** and **Maria Templonuevo** in the Franchise Business Plan

#### 3rd Place Winners:

- **Cami Fisher** and **Nora Welch** in Community Awareness
- **Bryce Postler** in Principles of Finance

#### 4th Place Winner:

- **Jacob Coffield**, **Rowan Darr**, and **Cooper Kicinski** in the Sales Project

#### 5th Place Winners:

- **Emma Farrell** and **Marisa Whitmer** in the Community Giving Project
- **Hunter Slavonic** and **DeAngelo Williams** in the Integrated Marketing Campaign – Service



#### Additional Honors:

In addition to individual achievements, **Bryce Postler** was recognized as a medalist for having the top test and top role play score in Principles of Finance, while **Jeffrey Rubican** received accolades for his performance in Personal Financial Literacy.

The Bethel Park DECA chapter also received Thrive Level recognition within DECA Inc.'s Chapter Campaigns.

This honor, attributed to the hard work of **Danielle Whitaker** in completing the application, grants the chapter two spots at the Thrive Academy during the ICDC.

# Students Earn Top Honors on National German Exam

Bethel Park High School's Honors and AP German students were recently among the 12,000 students who participated in the 66th annual National German Exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German. BPHS students earned **3 Gold Awards, 7 Silver Awards, 1 Bronze Award and 5 Achievement Awards** on the 2026 exams.

## EXAM RESULTS

(Level 4)



### GOLD AWARDS

(90th Percentile or Higher)

- **Katharine Tabler**, Senior (98th Percentile)
- **Benjamin Campbell**, Senior (95th Percentile)
- **Adele Stamenov**, Junior (95th Percentile)

*Campbell and Stamenov have now qualified to apply for a scholarship to travel and study in Germany this summer. Tabler spent her junior year living and studying in Germany on a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholarship.*



### SILVER AWARDS

(80th Percentile or Higher)

- **Samuel Hoppe**, Senior (86th Percentile)
- **Holly McGough**, Senior (80th Percentile)
- **Colin Finnegan**, Senior (80th Percentile)
- **Gillian Uhl**, Junior (84th Percentile)



### BRONZE AWARD

(70th Percentile or Higher)

- **Christian Tabler**, Senior (74th Percentile)

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Juniors: Sydney Miller, Reed Zeis and Zoey Roberts**

#### Level 3 Exam Silver Awards:

- **Thomas Guenther**, Sophomore (82nd Percentile)
- **Matthew Williams**, Sophomore (81st Percentile)
- **Tessa Braham**, Sophomore (81st Percentile)

#### Level 3 Exam Achievement Awards:

**Eliza Sterbal**, Sophomore  
**Nathaniel Stewart**, Sophomore



## MUSIC NEWS



### Students Perform at PMEA District Band Concert

In February, eight Bethel Park High School students participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District Band Concert at South Park High School.

Selected through competitive auditions, the students performed for a supportive audience while collaborating with peers from across the region and working under experienced conductors

#### Participants Included:

**Holly McGough, Sydney Kellander, Lily Allston, Zoey Roberts, Boyd Alspach, Jaden Veinovich, Reed Zeis and Ronan Hassan.**



### Students perform at PMEA Region 1 Chorus Festival

The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region 1 Chorus Festival took place in February at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle, bringing together 200 high school singers from across a four-county region under the direction of guest conductor **Patrick Hawes**.

Over three days of rehearsals, students prepared for a public concert showcasing their work. Bethel Park High School was represented by **Noah Rauch, Noah Lloyd, Riley Smith, Nina Lane** and **Layla Jones**, with Lloyd earning selection to the PMEA All-State Chorus Festival.

The festival was organized by music directors from the Mohawk and Laurel school districts.



# Bethel Park Junior **Adele Stamenov** Earns Prestigious National German Study Abroad Scholarship

*A Bethel Park High School junior earns national recognition and an all-expenses-paid opportunity to study in Germany.*

Bethel Park High School junior **Adele Stamenov** has been awarded a prestigious, all-expenses-paid summer study trip to Germany after earning national recognition on the 2026 National German Exam.

Stamenov scored in the 95th percentile on the Level 4 exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German, and was selected as one of just 36 students nationwide to receive the honor. More than 12,000 students participated in the program. Finalists advanced through a competitive process that included written responses in German and English, and an interview conducted by a panel of high school teachers and college professors.

"I didn't think I would get it, to be honest," Stamenov said. "I was really excited to get that email, and I am very much looking forward to this opportunity. It all worked out in the end."

## **A Prestigious Opportunity**

As part of the award, Stamenov will travel to Germany for three weeks during the summer, where she will live with a host family, attend classes at a German secondary school for the first two weeks, visit places of historic significance, and participate in cultural excursions.

"I am most excited about exploring Germany," Stamenov said. "I have been to Europe, but never Germany, so I am really looking forward to seeing some of the cities I have studied in class for years. It will be incredible to speak German with native speakers and improve my skills."

She acknowledged some nerves about the experience.

"My biggest concern is that I won't be able to communicate as well as I'd like," she laughed. "Leaving home to go to a foreign country alone is daunting for someone my age." Stamenov is enrolled in Honors German IV and serves as president of the school's German Club. She is also a member of the Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society.

## **A Tradition of Excellence**

Her teacher, **Herr Christopher Tobias**, praised both her academic ability and leadership.

"I was thrilled to learn that Adele received this scholarship award, because I can't think of a more deserving individual," Tobias said. "She is the very model of an ideal German student — her talent and enthusiasm are matched only by her work ethic and self-discipline. She is without question the leader of her class, and her classmates are energized and inspired by her genuine interest in learning and her high regard for the German language and culture."

Tobias said the opportunity to study abroad is especially meaningful for students.

"I find it especially gratifying anytime a Bethel Park German student earns the chance to live, travel, and study abroad in a German-speaking country," he said. "Adele is my 17th student to be awarded a travel-study scholarship, and that speaks to the culture of excellence in our German program."

The study trip, now in its 66th year, is funded through a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany and includes round-trip airfare, housing with a host family, and educational and cultural programming.

Stamenov is the fourth Bethel Park High School student to receive this particular scholarship, following past recipients **Katy Holmes** in 2002, **Jeremy Ferlic** in 2008, and **Corinne Hebestreit** in 2015.



## **Students Celebrate Inclusion with Annual Peer PE Ice Skating Event**

Students in the Peer Physical Education program at Bethel Park High School recently continued a longtime tradition with an inclusive morning of ice skating at the Spencer Family YMCA.

During the event, students skated alongside members of the Bethel Park varsity hockey team, creating a supportive environment where beginner skaters could build confidence while connecting with high school student-athletes. The annual outing has become a highlight of the school year, promoting inclusion and community on the ice.

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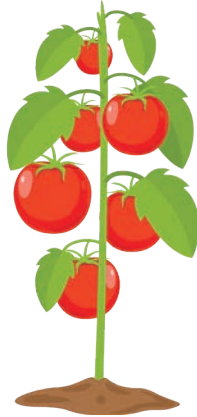
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This is just a small sampling of all that's happening in Bethel Park this summer! Be sure to browse the entire magazine for lots of fun and entertaining events, programs, classes, and more to keep you entertained all summer long!

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Memorial Day Program

May 25 | 8:50 AM  
Veterans Memorial Plaza

#### Touch-A-Truck

May 17 | 12–3 PM  
Public Works Garage

### FAMILY FUN

#### Farmers Market

Tuesdays | 3–7 PM | May–Sept.  
South Park (Corrigan Dr.)

#### Bethel Park Day at Kennywood

June 19

### SUMMER FUN

#### Beginning of Summer Bash

June 6 | 10 AM – 1 PM  
Simmon's Park

#### Splash Park Cinema

June - September  
Splash Park - 2600 South Park Rd.