

Welcome to West View



Welcome Packet for New Residents

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WELCOME



Welcome to the Borough of West View, one of the finest communities in southwestern Pennsylvania! Thank you for choosing to make West View your home.

West View is a borough in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania encompassing 1.3 square miles. It is located in the center of Ross Township and is just 6 miles outside of downtown Pittsburgh. It is entirely within the 15229 ZIP code. It has a population of over 6,000.

Through the efforts of land developer Frederick Martsof, West View was first incorporated in 1905. He wanted to build a community that embodied his “new century” vision of suburbia, a calmer place away from the bustling city. The Borough has a rich history, and perhaps most notably, West View was once home to West View Park, an amusement park which was in operation for over seventy years. Today, West View is better known as one of the safest, greenest, and most family-friendly communities in Pennsylvania. It has consistently ranked high on the list of best communities to live in Pennsylvania. We also hold many community-oriented events throughout the year.

This welcome packet is intended to help make your move to West View a little easier. It contains a wealth of useful information, including contact information, information on services we provide, important documents, tax information, voter information, and much more. The Borough is ever-changing, and as such this packet will be regularly updated. Our website is the best place to find the most up-to-date information.

Should you have any additional questions as you are settling in, you can always stop by the Borough Administration Offices at 441 Perry Highway, visit our website at www.wvboro.com, email us at info@wvboro.com, or call us at 412-931-2800.

West View's slogan is "A Good Place to Live." We constantly strive to live up to that slogan, and we hope that you will find the Borough of West View to be just that, a good place to live.

Borough of West View Map

To view an uncompressed, ultra-high-quality version of this map, please visit our website.





Back row from left to right: Scott V. Miller, Vice President M. Kimberly Steele, Donald Mikec, Robert D. Schellhaas

Front row from left to right: Eugene Borio, Mayor John R. Henry, William F. Aguglia, President Bryan S. Kircher

Mayor:

John R. Henry

Council Members:

Bryan S. Kircher – President

Donald Mikec

M. Kimberly Steele – Vice President

Scott V. Miller

William F. Aguglia

Robert D. Schellhaas

Eugene Borio

Borough Manager:



Bruce A. Fromlak – Manager/Chief of Police

West View is a borough in the state of Pennsylvania that operates under a mayor-council government system. There are seven elected councilmembers and a mayor, each elected for 4-year terms. The Borough Manager is appointed by a majority vote of council.

The Borough Council is responsible for governing the Borough and passing legislation pursuant to the best interests of the residents. They are assisted in these efforts by the Borough Manager in addition to other advisory boards and commissions. The Borough Manager enforces and executes the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances and resolutions of the Borough of West View. They are also in charge of preparing a tentative budget at the end of each fiscal year. The Manager along with other administrative staff are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Borough.

The Borough Council usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in Borough Hall, located at 439 Perry Highway. Special meetings sometimes occur and will be noted on our website. Meeting agendas are posted on our website and on our lobby bulletin board. All meetings are open to the public.

Council meeting minutes are available to read on our website. We are fortunate enough to have all of the minutes digitized, from the Borough's beginning in 1905 to the present. Ordinances and resolutions can also be found on the website, but a more complete collection of Borough codes can be found at <https://ecode360.com/WE0607>.

There are a few boards and commissions that currently exist in the Borough. They are comprised of appointed citizens whose job is to advise and assist council. They include the civil service commission, planning commission, and zoning hearing board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The West View Police Department is a full service, 24-hour police department, employing 11 full-time and 2 part-time police officers.

The department consists of the Chief of Police, a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, a Detective, and 6 patrol officers. Two police officers are on-duty at all times, with their primary duty being to patrol the streets of the Borough, enforcing laws and ordinances, and assisting residents as needed. The Police Department serves as a liaison between the residents and Borough Council, sharing information and concerns brought to our attention.

The police department maintains 4 police cars and 1 Harley Davidson Motorcycle. In addition to motor vehicles, you will see officers on foot patrol at times promoting safe shopping in West View Plaza or our Business District. Several officers are trained in special duties such as Crime Watch, crime scene investigator, fingerprinting, Accident Reconstruction, and Drug Investigators. 2 of our officers are members of the North Hills Special Response Team (SRT).

Our officers investigate all crimes that occur in West View. Only those requiring extensive investigations or resources beyond our means are referred to outside agencies such as the Allegheny County Police. All calls for assistance, emergency, and non-emergency are handled through Allegheny County Emergency Services, who has the responsibility of receiving calls and dispatching officers as needed.

11 school crossing guards employed by the Police Department see that your children safely cross the streets in the mornings and afternoons while on their way to and from school.

FIRE / EMS SERVICES

West View Borough is serviced by the West View Volunteer Fire Department, located at 471 Perry Highway.

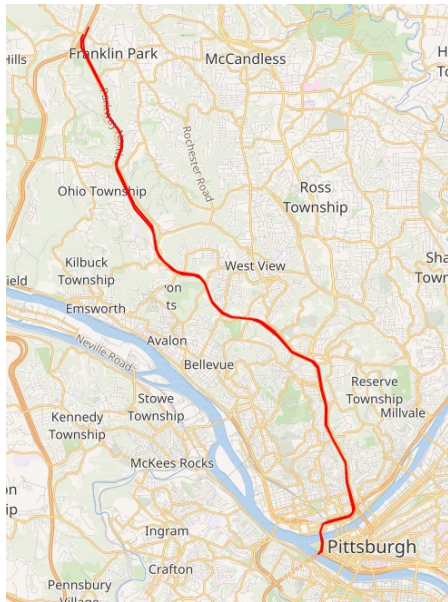
In addition, Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Authority is a non-profit organization that provides emergency and non-emergency medical care and rescue services to Ross Township, West View Borough, Millvale Borough, Reserve Township, and Ohio Township. They also provide mutual aid to McCandless/Franklin Park EMS, Valley Ambulance, Shaler EMS, Northwest EMS, and the City of Pittsburgh.

Their services include the provision of basic life support, advanced life support, rescue services, public education, and training. They employ 29 full-time employees, as well as many part-time employees and volunteer personnel staff. The Authority's fleet consists of five ambulances, two response vehicles, one wheelchair van, and a rescue truck.

As of 2023, Ross/West View EMSA has implemented an annual **mandatory** EMS fee in each of the five municipalities it serves. This fee is to provide a source of sustainable funding for the EMS. The fee is \$55 per household. Once you have paid this fee, you will not have to pay any out-of-pocket ambulance fees that are not covered by insurance. For more information or to pay this fee, you can visit Ross/West View EMSA's website: <https://www.rwvems.org/levy>.

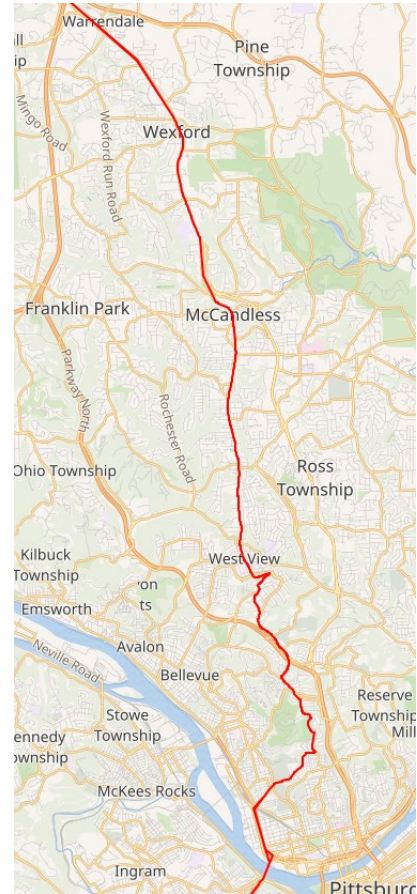
TRANSPORTATION

The Borough is located a short distance away from several major interstate highways and regional transportation routes. I-279 is less than half a mile outside the borders of West View, providing quick and easy access to downtown Pittsburgh. In addition, Route 19 runs right through the heart of West View.



I-279

Several Port Authority bus lines go through West View, providing access to almost anywhere in the greater Pittsburgh area.



Route 19

West View Borough Primary and Secondary Street List					
Adrian Ave	Clairmont Ave	Hawthorne Ave	Lipp Ave	Park Ave	Township Rd
Amherst Ave	Columbia Ave	Hempstead Ave	Magnolia Ave	Perrysville Rd	Vassar Ave
Ann Arbor Ave	Cornell Ave	Hidden Valley Dr	Marquette Rd	Perrysville Ave	Waverly Ave
Ashford Ave	Cross Creek Ct	*Highland Ave	Martsof Ave	*Perry Hwy	Wellington Dr
Beechmont Ave	Cresson Ave	Homekort Ave	Mineola Ave	Princeton Ave	Wentworth Ave
Bell Dr	Curtis Ave	Jamaica Ave	Montclair Ave	Richland Ave	Westfield Ave
Bellevue Ave	Dartmouth Ave	Keating Ave	Mt. Vernon Ave	Ridgewood Ave	West View Park Dr
Braden Court	Fairview Ave	Kenyon Ave	North Park Rd	Rochester Rd	William St
Brightwood Ave	Fordham Ave	Lakewood Ave	Norwich Ave	Schwitter Ave	Yale Ave
Bronx Ave	Frankfort Ave	Lansing Ave	Oakley Ave	Short St	
Carlisle Ave	Georgetown Ave	Lehigh Ave	Oakwood Ave	South Fork Dr	
Center Ave	Glenmore Ave	Linden Ave	Oberlin Ave	Stanford Ave	
Chalfonte Ave	Harvard Ave	Linwood Rd	Orlando Ave	Tomoka Ave	

* State roadway plowed by the Borough

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department ensures that the borough operates smoothly and looks its best at all times.

They are responsible for:

- Park and field maintenance
- Roadway and alleyway maintenance and repair
- Snow removal from roadways, sidewalks, and steps
- Tree and brush trimming
- Leaf, tree, and shrub removal
- Combined sewer maintenance
- Catch basin cleaning
- Stormwater management
- Painting of crosswalks and yellow lines
- Maintaining and upgrading signage
- Repairing and replacing traffic signals
- Municipal trash removal
- Seasonal decorations (flags, Christmas decorations, military banners)

The Department of Public Works is led by Rich Rapp, Public Works Coordinator, who is directly overseen by Borough Manager Bruce Fromlak. They currently employ 7 full-time and 4 part-time staff. They also have an array of vehicles and equipment, including 3 5-ton dump trucks, 2 pickup trucks, 1 high lift/back hoe, 1 Pelican sweeper, 1 Falcon asphalt trailer, 1 leaf vacuum trailer, 1 35-ft. bucket truck, and 1 Kubota grass cutter with various attachments.

Please note that residential trash collection is not provided by the Department of Public Works. Waste Management collects residential trash.

VOTER INFORMATION

West View's registered voters have the political address of U.S. Congressional District 17, State Senatorial District 38, and State Representative District 20.

United States Senate

John Fetterman (D)

Bob Casey (D)

United States House of Representatives

Chris Deluzio (D)

Pennsylvania Governor

Josh Shapiro (D)

State Senate

Lindsey M. Williams (D)

State House of Representatives

Emily Kinkead (D)

Allegheny County Executive

Sara Innamorato (D)

You can register to vote through the Pennsylvania Department of State's online application, which can be found here: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>.

POLLING LOCATIONS		
DISTRICT NUMBER	ADDRESS	HOUSEHOLDS THAT BELONG TO THIS DISTRICT
District #1 #1 Firehall	338 Ridgewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229	Braden Ct Center – #48, 102-200 even Fairview Frankfort Lipp – 1-15 Magnolia Martsof Oakley Oakwood – odd numbers Orlando Park Perrysville Richland Ridgewood – 301-417 Tomoka
District #2 St. Luke’s Lutheran Church	305 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229	Beechmont Bell Drive Brightwood Center - #2 & #6 300 block 400 block Clairmont Cresson Lansing – 10-15 Mt. Vernon Norwich Oakwood – even numbers Ridgewood – 69-254 Rochester Rd – 110-124 even Township – 12-32 even
District #3 West View Elementary School	47 Chalfonte Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229	Ashford – 42-126 even Bellevue – 3-51 Center – 500 block 600 block

		Chalfonte Glenmore Highland – 100-177 odd Linwood – #80 only North Park Rd – 8-66 even Perry – 209-454 Rochester – #46, 49, 96 only Township – 15-29 odd Wentworth Westfield
District #4 #3 Firehall	471 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229	Center - #1016 only Chalfonte 115-167 Hempstead Highland – #223 only Jamaica – 3-244 Lakewood Mineola – 4-38 even Montclair – 1-127 Perry - #479, 501, 513 only Waverly
District #5 West View Towers	808 West View Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15229	Adrian Bronx Carlisle Center – 921-1119 odd #1224 only Columbia – 2-400 Cornell – 11-423 Georgetown – 80-121 Harvard – #6 only Highland – 277-375 Homekort Mineola – 5-27 odd North Park – 1-69 & 80 Oberlin Princeton – 106-149 West View Towers Yale – 4-29

<p>District #6 #2 Firehall</p>	<p>14 Amherst Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229</p>	<p>Amherst Ann Arbor Center – 1349-1698 Cornell – 6-428 even Dartmouth Fordham Georgetown – 134-177 Harvard – 117-130 Highland – 401-471 Kenyon – #331 & 335 only Lehigh Princeton – 173-272 Stanford – 3-377 Vassar William – #300 only Yale – 201-248-258B</p>
<p>District #7 West View Elementary School</p>	<p>47 Chalfonte Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229</p>	<p>Ashford – 123-261 odd Bellevue – 108-134 Cross Creek Hidden Valley Circle Hidden Valley Drive Highland – 98-280 even Jamaica – 400-500 Marquette Montclair – 198-239 Perry – 531-609 Schwitter – #153 only South Fork Wellington</p>

TAX INFORMATION

REAL ESTATE TAX

The Real Estate Tax Collector is independently elected and is responsible for collecting the Borough's real estate tax. The Borough's real estate tax collector is currently Rita Schwarzmeier and her office is located at 457 Perry Highway.

Rita A. Schwarzmeier

Real Estate Tax Collector

457 Perry Highway

Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Open weekdays between 9:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm

Phone: 412-931-1633

LOCAL SERVICES TAX

Keystone Collections collects the Local Service Tax (LST) for the Borough of West View. Their address can be found below:

Keystone Collections Group

546 Wendel Road

Irwin, PA 15642

www.keystonecollects.com

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE AND MERCANTILE TAX

Keystone Collections is also responsible for the collection of Business Privilege/Mercantile taxes.

EARNED INCOME TAX

Keystone Collections is also responsible for the collection of earned income tax in West View.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SHOVELING GUIDELINES

Any sidewalk in the Borough must be cleared of snow by the property owner within 24 hours after the snow, sleet, or ice has stopped (See Ordinance Code: Chapter 245, Article 1).

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Sidewalks for the use of pedestrians are required to be constructed, maintained, and kept in thorough repair and safe condition at the expense of the owners of the abutting premises. (See Ordinance Code: Chapter 245, Article III).

TRASH AND RECYCLING

West View Borough does not have a municipal trash collection service. Instead, Waste Management is responsible for trash and recycling pickup. In late 2023, Waste Management issued all West View residents new trash and recycling carts. Starting February 1st, 2024, all trash and recycling must be placed inside these carts. You **cannot** leave any items outside your carts, otherwise Waste Management will not take it. If these new carts are too big for you, the Borough is offering a limited time exchange to a smaller cart. Trash collection is weekly and recycling is biweekly (after February 1st, 2024). If you ever have concerns regarding your bill, have questions about the new trash and recycling carts, need to report a missed pickup, or need to schedule a special pickup, you can visit Waste Management's website at <https://www.wm.com> or give them a call at 1-800-866-4460.

PERMITS

Many of our permits (solicitation, building, etc.) are available to view and download on our website. If you have any questions regarding permits, you can stop by the Borough building, give us a call, or send us an email. Building permit applications are now handled by Code.sys Code Consulting, Inc.

WATER SERVICE PROVIDER

Water service in the Borough is provided by West View Water Authority. Their offices are located in West View at 210 Perry Highway. The Authority supplies water to 32 municipalities and over 200,000 people in portions of Allegheny, Beaver, and Butler counties. The Water Treatment Plant is located on Neville Island with the main source of supply from the Ohio River and wells on Davis Island. The Authority owns and maintains 10 reservoirs throughout the service territory with a maximum water storage capacity of

39,850,000 gallons. For more information about WVWA including contact information, visit their website at <https://westviewwater.org>.

CABLE SERVICE PROVIDERS

West View is serviced by either Comcast or Verizon cable. Comcast XFINITY can be reached at 1-866-372-4215 and Verizon FIOS at 1-800-837-9466. If you would like to subscribe to one of these cable providers, please call one of the above numbers.

DRIVER'S LICENSES

If you need to change your address for your Pennsylvania driver's license, you may do so via form DL-80, or online at www.dmv.pa.gov. You will need your driver's license number, a printer, and a valid credit or debit card for fees.

DOG LICENSES

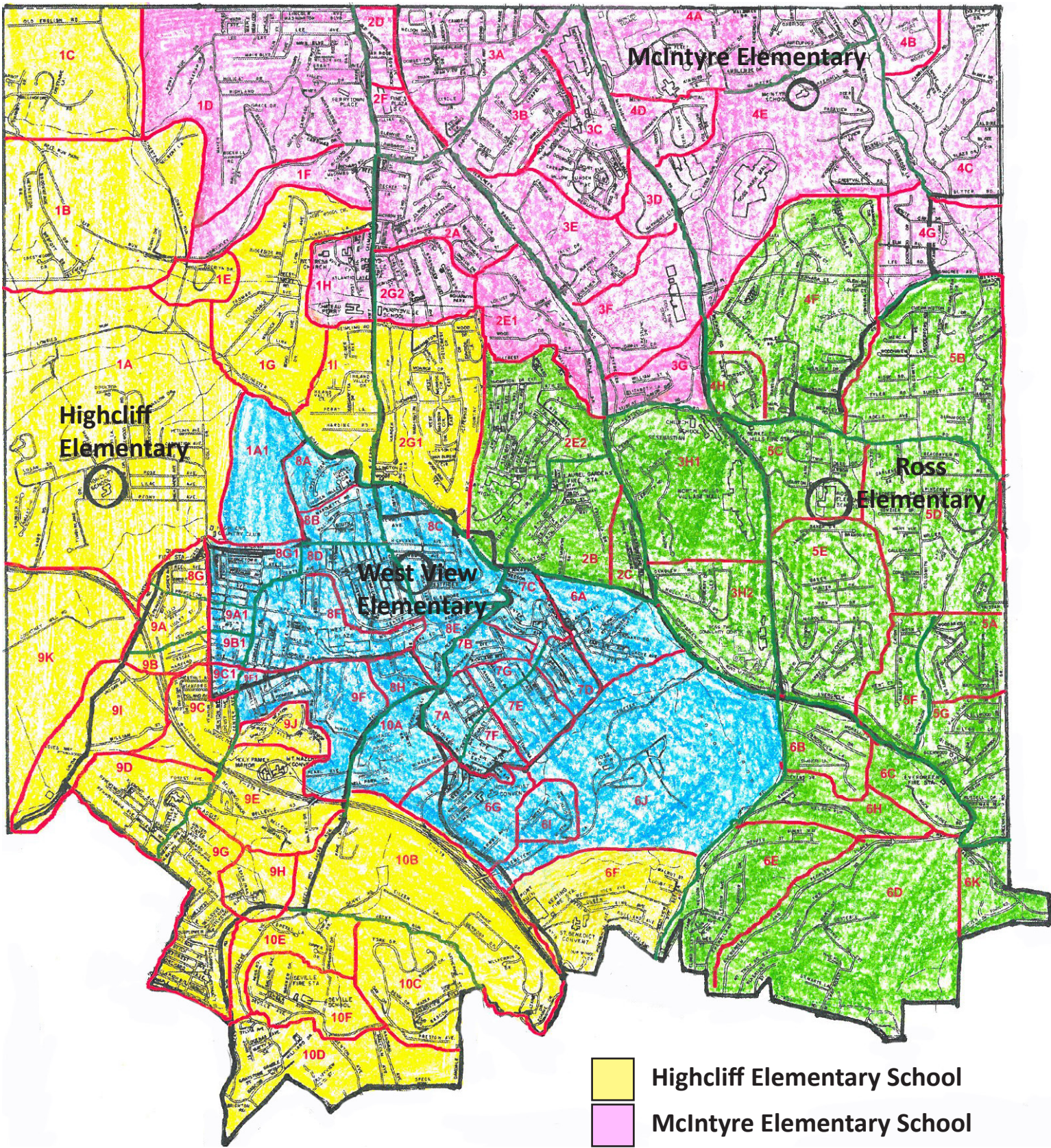
New residents must register their dogs with Allegheny County for a license. This can be done through the Allegheny County website: <https://alleghenycountytreasurer.us/dog-license>

NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The North Hills School District serves West View Borough and Ross Township and consists of six schools:

- North Hills High School
- North Hills Middle School
- West View Elementary
- Highcliff Elementary
- Ross Elementary
- McIntyre Elementary

If you live in West View and have elementary school-aged children, they will attend West View Elementary as per current district guidelines. A map of North Hills School District elementary school assignment can be found below. Visit the school district's website at www.nhsd.net for more information.



- Highcliff Elementary School
- McIntyre Elementary School
- West View Elementary School
- Ross Elementary School

Note: 1A1 denotes Highland Estates Single-Family Residences;
Townhomes in Highland Estates are part of 1A

PARKS AND RECREATION

West View is proud to have 5 playgrounds and fields within its borders.

Park Name	Location	Amenities
Barry G. Schell Field	On Center Ave between Bronx Ave and Columbia Ave	Baseball Field
Columbia Park	200 block of Columbia Ave	Playground
Glenmore Park	At the corner of Ashford Ave and Glenmore Ave	Playground, Basketball Court
John W. Farley Park	In Norval Alley between Park Ave and Martsolf Ave	Playground
Richard E. Powell Park	500 block of Perry Highway	Playground, Basketball Court, Pavilion