

Parkinson's Exercise Classes in Western Pennsylvania

"If you have Parkinson's disease, exercise is even more important (than for those without)."

- Parkinson's Foundation

"Exercise is a realistic and practical way to fight Parkinson's disease."

- American Parkinson Disease Association

"Exercise is as important as medication for the management of Parkinson's disease."

- Parkinson Disease Foundation

Recent studies continue to stress the necessity for regular exercise in managing the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. In addition to enhancing physical abilities, exercise improves cognitive functions, overall mood, a sense of well-being, and it helps decrease depression. For most people with Parkinson's disease, exercise is an important tool for managing the disease.

Participating in Parkinson's exercise classes is a great way to help people overcome some of the most common excuses for not exercising such as "I don't know how to get started," "Exercise is boring or too hard," and "Exercise leaders don't understand people with Parkinson's disease." All the programs and classes that PFWPA offers provide a welcoming place to participate in professionally led classes, tailored to the needs of people with Parkinson's disease. Leaders and fellow participants provide the motivation and accountability that are critical to establishing and maintaining healthy new habits. The classes also provide a good venue for sharing information, experiences, and emotional support.

Have you been thinking about exercise but aren't quite sure how to start? Would you benefit from a dynamic group class to keep you motivated and continuing? Check out the various programs throughout the region. Locations and times are convenient with sites in communities around the region. All facilities are handicap accessible. Leaders are knowledgeable, energetic, and helpful. And best of all, classes are fun!

Check in with Parkinson Foundation Western Pennsylvania regularly! New classes, programs, locations, and participating organizations are being added regularly.

412-837-2542 or cpeluso@pfwpa.org

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Cardio Drumming

Cardio Drumming is a whole-body exercise that involves drumming on large physio balls while maintaining rhythm to music. This is a moderate to high intensity workout that can be easily adapted to all fitness levels and done sitting or standing and modified based on the individual's comfort and response to the activity.

Dance for Parkinson's

Dance for Parkinson's is modeled after Dance for PD®, a renowned program which is gaining popularity and support throughout the world. The program offers specialized dance classes for people with Parkinson's and their supports. Professional teaching artists from Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre integrate movement from modern, ballet, tap, folk and social dancing to engage participants' minds/bodies and create an enjoyable, social environment for artistic exploration. This class is appropriate for anyone with PD, no matter how advanced. No dance experience is required.

DrumFIT

DrumFIT enables a fun, active lifestyle for people of all ages and abilities. With programming for schools, seniors, instructors, gyms and YOU – wherever you are! DrumFIT has something for everyone.

Delay The Disease

Delay the Disease is a Parkinson's fitness program designed to empower people with Parkinson's disease by targeting symptoms and optimizing physical function. It is designed to proactively minimize tremors and improve flexibility, stability, balance, and strength. Classes include exercises to improve activities of daily living, like getting out of bed, getting off the floor, getting out of the chair, dressing, freezing, posture, rigidity, moving about in crowds.

GZ Sobol Parkinson's Network™ – Foundations Class

GZSPN® Foundation class was created to help PWP improve their quality of life by restoring lost functions. It uses exercises that have been proven to help handwriting, gait, walking, rigidity, balance, posture etc. One of the keys to its success is to continuously raise the bar by progressing with more reps, holding poses longer, moving to more advanced challenges, etc.

Parkinson's Wellness Classes including Tai Chi and Yoga

This exercise program is an eclectic mix of functional exercises designed to help someone manage their Parkinson's more effectively. Exercises include aerobic and resistance or strength training, stretching, balance, facial and voice exercises. These classes are most beneficial for those with moderate to severe symptoms and who have difficulty with balance and/or walking.

Pickleball for Parkinson's

Pickleball is a great sport for those living with Parkinson's. It is a low-impact sport that helps keep you mobile and active, improves balance and hand-eye coordination and is just plain fun! Pickleball combines the elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Pickleball uses paddles, a small wiffle ball, a net, and a court.

PWR!Moves™

Dr. Becky Farley, PhD created Parkinson's Wellness Recovery! (PWR!) as the evolution of her original LSVT BIG® physical therapy program. Exercise moves performed in this class are the building blocks for everyday movement and are performed with large amplitude, high effort, and attention to action in multiple postures. You will learn how to use these functional PWR!Moves exercises to target each symptom that interferes with your everyday movement.

Rock Steady Boxing™ and Boxing for Parkinson's Classes

People with Parkinson's disease can enhance their daily quality of life and even build impressive power, strength, flexibility, and speed! By exercising with Coaches who know the ropes, you can fight your way out of the corner and start to feel and function better. Boxing works by moving your body in all planes of motion while continuously changing the routine as you progress through the workout. These classes have proven that anyone, at any level of Parkinson's, can lessen their symptoms and lead a healthier/happier life

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850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Suite 2222, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Phone: 412-837-2542

Website: www.pfwpa.org

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Senior Mobility & Balance Classes

Pittsburgh North Side

Perrysville Plaza

2403 Perrysville Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15214
412-726-0363

Call Danielle Green for details
Wednesday: 10:00-10:45 am

Pittsburgh East Side

Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center

745 N Negley Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-609-8627

Call Pasean Evans for details
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00-12:45 pm

Pittsburgh East Side

Vintage Senior Center

421 N Highland Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-609-8627

Call Pasean Evans for details
Wednesday & Friday: 1:00-1:45 pm

Pittsburgh Hill District

Macedonia FACE-K. Leroy Irvis

715 Mercer St
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-726-0363

Call Danielle Green for details
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00-10:45 am

Pittsburgh Hill District

The Lofts (Skyline Terrace)

1802 Bentley Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-726-0363

Call Danielle Green for details
Thursday: 12:00-12:45 pm

Cardio Drumming

Upper St Clair

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2040 Washington Rd, Upper St Clair, PA 15241
Contact Kathy Long to sign up: 412-835-6630 x 200;
wroc.westminster-church.org

Eric Horton, Instructor: Friday: 2:30-3:30 pm

DrumFIT (free)

Cranberry Physical Therapy: Tuesday 1-2pm

Bridgewater MRS PT: Wednesday 1-2pm

Contact Dale Reckless to sign up: 724-591-8121;
d.reckless@mrsphysicaltherapy.com

Dance for Parkinson's

Pittsburgh Strip District

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

2900 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
Call or email Lindsey Kaine to sign up:
412-454-9105; lkaine@pittsburghballet.org

Thursday: 1:00-2:00 pm

Delay The Disease

Beaver

Center at the Mall - Beaver Valley Mall

570 Beaver Valley Mall Rt. 18, Monaca, PA 15061
Duane Hardek: 412-607-3544
Thursday: 11:00 am

Franklin

Franklin YMCA

111 West Park Street
Franklin, PA 16323
Andrew Brosius: 814-432-2138
Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 pm

Kittanning

Richard G Snyder YMCA

1150 N Water Street, Kittanning, PA 16201
Hillary Brown: 724-545-9622
Tuesday: 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercer

Cool Springs Fitness

1051 East Cornell Rd, Mercer, PA 16137
Carol Giangordano, Leader, 724-662-1910
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:15-11:15 am
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 4:00-5:00 pm

New Brighton

Beaver County YMCA

2236 3rd Avenue
New Brighton, PA 15066
Monday with Judi at 12:00 pm
To sign up, call 724-891-8439

Sewickley

Sewickley Valley YMCA

625 Blackburn Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143
412-741-9622 x 121
Adriane Stoner
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:15–11:15 am

South Hills

Virtual Only

Call Jeannine Hartman: 412-215-2391
Balance focused class: Monday: 1:00–2:00 pm
DTD class: Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00–3:00 pm

South Hills

Cool Springs Sports Complex

1530 Hamilton Road, Bethel Park, PA 15234
Jeannine Hartman: 412-215-2391
Wednesday: 2:00 pm

GZ Sobol's Foundations® Classes

Greensburg

The Aerobic Center at Lynch Field

526 New Alexandria Road
Greensburg, PA 15601
Monday & Wednesday: 1:15 pm
Contact Roman Carloni: 724-834-2153

Plum

Plum Senior Center

499 Center New Texas Rd
Plum, PA 15239
Monday & Wednesday: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
To sign up, call Sonja Apperson: 917-526-1285

Parkinson's Wellness Classes

Altoona

George Ferris NeuroHOPE Center

5930 6th Ave, Ste A, Altoona, PA 16602
814-515-1049
Contact Stacy DuBois for details
Parkinson's Boot Camp
Monday: 3:00–4:00 pm
Parkinson's Basic Training
Wednesday: 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Belle Vernon

Mon Valley HealthPlex

800 Plaza Dr., Belle Vernon, PA 15012
Angel Elliott, Instructor: 724-379-2071
Wednesday: 12:00–1:00 pm

Butler

Butler YMCA

339 N Washington St., Butler, PA 16001
Call Jake Taciuch for details: 724-287-4733 x 122
Exercise for Parkinson's: Monday & Weds 12-1pm
Parkinson's Walk: Friday: 12:00-1:00 pm

Cranberry

Rose Schneider Family YMCA

Exercise for Parkinson's
2001 Ehrman Rd.
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066
Kathy Hensler: 724-452-9122 x 226
Friday: 1:00–2:00 pm
Also offers other senior exercise classes appropriate for Parkinson's on Monday & Wednesday at 1pm (classes are called SAIL/ask Kathy)

Greensburg

Redstone Highlands

6 Garden Center Dr. (Chapel)
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-832-8402 x 3390
Call Jessica Glesk for details

Indiana

S & T Wellness Center/Institute for Healthy Living

2010 Shelly Drive, Indiana, PA 15701
Contact Steve Wunz for more information on his one-on-one sessions/no group classes: 724-357-8088

New Brighton

Beaver County YMCA

2236 3rd Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066
Cognitive & Memory Class w/Pam: Tuesday at 12 pm
To sign up, call 724-891-8439

New Kensington

New Kensington YMCA

800 Constitution Blvd, New Kensington, PA 15068
To register, contact the Welcome Center:
724-335-9191
Parkinson's Wellness Class
Tuesday: 1:15–2:00 pm

North Huntingdon

Redstone Highlands

12921 Redstone Dr (Chapel)
North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Jessica Glesk: 412-874-6453
Thursday: 1:30–2:30 pm

Ohio Township

Christ Church at Grove Farm

(John Guest Ministry Center, Lower Level)
307 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA 15143
Senior Power Hour: Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
10:30 am–11:30 am

There is no charge for the class, but space is limited.
Please call Susan Buhr, Exercise Instructor, to register
before attending your first class: 724-316-6019

Sharon

Buhl Community Recreation Center

28 Pine St, Sharon, PA 16146
Krista Redick: 724-981-3700 x 106
Parkinson's Mind, Body, Spirit
Monday: 12:30-1:30 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 11 am–12 pm

Zelienople

Passavant Community

105 Burgess Dr
Zelienople, PA 16063
724-452-3456: Chad Ifft
People with Parkinson's
Standing class: Monday & Weds: 1:30–2:30 pm
Seated/wheelchair class: Friday: 1:15–1:45 pm

Tai Chi

Brookline

Seton Center

1900 Pioneer Ave. Brookline
Call 1st/Blake Nieri: 412-344-4777
blake@setoncenter.com
Tuesday: 11:00 am (\$5/class)
(Only for higher functioning individuals w/PD)

Fox Chapel Area

Life In Motion Gym

3735 Saxonburg Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Tai Chi with QiGong: Tuesday: 10–11 am
Shannon Mathis & Jackie McMurray
info@lifeinmotiongym.com
412-213-8524

Greenfield

To Life! Therapy & Wellness

826 Hazelwood Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
Jessica Neiss: 412-414-1988
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 am

North Hills

St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland

311 Cumberland Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Call Pat Shissler: 412-335-5119
ttcpspittsburgh@gmail.com
Tuesday: 10:00 am
Thursday: 6:30 pm
(These beginner level classes are open to all)

Yoga

Greenfield

To Life! Therapy & Wellness

826 Hazelwood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217
412-414-1988: Jessica Neiss
Parkinson's Yoga Class: Wednesday: 3:00 pm

Scott Township

Sterling Yoga & Wellness Center

393 Vanadium Road, Suite 201
Pittsburgh, PA 15243
Sterling Painton: 412-260-0533
Yoga Chair Stretch: Tuesday: 11-11:45 am
Yoga, Balance, and Coordination:
Tuesday & Thursday: 1:30–2:30 pm
Meditation (free): Sunday: 11:15–11:45 am
These options are better for recently diagnosed:
Restorative Yoga: Monday: 6:00–7:15 pm
Floor Stretch: Wednesday: 12:00–1:00 pm
Restorative Yoga Nidra (Virtual): Weds: 7:30-8:30 pm
Back Care Class: Thurs: 6-7:15 pm; Sun: 12–1:15 pm
Chair Stretch: Friday: 12:00–1:00 pm
Restorative Yoga: Sunday: 9:45–11:00 am

Pickleball

Beaver Falls

Brady's Run

121 Brady's Run Rd, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
Contact Duane Hardek: 412-607-3544
Pickleball for Parkinson's
Tuesday: 9:00–11:00 am

Butler

Butler YMCA

339 N Washington Street
Butler, PA 16001
Call Jake Taciuch for details: 724-287-4733 x 122
Pickleball for Parkinson's: Monday: 1:15-2:30 pm

Upper St Clair

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2040 Washington Road, Upper St Clair, PA 15241

Contact Kathy Long to register

412-835-6630 x200 -or- wroc.westminster-church.org

Pickleball for Parkinson's: Thursday: 1:00–2:30 pm

PWR!Moves™

Belle Vernon

Mon Valley HealthPlex

800 Plaza Dr., Suite 100, Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Sean Boyles: 724-379-5100

Monday – Friday: 12:00–1:00 pm

Fox Chapel Area

Life In Motion Gym

3735 Saxonburg Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Shannon Mathis & Jackie McMurray

412-213-8524; info@lifeinmotiongym.com

Thursday: 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Greenfield

To Life! Therapy & Wellness

826 Hazelwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Contact Jessica Neiss: 412-414-1988

PWR! Moves & Circuit

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 am

Squirrel Hill

Jewish Community Center

5738 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Contact Marsha Mullen: 412-339-5415

Monday & Thursday: 11:45 am

Washington

WHS Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center

240 Wellness Way, Washington, PA 15301

Contact Sam Veltre: 724-250-5249

Thursday: 11:00 am

Also offers Fit & Flexible classes appropriate for

Parkinson's on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 11am

Rock Steady Boxing®

Allison Park

Fit 4 Boxing Club

4706 William Flynn Hwy, Allison Park, PA 15101

412-213-3584

Rich Mushinsky & Brett Burkhart, Trainers

Monday-Thursday: 11:00 am; Saturday: 11:15 am

Butler

Legacy Fitness Butler

232 East North St, Butler, PA 16001

Contact Katie Werner: 724-991-7299

Monday & Wednesday: 12:15–1:15 pm

Johnstown

FWA Gym

200 Lincoln St, Johnstown, PA 15901

Contact Donnie Roebuck: 814-539-0164

(conducts 1-on-1 sessions)

Murrysville

Fit 4 Boxing Club

5549 Old William Penn Hwy., Murrysville, PA 15632

Contact Brett Burkhart: 724-575-7486

Monday–Thursday: 11:00 am

Other Boxing for PD Programs

Butler

Butler YMCA

339 N Washington St., Butler, PA 16001

Knockout Parkinson's: Wednesday: 1:15-2:00 pm

Contact Jake Taciuch: 724-287-4733 x 122

Carnegie

Wolfpack Boxing Club

1000 Gregg Street, Carnegie PA 15601

Help Overcome Parkinson's Everyday (HOPE)

Monday – Thursday: 10-11:15 am

Contact Jeff Mucci: 412-335-1419

DuBois

Turnabout Boxing

Chris the King Community Center

1100 West Long Avenue, DuBois, PA 15801

Parkinson's Boxing Class: Wednesday 4:30-5:30 pm

For more information, call Gregg: 814-290-7810

Sharon

Buhl Community Recreation Center

28 Pine St, Sharon, PA 16146

Brain, Body, Box: Wednesday: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Contact Krista Redick: 724-981-3700 x 106

State College

Everhart Life Sport Recovery LLC

2583 Gateway Drive, Suite 110

State College, PA 16801

To sign up, call Scott Everhart: 814-599-6232

Tuesday & Wednesday: 2:00 pm

State College

Victory Sports

178 Rolling Ridge Drive, State College, PA 16801

Contact Aarif Asif: 781-392-6620

Monday & Wednesday: 10:30-11:30 am

Upper St Clair

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Marta Phelps, Instructor

PD 1 Workout – Keep Moving with Boxing:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:10–10:10 am

Monday & Wednesday: 10:10–11:10 am

PD 2 Workout - Keep Moving with Boxing

(w/assistance): Mon & Weds: 12:15–1:15 pm

2040 Washington Road

Upper St Clair, PA 15241

Contact Kathy Long to register 412-835-6630 x 200 -

or visit - wroc.westminster-church.org