

THE COUNCIL NEWS

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Eighth Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony

This year marked the eighth installment of the South Park Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by Allegheny County Council in conjunction with County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. The event was held on Flag Day, June 14th, at the “By the Dawn’s Early Light” Flag Retirement Plaza.

When United States flags become unusable and unable to fly with the dignity that befits them as symbols of our nation, U.S. Code requires citizens to retire the flags via burning. Along with the County’s North Park plaza, the South Park Flag Retirement Plaza is one of the only memorials in the country dedicated to retiring flags.

Those in attendance this year included State Senators Wayne Fontana and Matt Smith, State Representative Dan Miller, members of County Council, local elected officials, local veterans organizations, and area Boy and Girl Scout troops.

Also in attendance to celebrate Flag Day were Allegheny County Public Defender Elliot Howsie, Public Works Director Steve Johnson, Facilities Management Director Steve Kossert, Veterans Services’ Director

Ron Conley, Chief Purchasing Officer John Deighan, Dennis Biondo, Executive Director of the Kane Regional Centers, along with veteran residents of the area Kane centers and Chief of Emergency Services Alvin Henderson with his staff.



As in years past, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald acted as the master of ceremonies and the Boy and Girl Scout troops ushered worn and tattered flags to the burn pit for proper retirement. The West Mifflin Area High School Air Force JROTC performed the color guard duties with Baldwin Borough Chief of Police Mike Scott opening and closing the ceremony with his bagpipes, dressed in full regalia. A ceremonious

three gun volley was also carried out by the South Hills Veteran Honor Guard.

“The ceremony offers a touching dedication to our flag and to the veterans’ who serve our country,” said Council President Charles Martoni. “I thank all of the scouts, departments, elected officials and veterans’ who came to witness the ceremony.”

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Councilman Macey Hosts Booth at Duquesne Community, Health & Resource Fair

On Saturday, May 11th, the Duquesne Community Partnership/SHIP in conjunction with the Urban League Guild hosted the Duquesne Community, Health and Resource Fair. The goal of the Fair was to provide City of Duquesne residents with a “one-stop-shop” where they could find information about organizations, service and resources that are available to them in several important areas such as housing, health and wellness, employment and training, and money management.

As a resident of the Mon Valley and an active member in his community, Councilman Bob Macey jumped at the opportunity to assist Duquesne residents by hosting a table at the event. Inviting members of several County departments, including the Health Department, the Area Agency on Aging, and the Treasurer’s Office, along with the Housing Authority and CCAC, to attend and provide residents with information about programs and services that they provide, and to answer any questions that attendees may have had. When asked about the event Councilman Macey said “I think it’s important to reach out to the community and remind them of the wonderful services that Allegheny County provides.”

Allegheny League of Municipalities 40th Annual Spring Conference

This year marked the 40th Annual Spring Conference hosted by the Allegheny League of Municipalities. The conference was held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort beginning on Thursday, April 4th, and running through Sunday, April 7th, with a focus on education and training, giving municipal, county and state elected officials tools to govern more effectively and more efficiently.

As is their yearly tradition, members of the Allegheny County Council made the journey to Seven Springs Mountain Resort, bringing with them presentations to share with attendees regarding current happenings in the County that dealt with issues ranging from parks to transit development villages and public works projects to public/private partnerships.

This year, six members of Council made the trip. Those members included Council President Dr. Charles Martoni, Councilman John DeFazio, Councilman Matt Drozd, Councilman Jim Burn, Councilman Mike Finnerty and Councilwoman Barbara Daly Danko.

The Greater Picture of the Food Bank

Allegheny County Council members visited the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on Wednesday June 12, 2013. Council members Bob Macey, Barbara Daly-Danko and John Palmiere are pictured with Lisa Scales, the food bank’s Chief Executive Officer.

“This visit gave me the opportunity to focus on the big picture of food insecurity in Allegheny County and the twelve county regions that the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank serves,” said Councilman Daly- Danko.

Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes food through a 380+ member network in 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania.

“I was absolutely overwhelmed!” said Councilman Palmiere. “I had no idea that the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank was as well-rounded as it was. The people who run the operation do a commendable job and they should be congratulated.”

The Food Bank gathers food at their 94,000 square foot warehouse in Duquesne, PA. Through many diverse outlets the Food Bank currently distributes around 27 million pounds of food per year.

“After visiting the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank I realize that it is like riding the trails,” said Councilman Macey. “No matter how many times you ride them you always discover something new.”

After two decades, they still strive to respond to the community’s needs by improving and expanding services developing new programs, advocating for changes in public policy, maintaining best practices, and alleviating hunger wherever and however they can.



New County Directors

On February 3, 2012, **Mr. Alvin Henderson** was named the Chief of the Department of Emergency Services. An employee of the Department since February 2003, he also serves as the Fire Marshal and EMA Coordinator. This is the 31st year that Chief Henderson has been a volunteer firefighter. He is a Life Member of the Jefferson 885 Area Volunteer Fire Company in Jefferson Hills.

On March 19, 2012, **Mr. Elliot Howsie, Esq.** was named Allegheny County’s new Public Defender. Prior to opening his own legal defense firm, he worked in the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office as an attorney in the child abuse unit of the office. Howsie also clerked for the Pennsylvania Superior Court and served as an intern for the Public Defender’s Office and Neighborhood Legal Services while earning his Juris Doctorate.

On March 16, 2012, **Mr. Warren S. Finkel**, the former Senior Deputy Director of Budget & Finance, was named the new Director of the Department. Finkel has been a public servant of the county for over 42 years, always in budget-related positions.

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Proclamations Presented at the March/April/May Regular Meetings



On March 5th, Council Members Jan Rea and Nick Futules issued a proclamation to Nick McClure, a senior attending North Allegheny Senior High School, for his community service project, entitled *North Park Building Restoration Opportunities*. Nick's parents are pictured above.



On April 2nd, Council President Martoni presented Rich Ranii of the Allegheny County Economic Development Department with a proclamation declaring April 2013 as "Fair Housing Month" in Allegheny County.



On May 7th, Councilman Finnerty presented a proclamation declaring May 10-19, 2013 as the "Asian American Silk Screen Film Festival Week" in Allegheny County. Board Member Paul Furiga accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Silk Screen Asian Arts & Culture Organization



On April 16, 2013, Council Member Barbara Daly Danko, along with Council Members Heather Heidelbaugh, Jan Rea, Mike Finnerty and Bob Macy, presented Mary Catherine Houser of the JDRF Western Pennsylvania chapter with a proclamation recognizing the agency for its efforts to cure, treat and prevent Type 1 diabetes (T1D).



On May 7, 2013, Councilman Jim Ellenbogen declared May 5th through May 11th, 2013 as Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Allegheny County. Allegheny County Jail Warden Orlando Harper and Deputy Warden William Emerick accepted the proclamation.



On May 7, 2013, Council Member Heather Heidelbaugh honored her son Blake O. Nourie of Boy Scout Troop 284 for earning his Eagle Scout rank. For his project, Mr. Nourie assembled a team, collected funds, and worked with the Allegheny Land Trust to enhance the nature preserve, Wingfield Pines.



On May 22nd, Councilman Finnerty presented Ms. Patricia Thompson with a proclamation for earning the April 2013 Allegheny County Exemplary Employee Award. Ms. Thompson is a nurse at the Kane Scott facility. Dennis Biondo, Director, Kane Regional Centers and County Manager Willy McKain are also pictured.



On May 22nd, Councilman Burn presented a proclamation to the Grant Bar & Restaurant for serving the residents of Millvale and the community for 80 years. Executive Chef and Managing Partner Frank Ruzomberka and his colleagues accepted the award.



On May 22, 2013, Council Member Heidelbaugh presented a proclamation to Ms. Roxanne Plater, Ms. Jamie Holmes and Ms. Denise Zellous for being selected as finalists for the Jefferson Awards for Public Service Most Outstanding Volunteer. Ms. Zellous was recognized for being named the 2013 Most Outstanding Volunteer.



On April 16th, Councilman Robinson presented the Pittsburgh Westinghouse girls' basketball team with certificates of achievement for winning the 2013 City League girls' basketball championship. Head Coach Phyllis Jones is pictured with the team.



On April 16th, Councilman Robinson presented the Pittsburgh Westinghouse boys' basketball team with certificates of achievement for winning the 2013 City League boys' basketball championship. Head Coach Tariq Francis is pictured with the team.



On April 16th, Councilwoman Rea presented a certificate of achievement to the Vincintian Academy girls' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class A girls' basketball championship. Head Coach Ron Moncrief accepted the award on behalf of the team.



On April 16th, Councilwoman Harris presented the Bethel Park High School girls' basketball team with certificates of achievement for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAAA girls' basketball championship.



On April 16th, Councilman Palmiere presented the South Park High School girls' basketball team with certificates of achievement for winning the 2013 PIAA and WPIAL Class AAA girls' basketball championship.



On April 16th, Councilman Finnerty awarded certificates of achievement to the Montour High School boys' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA boys' basketball championship.



On May 7th, Councilman Finnerty awarded a certificate of achievement to Maria Lohman of Chartiers Valley High School for winning the 2013 PIAA and WPIAL Class AAA girls' diving championships.



On May 7th, Councilman Finnerty honored Drew Damich of Chartiers Valley High School for winning the 2013 PIAA and WPIAL Class AA boys' swimming championships.



On May 7th, Councilman Finnerty presented certificates of achievement to the South Fayette High School girls' swimming team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AA girls' swimming team championship.



Council honors Ms. Lani Lazzari, teen entrepreneur from Fox Chapel



On May 22nd, Council Members Amanda Green Hawkins, Barbara Daly Danko, Heather Heidelbaugh and Krista Harris presented a proclamation to Ms. Lani Lazzari, founder of Simple Sugars facial scrubs for her resolve to establish her own business and for serving as a role model for other young entrepreneurs. Simple Sugars has been recognized by *Teen Vogue*, *Seventeen* and *Allure* magazines, and has been featured in several TV and radio spots, including an appearance on ABC's reality TV show "Shark Tank" in which she received a \$100,000 investment from Pittsburgh native and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. Simple Sugars, headquartered in Sharpsburg, is carried in Giant Eagle supermarkets and local boutiques, and can be purchased on-line. Councilwoman Green Hawkins, prime sponsor of the proclamation, said, "At 18 years of age, Ms. Lazzari is encouraging and inspiring young people to start their own companies and for this we applaud her."

Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Kevin Faulds honored for diffusing Downtown shooting

On May 7th, Council Member Heather Heidelbaugh, on behalf of County Council, presented Sergeant Kevin Faulds of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office with a proclamation recognizing and honoring him for placing his life in jeopardy to protect innocent bystanders. On Friday, April 5, 2013, Sergeant Faulds was driving along Fifth Avenue in downtown when he heard gunshots and observed several people in the midst of a physical brawl, one of whom had been shot. Sergeant Faulds immediately called for backup before exiting his vehicle, drawing his service weapon, and ordering the individuals to drop to the ground. Sergeant Faulds single-handedly secured all three individuals and recovered two pistols to prevent any further injuries before backup could arrive. The Council honored Sergeant Faulds for his courageous and selfless act, for his dedication to law enforcement and living out his oath to serve and protect the public. Sergeant Faulds has dutifully served as a member of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office since 1999.



Pictured above from left to right: Sheriff William Mullen, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Sergeant Kevin Faulds, Mrs. Faulds and their daughter.



On May 22nd, Councilman Palmiere presented a proclamation congratulating the Whitehall Public Library upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Whitehall Council Member and Friend of the Library, Ms. Linda Book accepted the award.



On May 22nd, Council Member Harris honored the Junior League of Pittsburgh (JLP) for its community impact upon its 90th anniversary. Ms. Jessica Nock, JLP Treasurer-Elect, accepted the proclamation. Ms. Harris noted that she is also a JLP member.

National Public Works Week in Allegheny County

On May 7th, Councilman Bob Macey, Chair of Council's Public Works Committee, presented a proclamation designating May 19-25, 2013 as "National Public Works Week" in Allegheny County. This year marks the 53rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Pictured from left to right is Councilman Macey, Cathy Trexler, President, APWA Western PA Chapter, Jason Dailey, Vice-President, APWA Western PA Chapter and Gerry Nosal, Director, APWA Western PA Chapter.





Proclamations Read into the Official Record

Proclamations from the March 5th Regular Meeting:

- Proclamation honoring St. Bede School for winning first place honors in the 14th annual Pittsburgh Regional Future City competition and for winning a special award for Best Communications System at the Future City National Finals in Washington, D.C. — *Sponsored by Council Member Danko and the County Executive*
- Proclamation thanking the Community Assistance and Refugee Resettlement program of the Northern Area Multi-Service Center for empowering refugees to achieve self-sufficiency and successfully establish a new life in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Member Burn*
- Certificates of Achievement awarded to Mr. Peter Cochran, Mr. Matthew Ferruzza and Mr. Tyler Wesley of Boy Scout Troop 248 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Proclamation honoring the National Association of Women in Construction and designating the week of March 3-9, 2013 as "Women in Construction Week" in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins, Danko, Heidelbaugh and Rea*
- Proclamation recognizing Esther L. Bush, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, for being named as a "Champion of Change" by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. — *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins and Robinson*
- Proclamation recognizing William E. "Bill" Strickland, Jr., Founder, President and CEO of the Manchester Bidwell Corporation, for being honored by U.S. Senator Bob Casey for his outstanding contributions to social entrepreneurship. — *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins and Robinson*

- Proclamation congratulating the Copper & Glass Federal Credit Union upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation declaring March 13, 2013 Center for Victims "Peace It Together Day" in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*

Proclamations from the March 19th Regular Meeting:

- Proclamation celebrating women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and declaring March 2013 as "Women's History Month" in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Members Danko, Green Hawkins, Harris, Heidelbaugh and Rea*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Bradley Walter of Boy Scout Troop 368 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council Member Drozd*
- Proclamation recognizing "Jamie's Dream Team" and Ms. Jamie Holmes for being named a KDKA Home-town Hero for her work to make dreams come true for the seriously ill and injured. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Samuel Durant of Boy Scout Troop 99 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Mary Frances Artman upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Anna Baglos upon the occasion of her 105th birthday. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Dustin Wichelmann of Boy Scout Troop 1111 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council Members Martoni and Macey*



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Proclamations from the March 19th Regular Meeting Continued:

- Certificates of Achievement awarded to Mr. Maximillian Erb, Mr. Nathan Phillips and Mr. Victor Watson of Boy Scout Troop 184 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*
- Proclamation declaring Saturday, March 23, 2013 “Bon Ami Temple No. 49 Day” in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*

Proclamations from the April 2nd Regular Meeting:

- Proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 9, 2013 as “Equal Pay Day” in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Harris, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson*
- Proclamation celebrating the University Center for Social and Urban Research of the University of Pittsburgh upon its 40th anniversary. — *Sponsored by Council Members Macey, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition honoring Maggie Marie Donaldson for being crowned the 2013 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes. — *Sponsored by Council Members Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Harris, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition honoring Shea Shovlin for serving as a 2013 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes court maiden. — *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*

- Certificate of Recognition honoring Erin Marie McMahon for serving as a 2013 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes court maiden. — *Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere*
- Proclamation declaring the month of April 2013 as “Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month” in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation honoring the late Selma Hortense Burke for her numerous and invaluable contributions to the arts community. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the South Allegheny High School girls' soccer team for winning the WPIAL Class A Section 2 Championship. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*

Proclamations from the April 16th Regular Meeting:

- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Vincetian Academy boys' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class A boys' basketball championship. — *Sponsored by Council Member Rea*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Bishop Canevin High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL and PIAA Class AA girls' basketball championships. — *Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen*
- Certificate of Recognition honoring Bishop Canevin High School girls' basketball head coach Tim Joyce for being named the 2013 Post-Gazette Class AA Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year. — *Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Quaker Valley High School hockey team for winning the 2013 Class A Penguins Cup. — *Sponsored by Council Members Drozd and Rea*



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Proclamations from the April 16th Regular Meeting Continued:

- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School hockey team for winning the 2013 Class AAA Penguins Cup and the Pennsylvania State Championship. – *Sponsored by Council Member Rea*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to M & J Management upon the official groundbreaking for the new McDonald's of Waterworks. – *Sponsored by Council Members Burn and Futules*
- Certificate of Achievement congratulating the Allegheny County Jail for receiving its certificate of compliance from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and for scoring extremely high in the field inspection report. – *Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen*
- Certificate of Recognition recognizing Mr. Louis S. Trombetta upon the occasion of his retirement after serving various Boys & Girls Clubs in the Pittsburgh area for 28 years. – *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Chester and Pat Ornowski upon the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation honoring Judge D. Michael Fisher for receiving the Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership & Excellence by Amen Corner. – *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*
- Proclamation honoring the Braddock Carnegie Library for being designated a National Historic Landmark. – *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*
- Proclamation declaring the week of April 14-20, 2013 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Allegheny County. – *Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen*

Proclamations from the May 7th Regular Meeting:

- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Jeffrey A. Nix of Boy Scout Troop 157 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. – *Sponsored by Council Member Burn*
- Proclamation naming April 28, 2013 as "Workers Memorial Day" in Allegheny County. – *Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio and Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Emily Marchewka for earning the Penn State University, Fayette Campus, 2013 Matt Drozd Family Humanitarian Assistance and Community Service Award. – *Sponsored by Council Member Drozd*
- Proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kaufmann's Clock. – *Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Harris, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Crafton Elementary School celebrating the building's 100th anniversary. – *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Proclamation congratulating Frank Vulcano, Jr., Athletic Director of Chartiers Valley High School, for being named the 2013 PIAA District 7 Athletic Director of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association. – *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Proclamation naming May 9, 2013 as "Transit Day" in Allegheny County. – *Sponsored by Council Member Green Hawkins*
- Proclamation declaring the month of May 2013 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" in Allegheny County. – *Sponsored by Council Members Heidelbaugh and Macey*



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Proclamations from the May 7th Regular Meeting Continued:

- Certificate of Recognition granted to Mr. James B. Struzzi, II for his service to the residents and travelers in District 11 of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation recognizing the Persad Center upon its 25th Anniversary of its Art for Change Auction. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation congratulating Mr. Ken Jugan, aka Lord Zoltan, for receiving the 2013 Jason Sanderson Humanitarian Award from the Cauliflower Alley Club, a nonprofit made up of current and former professional wrestlers. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation congratulating the Steel Valley Council of Governments upon the occasion of its 40th anniversary. – *Sponsored by Council Members Macey, Danko, Martoni and Palmiere*
- Proclamation recognizing the 70th anniversary of the S.S. McKeesport's final voyage. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Samuel Thomas, Sr. upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Peggie Kugler upon the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Falco and Edna Pattera upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Patricia Popp upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation declaring the week from May 12th through May 18th, 2013 as "Police Week" in Allegheny County. – *Sponsored by Council Members Martoni, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Harris, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. John J. Uhring and Mr. Nicholas J. Shelley of Boy Scout Troop 85 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. – *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Beverly Bailey upon the occasion of her retirement after serving the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) for 39 ½ years. – *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Dominic Giordano of Pine-Richland High School for winning the 2013 WPIAL and PIAA Class AAA boys' diving championships. – *Sponsored by Council Member Rea*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School boys' swimming team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA boys' swimming team championship. – *Sponsored by Council Member Rea*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School girls' swimming team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA girls' swimming team championship. – *Sponsored by Council Member Rea*



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Proclamations from the May 22nd Regular Meeting:

- Certificates of Recognition awarded to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities 2013 Jubilarians upon reaching milestone anniversaries. — *Sponsored by Council Member Burn*
- Certificates of Recognition awarded to the winners of the Allegheny County Health Department's Earth Day 2013 "Pollution Prevention Starts with You" poster contest. — *Sponsored by Council Members Palmiere, Burn, Harris and Robinson*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Alexander N. Washy of Boy Scout Troop 368 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council Member Drozd*
- Proclamation congratulating the First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale upon the 110th anniversary of its founding. — *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Proclamation thanking the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Highmark, BNY Mellon, the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Heinz Endowments for sponsoring the Jefferson Awards for Public Service program. — *Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Thadeus Abramowich of Boy Scout Troop 321 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. — *Sponsored by Council Members Heidelbaugh and Rea*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Duquesne/West Mifflin Rotary Club upon the occasion of its 60th anniversary. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Dom Toretti for his 60 years of service as a founding member of the Duquesne/West Mifflin Rotary Club. — *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*

- Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2013 Allegheny County Police retirees. — *Sponsored by Council President Martoni*
- Certificate of Recognition thanking the Castle Shannon Borough for hosting its annual Community Day celebration on May 26, 2013. — *Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere*
- Certificates of Recognition thanking the Castle Shannon Borough, City of Clairton, Elizabeth Borough, Jefferson Hills Borough, and Whitehall Borough for hosting annual Memorial Day Parades in their communities on May 27, 2013. — *Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere*
- Certificate of Recognition thanking the South Park Township for celebrating Memorial Day on May 27, 2013. — *Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere*
- Proclamation honoring Bruno Sammartino "Wrestling's Living Legend" and declaring Friday, May 17, 2013 as "Bruno Sammartino Day" in Allegheny County. — *Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio and Martoni*

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Legislative Blotter

The following legislative items were approved by Council in the months of March, April and May 2013

Appointments:

Bill No. 7370-13 – Approving the reappointment of Austin A. Davis to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Bill No. 7371-13 – Approving the reappointment of Victor Diaz to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.



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Bill No. 7372-13 – Approving the reappointment of Marc Little to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Bill No. 7373-13 – Approving the reappointment of Toni Silva to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Bill No. 7374-13 – Approving the appointment of Claire A. Walker, Ph. D, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7375-13 – Approving the appointment of Mario Browne, to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7376-13 – Approving the reappointment of Abbie E. Scanio nee Garrighan, to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7377-13 – Approving the reappointment of Eric Hulsey, to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7378-13 – Approving the reappointment of Barbara Wolvovitz, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7379-13 – Approving the appointment of Lynda Marnoni, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7380-13 – Approving the appointment of Deanna Brown, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7381-13 – Approving the appointment of Kathleen Testoni, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7409-13 – Approving the appointment of Janet Craig to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Bill No. 7410-13 – Approving the appointment of Barbara Parees to serve as a member of the Allegheny HealthChoices, Inc. Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7411-13 – Approving the appointment of Thomas Weaver to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7419-13 – Approving the appointment of Carol Burke to serve as a Member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park) for a term to expire on March 5, 2015.

Bill No. 7424-13 – Approving the appointment of Kathy Matta to serve as a Member of the Council of Friends Organization (White Oak Park) for a term to expire on March 5, 2015.

Bill No. 7425-13 – Approving the reappointment of Linda Sheedy to serve as a Member of the Council of Friends Organization (White Oak Park) for a term to expire on March 5, 2015.

Bill No. 7452-13 – Approving the reappointment of James M. Flynn, Jr. to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.



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Bill No. 7454-13 – Approving the appointment of Richard Hrivnak to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7456-13 – Approving the appointment of Daryl Jackson to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7457-13 – Approving the reappointment of Joseph Serrao to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Bill No. 7458-13 – Approving the reappointment of Thomas Headley to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7460-13 – Approving the reappointment of Anthony Saveikis to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Bill No. 7483-13 – Approving the appointment of Robert D. Hurley to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Port Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Bill No. 7453-13 – Approving the appointment of Charlene Petrelli to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Bill No. 7459-13 – Approving the reappointment of William Sray to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7496-13 – Approving the appointment of State Senator Wayne D. Fontana to serve as a member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7497-13 – Approving the appointment of Daniel Styche to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Bill No. 7498-13 – Approving the reappointment of Dorothy Antonelli to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7499-13 – Approving the reappointment of Chester R. Babst to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7500-13 – Approving the reappointment of Jeanne K. Clark to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7501-13 – Approving the reappointment of Dr. Michael Finewood to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7502-13 – Approving the reappointment of Steve Hvozdoch to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7503-13 – Approving the reappointment of Mark Jeffrey to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7504-13 – Approving the reappointment of David P. Mazzocco to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7505-13 – Approving the reappointment of Robert Orchowski to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.



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Bill No. 7506-13 – Approving the reappointment of Joe Osborne to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7507-13 – Approving the reappointment of John Palmiere to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7528-13 – Approving the appointment of David C. Cannon, Jr. to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7529-13 – Approving the reappointment of Daniel Bricmont to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Bill No. 7530-13 – Approving the reappointment of Steven B. Silverman to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Resolutions:

Bill No. 7437-13 – A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan to pay for portions of the Westport Woods Development to be located in Findlay Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Bill No. 7469-13 – A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing the pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing Plan to pay for a portion of the cost of the redevelopment of the Hazelwood-Almono Brownfield site in the neighborhood of Hazelwood, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Bill No. 7489-13 – A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging Governor Corbett and the Pennsylvania General Assembly to re-start the adultBasic program for uninsured Pennsylvanians.

Bill No. 7508-13 – A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, resolving that proposed changes to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review's Rules and Regulations shall not go into effect.

Bill No. 7470-13 – A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 72, § 4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within a specific geographic area within Harmar Township, County Of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements.

Bill No. 7509-13 – A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan to pay for portions of a project to be located in the Borough of Sewickley, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Bill No. 7510-13 – A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan to pay for portions of the Dormont TIF project to be located in the Borough of Dormont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Motions:

Bill No. 7492-13 – Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County opposing the enactment of Senate Bill 4 and advocating for the preservation of municipal authority to evaluate and challenge tax exemptions enjoyed by institutions of purely public charity pursuant to existing constitutional and statutory authority



Ordinances:

Bill No. 7435-13 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 215 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," Article III, entitled "Council of Friends," §215-11, entitled "Membership; terms of office," in order to expand representation on the Council of Friends organizations for each of the nine County parks.

Bill No. 7413-13 – An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, permitting the use of certain County owned property by Prevention Point Pittsburgh.

Bill No. 7485-13 – An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

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New County Directors (continued from pg. 4)

On February 21, 2012, **Mr. Andrew F. Szefi, Esq.** was named the new County Solicitor. The Allegheny County Solicitor is the chief legal officer of the county and also serves as the director of the Law Department.

On December 3, 2012, **Mr. Jerry Tyskiewicz** was named the new Director of Administrative Services. Mr. Tyskiewicz is the former Manager of Fiscal Affairs for the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

On January 17, 2013, **Mr. Joe Gavlik** was named the Chief Information Officer of the County in the Division of Computer Services. A 43-year veteran of the county, Gavlik had been serving in an acting capacity. Joe has served in many capacities in the Division of Computer Services during his tenure and has been an instrumental part of the division's growth and success.

On March 4, 2013, two new directors joined Allegheny County. **Mr. Steven W. Johnson, P.E.** will be the new Director of Public Works. A former Executive Vice President of the National Environmental Balancing Bureau, Mr. Johnson is a professional engineer and resource manager with leadership experience in facilities management and construction programs for complex organizations including the U.S. Navy, corporate and municipal sectors. Mr. Johnson is a retired U.S. Navy Officer who served for 26 years. **Mr. Steven M. Kossert** is the new Director of Facilities Management. The former director of Maintenance, Facilities Management at Duquesne University, Mr. Kossert has extensive experience in the overall development of buildings, equipment and common areas, including maintenance, renovation and construction projects. He had been with the University since 1986.

On April 1, 2013, **Ms. Laura J. Zaspel** started as the new Director of Human Resources. Prior to joining the county, Ms. Zaspel was the manager of Human Resources at UPMC Presbyterian and Shadyside. She has also served as an Human Resources Consultant and also worked for the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Personnel and Civil Service Commission for twenty years. She is graduate of Penn State University and holds an MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh.

On October 15, 2012, **Mr. Orlando L. Harper** was named the new Warden of the Allegheny County Jail. The former Deputy Warden for Operations in the Washington D.C. Department of Corrections, Mr. Harper began his service to that facility as a Security Officer in 1986, working his way up through the ranks to his current position. He is a U.S. Army Veteran and is certified by the American Correctional Association as a Certified Correctional Manager. He also served as a Commissioner of the ACA Accreditation.

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INFORMATION & EVENTS

Council Committee Chairs

Appointment Review John DeFazio	Health & Human Services John Palmiere
Budget & Finance William Russell Robinson	Parks Nick Futules
Economic Development & Housing Amanda Green Hawkins	Public Safety Jim Ellenbogen
Executive Nick Futules	Public Works Bob Macey
Government Reform Charles Martoni	Parks & Public Works Nick Futules & Bob Macey
	Public Transportation Michael Finnerty

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M.
 GOLD ROOM - 4th FLOOR
 COURTHOUSE



July 9



August 20

Council's Summer Recess

Allegheny County Council's annual summer recess begins following the Tuesday, July 9th, Regular Meeting of Council.

Council schedules back-to-back meetings in early July and late August to allow for a six-week break. Committee meetings may still occur throughout the weeks in between Regular Meetings.

"Like all government bodies, this recess allows for a small break from our weekly and monthly routines," said Council Vice-President Nick Futules, Chair of Council's Executive Committee.

Council Members will focus on maintaining their regular business and keeping committee members briefed on upcoming projects, such as beginning to prepare next year's budget and reviewing appointments.

Request to Comment

Citizens of Allegheny County may address County Council at Regular Meetings. Visit Council's website at www.alleghenycounty.us/council to download the request to comment form or call 412-350-6490. *Requests must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.*

Accountability Conduct and Ethics Commission of Allegheny County

The ACE Commission receives and investigates complaints of unethical behavior by County officials and employees.
Any citizen may file a complaint

The commission researches and investigates complaints, determines if wrongdoing has occurred, and recommends to County Council penalties against offending parties.

For a copy of the Ethics Code, and more information visit:

www.alleghenycounty.us/ace

2013 Summer Concert Series

ALLEGHENY COUNTY SPECIAL EVENTS HOSTS FREE CONCERTS AT HARTWOOD ACRES AND SOUTH PARK AMPHITHEATERS FROM THE BEGINNING OF JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

A FEW OF THIS YEARS SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES INCLUDE:

THE PITTSBURGH BLUES FESTIVAL
 JULY 19TH-21ST

THE PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE
 AUGUST 18TH AT 8:00 P.M.

14TH ALLGHENY COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL
 SEPTEMBER 1ST, 5:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: ALLEGHENY-COUNTY.US/SUMMER
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