

THE COUNCIL NEWS



January 2014

Council Elects New Leadership

With the New Year upon us, things are changing in the Allegheny County Council. These changes, including new Members, new leadership, and even new committees reflect the desires of the residents and the ever changing needs of the County.

The first, and most noticeable difference, is that after honorably serving as President for the past two years, Council Member, Dr. Charles Martoni has decided to step down as

President and allow new leadership to assume control of the body. Per Home Rule Charter requirements, the reorganizational meeting was held on the first business day of the new year, or January 2nd.

At that meeting, after nominations and elections, it was decided amongst the Members that Council Member At-Large, John DeFazio would once again take the reins and preside over Council for the next two years.

Upon his election as President, Councilman DeFazio promptly reappointed District 7 Representative, Councilman Nick Futules, to serve another two year term as Vice

President of Council. He also quickly dealt with the creation of both the standing and special committees that will discuss nearly all proposed legislation before being voted on by the full Council. (For a full listing of the newly elected Members of Council, along with the new standing and special committees, please refer to pages 3 and 4)

With this year's election Councilman DeFazio as President of Council, this will mark the second time his colleagues

have bestowed the honor upon him, the last being at Council's inception in 2000. When asked his thoughts on being elected President for a second time Councilman DeFazio replied "It is truly

an honor to know that my colleagues have placed their faith in me to lead this respected body, to ensure that we all work together, and to really make sure we accomplish some great things over the

next two years. I also consider it a true privilege to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of this County as we all work together to make it a better place each and every day."



Council Members From L to R: Tom Baker, District 1, Barbara Daly Danko, District 11, James Ellenbogen, District 12, Michael Finnerty, District 4, Vice President Nicholas Futules, District 7, Amanda Green Hawkins, District 13, Heather Heidelbaugh, At-Large, President John DeFazio, At-Large, Ed Kress, District 3, Bob Macey, District 9, Charles Martoni, District 8, Sue Means, District 5, John Palmiere, District 6, Jan Rea, District 2, and William Russell Robinson, District 10.

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Council Members Sworn in for New Four Year Terms

Council Members Baker, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Kress, and Martoni were sworn in to serve four year terms (2014-2017) at the January 2nd Regular Meeting. Several Council Members who had been re-elected rather than elected for the first time noted that there is never as much fanfare as the first time one is sworn in for a full term. Despite that, old friends, family members and supporters of all those being sworn-in packed the Gold Room for a firsthand look at the process.

A sixth Member of Council, Sue Means, who was elected this past November, won a special election giving her the opportunity to finish the term of former Council Member, Vince Gastgeb. Council Member Means had a private swearing-in ceremony in late 2013. She will represent Council's 5th District through the end of 2015.



District 1 Council Member Tom Baker as he is sworn in by PA Superior Court Judge Mary Jane Bowes at Council's Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2014.



District 3 Council Member Ed Kress (right) being sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Robert Dzvonic at Council's Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2014.



District 4 Council Member Michael Finnerty (right) being sworn in by Court of Common Pleas Administrative Judge David Cashman at Council's Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2014.



District 8 Council Member Charles Martoni (left) being sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Thomas Caulfield at Council's Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2014.



District 12 Council Member James Ellenbogen (left) being sworn in by Court of Common Pleas President Judge Jeffrey Manning at Council's Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2014.



Full Council Committees Listing

Appointment Review (Standing Committee)

Chair: Jan Rea

Members: Tom Baker, Barbara Daly Danko, John DeFazio, James Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Charles Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere and Bill Robinson

Budget & Finance (Standing Committee)

Chair: Michael Finnerty

Members: Barbara Daly Danko, Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, Bob Macey, Charles Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere and Jan Rea

Economic Development & Housing (Standing Committee)

Chair: Amanda Green Hawkins

Members: Tom Baker, Barbara Daly Danko, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, John Palmiere and Jan Rea

Education (Standing Committee)

Chair: Charles Martoni

Members: Tom Baker, Barbara Daly Danko, Michael Finnerty and Nick Futules

Executive (Standing Committee)

Chair: John DeFazio

Members: Barbara Daly Danko, Nick Futules, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, John Palmiere and Jan Rea

Government Reform (Standing Committee)

Chair: John DeFazio

Members: Barbara Daly Danko, James Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green Hawkins, Ed Kress, Charles Martoni and Sue Means

Health & Human Services (Standing Committee)

Chair: John Palmiere

Members: Tom Baker, James Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Sue Means and Bill Robinson

Parks (Standing Committee)

Chair: Nick Futules

Members: James Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Heather Heidelbaugh, Bob Macey, John Palmiere, Sue Means

Public Safety (Standing Committee)

Chair: James Ellenbogen

Members: Tom Baker, Barbara Daly Danko, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Heather Heidelbaugh, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Bill Robinson

Public Works (Standing Committee)

Chair: Bob Macey

Members: Barbara Daly Danko, James Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Heather Heidelbaugh, Ed Kress and Bill Robinson

Marketing (Special Committee)

Chair: Ed Kress

Members: Tom Baker, Barbara Daly Danko, John DeFazio, James Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, Bob Macey, Charles Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Jan Rea and Bill Robinson

Proclamations Presented at the January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting



Councilman Mike Finnerty honored Mr. Melvin "Mel" Weinstein for his 40 years of public service benefitting Kennedy Township. Mr. Weinstein is the only person in the history of Kennedy Township to have been elected to 11 consecutive four (4) year terms. He won his first election as township commissioner in 1973, and in 1994, he assumed his current elected position as tax collector/treasurer. Allegheny County Treasurer John Weinstein is pictured next to his beloved father, Mel.



Mr. Roger Humphries, Pittsburgh's legendary jazz drummer, was honored by Councilman Bill Robinson for his extraordinary accomplishments in jazz music. Mr. Humphries has provided percussion assistance to countless legendary musical artists. Councilman Robinson also recognized the premier of a documentary made in Mr. Humphries honor entitled, *Pass It On*. Directed and produced by Billy Jackson of NOMMO Productions, the documentary highlights Roger's humble personality and his commitment to ensuring that a musical tradition is passed on to young artists.



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Councilman Bob Macey and Councilwoman Sue Means presented Mr. Jim Palafoutas, Director of Pre-hospital Operations and Ms. Kathy Fackovec, Vice-President of Operations, both with Allegheny General Hospital, with a proclamation honoring LifeFlight for its 35 years of dedicated service. Since its inception in 1978, LifeFlight has made more than 70,000 flights, 30 to 40 percent of them in response to traumatic injuries. The LifeFlight team has saved countless lives and Council expressed its gratitude for their invaluable ser-



Councilman Robinson formally honored the Pittsburgh University Prep football team for winning the 2013 City League football championship. Former Steelers safety and University Prep football coach, Mike Logan, explained how hard these young student-athletes worked on and off the field. The members were praised for their teamwork. Mr. Logan noted that it was a special evening since Mr. Humphries, a positive role model, was present. Each team member received a certificate of achievement noting that they are part of the legacy of Allegheny County sports champions.

Photos by County Photographer Margaret Stanley

Proclamations Read into the Official Record

Proclamations from the January 14th Regular Meeting:

- Proclamation honoring Mr. John Weinstein, Sr. for his 40 years of public service benefitting Kennedy Township – *Sponsored by Council Member Danko*
- Certificates of Achievement honoring the West Allegheny High School football team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA football championship – *Sponsored by Council Members Baker and Finnerty*
- Certificates of Achievement honoring the South Fayette High School football team for winning the 2013 WPIAL and PIAA Class AA football championships – *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Proclamation congratulating Mr. William Cherpak, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Thomas Jefferson High School for winning his 200th high school football game – *Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere*
- Proclamation congratulating Ms. Pat Jennette, Publisher and Editor of *Allegheny West Magazine* upon the occasion of her retirement – *Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty*
- Proclamations honoring August Wilson and Reverend Dr. LeRoy Patrick for their lifelong contributions to our region and for posthumously receiving 2014 Spirit of King awards – *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins and Robinson*
- Proclamation honoring in memoriam Ms. Bernadette C. Turner for her significant contributions benefitting African Americans in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County – *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins and Robinson*
- Certificate of Achievement awarded to George Smith, Head Coach of the McKeesport Area Senior High School football team, for being named the 2013 Daily News Coach of the Year – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*



Proclamations Read into the Official Record

- Certificate of Recognition honoring Mr. Joseph Walters, of West Mifflin, for his service in World War II and congratulating him upon the occasion of his 100th birthday – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation thanking Ms. Jo Ellen Kenney for her 35 years of dedicated service as the Director of the Carnegie Library of McKeesport – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. John and Barbara Hart upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Haven (Barry) and Patricia Stanley upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation congratulating The Honorable Lavina F. Kerklo upon the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of service as a Council Member of Liberty Borough – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation congratulating The Honorable Edward R. Slater upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of service as a Council Member and Mayor of Liberty Borough – *Sponsored by Council Member Macey*
- Proclamation honoring the 16th Annual Summit Against Racism hosted by the Black and White Reunion – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Proclamation honoring the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awardees presented by Coro Pittsburgh – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to singer Ms. Michele Bensen for her contributions to Pittsburgh's legendary community of jazz artists – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Mark Brentley, Sr. for his service as a member of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Thomas Sumpter for his service as Vice-President and President of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Sharene Shealey, former President of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Proclamation thanking Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, for his spiritual leadership and service – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Proclamation honoring Reverend James E. Simms of St. Paul Baptist Church upon the occasion of his retirement – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Proclamation thanking The Honorable James "Jim" Ferlo, former member and president of Pittsburgh City Council and member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, for his commitment and dedication to public service – *Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins and Robinson*
- Proclamation welcoming the new president of The Ellis School, Ms. Robin O. Newham – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*
- Proclamation welcoming the 10th president of Carlow University, Ms. Suzanne K. Mellon – *Sponsored by Council Member Robinson*



January 2014 Legislation Blotter

The following legislative items were approved by Allegheny County Council in the month of January 2014:

Motions:

Bill No. 7946-14 – Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on December 3rd, 2014.

Bill No. 7980-14 – Authorizing Allegheny County Council to conduct a public hearing, pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11, 1990, P.L. 465 No. 113, to afford interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Potato Garden Run project in Findlay Township, Allegheny County. Pursuant to Council’s Rules, the Council President shall appoint a Presiding Officer for the hearing.

Bill No. 7981-14 – Authorizing Allegheny County Council to conduct a public hearing, pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11, 1990, P.L. 465 No. 113, to afford interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Westport Woods project in Findlay Township, Allegheny County. Pursuant to Council’s Rules, the Council President shall appoint a presiding Officer for the hearing.

Appointments:

Bill No. 7947-14 – Approving the appointment of Kristen Normile to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (South Park) for a term to expire on January 14, 2016.

Bill No. 7948-14 – Approving the appointment of Heather Sims to serve as a member of the Council of Friends (South Park) for a term to expire on January 14, 2016.





INFORMATION & EVENTS

Council Committee Chairs

Appointment Review Jan Rea Budget & Finance Mike Finnerty Economic Development & Housing Amanda Green Hawkins Education Charles Martoni Executive John DeFazio	Government Reform John DeFazio Health & Human Services John Palmiere Parks Nick Futules Public Safety Jim Ellenbogen Public Works Bob Macey Marketing Ed Kress
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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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



February 18



March 4

SEE A POTHOLE? REPORT IT!

POTHoles ARE ALWAYS A MAJOR ISSUE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. IF YOU KNOW OF A POTHOLE THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED, BELOW ARE SOME NUMBERS THAT CAN HELP!

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
412-255-2621

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
412-350-2513

PENNDOT, DISTRICT 11
1-800-349-7623

Allegheny County Parks Department League Ballfield Permitting

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, AND RUNNING THROUGH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT BALLFIELD PERMIT APPLICATIONS FROM ORGANIZED BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND SOCCER LEAGUES.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED IN PERSON BY A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE AT THE PARK OFFICE WHERE THE REQUESTED BALLFIELDS ARE LOCATED.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT AT 412-350-7275.

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

2014 Ski/Snowboard Season

THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFERS DOWNHILL SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING AT BOYCE PARK

THE SKI SEASON RUNS FROM THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF MARCH (WEATHER & CONDITIONS PERMITTING)

REGULAR/NON-HOLIDAY HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 3:30 PM TO 9:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM & 4:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

SEASONAL RATES:
SENIOR CITIZEN- \$40 + 4.00 PER SESSION
ADULT- \$60 + 6.00 PER SESSION
JUNIOR/YOUTH- \$40 + 5.00 PER SESSION

FOR MORE INFO ON DAILY RATES AND HOLIDAY HOURS VISIT: ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/PARKS/FEES/SKI.ASPX
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