

THE COUNCIL NEWS

Newsletter of the Allegheny County Council

Winter 2024



Allegheny County Council Passes 2024 Budget

In December 2023, Allegheny County Council passed the 2024 operating, capital, and grants and special accounts budgets. The budgets were passed without an increase in the property tax millage rate; indicating that the millage rate has remained the same as it has been since 2013 at 4.73 mills.

The \$1.05 billion operating budget that passed included priorities of Members of Council. These priorities moved funds from overfunded line items avoiding the need for a tax increase while providing support in areas that were in desperate need. The capital budget totals \$116.3 million and highlights our dedication to investing in infrastructure and Capital Improvement Projects, which includes the maintenance of 518 bridges and 408 miles of inter-municipal roads. It is this fiscal responsibility that has allowed Council to pass budgets without an increase for many years. Council will continue this type of fiscal responsibility in future budgets which may become increasingly tighter.

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Council Re-Elects President

With the New Year upon us, things are changing for Allegheny County Council. While President Catena was elected to a third consecutive term by his colleagues, there were still changes to mention. The changes included new Members (see more about them in this Newsletter) and new committees that reflect the desires of the residents and the ever-changing needs of the County.

Per the Home Rule Charter requirements, the reorganizational meeting was held on the first business day of the new year, or January 2nd. At that meeting, it was decided that Council Member Patrick Catena would once again preside over Council as President for the next two years.

Upon his re-election as President, Catena promptly reappointed District 6 Representative, Councilman John Palmiere, to serve another two-year term as Vice President of Council. He also quickly dealt with the creation of standing committees (see

Committee listing in this Newsletter) that will discuss nearly all proposed legislation before being voted on by the full Council.

With this year's election, this will mark the third time his colleagues have bestowed the honor upon him. When asked his thoughts



on being elected President for a third time, Council President Catena replied, "I want to thank my colleagues for their confidence and support in re-electing me for a third time as our Council President. I have done my best to put the issues of every resident of the County at the forefront and just try and do what is best. I will continue

this approach because the residents of Allegheny County and my colleagues deserve nothing less," he continued. "I also look forward to a positive, transparent and cooperative working relationship with County Executive Sara Innamorato as we work towards the betterment of the citizens of Allegheny County."



* *To view more information on each bill, click here:* <https://alleghenycounty.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>

Ordinances:

Bill No. 12852-23 - An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County for Fiscal Year 2024.

Bill No. 12853-23 - An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," Chapter 205, entitled "Allegheny County Jail," through the creation of a new Article III, entitled "Incarcerated Individuals Welfare Fund" in order to establish County budgetary procedures for revenues derived from individuals incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail.

Bill No. 12854-23 - An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County Code, Part 2, entitled "Organization and Structure of County Government," through the establishment of a new Article 214, entitled "Jail Oversight Board" in order to provide for the codification of operations of the Jail Oversight Board in accordance with Commonwealth law, to establish a statutory authorization for the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board's retention of a solicitor to assist it in its functions, and to establish the Board's authority to expend future appropriations relating to the Allegheny County Jail's Inmate Welfare Fund.

Bill No. 12867-23 - An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled "County Council," §5-301.09, entitled "Compensation and expenses" in order to eliminate reference to the prohibition on members of Council receiving salaries that formerly existed in the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County.

Motions:

Bill No. 12879-23 - Motion of the Council of Allegheny County re-establishing the Budget Transfer Committee in accordance with Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code.

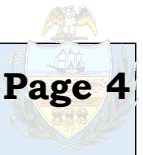
Resolutions:

Bill No. 12839-23 - A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemning the unprovoked terrorist attack launched by Hamas against the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, supporting justice and safety for the Israeli and Palestinian people, and expressing deep condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives as a result of this senseless act of violence.

Bill No. 12856-23 - A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (2024 Fiscal Year).

Bill No. 12857-23 - A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (2024 Fiscal Year).

Bill No. 12858-23 - A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget, and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (2024 Fiscal Year).



Councilman Dan Grzybek
Allegheny County Council
District 5

Councilman Dan Grzybek was elected to Allegheny County Council in November 2023 to represent District 5, which includes Bethel Park, Dormont, Mt. Lebanon, and Upper St. Clair.

Dan is a lifelong resident of Allegheny County; having grown up in Hampton Township before attending college at the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in Chemical Engineering. Shortly after graduating from Pitt, Dan moved to Bethel Park, where he lives with his wife and two rescue dogs. In addition to his Bachelor's Degree, Dan has his Master's Degree in Engineering from Purdue University. He currently works as an Engineer on Nuclear Reactor Safety Systems for the Nimitz class of US Navy Aircraft Carriers.

Prior to serving on Allegheny County Council, Dan served on Bethel Park's School Board from 2021 through 2023. He has also volunteered as a Youth Mentor at the South Hills Interfaith Movement, is a judge for PA Junior Academy of Science competitions, teaches students how to build underwater remotely operated vehicles through the Navy's Seaperch program, and filled in as an Emergency Substitute Teacher during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Last but not least, he is a Bethel Park Volunteer Firefighter.

Dan believes that every resident of Allegheny County deserves clean air and water, the ability to obtain a good, sustainable career, to have their basic needs met, and to be treated with the dignity and humanity they deserve.



Councilman David Bonaroti
Allegheny County Council
District 13

Councilman David Bonaroti was elected to Allegheny County Council in November 2023 to represent District 13, which includes Bellevue Borough and Pittsburgh Wards 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 30.

Born and raised in the Pittsburgh area (Oakmont), David received his undergraduate degree in Supply Chain and Information Systems from Penn State University's Smeal College of Business. David went on to obtain an MA from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business. He was also an early participant in the "coding boot camp" movement, being one of the first cohorts to graduate from New York Code + Design Academy's web development program.

Coupled with his previous education, this curriculum was the bedrock to build the technical skills that David uses today as a consultant in the private technology sector. As a volunteer, he has worked with the America Reads & Counts program and Literacy Pittsburgh.

David is an advocate for policies that will enhance social services, elevate green/sustainability initiatives, strengthen our local economy, and expand housing affordability.



County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, recognized The Honorable Tom Duerr and The Honorable Olivia “Liv” Bennett for their contributions to Allegheny County Council and to the enhancement of the well-being of the County’s citizens. Tom and Liv always acted in the best interests of the constituents of Allegheny County and their unwavering commitment to Council served as an exemplary model of leadership. This Council thanks them for their years of dedicated public service and wishes them well as they move into the future.

Allegheny County Council

2024-2025 Standing Committees

APPOINTMENT REVIEW

MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

SUZANNE FILIAGGI, CHAIR
MEMBERS: DAVID BONAROTTI, SAM DEMARCO, DAN GRZYBEK, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, JOHN PALMIERE AND ANITA PRIZIO

BUDGET & FINANCE

BOB PALMOSINA, CHAIR
MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, SUZANNE FILIAGGI, NICK FUTULES, BETHANY HALLAM, PAUL KLEIN AND JOHN PALMIERE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION

JACK BETKOWSKI, CHAIR
MEMBERS: DAVID BONAROTTI, NICK FUTULES, DAN GRZYBEK, BETHANY HALLAM, BOB MACEY AND ANITA PRIZIO

EXECUTIVE

JOHN PALMIERE, CHAIR
MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, SUZANNE FILIAGGI, NICK FUTULES, PAUL KLEIN, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS AND BOB PALMOSINA

GOVERNMENT REFORM

NICK FUTULES, CHAIR
MEMBERS: SUZANNE FILIAGGI, DAN GRZYBEK, PAUL KLEIN, JOHN PALMIERE, BOB PALMOSINA AND ANITA PRIZIO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PAUL KLEIN, CHAIR
MEMBERS: SUZANNE FILIAGGI, DAN GRZYBEK, BETHANY HALLAM, BOB MACEY, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS AND ANITA PRIZIO

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

BETHANY HALLAM, CHAIR
MEMBERS: DAVID BONAROTTI, NICK FUTULES, DAN GRZYBEK, PAUL KLEIN, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS AND ANITA PRIZIO

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2024-2025 Standing Committees

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

DAVID BONAROTI, CHAIR

MEMBERS: NICK FUTULES, BETHANY HALLAM, BOB MACEY, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS JOHN PALMIERE AND BOB PALMOSINA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DAN GRZYBEK, CHAIR

MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, DAVID BONAROTI, SUZANNE FILIAGGI, BOB MACEY, BOB PALMOSINA AND ANITA PRIZIO

PARKS

JOHN PALMIERE, CHAIR

MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, SUZANNE FILIAGGI, DAN GRZYBEK, BOB MACEY, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS AND ANITA PRIZIO

PUBLIC SAFETY

MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, CHAIR

MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, DAN GRZYBEK, BETHANY HALLAM, PAUL KLEIN, JOHN PALMIERE AND BOB PALMOSINA

PUBLIC WORKS

BOB MACEY, CHAIR

MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, DAVID BONAROTI, NICK FUTULES, BETHANY HALLAM, JOHN PALMIERE AND BOB PALMOSINA

SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN INITIATIVES

ANITA PRIZIO, CHAIR

MEMBERS: DAVID BONAROTI, DAN GRZYBEK, BETHANY HALLAM, PAUL KLEIN, BOB MACEY AND MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS

Allegheny County Council

2024 Regular Meeting Schedule

Tuesday	January 2, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 23, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 6, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 20, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 5, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 19, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 9, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 24, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 7, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 21, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 4, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 18, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 2, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 9, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 20, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 27, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 10, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 24, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 8, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 22, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	November 6, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 19, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 3, 2024	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 17, 2024	5:00 p.m.

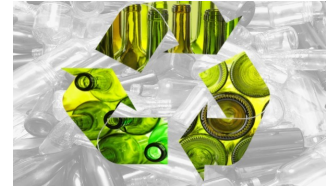
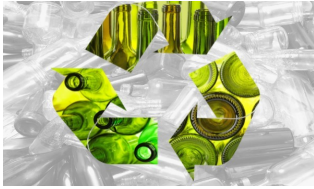
All Regular Meetings of Allegheny County Council will be held in the 4th Floor Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219.

Standing Committee Meetings of Allegheny County Council will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays of each week beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Suite 119 (Conference Room 1) of the Allegheny County Courthouse, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.



Traveling Glass Recycling Program

Self-serve glass drop off site that comes to you, traveling to various places around the county.



Why recycle glass?

Glass is still one of the most recyclable materials we generate in our homes and should not be trashed. Glass bottles and jars are 100% recyclable and can be recycled endlessly without losing any quality! This makes the effort to put these items back into the recycling ecosystem even more important.

How do I prepare the glass?

Containers should be empty and rinsed. Lids and labels don't need to be removed. Please remember that any bags and boxes used to carry the glass must be taken with you and discarded off-site.

What types of glass are acceptable?

Check the flyer to see what can be recycled in the Traveling Glass Bin program:
<https://prc.org/workshops-collection-events/collection-events/glass-recycling/permanent-glass-bin/>

2024 Schedule

Each week-long collection event runs Sunday - Thursday. Bins placed in county parks are available from 7 am - dusk each day.

February 10-15
Boyce Park
Ski Lodge Parking Lot



April 13-18
Settlers Cabin
Wave Pool Parking Lot



May 18-23
Round Hill Park
Main Parking Lot
(Near the Duck Pond)

For more information: [Traveling Glass Recycling - Allegheny County, PA](https://prc.org/workshops-collection-events/collection-events/glass-recycling/permanent-glass-bin/)



2024 SnowFest Schedule

Saturday, February 03, 2024 | 12:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Boyce Park, 901 Centerview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15239

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Music from DJ Mocknbird Complimentary hot cocoa
10:30 am	Registration opens for the Mini-Junior Olympics ski and snowboard races Boys/Girls age brackets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-6 yrs • 7-8 yrs • 9-10 yrs • 11-12 yrs
12:00 pm	Mini-Junior Olympics begin
2:30 pm	Registration opens for the Cardboard Box Snow Tubing Derby
3:30 pm	Cardboard Box Snow Tubing Derby begins (snow tubing hill) Age brackets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 yrs and under • 16 yrs and older
4:30 pm	Closing ceremonies and prizes

For more information: [SnowFest 2024 - Allegheny County, PA](#)

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District 1 - Jack Betkowski

Avalon, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Crescent, Emsworth, Findlay, Glenfield, Glen Osborne, Haysville, Kilbuck, Moon, Neville, Ohio, Ross, and West View



District 3 - Anita Prizio

Aspinwall, Etna, Fox Chapel, Hampton, Indiana, Millvale, O'Hara, Reserve, Shaler, Sharpsburg, and West Deer



VP John Palmiere - District 6

Baldwin Borough, Baldwin Township, Brentwood, Castle Shannon, Clairton, Jefferson Hills, Pleasant Hills, South Park, and Whitehall



District 8 - Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis

Braddock, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, Monroeville, North Braddock, North Versailles, Pitcairn, Plum, Rankin, Swissvale, Trafford, Turtle Creek, Wall, and Wilmerding



District 10 - DeWitt Walton

Braddock Hills, Edgewood, Forest Hills, Wilksburg, and Pittsburgh Wards 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, and 13



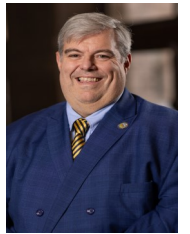
District 12 - Robert Palmosina

Bridgeville, Crafton, Green Tree, Heidelberg, Ingram, Rosslyn Farms, Scott, and Pittsburgh Wards 19, 20, 28, and 32

President Patrick Catena - District 4

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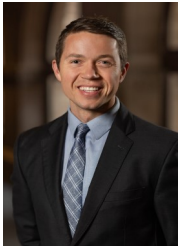
District 2 - Suzanne Filiaggi

Aleppo, Bell Acres, Bradford Woods, Edgeworth, Franklin Park, Leet, Leetsdale, Marshall, McCandless, Pine, Richland, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights, and Sewickley Hills



District 5 - Dan Grzybek

Bethel Park, Dormont, Mt. Lebanon, and Upper St. Clair



District 7 - Nicholas Futules

Blawnox, Brackenridge, Chalfant, Cheswick, Churchill, East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Harmar, Harrison, Oakmont, Penn Hills, Springdale Borough, Springdale Township, Tarentum, Verona, and Wilkins



District 9 - Bob Macey

Dravosburg, Duquesne, Elizabeth Borough, Elizabeth Township, Forward, Glassport, Liberty, Lincoln, McKeesport, Munhall, Port Vue, South Versailles, Versailles, West Elizabeth, West Mifflin, Whitaker, and White Oak



District 11 - Paul Klein

Homestead, Mount Oliver, West Homestead, and Pittsburgh Wards 7, 14, 15, 16, 29, and 31



District 13 - David Bonaroti

Bellevue Borough, Pittsburgh Wards 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 30



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Appointment Review <i>Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis</i>	Information Technology & Process Development <i>David Bonaroti</i>
Assessment Practices <i>Suzanne Filiaggi</i>	Intergovernmental Affairs <i>Dan Grzybek</i>
Budget & Finance <i>Robert Palmosina</i>	Parks <i>John Palmiere</i>
Economic Development & Job Creation <i>Jack Betkowski</i>	Public Safety <i>Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis</i>
Government Reform <i>Nick Futules</i>	Public Works <i>Bob Macey</i>
Health & Human Services <i>Paul Klein</i>	Sustainability and Green Initiatives <i>Anita Prizio</i>
Housing & Homelessness <i>Bethany Hallam</i>	

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