

# COUNCIL CONNECTION

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## ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

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## UPCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS:

Tuesday, January 23 at 5pm  
Tuesday, February 6 at 5pm  
Tuesday, February 20 at 5pm  
Tuesday, March 6 at 5pm

\*Note that ALL Regular Council Meetings take place in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## *A President was Re-Elected*

JOHN DEFAZIO, PRESIDENT  
AT-LARGE

On January 2, 2018 at the Regular Meeting of Council, John DeFazio was re-elected as President of Allegheny County Council. President DeFazio has been serving on Allegheny County Council since its inception in 2000.

President DeFazio has always seen himself as a "Man of the People." He wants to be "more accountable to the people, trying to do what the majority of our residents want."

## *A Caucus Chair was Elected*

SAM DEMARCO III  
AT-LARGE



On January 2, 2018, prior to the Regular Meeting of Council, Sam DeMarco, At-Large, was chosen by his Council Republican peers to lead their Caucus.

Councilman DeMarco is honored and excited that he was chosen for this position and he looks forward to working with all members of Council for the betterment of Allegheny County and its residents.

# New County Council Members

## A New Member Sworn In

Anita Prizio was elected to the Allegheny County Council in November 2017 to represent District 3, which extends from Reserve Township to West Deer Township.

Anita believes that like our water, our government should be transparent and accessible. To that end, Anita intends to be an independent voice for her constituents fighting to make Allegheny County the best it can be.

Anita earned both her MBA and her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 1999. As a court appointed special advocate, she has used her law degree to fight for the interests of children in family court.

Anita owns and operates Pittsburgh Crankshaft Service, an internal engine parts company located in East Liberty with a branch location in Harrisburg, PA.

Anita is also treasurer of Healthcare4AllPA and strongly supports Improved Medicare for All, which will lower the cost of healthcare for everyone. Anita is also a member of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America and was a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention for Senator Bernie Sanders.

Prior to serving on Allegheny County Council, Anita served on O'Hara Council from 1998 through 2006, and during that time she also represented the township in the North Hills Council of Governments.

A lifelong native of O'Hara Township, Anita and her husband John have two kids, Justine and Jeff.

# Welcome



ANITA PRIZIO  
DISTRICT 3



# New County Council Members

## *A New Member Sworn In*

*Welcome*



ROBERT PALMOSINA

DISTRICT 12



Councilman Bob Palmosina was born and raised in the Westwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh. He is the youngest of 7 children and attended St Margaret's of Scotland Grade School in Greentree, and graduated from Bishop Canevin High School. He is married to his high school sweetheart. He is the father of three boys Nico, Gino and Dominic. Bob started out as a summer laborer for the City of Pittsburgh in the Public Works Department.

Through 31 years of hard work and dedication he rose to the position of Assistant Director. He worked for Allegheny County Public Works as the road manager for 1 year, and is now the current Director of Public Works for Collier Township. Bob has dedicated much of his life to coaching and mentoring young men and women throughout the communities. He has coached multiple sports including 8 years of baseball in Westwood, 7 years of baseball in Greentree, 6 years of football at Our Lady of Grace, and still runs the "Little Dribblers Basketball" at St. Margaret of Scotland where he has been on staff as a coach for 30 years. Bob is the current Chairman of the Pittsburgh Democratic Party 20th Ward.

He looks forward to serving the 12th District of Allegheny County and its communities.

# Farewell to Outgoing Members

**James R. Ellenbogen (Jim)** was elected on November 6, 2007 and was duly sworn into office on November 30, 2007. Because of his leadership, confidence and community presence, he was re-elected on November 10, 2009 and November 12, 2013 by the residents of District 12 to serve as their representative.

During his tenure on County Council, **Mr. Ellenbogen** was appointed chairman of the Public Safety committee. He also served as a member of the Appointment Review, Government Reform, Health & Human Services, Parks, Public Works, and Special Committee on Marketing. During his time on County Council, **Mr. Ellenbogen** demonstrated a strong interest in the county's public safety.

Allegheny County Council recognized and thanked **The Honorable James R. Ellenbogen** for his contributions to Allegheny County Council and to the enhancement of the wellbeing of the County's citizens. **Mr. Ellenbogen** acted always in the best interests of the constituents of Allegheny County and his unwavering commitment to Council serves as an exemplary model of leadership. This Council thanked him for his more than 10 years of dedicated public service and we wish him well as he moves into the future.



# Farewell to Outgoing Members

A graduate of Duquesne Law School, **Edward J. Kress (Ed)** is passionate about upholding community values and creating functional and effective legislation for his community.

Before being sworn in for his first full term, **Mr. Kress** was appointed by Allegheny County Council to fill vacated seats in 2005 and 2011. He was elected in 2013 to represent District 3 of Allegheny County Council and was officially sworn in on January 2, 2014 for a four-year term.

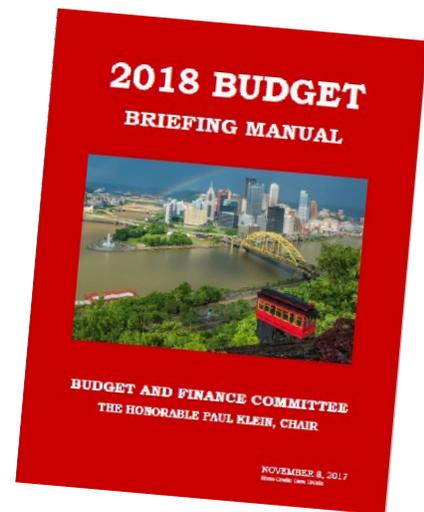
**Mr. Kress** has been an instrumental factor in promoting government policies and fiscal responsibilities. During his tenure on County Council, he was appointed chairman of the Marketing committee and the Appointment Review committee, and also served as a member of the Budget and Finance, Economic Development and Housing, Executive, Government Reform, Health and Human Services, Parks, and Public Safety committees.

Allegheny County Council recognized **The Honorable Edward J. Kress (Ed)** for his contributions to Allegheny County Council and to the enhancement of the wellbeing of the County's citizens. **Mr. Kress** always acted in the best interests of the constituents of Allegheny County and his unwavering commitment to Council serves as an exemplary model of leadership. This Council thanked him for his years of dedicated public service and we wish him well as he moves into the future.

Thank's  
You



## A Statement from the Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee



On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, Allegheny County Council passed the 2018 Budget of \$2.08 billion. This was accomplished without an increase of property tax. The current millage rate is the same as 2017, 4.73 mills. The total budget encompasses five elements: Operating, Capital, Grants, Special Accounts, and Agency Fund.

- The Operating Budget of \$905,750,000 is the day to day budget. Most of these expenditures are for Health and Welfare (40%) and Public Safety (27%).
- The Capital Budget of \$106,579,140 is used mostly for Bridges (42%), Roads (19%) and Buildings (12%). This demonstrates our major commitment to upgrade the County's infrastructure in collaboration with the County Executive.
- The Grant Budget of \$945,873,050 employs most funds for Human Services (86%). Much of the funding for the Grants Budget is received from the state and federal government.
- The Special Accounts Budget of \$120,089,845 is mostly funds for the Court of Common Pleas (29%), Emergency Services (29%) and Health (19%).
- The Agency Fund Budget of \$5,000,000 represents an allocation of the estimated Hotel Room Rental Tax available to fund the Sports & Exhibition Authority.

I would like to thank the County Executive, County Manager, and the Department of Budget and Finance for their dedicated effort in making comprehensive and sound financial decisions for our constituents. Also, I would like to thank all of Allegheny County Council for their diligence throughout the process. The budget process is a team effort, which was both cooperative and collaborative.

Sincerely,

Councilman Paul Klein  
Chairman of Budget and Finance

# Winter Fun



Be a part of the Fourth Annual SnowFest at Boyce Park, January 27-28, 2018. There are two days scheduled of winter fun for the whole family – most of it free! Enjoy indoor and outdoor games and activities. Take advantage of all-day lift tickets for one low price and ski or snowboard till your heart's content!

For more information, visit here:  
<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/special-events/boyce-park-snowfest.aspx>



## SNOW PRINCESS AND SUPERHERO SKATE

Want to sing along and skate with your favorite princess and superhero? While you'll have a chance to do just that!

On Saturday, January 27, 2018 (11:00am-4:00pm) in North Park and Saturday, February 3, 2018 (11:00am-4:00pm) in South Park.

\*Regular rink admission fees apply.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and what a better way to celebrate this special day than by having an afternoon tea and tour in the Hartwood Acres Mansion with that special someone.

When: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Hartwood Acres Mansion

Cost: \$33 per person for county residents; \$41 for non-residents



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