

THE COUNCIL NEWS

Newsletter of the Allegheny County Council

Fall 2025



In a few weeks, the annual budget process will be underway for County Council. Each year, a balanced budget must be enacted 25 days before the end of the year for the next fiscal year which begins January 1st. The process formally begins with the Chief Executive's presentation of the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan (CFP) which will take place on October 7th this year.

County Council then will hold three public hearings regarding the proposed budget for 2026. The hearings will be held on November 6th, 12th and 13th beginning at 4:00 pm in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. There will be presentations on the following topics: Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Regional Transit, Independently Elected County Offices, Courts, and General Government Operations. Once finalized, the agendas can be found at:

<https://alleghenycounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

At the conclusion of the public hearings, Council's Committee on Budget and Finance will consider the budget bills where amendments could be offered. The process culminates with the passage of the millage ordinance and resolutions establishing the operating, capital, grants and special accounts budgets for the next fiscal year. The budget will then take effect on January 1st which begins the county's fiscal year.

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Legislative Updates

15-25 OR allows Hershey Productions to film the Hershey motion picture.

16-25-OR accepted a donation from the U.S. Golf Association for golf course improvements at North and South Park.

17-25-OR acquired right of way needed for the Greensburg Pike Lateral Support project.

02-25-RE approved a LERTA tax exemption for the Homewood Gateway Apartments which includes 45 affordable housing units.

03-25-RE approved a LERTA tax exemption on the Northside which will include affordable housing, parking, retail and workspace.

04-25-RE approved a \$145 million bond issuance for improvements at Duquesne University. The bonds will be issued by the Higher Education Building Authority and are not in anyway financed by County tax revenues.

05-25-RE a resolution in which Council expressed its intent to work with the Chief Executive, County Manager and the Department of Emergency Services to provide assistance to the County's volunteer fire departments.

Bill No. 136535-25 was passed on September 9, 2025. this resolution authorized the issuance of \$55 million in bonds by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority for the purchase and maintain of medical helicopters. This project is not in anyway financed by County tax revenues.

Bill No. 13500-25 was passed on September 9, 2025. Is an ordinance creating a public database showing countywide properties for sale.

Election Updates

The Allegheny County Board of Elections approved plans presented by Elections Division staff for ballot return sites and satellite offices in advance of November's general election.

The satellite office and ballot return sites serve the same functionality as they did in the 2024 elections and the primary election in the spring of 2025. Satellite offices are locations that voters can request a mail-in ballot, vote it on the spot (or take it home) and return it to elections division staff on site – functionally known as “over the counter voting.” That service is also available in the County Office Building as soon as ballots are available, likely in the first week of October.

Ballot Return Sites are open the final few days before election day (after the deadline to request a mail-in ballot has passed) and only serve the function of being a place where a voter can hand a mail-in ballot to an elections division employee. This is an important service for voters, as relying on mail service to deliver a mail-in ballot back to the elections division that close to Election Day is not recommended.

The County Office Building lobby will be open during regular business hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Friday, as soon as ballots are available for “over the counter voting” and return mail-in ballots, in addition to the weekend satellite office hours listed.

Satellite Locations

Saturday and Sunday, October 25th and 26th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Community College of Allegheny County - Homewood

North Park Ice Rink

South Park Ice Rink

County Office Building

Ballot Return Sites

11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Friday October 31 and Monday November 3; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday November 1 and Sunday November 2.

Allegheny County Emergency Services Building

Boyce Park Four Seasons Lodge

Carnegie Public Library - Squirrel Hill

North Park Ice Rink

South Park Ice Rink

Dormont Pool

Community College of Allegheny County - Homewood

Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank

Avalon Public Library



Traveling Glass Recycling Program

Allegheny County's Department of Sustainability and PRC has rolled out a Traveling Glass Recycling program. This self-serve glass drop-off site travels to various locations around the county, making it easier to recycle glass.



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:

[glass-bin-guidelines.pdf \(alleghenycounty.us\)](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/glass-bin-guidelines.pdf)

Permanent Location

Boyce Park, Four Seasons Lodge Parking Lot
901 Centerview Road, Plum, PA 15239

(The traveling glass bin will be at each park for two weeks, Saturday through Thursday, available daily from 7:00 am - dusk)

2025 Traveling Glass Schedule



More information: [Traveling Glass Recycling - Allegheny County, PA](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/glass-bin-guidelines.pdf)



Hayrides, inflatables, puppet shows, face painters, balloon twisters, an art station, a petting zoo, and a sensory-friendly play area, there's fun for all ages.

Events are free and weather permitting from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

For further information: [Hay Day - Allegheny County, PA](#)

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Hay Day at Hartwood
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hartwood Acres Park
Hartwood Amphitheater
4000 Middle Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Hay Day at South Park
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

South Park
South Park Fairgrounds
1888 Brownsville Road
South Park Township, PA 15129

CAMPFIRE GHOST STORIES



Listen to family-
friendly ghost stories
and songs by the glow
of a roaring campfire.

Wear a Halloween
costume for a chance
to win a prize.

7:00 pm—8:00 pm

2025 Schedule

Saturday, October 18

North Park - Boathouse Lawn

1031 Pearce Mill Road

Allison Park, PA 15101

Sunday, October 19

South Park - Community House

Maple Springs Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Saturday, October 25

Boyce Park - Four Seasons

Activity Center

901 Centerview Drive

Plum, PA 15239

Sunday, October 26

Harrison Hills Park - Yakaon

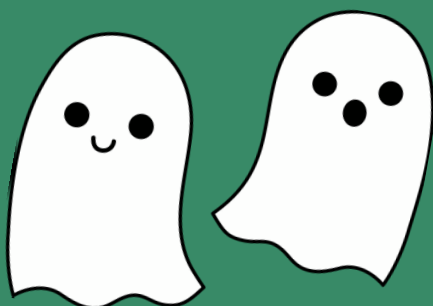
Shelter

Parks Lane

Natrona Heights, PA 15065

For more information:

[Campfire Ghost Stories - Allegheny County, PA](#)





**Saturday, October 18, 2025
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hartwood Acres Amphitheater**

Join Allegheny County Parks and SHARP Robotics from the Sarah Heinz House to watch as pumpkins are launched across the amphitheater field in Hartwood Acres Park by a full-size trebuchet.

**Family Fun
Crafts
Games
Face Painting
Balloon Art
Medieval Sword Fighting
Farmer's Market**

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from local food trucks.

[Punkin Chunkin - Allegheny County, PA](#)



**Saturday, October 25, 2025
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
South Park Wave Pool Parking Lot**



**Sunday, October 26, 2025
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater Lot**

Wear your Halloween costume and join us for candy and fun.

Join the annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween candy and car cruise event this October from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Allegheny County Parks. All participants are encouraged to wear costumes and decorate their vehicles in the spirit of Halloween.

Individuals and organizations interested in passing out candy at the Trunk or Treat event, please provide the following information here:

[Trunk or Treat - Allegheny County, PA](#)

HALLOWEEN MOVIES IN THE PARK

October is Halloween Movie Month in the Allegheny County Parks. This year's free Halloween Movie in the Park is Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice (2024, rated PG-13). The movie starts at dusk, between 6:25 pm - 6:40 pm, and closed captioning is available upon request.

Guests are welcome to bring their own blankets, chairs, and snacks, and enjoy treats from Giant Eagle. Come in costume for the chance to win a special prize from Giant Eagle!

Schedule

Friday, October 17

Hartwood Acres Park - Mansion Lawn

Saturday, October 18

Settlers Cabin Park - Moccasin Shelter

Friday, October 24

Deer Lakes Park - Carp Field

Saturday, October 25

Round Hill Park - Visitors Center

For more information:
[Halloween Movies in the Parks - Allegheny County, PA](#)

ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS

BARK & TREAT



Saturday, October 18, 2025

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Hartwood Acres Dog Park

Dogs are invited to come dressed in their best costume for a free treat, and experience the joy of trick or treating by finding tennis balls hidden throughout the dog park in exchange for prizes.

Join the Allegheny County Parks Department for this year's Howl-o-Ween celebration at Bark or Treat on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Hartwood Acres dog park from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Bark or Treat will take place during the free Punkin Chunkin festival.

Bark or Treat is \$5.00/dog for Allegheny County residents, or \$6.00/dog for non-residents.

Registration is recommended to ensure there are enough supplies for everyone.

For more information: [Bark or Treat - Allegheny County, PA](#)

Allegheny County Council

2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

Tuesday	January 14, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 28, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 11, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 25, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 11, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 25, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 8, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 22, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 6, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 21, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 3, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 17, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 1, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 8, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 19, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 26, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 9, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 24, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 7, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 21, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	November 5, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 18, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 2, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 16, 2025	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.

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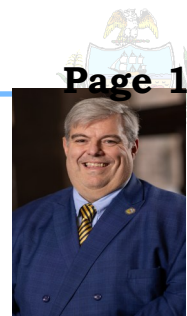
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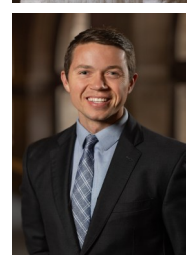
District 2 - Suzanne Filiaggi

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



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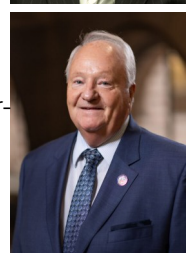
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District 11 - Paul Klein

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



District 13 - Jordan Botta

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UPCOMING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 24

October 7

October 21

November 5