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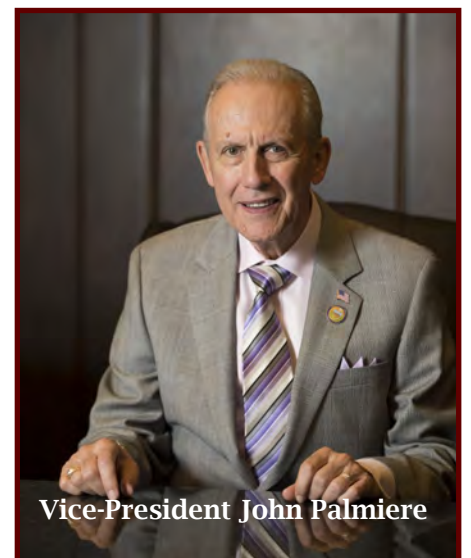
Council Re Elects President

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President Patrick Catena



Vice-President John Palmiere

UPCOMING REGULAR
MEETINGS:

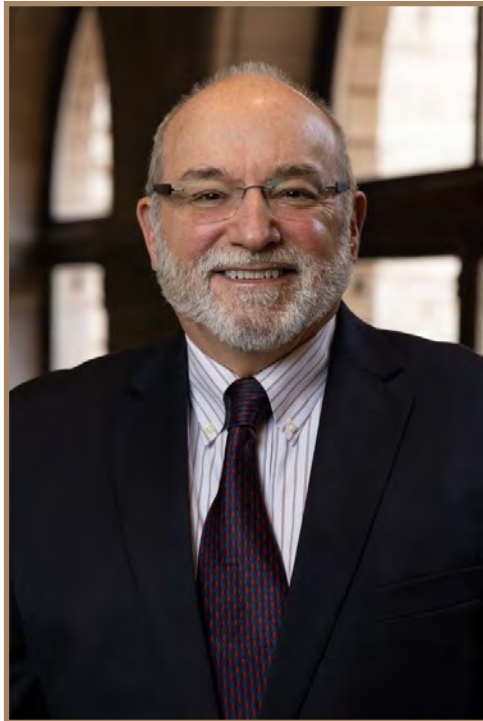
Tuesday, February 8
Tuesday, February 22
Tuesday, March 8
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*Note that ALL Regular Council Meetings are held in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse.

Council kicked off 2022 with a Reorganization Meeting which resulted in President Patrick J. Catena being re-elected as Allegheny County Council President by his colleagues. President Catena named Councilman John Palmiere to serve as the new Vice-President. Both men look forward to working with their colleagues to continue to make the county a great place to live and work.

New Members of Council

We would like to take a moment to especially welcome the two new members of County Council, Jack Betkowski and Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis . Both were sworn in at the January 3rd Regular Meeting of Council for a four year term.



Jack Betkowski District 1



A life-long resident of Allegheny County, Jack is currently retired after a 34-year career with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. During his professional career, he was trained as a project manager and worked extensively in payments processing. He received his MBA and B.S.B.A. with a concentration in Information Systems from Robert Morris University.

Prior to being elected to Allegheny County Council in November 2021, Jack was twice elected to the Ross Township Board of Commissioners, serving from January 2016 through December 2021. As a member of the Board, he served on the Public Safety and the Finance Committees. While on the Ross Township Board, he served as the township representative to CONNECT and the North Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG). Jack also served as a Director for the Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners (AC&WPATC). Prior to being elected commissioner, Jack served as a member of the Ross Township Zoning Hearing Board.

New Members of Council



Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis

District 8

Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis was born and raised in Allegheny County. As executive director of a regional nonprofit, Michelle has spent the last 12 years providing educational programming and technical assistance that focuses on environmental health and addresses the myriad of social determinants of health. Her emphasis is working with and in environmental justice communities. Michelle has used this expertise to work closely with several Allegheny County departments. Prior to that role, she worked for 14 years for a regional land trust acquiring properties for the protection of the environment and the public's benefit, including additions to North Park and South Park. Michelle is married to David Chapkis and they have three children: Sofia, Dominic and Julia. She was part of the first graduating class at Woodland Hills High School and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, as well as attended Leadership Pittsburgh. Michelle has lived in Plum Borough since 1999 and participated on the borough's comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance committees. She currently gives back to her community by serving on the Plum Zoning Hearing Board.

FireVEST

Allegheny County is home to more than 200 volunteer fire companies. Volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people and save the taxpayers of the county an estimated \$60 million dollars a year.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our communities, in 2008, the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST) was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County (through the CCAC-Allegheny County Workforce Alliance); and

200 FireVEST scholarships, covering tuition, fees and books, are offered each year – 150 for new recruits in exchange for five years of volunteer service and 50 for existing volunteer firefighters in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County. Over the years, FireVEST scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as Fire Science Administration, Criminal Justice & Criminology, Business Management, Nursing, and more.

A founding member of the FireVEST program, Council Member Bob Macey was recently appointed as a board member to FireVEST by CCAC. Congratulations Council Member Macey!



HOW TO APPLY

Annual Application Deadlines:

- postmarked by May 15 for Fall term start
- postmarked by November 15 for Spring term start

Download FireVEST application information at: https://www.ccac.edu/academics/_files-academics/firevest-application-materials-fillable-2.pdf

Applicants must join or be a current member in good standing of an eligible volunteer fire company, complete CCAC's admissions process, including filing for financial aid and be accepted for enrollment into the college.

1. Submit a CCAC Admissions Application to CCAC.
2. File FAFSA on www.fasfa.ed.gov

Applicants must also complete the electronic FireVEST application process, emailing all materials using the email address on the first page of the application. These materials include the scholarship application packet, volunteer service commitment agreement (signed by the sponsoring agency), application checklist and training timeline, and a letter of reference.

Council Committee List



COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

COMMITTEES OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

PATRICK J. CATENA
PRESIDENT

JOHN PALMIERE
VICE PRESIDENT

STANDING COMMITTEES 2022-2023

APPOINTMENT REVIEW

MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BUDGET & FINANCE

BOB PALMOSINA, CHAIR
MEMBERS: LIV BENNETT, JACK BETKOWSKI, SAM DEMARCO, NICK PUTULES, BETHANY HALLAM, AND JOHN PALMIERE.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

JACK BETKOWSKI, CHAIR
MEMBERS: SAM DEMARCO, TOM DUERR, NICK PUTULES, BOB MACEY, ANITA PRIZIO, AND DEWITT WALTON

EXECUTIVE

JOHN PALMIERE, CHAIR
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GOVERNMENT REFORM

BETHANY HALLAM, CHAIR
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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PAUL KLEIN, CHAIR
MEMBERS: LIV BENNETT, BETHANY HALLAM, CINDY KIRK, BOB MACEY, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS AND ANITA PRIZIO.

PARKS

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LIV BENNETT, CHAIR
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PUBLIC WORKS

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MEMBERS: SAM DEMARCO, TOM DUERR, CINDY KIRK, JOHN PALMIERE, BOB PALMOSINA AND DEWITT WALTON.

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ANITA PRIZIO, CHAIR
MEMBERS: LIV BENNETT, TOM DUERR, PAUL KLEIN, BOB MACEY, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, AND DEWITT WALTON.

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Office of the Allegheny County Council



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At-Large



Bethany Hallam
At-Large



Jack Betkowski
District 1



Cindy Kirk
District 2



Anita Prizio
District 3



Patrick Catena
District 4



Tom Duerr
District 5



John Palmiere
District 6



Nick Futules
District 7



Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis
District 8



Bob Macey
District 9



DeWitt Walton
District 10



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Sign-Up to Speak In-Person at Council Meetings

Allegheny County Council has returned to in-person Regular Meetings for Members beginning with the January 25th meeting.

With that said, all those that wish to present Public Comment are also asked to attend in person. Those that attend in person will be provided 3 minutes to comment on any county-related matter.

If you do not wish to attend in-person, you can still submit comments on the form, which will be sent to all Members of Council. Your comments will also be included in the official meeting minutes for that meeting.

*Request must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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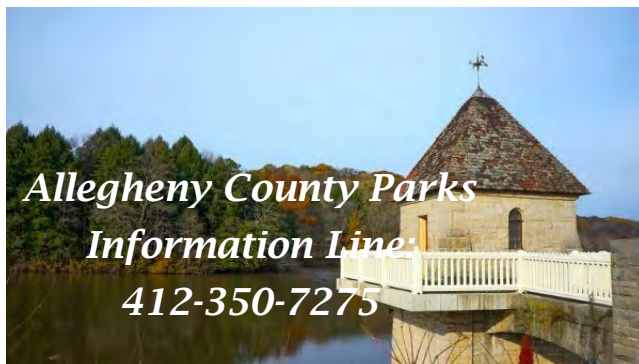
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