



January 2021

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**UPCOMING REGULAR**  
**MEETINGS:**

**Tuesday, January 12**

**Tuesday, January 26**

**Tuesday, February 9**

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

## Allegheny County Council Passes 2021 Budget

On Tuesday, November 24, 2020, Allegheny County Council passed the 2021 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 two largest expenditure areas of the \$942.5 million operating budget are health and welfare and public safety. These two areas are fundamental concerns for County Council and we will continue to work together with our partners and stakeholders to improve the wellbeing of all residents in Allegheny County. The capital budget totals \$127.6 million and highlights our dedication to investing in infrastructure and capital improvement projects, which includes the maintenance of more than 500 bridges and 400 miles of inter-municipal roads.

“2020 has been a challenging year and I would like to thank the County Executive, County Manager, and the Department of Budget and Finance for their dedicated and diligent efforts in making comprehensive and sound financial decisions for our constituents. Also, I would like to thank all Members of Allegheny County Council, and our staff, for their diligence throughout the process. The budget process is a joint effort, which was both cooperative and collaborative to ensure the best possible allocation of resources for all.”

- Robert Palmosina, Chairman  
Budget and Finance Committee

# 2021 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE



## OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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### ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL 2021 MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday	January 12, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 26, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 9, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 23, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 23, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 13, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 27, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 11, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 25, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 8, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 22, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 6, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 13, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 24, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 31, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 14, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 28, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 12, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 26, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 9, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 30, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 7, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 21, 2021	5:00 p.m.

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

Standing & Special Committee Meetings of Allegheny County Council will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Suite 119 of the Allegheny County Courthouse, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219.

“Together we can  
and will get  
through this”

-President Patrick Catena

Allegheny County  
Council



## ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING MEETINGS – ENCOURAGES PUBLIC COMMENT IN WRITING

Allegheny County Council President, Pat Catena, and all Members, would like to remind the public that the Regular Meetings of County Council have and will continue to be held as scheduled. Due to the continued concern over the coronavirus, the public is encouraged to watch the live-stream and to submit public comment online in order to adhere to the PA Department of Health and the Allegheny County Department of Health guidelines limiting total capacity.

### **TO WATCH THE LIVE-STREAM, PLEASE VISIT:**

[http://allegheny.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=4](http://allegheny.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=4)

### **TO SUBMIT COMMENTS THROUGH THE ONLINE SIGN-UP FORM, PLEASE VISIT:**

<http://apps.alleghenycounty.us/website/CouncilReqComm.asp>



Regular Council meetings are held twice monthly on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Council meeting agendas are posted online at:**

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

### *The next three Regular Meetings of Council are:*

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00pm

Tuesday, February 9, 2020 at 5:00pm

# Allegheny County Health Department's COVID-19 Response.



The Health Department is the lead agency providing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, Allegheny County is adhering to the Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines. To find out more about the Governor's and Secretary of Health's Mitigation, Enforcement and Immunity Orders and Limited Time Targeted Mitigation Orders, click on the following link: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/Targeted-Mitigation-FAQ.aspx>

## McKeesport Testing Site

The McKeesport COVID-19 testing site at 455 Industry Road in McKeesport is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday by appointment only. It is a drive-thru site utilizing self-administered tests. Those who are unable to drive to the site can contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-856-2774 or 2-1-1 for additional options and resources.

To make an appointment by phone call  
412-209-2262



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING COVID-19

The following link answers frequently asked questions received by the Health Department concerning COVID-19.

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>



### COVID-19 HOTLINE 888-856-2774

Language services available. Residents can call to speak with a representative 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



### ALLEGHENY ALERTS ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/ALERTS

Receive updates on COVID-19 directly from the Health Department. Visit [Alleghenycounty.us/alerts](https://alleghenycounty.us/alerts) and select COVID-19 updates.



### COUNTY WEBSITE ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/CORONAVIRUS

Visit our website for updated information on COVID-19 including a map of confirmed cases in our region. [bit.ly/ACHDcovid-19](https://bit.ly/ACHDcovid-19)



### TWITTER @HEALTHALLEGHENY

Follow the Allegheny County Health Department on Twitter for updates on COVID-19.



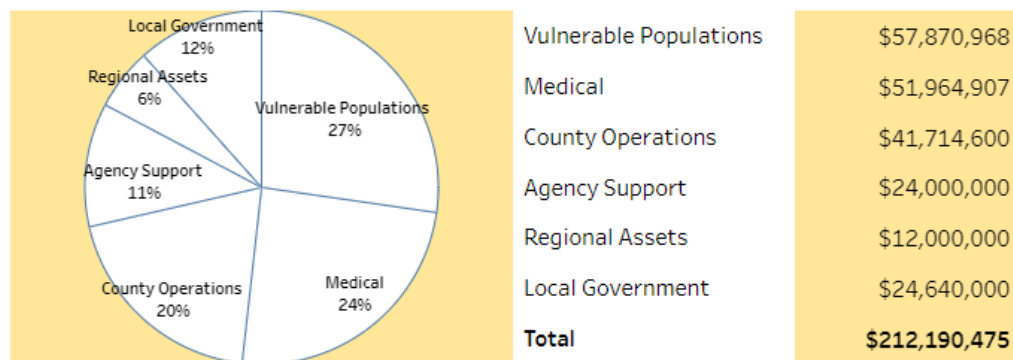
# Federal CARES Act

The federal *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, allocating federal funds to jurisdictions across the county with populations over 500,000. The allocation to Allegheny County is \$212,190,475.

Payments from the fund may only be used to cover necessary costs that meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Due to COVID-19 public health emergency;
- 2) Were not accounted for in the most recently approved local government budget; and
- 3) Were incurred March 1, 2020 – December 30, 2020.

The County's spending plan is as follows:



## The Allegheny County Federal Cares Act Funding County Priorities:

- **Vulnerable Populations** – includes support of the following projects and programs: United Way Food Relief Fund, Department of Human Services' projects, Department of Economic Development and Human Services' housing assistance programs, and Childcare Beyond Crisis.
- **Medical** – includes County departments that directly incur medical costs for COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and surveillance.
- **County Operations** – includes various County departments that have incurred underbudget expenditures as a result of COVID-19.
- **Agency Support** – includes funding for the following County related agencies: Port Authority, Sports and Exhibition Authority, and High Education.
- **Regional Assets and Business Support**– funding includes economic support grants to eligible regional asset agencies with 500 or fewer employees.
- **Local Government** – support includes funding for municipalities and for volunteer fire companies and emergency medical services.

To find out more on how Federal CARES Act funding is being used in Allegheny County, click on the following link:

[https://tableau.alleghenycounty.us/t/PublicSite/views/AlleghenyCountyCARESActFunding/Intro?iframeSizedToWindow=true&%3Aembed=y&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay\\_count=no&%3AshowVizHome=no&%3Aorigin=viz\\_share\\_link](https://tableau.alleghenycounty.us/t/PublicSite/views/AlleghenyCountyCARESActFunding/Intro?iframeSizedToWindow=true&%3Aembed=y&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay_count=no&%3AshowVizHome=no&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link)



# COVID-19 Info for Residents

## ASSISTANCE WITH NEEDS DURING ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE

Isolating or quarantining after a COVID-19 test can be challenging but it is important to protecting everyone's health. There are many resources available to get you through this time.

Assistance is available through the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania by calling 2-1-1 or by calling the Health Department's COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-856-2774.



### FOOD ASSISTANCE

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is offering home delivery for people who cannot leave their home to get to a food distribution site or pantry. For information on scheduling a delivery, call 412-460-3663, x 655, or visit [www.pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org).

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

**Housing Assistance** - Allegheny Link is encouraging those in need of housing services and supports to call them at 866-730-2368 or contact them via email [AlleghenyLink@AlleghenyCounty.us](mailto:AlleghenyLink@AlleghenyCounty.us).

**Child Care Assistance** - Trying Together has partnered with the Department of Human Services to provide information on finding child care at [www.tryingtogether.org/find-child-care](http://www.tryingtogether.org/find-child-care). Help is also available by calling Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 5 at 412-350-3577.

**Senior Assistance** - Contact Allegheny County's SeniorLine at 412-350-5460.

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call 9-1-1 for an immediate emergency response.
- If you need support or information because of a mental health or drug or alcohol crisis or concern, contact the resolve Crisis Services at 1-888-796-8226.



## UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

A new Emergency Cash Assistance Program from the PA Department of Human Services will provide a one-time cash grant to families that qualify. Money is available if you lost a job or work hours during the coronavirus crisis and have not yet had unemployment compensation start. You may qualify if: you have children or are a pregnant woman; you were working as of March 11, 2020; you lost more than 50% of your earnings due to COVID-19; you have savings of less than \$1,000; or your household income is below 150% of the federal poverty level. To determine if you're eligible or apply for funding, visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).

# Allegheny County Parks

Allegheny County is once again offering its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program.

Residents may drop off Christmas trees from Saturday, December 26, 2020, through Thursday, January 14, 2021, at all nine county parks from 8:00am until dusk.

To find out where to drop off your Christmas at your local park, click on the following link: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/christmas-tree-recycling-program.aspx>

During the 2019-20 program, approximately 3,500 trees were received and recycled, with the resulting mulch used for various purposes throughout the park system's 12,000+ acres.



## Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Both North Park and South Park rinks will be open from December 4, 2020, to mid-March, 2021 (weather and conditions permitting) Due to COVID-19, only 50 skaters will be permitted per session. Tickets are available for purchase in advance online up to one hour before each session.

For more information: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/activities/winter-sports/ice-skating---hockey.aspx>

## Winter Activities

The Boyce Park Ski Slopes & Snow Tubing Area are open December 19 through mid-March (*weather and conditions permitting*)

For more information: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/activities/winter-sports/skiing-and-snowboarding.aspx>

### Ski Slope Hours

Day	Session Times
Monday - Friday	2:30 - 5:00 pm 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 2:00 - 5:00 pm 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm 2:00 - 5:00 pm

**REMINDER:** To comply with **Pennsylvania's Universal Face Covering Order**, masks must be worn outdoors when park-goers are unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet from individuals who are not members of their household, as well as in any indoor location.



To learn more about Allegheny County Parks and their upcoming events, visit their site at <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/index.aspx>

# Office of the Allegheny County Council



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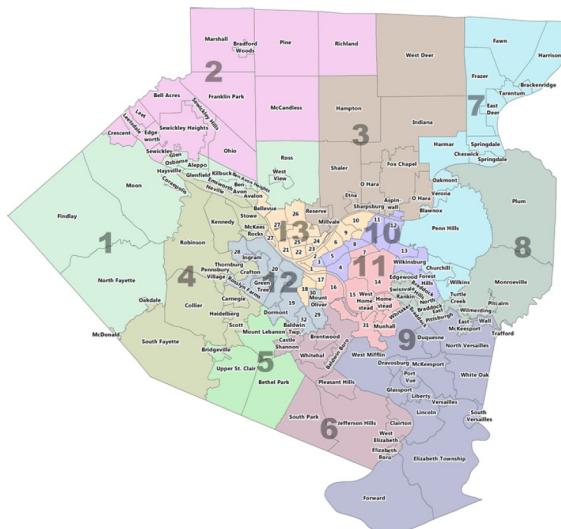
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# Information Center

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Sign up for the Council Connection here:

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/contact/council-newsletter.aspx>

*\*\*To contact a Member of Council, please call:  
412-350-6490*



**Allegheny County  
Information Line  
412-350-4636**

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You can be contacted with specific alerts via email, text, voice, work, home, mobile—any or all of them.

**For more information go to:  
[alleghenycounty.us/Alerts](http://alleghenycounty.us/Alerts)**

## *Speak at Council Meetings*

Allegheny County citizens may address Council at Regular meetings.

Visit Council's Website at:

**<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/request-to-comment.aspx>**

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

To Find an Electronic Copy of County Council Verbatim Regular Minutes go to:

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/verbatim-regular-meeting-minutes.aspx>



### TO REPORT ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Child Abuse: 412-473-2000

Elderly Abuse: 412-350-6905

Domestic Abuse : 412-350-4441

## Questions or Comments?

We would love to hear from you!

Contact us at

412-350-6490 or via email at

[CouncilNews@AlleghenyCounty.us](mailto:CouncilNews@AlleghenyCounty.us)

**Allegheny  
County Parks  
Information  
Line:**

**412-350-7275**



## Department of Human Service DHS Director's

### Action Line (DAL)

Specialists addressing your concerns & answering your questions about support and services provided through Allegheny County Health Department of Human Services.

**1-800-862-6783**