



Summer 2022

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY
COUNCIL**

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**UPCOMING REGULAR
MEETINGS**

Tuesday, August 23
Tuesday, August 30
Tuesday, September 13
Tuesday, September 20

*All Regular Meetings are held in
the Gold Room on the 4th floor of
the Allegheny County Courthouse.

Welcome Council Member Suzanne Filiaggi!



Suzanne Filiaggi was appointed to fill the seat that was held by Cindy Kirk who resigned effective March 23, 2022. Council Member Filiaggi will complete the unfinished term through December of 2023. District 2 is made up of the communities of: Aleppo, Bell Acres, Bradford Woods, Edgeworth, Franklin Park, Leet, Leetsdale, Marshall, McCandless, Pine, Richland, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights, and Sewickley Hills. Council Member Filiaggi has been named to the following committees: Appointment Review, Executive, Health and Human Services, Parks, and Public Works.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

On July 5, 2022, County Council passed Bill No. 12162-22. This ordinance prohibits leasing, sale, and/or any other agreements that would permit private and/or public entities to engage in any industrial or commercial land uses within Allegheny County's parks, to the extent that such uses are not directly associated with the public's recreational use and enjoyment of the parks. The ordinance expressly prohibits activities like mining, quarrying, natural gas extraction, and commercial forestry, but it has no impact whatsoever on any property that is not inside or under a County-owned park, or on any property that the County does not own. This ordinance may be amended or repealed in the future should circumstances warrant such a change. Bill No. 12162-22 originally passed Council by a vote of 11-4, but was vetoed by the Chief Executive. At a special meeting of Council on July 19, Council exercised its authority under the terms of the County's Home Rule Charter and overrode this veto by a vote of 12-3; therefore, the ordinance is now in effect as a result. The full text of the ordinance (as well as other legislative items introduced for consideration by Council) may be viewed through the Council's legislative information portal at: <https://alleghenycounty.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>.

Also on July 5, Council passed Bill No. 12208-22, by a vote of 8-7. This ordinance would have required that County department director hires be confirmed by a vote of County Council. This is similar to the process that is in place at other levels of government. This ordinance was also vetoed by the Chief Executive. At the same special meeting on July 19, the motion to override this veto failed to receive the required 2/3 majority of 10 votes (received 9 votes in favor), therefore, the veto was sustained and this ordinance was not enacted as a result.

On June 21, 2022, Council passed Bill No. 12313-22. This ordinance provides for an exclusion from the residency requirement for County employment for telecommunications officers and shift commanders in the 911 Communications Division of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services. While the County 911 Department strives to be second-to-none as it relates to performance and services, it has struggled to be fully staffed since the pandemic. Therefore, the current staff is stressed and overworked, sometimes working 12-16 hour days. The elimination of the residency requirement is developed to increase hiring, hopefully, leading to less stressful and mandated working hours. The 911 Center handles approximately 1.5 million calls per year, 4,000 per day. If you wish to share information about employment in this role, please visit the site here: <https://apps.alleghenycounty.us/hrjobportal/details?id=0003>



2023 BUDGET

In a few weeks, the annual budget process will be underway for County Council. Each year, a balanced budget must be approved by County Council by December 6th for the next fiscal year. The Chief Executive begins this process with a presentation of the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan (CFP) before Council.



County Council will then hold two public hearings on the proposed CFP at least two weeks before their adoption. Copies of the budgets will be made available to the public in the Office of County Council.

Upon completion of the public hearings, County Council will adopt a balanced annual CFP which includes an operating, capital, grants and special revenues, and agency fund budget for the next fiscal year. Adoption of the annual operating budget constitutes the appropriation of the amounts specified as expenditures from the funds indicated.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 11 - CFP Presentation by the Chief Executive

October 18 and 20 - Public Budget Hearings with Presentations

18 - *County Manager, Pittsburgh Regional Transit, and the Courts*

20 - *Treasurer, District Attorney, Sheriff, Controller, and CCAC*

December 6 - 2nd Reading of Budget Bill(s) & Final Vote

All dates are tentative and will be finalized in the coming weeks.

NEW DISTRICTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

As required by Commonwealth law, County Council was required to redraw its districts following the completion of the 2020 Census data to ensure fair representation on Council for residents. The ordinance accomplishing this reapportionment became County law on July 20, and has resulted in several changes to the Council districts. The new listing of Council Districts is listed on the next page. Check the list to see if your Council Representative has changed.

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

County Council At -Large: Bethany Hallam

Samuel DeMarco III

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 #2 Suzanne Filiaggi

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

District #3 Anita Prizio

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

District #4 Patrick Catena

Carnegie, Collier, Coraopolis, Kennedy, McDonald, McKees Rocks, North Fayette, Oakdale, Pennsbury Village, Robinson, South Fayette, Stowe, and Thornburg

District #5 Tom Duerr

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

District #6 John Palmiere

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

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 #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 #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 #10 DeWitt Walton

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

District #11 Paul Klein

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

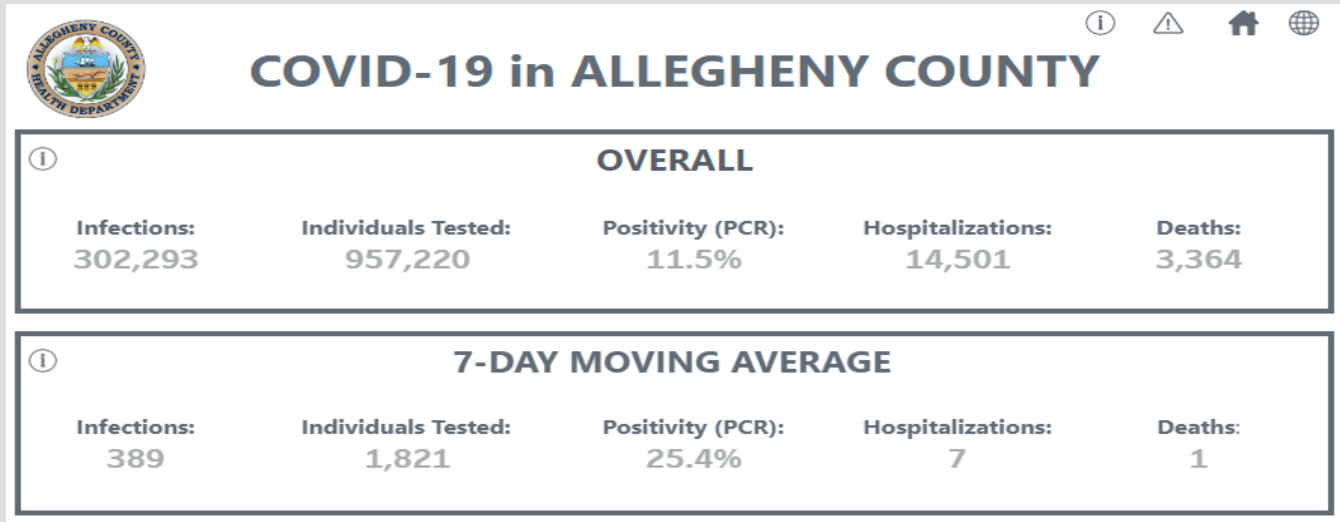
District #12 Robert Palmosina

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

District #13 Olivia "Liv" Bennett

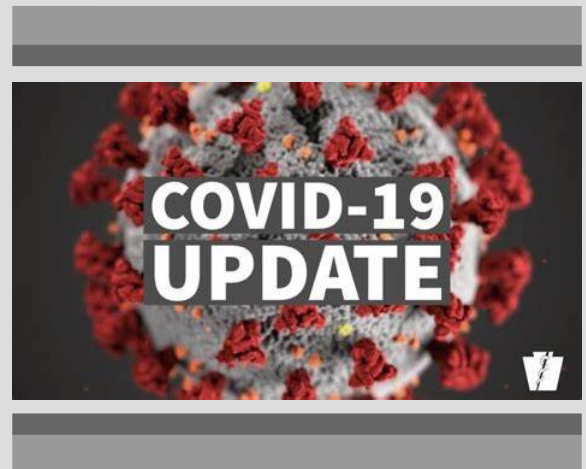
Bellevue Borough and Pittsburgh Wards 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30

COVID-19 AND MONKEY POX UPDATE



COVID-19 is still a prominent virus. Stay up to date with your health and get tested when you feel sick. Vaccinations and boosters are available.

For additional information regarding COVID-19 or vaccinations, visit: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx>



What You Need to Know About Monkey Pox

The Monkey Pox virus is a new disease that can cause illness in humans as well as animals. Symptoms include, a fever, swollen lymph nodes, and a rash that forms blisters. The Allegheny Health Department (ACHD) announced expanded access to the monkeypox vaccine through several local health providers.

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/Data-and-Reporting/Infectious-Disease-Epidemiology/Monkeypox.aspx>



ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS

There are always so many fun events taking place in the County parks throughout the year. All are welcome to attend. To find out about more exciting happenings in the parks, please visit the link below:

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/index.aspx>

22nd Annual Allegheny County Music Festival

Date: September 4, 2022

5:30-6:30 pm *theCAUSE*

6:40-7:40 pm *Dogs in a Pile*

8:00-10:00 pm *Pink Talking Fish*

Cost: \$20 per vehicle requested donation
benefits the Allegheny County DHS

Location: Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater



To learn more about the Summer Concert Series, please visit the site at: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/special-events/summer-concert-series.aspx>

ELECTIONS

The next general election is November 8, 2022. The voter registration deadline is November 1, 2022.

Please take the opportunity to perform your right and privilege as a citizen and vote. For more information, visit:

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/voter-registration.aspx>



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To sign up, visit the following link: <http://apps.alleghenycounty.us/website/CouncilReqComm.asp>

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

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*Enter the bill number that is listed on the agenda to pull up the text of the bill.



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1-800-862-6783

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