

# THE COUNCIL NEWS

Newsletter of the Allegheny County Council



Winter 2023

## Allegheny County Council Passes 2023 Budget

In December, 2022, Allegheny County Council passed the 2023 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 \$1.02 billion 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 \$84.4 million and highlights our dedication to investing in infrastructure and Capital Improvement Projects, which includes the maintenance of 533 bridges and 408 miles of inter-municipal roads.

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county-council/index.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/index.aspx)

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# Legislative Updates

Council approved – and the Chief Executive agreed to – the joint appointment of Dwight Boddorf to the County’s Independent Police Review Board. With this appointment, the initial members of the Board have all been selected. The Board has begun meeting regularly in order to select its officers, formulate its bylaws, and determine how to proceed with meeting its training obligations. The Board has jurisdiction over complaints of misconduct involving Allegheny County Police officers, but any municipality within the County can opt into the program if it chooses to do so. Any recommendations made by the Board pursuant to its functions are advisory only.

Council passed Bill No. 12537-22, an ordinance that directs County departments, agencies, and offices to de-prioritize the enforcement of criminal prosecutions involving abortion procedures, should such procedures be criminalized nationally or within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While the County does not have the ability to preempt Federal or Commonwealth law, the ordinance does establish County policy with regard to facilitating these types of prosecutions, should they take place. The Chief Executive signed this bill into law on January 26.

Council ratified changes to the Allegheny County Health Department regulations, Article XXI, in order to update the County’s standards for volatile organic compound emissions from conventional and unconventional oil and gas sources. The updated regulation makes the County’s requirements consistent with Federal and State limitations, and constitutes the first significant update to the oil and gas VOC regulations since 2015. The Chief Executive signed this change into law on January 26. The Commonwealth adopted identical standards statewide in 2022, and a complete copy of the County’s air quality regulations (including the most up to date provisions) can be viewed at: [https://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny\\_Home/Health\\_Department/Article-21-Air-Pollution-Control.pdf](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny_Home/Health_Department/Article-21-Air-Pollution-Control.pdf).

Council passed Bill No. 12524-22 on January 24, and the Chief Executive signed this ordinance into law on January 26. This ordinance is one of several companion bills introduced in late 2022 to address the application of an incorrect Common Level Ratio (CLR) in the course of real estate assessment appeals in 2022. Because the inaccuracy was not fully revealed until well into in the calendar year, decisions in a significant number of appeals had already been finalized and the appeal deadline for 2022 was long passed. Bill No. 12524-22 establishes a special appeal window for property owners disadvantaged by the use of the incorrect CLR in 2022 in order to give those taxpayers an opportunity to remedy the inaccuracy. This special appeal window runs through March 31, 2023, and special appeal forms are available at: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/real-estate/forms.aspx>. ***Please note that the regular filing deadline for 2023 assessment appeals is also March 31, and any property owner wishing to appeal for both years must file a separate form for each. The 2023 filing form is also available on the same web page as the 2022 form.***

Additional information relating to all legislative items, Council’s meeting agendas, and video of Council’s regular meetings is available at <https://alleghenycounty.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>.

# Allegheny County Council

## 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule

Tuesday	January 10, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 24, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 7, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 21, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 7, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 21, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 4, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 18, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 9, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 23, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 6, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 20, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 5, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 11, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 22, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 12, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 26, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 10, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 24, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 14, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 28, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 5, 2023	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 19, 2023	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 & Special 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.

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## Important Dates

Last day to REGISTER before the primary..... **May 1**  
 Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.....**May 9**  
 Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.) .....**May 16**

\*\*The Board of Elections typically meets 14 days prior to and 20 days after primary, general and special elections, although variations to that schedule can occur. Other meetings may be scheduled at the call of the chair, as appropriate, and are announced and advertised accordingly.

\*\*All meetings will be held in the 4th Floor Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse, unless otherwise noted. They are also streamed on the county's Facebook page.

**For more information:** [Board of Elections](#) | [Elections](#) | [Allegheny County](#)

## Upcoming Meetings

February 27 - 10 AM

May 2 - 3 PM

# BOARD OF HEALTH

\*\*The Allegheny County Board of Health is a nine-member governing board appointed by the County Chief Executive and subject to approval by County Council. Members serve staggered four-year terms and the board appoints and advises the County Health Director.

\*\*Board duties include:

- Formulating rules and regulations for the prevention of disease
- Preventing or fixing conditions that constitute a threat to public health
- Promoting and preserving public health
- Reviewing and approving Clean Air Fund expenditures

\*\* Meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held in-person in the 4th Floor Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse.

Meetings of the Allegheny County Board of Health are open to the public. If you would like to speak at a Board meeting, make your request at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Speakers may address agenda and non-agenda items for a maximum of three minutes. Written copies of comments are welcome but not required. Speaking requests may be made via our contact form or by phone at 412-687-2243.

For more information: [Board of Health](#) | [About](#) | [Health Department](#) | [Allegheny County](#)

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## Upcoming Meetings (Tentative)

March 22 - 12:30 PM



**Boyce Park  
February 4, Noon- 5pm  
2023 Schedule**

**10:30 am**  
Registration opens for the **Mini-Junior Olympics Ski & Snowboard Races.**

**Entry fee\*** is \$10 or \$5 and a canned good. Participants must also purchase a lift ticket.

Boys and girls, age categories: 5-6; 7-8; 9-10; and 11-12.

**12:00 pm**  
Mini-Junior Olympics Begin.

**2:30 pm**  
Registration opens for the **7th Annual Cardboard Box Snow Tubing Derby.**

**Entry fee\*** is \$10 or \$5 and a canned good.

Age groups are 15 & under and 16 & older. All participants must be at least 50" tall and sign a waiver. Parents or legal guardians must sign waivers for participants ages 17 & under.

**3:30 pm**  
7th Annual Cardboard Box Snow Tubing Derby begins on snowtubing hill.

**4:30 pm**  
Winners are awarded prizes.

**More Info Here:** [Boyce Park SnowFest | Special Events | Allegheny County](#)

**North Park & South Park  
Outdoor Ice skating Rinks**

**Public Skate Admission**  
Resident \$5      Non-Resident \$6  
\*\*Skating tickets may be purchased online in advance .

**Stick Time Admission**  
Resident \$7      Non-Resident \$8

**Skate Rental**  
Resident \$2      Non-Resident \$3

**Skate Sharpening**  
Resident \$4.50      Non-Resident \$6

**Coin Lockers**  
\$0.25

**For more information and hours of operation visit:** [Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks | North Park & South Park | Allegheny County Parks](#)



You can learn which entity is responsible for removing snow from a specific roadway within the county by visiting [Who Plows My Road](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/whoplowsmyroad) at [www.alleghenycounty.us/whoplowsmyroad](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/whoplowsmyroad)

**Boyce Park Skiing, Snowboarding, and Snow Tubing**

**Skiing and Snowboarding**

**Lift Ticket (Mon-Thurs)**  
Resident \$15      Non-Resident \$19

**Lift Ticket (Fri-Sun & Holidays)**  
Resident \$20      Non-Resident \$25

**Rental Equipment**  
(All equipment inc. helmet)  
Resident \$20      Non-Resident \$25

\*\*Lift tickets for children under 5 years of age are free!

**For more information and hours of operation visit:** [Skiing & Snowboarding | Boyce Park, Plum PA | Allegheny County Parks](#)

**Snowtubing**

**Snowtubing (Mon-Fri)**  
Resident \$17      Non-Resident \$21

\*\*Height restrictions: all participants must be at least 42" tall. Participants between 42" – 50" must be linked to an adult while tubing.

\*\*All persons wishing to snow tube must submit a completed waiver agreement.

**For more information and hours of operation visit:** [Snow Tubing | Boyce Park, Plum PA | Allegheny County Parks](#)

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**At-Large - Bethany Hallam**

412-350-6490



**District 1 - Jack Betkowski**

Aleppo, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Crescent, Emsworth, Findlay, Glenfield, Glen Osborne, Haysville, Kilbuck, Moon, Neville, Ohio, Ross, and West View



**District 3 - Anita Prizio**

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



**VP John Palmiere - District 6**

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



**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 10 - DeWitt Walton**

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



**District 12 - Robert Palmosina**

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

**President Patrick Catena - District 4**

412-350-6490

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



**At-Large - Samuel DeMarco III**

412-350-6490



**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 5 - Tom Duerr**

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



**District 7 - Nicholas Futules**

Blawnox, Brackenridge, Chalfant, Cheswick, Churchill, East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Har-mar, Harrison, Oakmont, Penn Hills, Springdale Borough, Springdale Township, Tarentum, Verona, and Wilkins



**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 11 - Paul Klein**

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



**District 13 - Olivia "Liv" Bennett**

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



## Council Committee Chairs

### Appointment Review

**Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis**

**Health & Human Services  
Paul Klein**

**Budget & Finance  
Robert Palmosina**

**Parks  
John Palmiere**

**Economic Development  
& Housing**

**Jack Betkowski**

**Public Safety  
Olivia "Liv" Bennett**

**Public Works  
Jack Betkowski**

**Executive  
John Palmiere**

**Sustainability and Green  
Initiatives  
Anita Prizio**

**Government Reform  
Bethany Hallam**

**Allegheny County Parks  
Information Line:  
412-350-7275**

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

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

**[Verbatim Regular Meeting Minutes | County  
Council | Allegheny County](#)**

## COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

### County Executive Fitzgerald's Office

412-350-6500

### Sheriff's Office

412-35-4700

### Allegheny County Police

412-473-1200

## Questions or Comments?

Contact us at  
412-350-6490 or via email at  
[CouncilNews@AlleghenyCounty.us](mailto:CouncilNews@AlleghenyCounty.us)

You can attend Regular Meetings in-person and  
via livestream . Click the livestream link below:

**[Allegheny County Council - Video Archive  
\(legistar.com\)](#)**

## Request to Comment

Citizens of Allegheny County may address  
County Council at Regular Meetings.

Visit Council's website to learn more:  
**[County Council | Request to Comment |  
Allegheny County](#)**

Request to Comment form:  
**[Request to Comment for County Council  
Meetings \(alleghenycounty.us\)](#)**

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

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of Council, please call:  
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## **UPCOMING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

*February 7*

*February 21*