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Allegheny County Council Passes 2025 Budget

After a months long budget discussion and the most contentious budget season for County Council in its 24-year history, Council and County Executive Innamorato agreed on a budget compromise with a 1.7 millage increase and a balanced budget for 2025.

In addition to the 1.7 mills increase, Council and the County Executive have agreed to the following principles for a 2025 budget: no layoffs of County employees, no cuts to County public safety departments or public works, fully funding Department of Human Services (including contributions from the County that will fully draw down every available State matching dollar), preserving funding for Emergency Rental Assistance and childcare programs that support working families, replenishing the County reserve funds to a serviceable level, and a commitment from both the Administration and Council to work together through 2025 to continue to identify efficiencies and reductions that ensure long-term financial sustainability without compromising essential services.

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The budget also makes important investments in education, transportation and economic development by funding CCAC, Pittsburgh Regional Transit, and economic development programs that support Main Streets, blight removal, attracting new businesses, workforce development, first-time home buyers, and affordable housing.

Budget and Finance Chairman Robert Palmosina was pleased to provide necessary funding for law enforcement and public safety. He noted this budget provided no layoffs of County employees and maintains services for the County's residents. Chairman Palmosina said "I am grateful for the hard work and dedication that my colleagues demonstrated during this tedious process. Council's staff and the Chief Executive's team displayed outstanding effort and commitment during these last two months."

To view the budget bills, search by the bill number at: <u>Allegheny County Coun-</u> <u>cil - Legislation</u>

13264-24 Millage Ordinance 13652-24 Operating Resolution 13656-24 Capital Resolution 13267-24 Grants, Special Accounts, and Agency Fund Resolution

Application Deadline Extended for Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program for First Responders

Allegheny County Council enacted this program to encourage participation in local volunteer emergency service organizations by providing personnel with real estate tax incentives. The Allegheny County Treasurer's Office, which administers the program, extended the application deadline to December 31, 2024 to provide more time for applications.

Active members may be entitled to refunds on County real estate taxes applied to their primary residence, up to 100% of their gross annual tax liability to a maximum of \$500. Fire Department leaders are required to track participation in qualifying events and remit names of those eligible for the refund. Please note that these logs may be subject to review or audit. Included in this document are forms necessary for supervisors to denote eligible active members, for qualifying members to apply for the tax credit certificate, and information on eligibility criteria, timelines, and claim filing.

If you have any questions, please contact their office at 412-350-4100 or view <u>treasurervstcdept@alleghenycounty.us</u>

Legislative Updates

*To view more information on each bill, click here: <u>https://alleghenycounty.legistar.com/</u>

12-24-OR an Ordinance providing for distribution of fire safety information to restaurant owners by the Allegheny County Health Department.

13-24-OR ratified a Health Department regulation to create a Housing Advisory Committee to aid in informing rules and regulations relating to housing and community environment.

Council has approved Bill No. 13214-24 at it's December 17, 2024 meeting. This bill will establish a transparent, publicly accessible database of seats available on Authorities, Boards, Commissions and other entities to which the Chief Executive or Council has the authority to nominate or make appointments. 10-24-RE approved a LERTA financing arrangement within the City of Clairton. This incentive is expected to result in almost 12,000 sq. ft. of light industrial and warehouse space, and approximately the same amount of retail and office space.

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11-24-RE approved a LERTA financing arrangement within the Borough of Brentwood. This incentive is expected to result in a mixed use development in approximately 38,000 sq. ft. of marketrate rental apartment units, 8,000 sq. ft. of retail space and 42 parking spaces.

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APPOINTMENT REVIEW

MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, CHAIR Committee of the Whole

ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

Suzanne Filiaggi, Chair Members: David Bonaroti, Sam Demarco, Dan Grzybek, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere and Anita Prizio

BUDGET & FINANCE

Bob Palmosina, Chair Members: Jack Betkowski, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein and John Palmiere

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION

Jack Betkowski, Chair Members: David Bonaroti, Nick Futules, Dan Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Bob Macey and Anita Prizio

EXECUTIVE

John Palmiere, Chair Members: Jack Betkowski, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis and Bob Palmosina

GOVERNMENT REFORM

NICK FUTULES, CHAIR Members: Suzanne Filiaggi, Dan Grzybek, Paul Klein, John Palmiere, Bob Palmosina and Anita Prizio

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PAUL KLEIN, CHAIR MEMBERS: SUZANNE FILIAGGI, DAN GRZYBEK, BETHANY HALLAM, BOB MACEY, MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS AND ANITA PRIZIO

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Bethany Hallam, Chair Members: David Bonaroti, Nick Futules, Dan Grzybek, Paul Klein, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis and Anita Prizio

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

DAVID BONAROTI, CHAIR Members: Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Bob Macey, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis John Palmiere and Bob Palmosina

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Dan Grzybek, Chair Members: Jack Betkowski, David Bonaroti, Suzanne Filiaggi, Bob Macey, Bob Palmosina and Anita Prizio

PARKS

John Palmiere, Chair Members: Jack Betkowski, Suzanne Filiaggi, Dan Grzybek, Bob Macey, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis and Anita Prizio

PUBLIC SAFETY

MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS, CHAIR Members: Jack Betkowski, Dan Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, John Palmiere and Bob Palmosina

PUBLIC WORKS

BOB MACEY, CHAIR MEMBERS: JACK BETKOWSKI, DAVID BONAROTI, NICK FUTULES, BETHANY HALLAM, JOHN PALMIERE AND BOB PALMOSINA

SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN INITIATIVES

ANITA PRIZIO, CHAIR MEMBERS: DAVID BONAROTI, DAN GRZYBEK, BETHANY HALLAM, PAUL KLEIN, BOB MACEY AND MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS

Allegheny County Council 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

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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	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.
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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.
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Tuesday	December 2, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 16, 2025	5:00 p.m.
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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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2024 Laser Show

Celebrate the holidays with a one-of-a-kind drive-in laser show at North Park! Guests will be dazzled by a beautiful 40-minute light show synchronized with holiday music from the comfort of their own vehicle.

Further Details

The laser show is held at the North Park pool parking lot. Tickets are \$30.00 per vehicle, and only one ticket is needed per vehicle. Tickets will be issued via QR code. Please arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the show's start time with a digital or printed QR code.

Laser Show Schedule

December 18th and 19th 6:30 pm 8:00 pm

December 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd 6:30 pm 8:00 pm 9:30 pm

More information: 2024 Laser Show - Allegheny County, PA

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Skate with Santa

Skate along with Santa at the North and South Park ice rinks this winter. Santa will be skating during public skate sessions from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Schedule

Date	Location
Saturday, December 21, 2024 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	South Park Ice Rink 300 Corrigan Drive Bethel Park, PA 15102
Sunday, December 22, 2024 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	North Park Ice Rink 1200 Pearce Mill Road Wexford, PA 15090

More information: Skate with Santa - Allegheny County, PA

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HOCKEY IS FOR EVERYONE DAYS

Hockey Is For Everyone Events

Join the Allegheny County Parks and the Penguins Foundation for raffle prizes, giveaways, clinics, scrimmages, and more.

Special Hockey Scrimmage

Support the American Special Hockey Association by watching scrimmage games between local teams, with players from the Pittsburgh Emperors, Steel City Icebergs, Southpoint Grizzlies, and Beaver County Ice Sharks.

Public Skate

As part of Hockey is for Everyone Days, join Allegheny County Parks and the Penguins Foundation for raffle prizes, giveaways, and more.

Try Hockey - Free Clinic

Allegheny County and the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation will provide children the opportunity to learn the basics of skating and hockey in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere. All equipment will be provided. Registration required, 40 registrations maximum.

Girls Rock Hockey - Free Clinic

Allegheny County Parks and the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation will be provide an ice hockey clinic for female participants. Get an introduction to ice hockey and learn the basics! The clinic will focus on skill building and sportsmanship. All equipment will be provided. Registration required, 40 registrations maximum.

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HOCKEY IS FOR EVERYONE DAYS

Schedule

Saturday, January 18, 2025 South Park Ice Rink 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday, January 25, 2025 North Park Ice Rink 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

11:30 am - 1:45 pm Hockey Scrimmages

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Public Skate **4:30 pm - 5:10 pm** Try Hockey Clinic

5:20 pm - 6:00 pm Girls Rock Hockey Clinic

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Public Skate

The schedule for both days will be the same

More information: Hockey is for Everyone Days - Allegheny County, PA

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Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Christmas tree recycling will be available from Thursday, December 26, 2024, through Sunday, January 19, 2025, at all county parks from 8:00 am until dusk. All lights, decorations, tinsel and stands must be removed from trees prior to drop-off.

2024-2025 Tree Recycling Locations

Park	Drop-Off Location
Boyce Park	Soccer Fields Parking Lot
Deer Lakes Park	Veterans Shelter Parking Lot
Harrison Hills Park	Parking Lot at Chipmunk Drive & Cottontail Drive
Hartwood Acres Park	Middle Road Parking Lot
North Park	Swimming Pool Parking Lot
Round Hill Park	Alfalfa Shelter Parking Lot
Settlers Cabin Park	Park Administration Office
South Park	Brightstar Shelter Lot
White Oak Park	Chestnut Shelter Parking Lot

More information: Christmas Tree Recycling Program - Allegheny County, PA

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District 13 - David Bonaroti Bellevue Borough, Pittsburgh

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



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Visit Council's website to learn more: Request to Comment - Allegheny County, PA

Request to Comment form: My Allegheny County Support Center

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

Allegheny County Information Line 412-350-4636

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Allegheny County Council - Video Archive (legistar.com)

<u>Allegheny County Council TV - YouTube</u>

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SNOW REMOVAL | Who Owns My Infrastructure?

Director's Action Line (DAL)

1-800-862-6783

The purpose of the DAL is to provide a personal response to individuals who have questions, concerns, comments, or complaints about any aspect of the Department of Human Services. To Find an Electronic Copy of County Council Verbatim Regular Minutes go to:

Allegheny County Council - Calendar (legistar.com)

Questions or Comments? Contact us at: 412-350-6490 or via email CouncilNews@AlleghenyCounty.US

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