At the Tuesday, March 6th, Regular Meeting of Council, with St. Patrick’s Day right around the corner, the Council Members honored numerous Irish individuals and organizations that are a staple of Allegheny County’s fabric.

During the presentation of the proclamations, there were several resounding themes: hard work, dedication, and charity. All are important characteristics of any community or organization, but common place amongst the Irish organizations represented at the meeting. Each organization and person honored placed a great emphasis on helping others. Each individual and group has a mission of leaving their community just a little bit better than they found it.
Council Member of the Month

Patrick J. Catena
Allegheny County Council
District 4

Councilman Catena was appointed Councilman of County Council District 4 on January 17, 2017. Patrick’s family generations are strong in the Carnegie area. He is the grandson of Richard and Suzanne Cavanagh and Dr. William P. Catena and Elizabeth Catena. He is a family man, believing in strong family values raising his son, Jack who is 11. His dedication to family can be found on the baseball field attending and assisting baseball games for the Miracle Baseball League or helping the local children in Carnegie with family events. His dedication to funding of children’s events and creating a line item for budgets to assist with these funds has enabled a successful three phase parks project. Pat has also lobbied for successful funding and development. His work with Mary Pitcher and creating the Pitcher Skateboard Park and Haunted Trails are just two more examples of his community engagement.

Patrick is a third generation lifelong resident of Carnegie. He is a graduate of St. Simon and Jude in Scott Township, Bishop Canevin High School, 1991 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and communications from the University of Pittsburgh in 1995. Over the years, Council Member Catena grew to understand his purpose to unite the Council and the Community.

Complimenting his academic and work experience are results. His professionalism, creative vision, persistence and self-motivation show in his strong leadership skills. He has worked with Apria Healthcare since 2003 growing from a Collections Supervisor to a Financial Analyst. Prior to that, he worked for the May Corporation for seven years as a Collections and Credit Supervisor. In his professional advancement, he has created a foundation in analytics and Revenue Cycle Management to improve operations and all facets of the business from sales, regulatory compliance and finance to meeting or exceeding operating results and income. His business experience is an asset to the community of Carnegie and across Allegheny County in District 4.
Allegheny County Camp Cadet is a tuition-free, one-week camp designed to give local boys and girls, ages 12-14, a better understanding of law-enforcement activities while living in an atmosphere similar to a police training academy. Emphasis is placed on improving self-discipline and building self-esteem and confidence in a positive environment through teamwork, and it provides an opportunity to make new friends.

For more information or an application, go to: http://www.alleghenycountycampcadet.org/

Learn & Earn is a six-week summer employment program for teens and young adults ages 14-21 in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Participants have the opportunity to earn money, and gain valuable work experience, to help them become college and career ready.

For more information or an application, go to https://www.partner4work.org/learnandearn

The Allegheny County Parks Department is seeking qualified applicants, ages 16 and older, to fill lifeguard positions at its pools in Boyce, North, Settlers Cabin and South parks for the 2018 pool season, which is scheduled for June 2-September 3. Candidates must successfully pass an aquatics test and background check and be willing to work the entire season.

Returning lifeguard veterans in good standing and applicants 18 years or older will be given first preference.

For more information or an application, go to http://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/careers/lifeguard-positions.aspx
**Seasonal Events**

**Volunteer Trail Work Day**
On Friday, April 6, 2018, from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm you will have a chance to give back to your park with this great volunteer opportunity! Park Rangers will start at the Bedford Shelter in South Park, and lead volunteers in improving trails, including cutting back overgrowth, light tread maintenance, and other small maintenance tasks.

**Earth Day Invasive Species Removal**
On Sunday, April 22, 2018 in North Park from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, you can do your part with Earth Day and help by removing invasive species from different areas in the park and beautifying it.

**Earth Day Park Cleanup**
On Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Tamarac Shelter in South Park you will have a chance to take part in Earth Day activities by helping with removing litter from different areas in the park and beautifying it in observance of Earth Day.

**Monarch Butterflies**
On Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the North Park Latrobe Shelter you will have an opportunity to join Kimberly Vensel, the Butterfly Lady, as she explains the mystery of the Monarch!

**Down on the Farm Day**
On Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm come explore the Round Hill farm and meet the animals. Also, come watch the annual sheep shearing!

**Wildflower Hike**
On Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the White Oak Park, join the Park Rangers for a 1.5 mile hike around the park and explore different blooming wildflowers role in its ecosystem.

**Arbor Day**
On Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the Boyce Park Nature Center you will have an opportunity to learn about various tree planting techniques, tree identification, history and lore at the Boyce Park Nature Centers historical and memorial arboretns.

**Backyard Composting**
On Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the South Park Buffalo Inn come and learn about the importance and benefits of composting, including setting up a pile, proper maintenance, and ways of using finished compost.

For more information or to pre-register, please call 412-488-7490 ext.226.
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1-800-862-6783

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