On March 11, 2021 Allegheny County Council President, Pat Catena, established a new standing committee on Council, the Committee on Sustainability and Green Initiatives.

The committee is established to collaborate with the county’s sustainability manager and municipalities to investigate the feasibility of a regional climate action plan. It also will work to provide an updated greenhouse gas assessment to move the county in the direction of the long-term goal of carbon neutrality; offer recommendations to incorporate sustainable practices in all county departments; and offer recommendations on ways to promote and educate the public about the county’s environmental and energy initiatives.

President Catena named District 3 Councilwoman Anita Prizio chairperson and appointed others to complete the makeup of this committee. The committee members are listed below.

- Anita Prizio, District 3, Chairperson
- Tom Baker, District 1
- Olivia “Liv” Bennett, District 13
- Tom Duerr, District 5
- Cindy Kirk, District 2
- Paul Klein, District 11

“I believe this group will bring diverse perspectives on an issue that is vitally important to our county and the region,” said Catena. Chair Prizio stated, “I am anxious to get started discussing sustainability and green issues with my colleagues. This issue has received much attention at the federal and state levels of government and I want to bring that type of awareness to the county through this committee,” she continued.
Friends of the Parks - Volunteer Today

Are you passionate about your local Allegheny County park? If you answered yes, consider volunteering as a Friend of the Park! County Council recently passed an ordinance reinventing the Friends of the Parks. To learn more about the Friends, you can view the legislation here: https://alleghenycounty.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4975574&GUID=BB24829C-9288-443F-BB07-0918B98ECA9D&Options=ID|Text&Search=Friends

Preserve, Protect and Improve

The Friends of the Parks are groups of 12 volunteers who are nominated by a Council Member and approved by the full Council to serve three-year terms. They serve as the eyes and ears of County Council to address the general needs of the parks and work to preserve, protect and improve the natural environment. Chairs are elected by the 12 volunteers and official meetings are held and are open to the Public. So even if you are not appointed to a Friends of the Parks group, you can still participate.

Contact Your Council Member to Volunteer as a Friend

If you would like to be involved in a county park, please fill out the form on the next page and either mail or email the form to your County Council Member.

Address: 436 Grant St. Rm 119
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Your County Council Member’s email can be found at:
https://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/council-members.aspx
You may also call the office at (412) 350-6490 and ask for email address.

*Allegheny County Parks (9): Boyce, Deer Lakes, Harrison Hills, Hartwood Acres, North, Round Hill, Settlers Cabin, South and White Oak.*
FRIENDS OF THE PARKS NOMINATION FORM

* = Required Information

Nominating Council Member*: _________________________________________

Desired Park Appointment*: ___________________________________________

Name*: ____________________________________________________________

Address*: __________________________________________________________

City*: _______________________________  State:  PA  Zip*: _______________

Phone Number *: _____________________________

Email *: ___________________________________________________________

Brief Description of why you want to be appointed (you may attach a resume instead if you desire):

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Don't Let Severe Weather Take You by Surprise

Find out what you can do before severe weather strikes. Preparation is key to staying safe and minimizing impacts.

- **Be Weather-Ready**: Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for severe weather. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about severe thunderstorm watches and warnings. Check the Weather-Ready Nation for tips.

- **Sign Up for Notifications**: Know how your community sends warning. Some communities have outdoor sirens. Others depend on media and smart phones to alert residents to severe storms.

- **Create a Communications Plan**: Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and related information. Pick a safe room in your home such as a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Get more ideas for a plan at: https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan

- **Practice Your Plan**: Conduct a family severe thunderstorm drill regularly so everyone knows what to do if a damaging wind or large hail is approaching. Make sure all members of your family know to go there when severe thunderstorm warnings are issued. Don't forget your pets.

- **Prepare Your Home**: Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house. If you have time before severe weather hits, secure loose objects, close windows and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.

- **Help Your Neighbor**: Encourage your loved ones to prepare for severe thunderstorms. Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt during severe weather.

For additional information, visit:

https://www.alleghenycounty.us/emergency-services/emergency-mgmt/be-prepared.aspx
https://www.duquesnelight.com/outages-safety/storm-plan
https://www.firstenergycorp.com/help/outages/be_prepared_for_anoutage.html
https://www.weather.gov/ind/preparedness
Assistance Programs for Residents

**Allegeny County Emergency Rental Assistance**
Emergency assistance is available if you’ve lost your job or experienced financial hardship since March 13, 2020.
You can apply if you are a renter living in a household with:
- at least one person who qualifies for unemployment, has lost income, or suffered financially due to COVID-19
- at least one person who is at risk of experiencing homelessness if they don’t get help
- a total income below 80% of the Area Median Income for Allegheny County

**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 AlleghenyL-link@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. 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.

**Federal funds are available to help older youth with child welfare system experience.**
You can get cash assistance if you:
- Were in CYF placement in Allegheny County and dependent at age 14 or older and
- Are currently at least 18, and not older than 26

For more information, visit: https://youthpgh.org/

**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.

**Child Care and Education**

- Community Learning Hubs have been developed to provide a safe place for kids during COVID-19. To learn more about what Community Learning Hubs can provide, where to find them and an Interactive Map, visit the Trying Together Community Learning Hubs page at https://tryingtogether.org/community-learning-hubs/
- Family Centers of Allegheny County are offering limited services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the Family Centers website for a list of locations and the services they are providing. https://acfamilycenters.azurewebsites.net/covid-services/
COVID-19 Update

As of July 12, 2021, at least 66.1% of Allegheny County residents are partially vaccinated and 60.4% are fully vaccinated.

**Delta Variant**

According to the CDC, the delta variant, which is highly transmissible, is now the dominant coronavirus strain across the country. There is an increased concern for young, unvaccinated people, who are being hospitalized at alarming rates.

For additional information on COVID-19 and the Delta Variant, visit:


**Vaccine Registration**

All Pennsylvania residents who are 12 and older are currently eligible for vaccination. The Allegheny County Health Department is currently offering the Janssen/J&J (ages 18 and older), Moderna (ages 18 and older), and Pfizer (ages 12 and older) vaccine at locations throughout the county.

To get your first or second dose of the COVID 19 vaccine, visit the following site to register: https://vax4.alleghenycounty.us/patient/s/
### Allegheny County Council
#### 2021 Meeting Notice

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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, 456 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.
Office of the Allegheny County Council

Patrick J. Catena, President
District 4

Bob Macey, Vice President
District 9

Bethany Hallam
At-Large

Samuel DeMarco III
At-Large

Tom Baker
District 1

Cindy Kirk
District 2

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District 3

Tom Duerr
District 5

John Palmiere
District 6

Nick Futules
District 7

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District 8

DeWitt Walton
District 10

Paul Klein
District 11

Bob Palmosina
District 12

Olivia Bennett
District 13
All Allegheny County pools are open daily, 11:30 am-7:30 pm, weather and conditions permitting.

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Hartwood Acres and South Park Amphitheater will have Movies in the Park. Bring your blankets or chairs and join us for family activities and fun starting at 7:30 pm.

For more information visit: https://www.alleghenycounty.us/special-events/movies-in-the-parks.aspx

Youth Sports and Camps will be starting up at the nine Allegheny County Parks.

For more information about individual park activities, visit:
https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/activities/youth-sports.aspx

2021 Summer Concert Series
- All concerts are FREE and begin at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.
- Food trucks and Hop Farm Brewing Company craft beer are at all concerts starting at 6:00 pm.
- All concerts take place rain or shine at open-air amphitheaters with no covered seating.

For more information about an upcoming concert at a park near you, visit here: https://www.alleghenycounty.us/special-events/summer-concert-series.aspx

Enjoy a summer evening of fun and games with your four-legged friend, including a puppy pool! Giveaway bags will be available with treats for you and your furry friend! This event is free for all.

For more information and to find a Dog Days of Summer event near you, visit here: https://www.alleghenycounty.us/special-events/dog-days-of-summer.aspx

To learn more about Allegheny County Parks and their upcoming events, visit their site at https://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/index.aspx
Questions or Comments?
We would love to hear from you!
Contact us at 412-350-6490 or via email at CouncilNews@AlleghenyCounty.us

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

Allegheny County Information Line
412-350-4636

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 Department of Human Services.
1-800-862-6783

Allegheny County Parks Information Line:
412-350-7275

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