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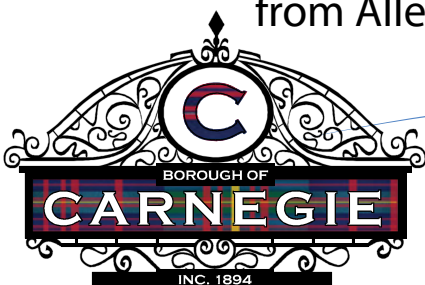
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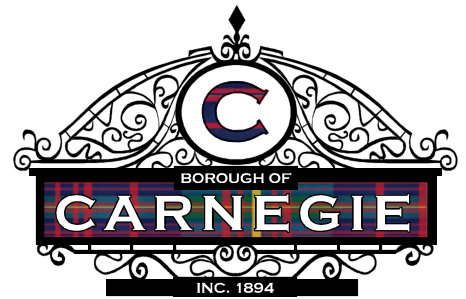


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102 Rahway Road  
McMurray, PA 15317  
724-731-2311

**In case of emergency call 911. EMS Contact 412-278-2439**

### **BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **One Veterans Way, Carnegie, PA 15106**

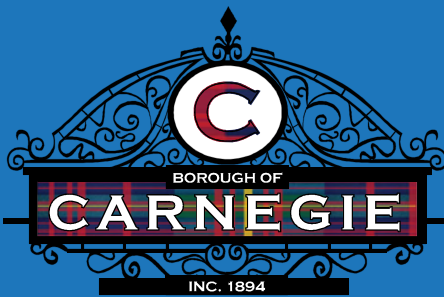
Council Work Sessions - 1st Monday of the month 6:00pm

Council Regular Meeting - 2nd Monday of the month 7:00pm

Planning Commission Meeting - Last Tuesday of the month 7:00pm (work session 6:00pm)

Other boards as needed - Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission

When meetings fall on a holiday they are held on the next business day.



# Around the Borough

## 2020 Grant Awards

DLC Community Grant \$2500  
DCED GTRP Grant \$85,700  
Snee Reinhardt Grant \$15,000

## PA State Association of Boroughs Communication Awards 2021

First Place ~ Census Outreach Video  
narrated and assembled by Carlynton  
alum and IUP student Sam Bigham

## Junior Council



Outgoing Junior Councilperson Sam Bigham gave his final report during the October 11 council meeting where he was honored by PSAB President Thomas Gramling Sr. for his accomplishments during his term. Sam is a sophomore at Indiana University of PA where he majors in Honors History and Political Science, serves on student government, and is on the Dean's List.



Incoming Junior Councilperson MacIaen Johnson was sworn in by Mayor Stacie Riley during the October 11 council meeting. Mac is a senior at Bishop Canevin High School where he is an honor student and involved in many activities. Mac is an enthusiastic community volunteer and strong advocate of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Concert Hall.

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, November 6**  
**CCDC**  
**Fall Back Business Event**  
**E & W Main Street**

**November 12-14**  
**Friday-Sunday**  
**CCDC Holiday Open House**  
**E & W Main Street**

**Sunday, November 21**  
**Holiday Farmers Market**  
**E Main Street**

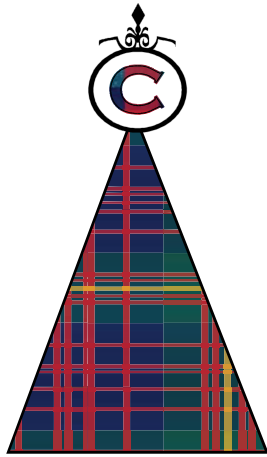
**November 27**  
**CCDC**  
**Small Business Saturday**  
**E & W Main Street**

**Friday, December 3**  
**Carols & Lights Celebration**  
**Carnegie Borough Building**

**Santa at the Library**  
**To be determined**

**Saturday, December 18**  
**CCDC**  
**Carnegie Christmas**  
**with Goats**  
**E Main Street**





# CAROLS & LIGHTS

CARNEGIE CELEBRATES  
THE SEASON



CAROLERS  
TREE LIGHTING  
SANTA & TREAT BAGS  
...

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3  
6:00-8:00PM  
CARNEGIE BOROUGH BUILDING



**East Main St**  
between Mary & Broadway

FARMERS MARKET

[CarnegieBorough.com/market](http://CarnegieBorough.com/market)

VIRTUAL MARKET

[Carnegie Borough.com/vmarket](http://CarnegieBorough.com/vmarket)

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 21**



# Are You Selling Property in Carnegie? The Following is Required.

## BOROUGH of CARNEGIE REQUIREMENTS

	Municipal Lien Letter Request	Sanitary Sewer (Dye Test)	Occupancy Certificate	Zoning Certificate	Occupancy Inspection
<b>SELLING</b>	X	X	X	X	
<b>REFINANCING</b>	X	X			X

Forms are available at [CarnegieBorough.com](http://CarnegieBorough.com)

Mail forms and fees to:

Carnegie Borough, Code Enforcement, One Veterans Way, Carnegie, PA 15106

### MUNICIPAL LIEN LETTER

**Required when Selling or Refinancing**  
Request is made once Occupancy and Dye Test forms have been submitted with applicable fees.  
**Borough Fee: \$25.00**

### SANITARY SEWER (DYE TEST)

**Required when Selling or Refinancing**  
Dye test must be performed by a licensed plumber.  
**Borough Fee: \$30.00**

### CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

**Required when Selling**  
Borough Fees:  
**Single Family or Duplex: \$85.00 per unit**  
**Commercial, Triplex or Larger: \$100 per unit**

### CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE

**Required when Selling**  
Borough Fees:  
**Commercial, Duplex or larger: \$50.00**  
**Single Family Homes: \$0**

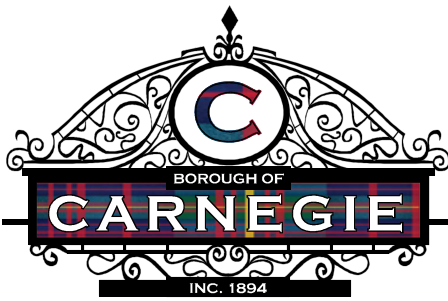
### OCCUPANCY INSPECTION

**Required when Selling**  
Once the borough has received all paperwork and fees, an occupancy inspection needs to be scheduled with Plans Examiners 412-787-1510 x 118 Betsy Gray.  
1. If a building fails, repairs may be made and another inspection performed.  
2. If closing needs to proceed with a failed inspection, a notarized Occupancy Affidavit is required. The affidavit states that the closing may proceed but the building will remain unoccupied until it passes inspection.  
3. Each additional inspection will cost \$76.00

**JORDAN TAX SERVICE - 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317 - 724-731-2300**

**Required when Refinancing or Selling** - Sewage Lien Letter and Tax Certificate for Current Real Estate Taxes





# Police & Fire



## Lock your car doors

Never leave valuables in your vehicle

Don't make it easy for thieves to steal your belongings

Door locks act as the first line of defense against thieves and intruders. Your car is one of your most important assets, so PROTECT it.

Most cars can be locked both manually and automatically, but regardless of how you do it, locking your car is one of the simplest and most important actions you can take to prevent theft and improve safety.

**You should always lock your car after leaving the vehicle and while you're actually inside it.**



## Reminders from the Carnegie Volunteer Fire & Rescue Bureau

When you turn your clock back one hour in the fall,  
**REMEMBER TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.**

### CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

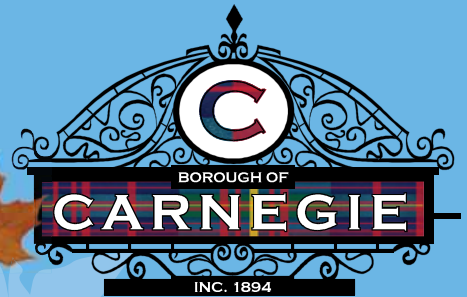
The Borough has an ordinance that requires smoke and carbon monoxide detectors be provided by landlords in all rental houses and apartments. While not required by ordinance, the CVFRB highly recommends that owner occupied buildings also install and maintain these life saving devices in the same manner as required in rentals.

### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely. Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.



# Public Works



## Leaves

Residents may place leaves and bagged yard waste at the curb, but only in proper paper lawn/leaf bags. Bushes, hedges and tree trimmings MUST be securely bundled. NO LOOSE MATERIAL WILL BE TAKEN. Call the Department of Public Works at (412) 276-0111 to schedule pickup of yard residue.

## Snow and Ice - Sidewalks, Driveways & Roads

Residents with sidewalks in front of their property are responsible for clearing them of ice and snow within twenty four hours of an event. Snow is NOT PERMITTED to be shoveled from sidewalks or driveways onto the street. During winter months, the Department of Public Works primary focus is the borough's main streets. Side streets and alleys are secondary.

## Pennsylvania's Local Climate Action Planning (LCAP) Program

The Borough of Carnegie has been accepted into the PLCAP third year cohort led by ICLEI USA (Local Governments for Sustainability) and CONNECT (Congress of Neighboring Communities). The cohort is a structured technical assistance program to guide local governments through the steps of developing: climate vulnerability assessment, GHG reduction targets, climate adaptation goals, climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, stakeholder engagement, communication strategies, and narrative document for internal and external audiences.

Carnegie and other municipalities will develop an integrated Climate Action Plan, inclusive of climate equity, mitigation, and adaptation elements. Each participant will receive individual assistance to use ClearPath's forecasting and planning modules and access Temperate, which will display potential future climate hazards for the user's location, based on localized data from over 30 climate models and regional findings.



## Parking Lot Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens are Bio-retention cells. Visit [carnegieborough.org/raingarden](http://carnegieborough.org/raingarden) for more information

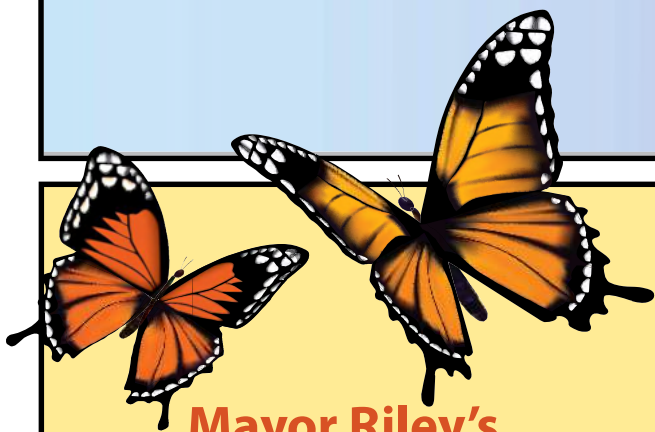
Land Force performed maintenance in the rain gardens located at the East Main Street Parking Lot. Coordinated by Carnegie's Shade Tree Commission and Department of Public Works, workers spent the day removing weeds, trimming native plants, grasses, and trees. These gardens absorb more than 800,000 gallons of stormwater each year and are critical to stormwater maintenance.



# Carnegie Shade Tree Commission



Carnegie has received \$2500 from DLC and \$1200 from PA American Water Co. to complete a rain garden at Pitcher Park Memorial Skatepark. The objective of this rain garden is to assist in absorbing excess water runoff while protecting the integrity of the skate park. The sub-structure, base, and drain pipe portions of the garden have already been installed. The Carnegie Shade Tree Commission and volunteers planted 88 native plants over the summer. Mulching and border will be completed in Spring of 2022. Very soon after planting, pollinators appeared.



## **Mayor Riley's Monarch Butterfly Conservation Page**

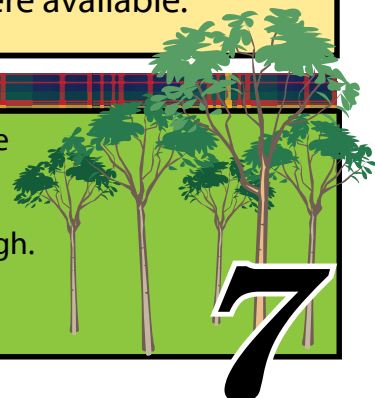
**[CarnegieBorough.com/monarch](http://CarnegieBorough.com/monarch)**

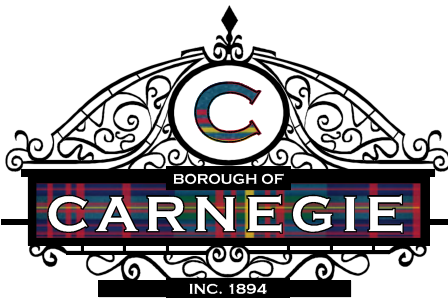
## **Last Spring, Mayor Stacie Riley signed the National Wildlife Federation's "Mayors' Monarch Pledge" to Help Save the Monarch Butterfly**

Along with the Shade Tree Commission, Mayor Riley hosted a Monarch Butterfly Festival at opening day of the Farmers Market. Milkweed seeds, educational materials and children's crafts were available.

The Shade Tree Commission, an all-volunteer board, works on tree-planting and tree maintenance in the borough. The trees we plant, in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy which supplies the trees free of charge to the borough, help to absorb stormwater, support wildlife, and enhance green space in the borough. We also work on other green infrastructure projects.

**[carnegieshadetree@yahoo.com](mailto:carnegieshadetree@yahoo.com)**





# Parks & Recreation

## SEVENTH AVE PARK REHABILITATION

### IN PROGRESS

Rain garden for stormwater management

### COMPLETED

Playground equipment replacement  
Infield replacement  
Drainage improvements

### COMING SOON

Outfield seeding  
Basketball equipment replacement

### FUTURE PLANS

Court repairs



DCED GTRP Grant \$85,700  
Snee Reinhardt Grant \$15,000

## Carnegie Park

### 2022 Park Shelter Rentals begin on March 1

#### Carnegie Park Shelter Rental Fees Stone Shelter and New Shelter

Borough Residents: \$150.00 | Non-Residents: \$200.00

Alcohol Permit: \$25.00 | Security Deposit: \$50.00

Security deposit will be returned once shelter has been inspected  
by the Department of Public Works following rental.

Visit [www.CarnegieBorough.com/parks.html](http://www.CarnegieBorough.com/parks.html)  
for rental agreement and calendar



## Carnegie Parks Guide

Visit  
[CarnegieBorough.com](http://CarnegieBorough.com)







# The heART of Carnegie

## Public Art Projects



### Richie Cole Mural by Brian Alfred

World renowned artist Brian Alfred returned to Carnegie to paint a mural of jazz legend Richie Cole. Located at 17 East Main Street. On Friday, October 22 the Carnegie Arts Initiative sponsored an unveiling party where Mary Ferro and Samantha St John sang. Junior Councilperson Mac Johnson cut the ribbon and many of Richie's friends were present along with Sondra Alfred, mother of artist Brian Alfred. The idea for the project began with Thomas Scantling's wish to honor Richie Cole. Artist paint donated by Carnegie's PPG Paints Store.



### Carnegie's Heritage in Flowers

Flowers represent countries from every continent reflecting Carnegie's diversity.

Carnegie's first public art project on the bridge connecting East and West Main Street is the concept, design and implementation of local artist **ALICIA KESNECK**. Landmark silhouettes were designed and painted by Carlynton High School art teacher Marlynn Vayanos and students Mary Dougherty, Julia Zayats, Abby Charnik, Margaret Morvay, and Ellie Exler. Alicia, her husband Nathan, students Akaylia Brown, Hanalee Nordeen, Ashley Mulligan, Emma Arnold, Ethan Moldovan, and Zoey Harrist spent several days painting and bringing the mural to life. Paint was provided at a discount from PPG Paints Store.



### Dynamic Crosswalk Carl the Snail

Designed, coordinated and painted by Studio Forget-Me-Not with volunteers from Pittsburgh City Schools and City Connections! Located at the intersection of East Main and Mary Streets.







BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**Boys and Girls Club of Carnegie**  
630 Washington Ave. 412-276-3151  
**Demario Andrews - Branch Director**  
[bgcwpa.org/item/carnegie/](http://bgcwpa.org/item/carnegie/)  
[bgcwpa.org/remember-reimagine-reinvest/](http://bgcwpa.org/remember-reimagine-reinvest/)

**Art & Music**  
**Robotics & Maker Space**  
**Ballet, Yoga & Tae Kwon Do**

**Tutoring**  
**Weights Room**  
**Flag Football**

**Basketball**  
**Floor Hockey**  
**Golf**



**Carnegie Youth  
Athletic Association**  
[www.playcarnegie.com](http://www.playcarnegie.com)



**Carlynton Soccer Association**  
[www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=carlyntonsoccer](http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=carlyntonsoccer)

# VisitCarnegie.com

The Carnegie Community Development Corporation (CCDC) is a non-profit organization committed to encouraging the development and growth of a vibrant, diverse and healthy community.

412-279-5456 ~ [joanne.letcher@carnegiepa.net](mailto:joanne.letcher@carnegiepa.net)

 **carnegiecommunity**  
development corporation







# Carlynton School District

## Carlynton Hosts Free Adult English Classes to its Immigrant & Refugee Population

The Carlynton School District has partnered with Literacy Pittsburgh to provide free adult English classes to the parents/guardians of immigrant and refugee children of the District.

Classes are held at Carnegie Elementary School with four, 90-minute sessions per week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Instruction is designed for low or beginning learners to the more advanced learner. Child care is provided by high school student volunteers who are members of the National Honor Society.

David Temple, a 25-year veteran ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher from Brooklyn, New York, is leading the interactive English lessons. He holds a Master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and is fluent in Mandarin.

In its first week, nearly two-dozen adults participated in the free classes by carefully taking notes, asking questions and competing in mini-challenges by writing sentences on the chalkboard. The adult students are a true melting pot, immigrating from Colombia, Ecuador Egypt, Iraqm Libya, Myanmar, Syria, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela.

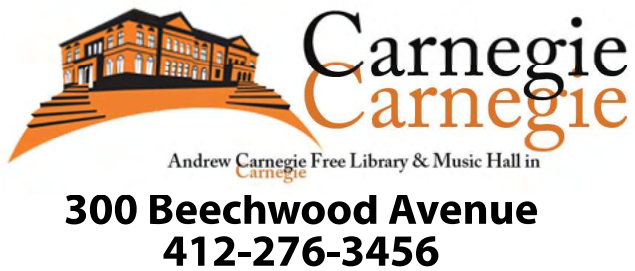
Ahmad Alahamad, a Syrian refugee, moved to Carnegie in 2016 with his wife and three children. He picked up on language but still having trouble writing out words and sentences along with proper tenses and punctuation. He types the correct spelling of words that he learns each session into his cell phone to review later.

Literacy Pittsburgh provides a free textbook and workbook. The colorful pages offer illustrations, giving individuals the opportunity to analyze the visuals, infer a meaning and create written language structures within the pages of the workbook to support the images.

Second grade teacher Donald Alexander was instrumental in bringing the Literacy Pittsburgh program to Carnegie Elementary School. Noticing a desire among colleagues to create a more welcoming environment for the school's growing population of non-English-speaking parents, he reached out to Gisele Fetterman, Pennsylvania's Second Lady, and she connected him to Literacy Pittsburgh. Fetterman, who has partnered with Carnegie Elementary to provide support to immigrants, refugees, low-income families and the school's Chill Room, visits the school often to collaborate with teachers and administration.



**Carlynton School District**  
**[www.carlynton.k12.pa.us](http://www.carlynton.k12.pa.us)**



# Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall sits gracefully on a hill above Carnegie's Main Street. The facility houses a fine regional library, an acoustically excellent music hall, studios, a lovely reception hall, and - a true national treasure - its Civil War Room. The Thomas Espy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic is one of the seven or eight most intact G.A.R. post in the country.

**Visit [carnegiecarnegie.org](http://carnegiecarnegie.org)**

- ~ Library Services
- ~ Espy Post and Civil War Room
- ~ Lincoln Gallery
- ~ Public Display Cases
- ~ Studio
- ~ Music Hall
- ~ Weddings and Rentals
- ~ Library Park Construction Updates



## Historical Society of Carnegie History Center & Honus Wagner Museum



**The Robert R. Sawhill Jr. Center of Carnegie Military Heritage was dedicated in a private ceremony on May 29, 2021. The display highlights Colonel Sawhill's heroic journey as a POW for five and a half years in Vietnam.**

A magnificently detailed 1:4 inch scale replica of historic East and West Main Streets handcrafted by the late Walter Stasik.

Permanent exhibits including the Military Wall featuring the names of Carnegie veterans and the conflicts they served, as well as the Judge John Brosky Exhibit.

The Honus Wagner Museum features memorabilia from Carnegie's own former Pirate and Charter member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Program and photographic histories of organizations such as the Monday Club, Civic Club, YWCA, Lioness Club and more.

Histories of local churches, steel mills, and businesses.

The Signal Item on microfilm dating back to 1873.

Superior Steel History, old maps, genealogy research, local school yearbooks and more.

**One West Main Street ~ 412-276-7447**

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# Career Counseling in Action



## Virtual Career Counseling is now available with WorkAble!

### SERVICES INCLUDE

- Career counseling and assessment
- Guidance in resume and cover letter writing, job search strategies, networking, interviewing and more
- Job search assistance, including employer events, career fairs, and networking opportunities

Job seekers will work closely with a career counselor to create and implement a job search plan.

**WorkAble** provides access to free one-on-one career counseling, workshops, employer- hiring events, career fairs and networking opportunities for those who qualify.

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
Please call (412) 904-5993 to  
schedule or visit  
[workableac.com](http://workableac.com)

**Be the Change** Download on the App Store

**Let's Modernize How We Connect!**

Find Senator Fontana on Be the Change

Create a free account today  
[www.changeourstate.com](http://www.changeourstate.com)

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Senator Fontana is one of a growing number of state legislators who are part of a non-partisan civic engagement platform called Be the Change that allows citizens to connect directly with their state legislators to request constituent services, raise community concerns, or advocate for policy and legislation.

Be the Change is a convenient and safe. Signing up is simple; after logging in, users will be asked to enter their address, upon which they will automatically be linked to Senator Fontana.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANITA ASTORINO KULIK

I am happy to represent the good people in my hometown of Carnegie. Below you will find some important information regarding upcoming deadlines and events. Please contact our office at **412-264-4260** with any state related assistance you may need.

#### LIHEAP NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HEATING ASSISTANCE

**Oct 2021 - May 2022**

LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) offers cash grants to help with home heating bills and crisis grants to help with emergency situations such as broken furnace or an unexpected fuel shortage.

Online application: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)  
 Need assistance with your application? Call Rep. Kulik's office at 412-264-4260 or 412-429-6310

**PENNIE State Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment - Nov 1, 2021 to Jan 15, 2022**  
 Visit [www.pennie.com](http://www.pennie.com) for application or call 1-844-844-8040 for more information.

**2020 Property Tax/Rent Rebates has been extended until December 31, 2021.**

### DECALS TO HELP EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL RECOGNIZE THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Oftentimes when first responders come in contact with a person with special needs during an emergency situation, they are unaware that the person actually has special needs. The idea for the decal is to help first responders better deal with special needs individuals by knowing in advance the person is special needs.

Special needs (or additional needs) is a term used in clinical diagnostic and functional development to describe individuals who require assistance for disabilities that may be medical, mental, or psychological. Special needs can range from people with autism, Asperger syndrome, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia, blindness, deafness, ADHD, cystic fibrosis and others. Some of the responses of a special needs individual are listed below:

*Displays inappropriate laughing and giggling*  
*Has no fear of real dangers*  
*Hits self or inflicts pain on self*  
*Has an aversion to being cuddled*  
*Avoids eye contact*  
*Displays an apparent insensitivity to pain*  
*Displays crying tantrum or extreme distress for no discernible reason*  
*Demonstrates an inappropriate response or no response at all to sound*  
*Possesses a stand-offish manner*

I hope the decals assist emergency service personnel in recognizing and treating those with special needs when the situation arises.

**Patrick Catena**  
**Allegheny County Council President**

# "No Plastic Please"

**Humane Action Pittsburgh**

Find out how you can become a "no plastic please" Ambassador and eliminate single use plastic at the Individual and Business levels, in Pittsburgh and throughout PA.

**Visit [noplacticplease.net](http://noplacticplease.net)**

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