

Councilperson Bob Charland's

2025

Annual
REPORT

A Year in Review



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Opening Comments from Bob

Hello District 3!

Welcome to our office's 2025 Annual Report. This year was filled with plenty of highlights from policy to public participation, and I'm excited for you to read about them in the following pages. At the end of the day, all 33,600 neighbors are my boss and this is my performance review to you.

My second year in office was another very busy one. While we didn't produce quite as much legislation as in my first year, we had a heavy focus on community engagement and making it easier for our neighbors to access the services from the city. We received 534 unique constituent calls throughout the year, and we will continue to work to make sure to provide concierge service to Pittsburgh.

The end of the year was highlighted by a very difficult budget season that we had been warning about. While we knew that declining real estate values in Downtown, unfavorable judicial rulings, and the end of federal relief money would put the City of Pittsburgh in a precarious spot, ultimately additional costs for the city made our budget dire. I look forward to talking with all of you about that and working with Mayor O'Connor to make sure we are never in this situation again.

We have another strong year ahead in District 3. With new energy from a new mayoral administration, I believe we can make strides this year in creating a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant district.

It is my greatest honor to serve you.

Sincerely,



Bob Charland

Public Engagement

Check out our three District 3 social media channels for district news, volunteering and donation opportunities, video content, and fun pics!

Total social media followers in 2025:

1,216



Keep up with us!
[@PGHDistrict3](#)

District 3

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534 **UNIQUE
CALLS
RECIEVED**

TOP CALLERS
South Side Flats
South Side Slopes
Knoxville
Oakland
Beltzhoover



By the Numbers

District 3 volunteers in the Garbage Olympics

336+



Digital newsletter subscribers (Over 50% increase since 2024!)

362+

Constituents assisted at Satellite and Pop-Up Offices

96+

District 3 Community meetings attended

175+

Sponsored Legislation

In 2025, Councilperson Bob Charland and the Pittsburgh City Council advanced a wide range of legislative items recognizing community leadership, supporting local initiatives, and managing city operations.

PROCLAMATIONS

15

ORDINANCES

7

WILLS OF COUNCIL

2

RESOLUTIONS

5



2025 PROCLAMATIONS

BY DATE PASSED

*Maria's Ideas Day,
2/25*

*South Side Soup
Contest 20th
Anniversary, 2/25*

*St. Henry Lyceum
Day, 3/11*

*Monteze Freeland
Day, 4/29*

*Mrs. Joan Smith
Day, 5/19*

*City Theatre Day,
5/19*

*South Side Home
& Garden Tour
Day, 6/3*

*Off the Record
Day, 9/9*

*Addiction Recovery
Month, 9/9*

*Deaconess Kathryn
Georgia Sellers Day,
9/16*

*Allegheny Clean-
Ways Day, 9/16*

*Darren Morris
Day, 9/30*

*Suicide
Prevention
Month, 9/30*

*Robert Colbert &
Jimar McGhee
Day, 10/21*

*Jamie Piotrowski
Day, 12/9*

Legislative Highlights

EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR TRASH

In April, Councilperson Charland authored a Will of Council (WOC) urging a Disaster Emergency Declaration for Litter and Dumping Levels in Pittsburgh. It asked Governor Shapiro to lend available staff and equipment to clear Pittsburgh of debris. Our neighborhoods are just too dirty, and not only is trash unsightly; improper trash and dumping management create a public health hazard. In 2026, District 3 will continue to spearhead progressive initiatives to combat Pittsburgh's trash issues and increase our quality of life.

LITTER PUBLIC HEARING

In July, Councilperson Charland hosted a public hearing before City Council on the state of litter and illegal dumping. Numerous impassioned speakers joined from all over Pittsburgh. Both Council and public testimonies brought up ideas for more responsible disposal options, including increasing public litter cans, strategically locating cans near bus stops, creating car accident debris policy, pursuing a new transfer station in absence of close landfills, and expanding neighborhood e-waste recycling events. Our office is committed to finding creative solutions to beautify the district.

ENHANCED INCLUSIONARY ZONING

It's no secret that housing affordability is a priority for Councilperson Charland. Throughout 2024 and into 2025, he focused on ensuring homebuilders keep pace (or outpace) demand, so Pittsburgh has a healthy supply of options for current and future neighbors. Councilperson Charland introduced Enhanced Inclusionary Zoning (EIZ) to help meet that need. While it didn't pass, the effort was a significant lift from the District 3 office to shift the conversation toward building more housing of all types.

HOUSING STATUS PROTECTIONS

Sponsored by Councilperson Charland, City Council passed an ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code to add "housing status" as a protected class, ensuring landlords can no longer deny housing applications based on this criteria. The measure defines "housing status" as the actual or perceived type of housing a person has or had, including homelessness, temporary or transitional housing, or a lack of rental history. Anyone who suspects their application was rejected due to housing status may file a complaint with the City's Commission on Human Relations. Many people are one tragic event away from losing housing, and housing status discrimination has long kept people out of stable homes. With this ordinance, Pittsburgh now has one fewer barrier to housing its neighbors.



HOMELESSNESS - MARCH 26

Councilperson Charland’s first Post Agenda initiation of the year was surrounding how the City and County work together to tackle unhoused issues in Pittsburgh. Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Community Health and Safety, and the Allegheny County CHS reviewed seasonal and year round services, harm reduction, sharps disposal, clean teams for encampments, and facility improvements for 2025.



RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM - JULY 15

This July discussion centered on the City’s Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP). Councilperson Charland cited the RPPP’s ability to protect neighborhood access and quality of life for residents. The RPPP was characterized as a people first tool to manage parking pressure fairly, and Charland called for continued community input to ensure its functionality for all those who live in RPPP neighborhoods.

POST-AGENDAS

AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILPERSON CHARLAND



INDEPENDENT VENUES - NOVEMBER 7

Councilperson Charland spoke in support of Pittsburgh’s independent venues, emphasizing their vital role in strengthening local culture, small businesses, and neighborhood identity. He highlighted the need for policies that protect these spaces, recognize their economic and cultural contributions, and ensure they can continue serving as accessible hubs for creativity and community connection.



WINTERTIME AND HOMELESSNESS - DECEMBER 17

At this Post Agenda on wintertime and homelessness, Councilperson Charland emphasized the city’s responsibility to protect its most vulnerable residents during the winter months. He stressed the need for “safe and warm places during the day”, as well as the expansion of shelter access, framing warmth and housing as matters of dignity and care. Charland called for sustained investment and collaboration to ensure no Pittsburgher is left behind.



Knoxville **BLOCK PARTY!**



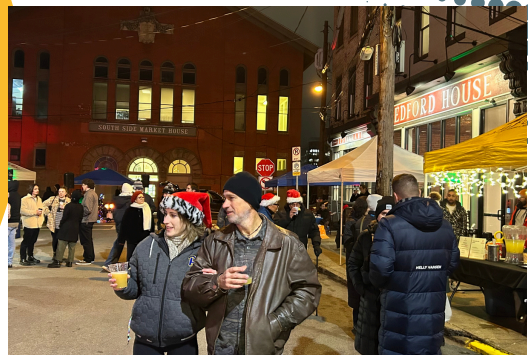
In August, Councilperson Charland threw the first ever Knoxville Block Party, which ended up being a huge success! We knew we wanted to bring the district together, and the community showed up in a big way! We saw over 350 attendees at the block party, and we didn't want to make assumptions... but it looked like everyone had a fantastic time! We had food, snow cones, face painting, bouquet-making, a machine to make pet tags, a fire truck, and more. All in all, 25+ vendors from across Pittsburgh came – and everything was free to the community. We plan on making this an annual event so keep an eye out for the 2026 Knoxville Block Party!



Holidays & Special Events



Our office had the privilege of attending and contributing to so many fun events in District 3 this year. Our district knows how to have a good time! Don't forget to invite Councilperson Charland so we can come support any events/initiatives in our community.



Satellite Offices



In 2025, District 3 hosted monthly Satellite Offices across Oakland and Knoxville, as well as multiple pop up events and tabling sessions! These in district opportunities for community connection are invaluable for Councilperson Charland or staff to discuss relevant neighborhood concerns and inform District 3 projects. *Below are our current Satellite Office hours. These are subject to change as the year progresses keep an eye on our socials/newsletters for more details!

OAKLAND

When: Third Wednesday of the month, before 'Let's Talk'

2:00 – 5:30 PM

Where: Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, 294 Semple Street

KNOXVILLE

When: Third Friday of the month
12:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: The Brashear Association, 320 Brownsville Road



Senior Services

The District 3 office offers a wide range of senior services, including the following assistance with navigating different government services:

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Applications

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Utility Bill Help

Residential On-Street Parking for People with Disabilities

Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Medicare Extra Help and PACE/PACENET Prescription Assistance Programs

Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers

Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) Bus Passes



Garbage Olympics

2025 marked another successful **9th annual** Garbage Olympics across the City of Pittsburgh! As usual, District 3 cleaned up very well amongst the total 50 neighborhood teams.

The South Side Flats won first place, with Central Oakland taking home second and winning for most volunteers – 101!

This year also included the first-ever Garbage Olympics Art Contest, including work by our lovely proclamation recipient Maria Prascak (below, left) from Maria's Ideas in the South Side. Alicia Carberry (below, right), formerly the Initiatives Manager in our office, is to thank for planning and running the event fantastically, as usual!

In other trash news, **CEO Works** performed amazing cleanups in Knoxville and Allentown this year, and we always have **Allegheny Cleanways** to thank for their dumpsite and litter cleanups across our district.

DISTRICT 3'S 2025 GARBAGE OLYMPICS STATS

- 🗑️ 10 District 3 neighborhood teams
- 🗑️ 336 volunteers
- 🗑️ 660 bags of trash
- 🗑️ 386 tires
- 🗑️ 238 TVs
- 🗑️ 867 bulk items





STATE OF EAST CARSON

The **South Side Business District** is experiencing strong momentum, with over **25** new businesses opening so far in 2025 and the vacancy rate on East Carson Street **decreasing from 26% to 18%**!

Several initiatives have been launched that enhance its appeal and support local commerce, including the launch of the Dispatch Program, multiple Art on Carson installations, an expanded planter program, and targeted technical assistance. Combined with district events (such as the South Side Farmer's Market and the South Side Winterfest) which attract hundreds of visitors, these efforts highlight a business corridor that is growing, vibrant, diverse, and well-supported. The South Side Entertainment Patrol maintains a constant, visible, and friendly presence on weekends to make sure that both customers and neighbors on East Carson are safe.

None of this progress would happen were it not for the efforts of Business District Manager Susan Anderson, the South Side Community Action Network, the South Side Chamber of Commerce, the South Side Community Council, and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

SOUTH SIDE PARKING ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT

Trust Fund

The South Side PED is a parking zone on East Carson Street that allows the Pittsburgh Parking Authority to collect and deposit revenue into a trust fund, returning money to the community by funding the following.

South Side Clean Team: 2-3
Ambassadors who keep East
Carson Street clean.
Picked up **160,000+** pounds of
trash in 2025!

Porta-a-johns for St.
Patrick's Day

Total gross revenue in 2025
was over
\$330,000

Holiday banners and
lighting installation
along East Carson Street

Public Safety!

2025 DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY SAFETY STATS

- ✓ 229 Firearms recovered/seized
- ✓ 1,217 Arrests made
- ✓ 28,536 Total calls for service
- ✓ 115 Community engagements/meetings
- ✓ 1038 Neighborhood patrols
- ✓ 54% Decrease in homicides
- ✓ 14% Decrease in aggravated assaults since 2024
- ✓ 65% Decrease in non-fatal shootings since 2024



2025 Budget

BOB'S COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET

As you have all observed this winter, our 2025 Budget Season was not an easy one. While a 30% property tax increase was proposed to balance our impossibly tight budget, I co-sponsored an amendment to negotiate it down to 20%. I know that this is not what was preferred by a long shot. However, we in Council are hopeful to see the benefits of this hard decision to allow the city to provide the basic services that all of our district deserves. While this was not a year we were able to advance many projects, we were able to secure funding for a few essential capital requests that were necessary to keep our district safe. Thank you to every neighbor who shared input during this process. I made this decision with only you in mind, and our office continues to be here to answer any questions that you may have, or provide any support that you may need.

DISTRICT 3-SPECIFIC REQUESTS GRANTED

Slope Failure Remediation for Baldauf St Landslide
\$150,000

Warrington Rec Center Construction
\$8,254,032

South Side Park Phase II Design
\$7,062,125

Leticoe Street Steps Repair
\$150,000

Slope Failure Remediation for Billy Buck Hill Landslide
\$220,000

Community Meetings in District 3

District 3 is home to a diverse network of neighborhood groups, business partnerships, and community forums that strengthen civic life across all our 13 neighborhoods. These meetings provide residents and stakeholders with direct opportunities to engage in local decision making, share updates, and collaborate on projects that improve safety, development, and neighborhood well being. The following page contains a list of repeating community meetings on our District 3 Community Groups and Events Calendar, along with descriptions, contacts, and participation details.

South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association

Focuses on hillside safety, traffic, and beautification. | Where: Kollar Club, 3226 Jane St | When: Quarterly, 6:30-8 PM | Join: board@southsideslopes.org

South Side Planning Forum

Monthly coordination of South Side organizations on development, zoning, and infrastructure. | Where: Virtual | When: Second Tuesday, 5:30 PM | Join: disrict3@pittsburghpa.gov

South Side Community Action Network – Neighbor Night

Monthly dinner and discussion focused on community problem-solving. When: Third Tuesday, 6:00–9:00 PM | Where: South Side Market House | Join: info@SouthSideCAN.org

South Side Community Council

Collaborative council in the South Side, addressing neighborhood challenges, quality of life issues, and economic vitality. | When: Bi-annual general meetings. | Where: Rotating locations/Virtual | Join: info@southsidecommunitycouncil.org

South Side Smart Streets

South Side's neighborhood bicycle and pedestrian committee. When: Third Thursday, 6-7:30 PM | Where: Velum Fermentation | Join: sssmartstreets@gmail.com

Zone 3 Public Safety Council

Monthly district-wide meeting with Zone 3 Police and City partners. When: Third Thursday, 6-7:30 PM | Where: Rotating locations/Virtual | Join: zone3psc1@gmail.com

Arlington Civic Council

Neighborhood updates on infrastructure, safety, and City programs. When: First Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM | Where: 2400 Elsie St | Join: arlingtonciviccouncil@gmail.com

Oakcliffe Community Organization

Hybrid meetings on zoning and quality-of-life issues.

When: Second Wednesday, 7:00 PM | Where: 3240 Craft Pl/Virtual | Join: oakcliffehousingclub@gmail.com

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation

Hosts meetings on prevalent Oakland topics such as traffic safety, housing, trash, and more.

Where: 294 Semple St | Check out the Events Calendar: www.opdc.org

South Oakland Neighborhood Group

Public meeting on housing, zoning, and community development.

When: Second Tuesday, 6:00 PM | Where: Frazier Fieldhouse, 3716 Frazier St
Join: randy.sargent@gmail.com

Knoxville Community Council

Monthly resident meeting with City and community updates.

When: First Thursday, 6-7 PM | Where: Virtual | Join: district3@pittsburghpa.gov

Knoxwatch

Working group consisting to discuss quality of life issues in Knoxville.

When: Third Thursday, 11 AM-12 PM | Where: Virtual | Join: district3@pittsburghpa.gov

Beltzhoover Consensus Group Community Forum

Collaborative forum on revitalization, housing, and safety.

When: Third Thursday in February, May, August, and November, 6-7:30 PM | Where: 900 Delmont Ave | Join: bcg15210@gmail.com

Mount Washington CDC Forum

Resident forum on planning, business development, and hillside issues.

When: Third Thursday, 6-8:00 PM | Where: Mount Washington Senior Center, 122 Virginia Ave | Join: LeighAnn.Wilson@pittsburghpa.gov

Mount Oliver City / St. Clair Community Meeting

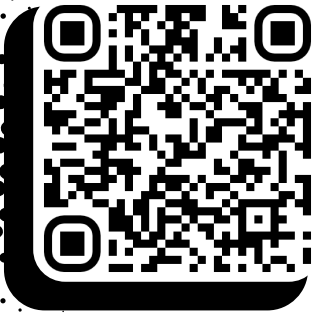
Neighborhood updates and resource discussion with Mount Oliver City/St. Clair community and District 3 staff. When: Third Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM | Where:

Ormsby Avenue Café | Join: mtolivercity.stclair.commgrp@gmail.com

Times and locations of community meetings are subject to change! For updated information and even more meetings/events, contact the office or visit our District 3 Community Events Calendar, located on our City website listed on the back cover.

Survey

Please fill out this quick survey to inform our 2026 Annual Report and guide our work in improving city services, advocating for community needs, and strengthening connections between residents and local government.



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