

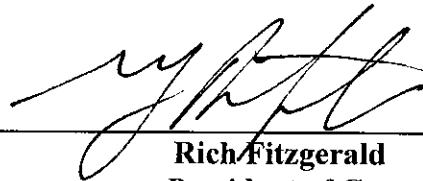
APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Robert Larko to serve as a member of Allegheny County Citizens' Election System Advisory Panel for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

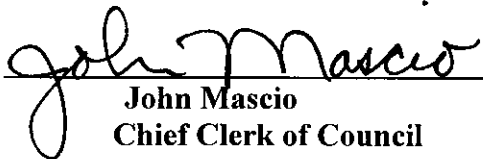
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In Council June 19, 2007.

Received and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Robert Larko, CPA

210 Datura Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Phone: (412) 241-5345
E-mail: morethanbeans@msn.com

Objective	To be appointed to the Allegheny County Council position where my financial experience can be effectively utilized to help lead our county to fiscal responsibility and accountability to the taxpayers.
Current Employment	<p>PNC Financial Services</p> <hr/> <p>Controller - Assistant Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage and oversee the planning and coordination of the overall activities for Dealer Finance.▪ Review analysis and reports prepared by Dealer Finance and communicate results to senior management.▪ Establish and communicate departmental policy as it relates to the preparation and integrity of information being provided to senior management.▪ Review internal and external developments that could impact strategic objectives.▪ Audit business line operations to ensure effective procedures are in place to minimize potential risks.▪ Review the preparation of monthly financial statements and projections.▪ Supervise, develop and evaluate staff.▪ Manage the annual budget and quarterly forecast preparation.▪ Received 7 Finance All Star Awards, received 11 5-Star Service Partner recognition's, and was nominated and a finalist for the Managers Leadership Award.
Education	<p>Robert Morris University</p> <hr/> <p>B.S., Business Administration</p>
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I will always enter the decision-making process with an open mind and listen to all sides of an issue before reaching conclusions.▪ I will come to council meetings prepared to discuss and debate the merits of the proposals on the agenda.▪ I will abide by the home rule charter of Allegheny County.▪ I will maintain open lines of communication with other Council Members, the County Executive, other elected/appointed officials and departments, and most importantly to the citizens of Allegheny County.
Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Married to Selena Larko for over 10-years and we have been blessed with three beautiful children: Witney (9), Lauren (5) and Isabella (2-months)▪ We have lived in Penn Hills most of our lives and are proud to be third generation in Penn Hills.▪ My family has volunteered hundreds of hours a year with PNC's Promise to Neighborhood Children.▪ My wife is a Girls Scout Leader and a Washington Elementary School PTA boards member.▪ I volunteer as an assistant softball coach of my daughter Witney's team.▪ I served as a board member and Treasurer of the Penn Hebron PTA.▪ I started Operation Penn Hills: Helping the Littlest Victims of Katrina, which brought the citizens of Penn Hills together for a common cause.▪ Radio Shack implemented my idea to program cell phones for I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency).

100 Elizabeth Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
February 11, 2006

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Allegheny County Council,

This is to recommend that you appoint Robert Larko of 210 Datura Drive, Penn Hills to fill the remaining term of the Allegheny County Council Member seat vacated by Eileen Watt.

Robert Larko is a family man, a PNC Assistant Vice President, a neighbor, a dedicated community worker, a Certified Public Accountant, a Republican Committee member who has worked for and supported Republicans particularly Eileen Watt.

Among Robert's many business experiences he brings to the table, not only the ability to understand and communicate the larger picture of events, but the professional training and skill to ferret out and explain critical details that mean success or failure of contracts and proposals of all types. He is the kind of person who engenders support and trust for public undertakings, because of his thoroughness and earned honesty.

Robert also lives by a higher standard, the Code of Ethics for Certified Public Accountants. Robert graduated from Robert Morris University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Appointment of Robert Larko to this seat will send a clear message that the Allegheny County Council values competency, trustworthiness and capability.

Respectfully submitted

Robert I. Miller
Penn Hills Republican Committee Vice Chairman

**Barry Patterson
100 Henderson St
Pittsburgh PA 15235
412 731-6522**

February 23, 2006

Allegheny County Council Members,

Please allow me to express my support for Robert Larko as the best choice to replace Eileen Watt. Robert Larko has demonstrated the necessary characteristics and attributes required to be an outstanding public servant. These include spearheading a successful Penn Hills community relief effort to support infants displaced by Katrina., raising important issues for school board consideration, and challenging errors in municipal budgets.

Robert Larko deserves your consideration for this appointment.

I would be most glad to elaborate on Mr. Larko's qualifications or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Barry D. Patterson
Penn Hills Republican Committeeman
Penn Hills School Board Vice President

Dear Allegheny County Council Members,

I presently sit as an elected official on the Penn Hills School Board and have for 12 years. This letter today comes to you on behalf of:

Robert Larko
210 Datura Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

He has decided and very wisely, I think, to throw his hat in for the open seat on County Council. He is a leader. Everyone keeps saying that leadership in Allegheny County needs to be strengthened and Robert is just the person to do that for District 7.

Robert has a tremendous mind. He is a forward thinking, problem solving, visionary man that has a heart for Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities. His experience as a CPA would only put the icing on the cake and complete the whole package that he would bring to your Council. I have worked with Robert on tax incentives and he has more ideas than we can implement. They are great ideas that would truly push this area forward. We are on a roll right now, with the Steelers... Robert would continue to nurture that momentum and encourage others to do the same. He is a team player that holds himself and others accountable for their actions. He would not seek to disrupt other Council members. He would build and encourage and find strength in others around him. Each of you would enjoy working with such a competent member on your council.

I trust that you will take more than one look at this man....a real presence in our community and a presence that could give County Council just the help it needs to work together to make Allegheny County an even better place to live and work.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Robert. If you would like to talk to me personally about him or his character, please call-412-243-6578..

I look forward to hearing that you have indeed given this man a chance to truly serve. A man that would serve without any political ties to anyone and without any agenda being forced upon him by anyone to bring to your table. Refreshing leadership!

I trust he is your choice... You would never regret it!

Very sincerely,
Margie Krogh
216 Paris Rd.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235
412-243 6578

To the members of the Allegheny County Republican Caucus

Please consider Robert Larko for the vacant Allegheny County Council position for the 7th district. Robert would be a team player listening, evaluating each situation on its own merit, and keeping the people of Allegheny County in the fore front.

Robert Larko would make an excellent addition to the Allegheny County Council. This young man's enthusiasm, focus, and commitment for community are valuable qualities he will bring to county council.

Robert is involved in our local community helping others and truly cares about the future of the young and old. Robert accepted the challenge running for the Penn Hills Council in November and was defeated by a small margin. Not bad for being new to the political arena and on the minority party ticket. Robert won the confidence and trust of the voters of both parties, unfortunately not enough to win. He received more votes than the party chairman who also was running for council. This has not stopped Robert's focus for quality solutions on issues and concerns in Penn Hills. He continues to attend council meetings and express his opinions with passion and knowledge.

I believe Robert is committed to being responsive to the needs of the people of Allegheny County and would represent the 7th district and the county with accountability and trust.

If could be of any further assistance please feel free to call 412-793-5491. My address is 212 Bessemer St, Verona, PA 15147.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Malay
Former Penn Hills School Board President

204 Sherrie Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15239
February 21, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this recommendation on behalf of Robert Larko. My name is Leslie Sprague and I am Robert's sister-in-law. I have known him for about 12 years. I believe he would be an asset to council for several reasons.

Robert is a dedicated, hardworking family man. He exhibits a willingness to do whatever it takes to get a job done. In his run for Penn Hills council, he showed great dedication and devotion in his campaigning, all the while remaining on top of his business and personal responsibilities. Although he did not win, he should be commended for running a very clean, very extensive first campaign.

He is a very honest person. Robert has a very direct manner and wants the truth to be known, even if said truth goes against popular opinion. He never makes a statement without thoroughly researching the matter and having all of the facts in order.

Robert always stands by his word and by his convictions. Whether in dealing with his children or political opponents, he does not easily back down when he knows he is right and his statements are just.

He will work hard, get to the truth of the matter and stand by that truth in the face of all opposition. He would truly be a refreshing and valuable addition to Council.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Sprague

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Robert Larko
210 Datura Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Dear Mr. Larko:

Please find enclosed a copy of the legislation that would provide property tax relief to senior citizens in our county whose period of home ownership was interrupted by living for a short period of time elsewhere. The bill has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee chaired by Senator Jane Earl and Democratic Chairman John Wozniak.

It is my intention to try to have this legislation adopted as an amendment to an appropriate bill in the next few months as the General Assembly considers property tax reduction proposals. Hopefully, we will see this extension of senior citizen relief enacted prior to the Summer Recess. I am enclosing a copy of Senate Bill 1078 and a news release regarding this issue.

Thank you for all of your assistance in bringing this problem to my attention and identifying a solution. I was very happy to work with you on this initiative. Please stay in touch with me so that you can monitor any consideration of this measure by the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Costa".
Jay Costa
43rd Senatorial District

JC: RJ

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COSTA: INCLUDE MORE ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS IN TAX BREAK PROGRAM

PITTSBURGH, January 26, 2006 - State Senator Jay Costa is introducing legislation to protect elderly homeowners from falling between the eligibility cracks in Allegheny County's property tax relief program.

"This bill would restore eligibility to deserving senior citizens who, through special circumstances, are currently ineligible for the county's property tax relief program," Costa said.

Currently, to be eligible, one must have owned and occupied their primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years. Those who moved within that 10-year period remain eligible if they continue to own and occupy their new property as a primary residence.

Costa said the eligibility rules penalize those who fall into brief periods where they do not own the property they are residing in. He gave an example of a county resident who moves to help care for an elderly parent, and then assumes home ownership once that parent passes away.

"In these extraordinary circumstances, senior citizens who have faithfully paid property taxes for decades and decades are penalized because they took an unintended break from home ownership," Costa said.

Under Costa's bill, the program would "look back" and count prior county property ownership as long as it totals at least 20 years, and as long as the person has now owned their home in the county for at least the past two years.

"I am sure those who designed this program never intended to exclude senior citizens who dutifully owned, maintained their home, and paid their taxes in Allegheny County for many, many years," Costa said. "My bill would correct this injustice.

Under the county's Senior Citizen property Tax Relief Program, qualified residents are entitled to a flat 30

Contact: Robert Larko
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Cell Phone: 412-401-6252

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I.C.E. PROGRAM EVENT ROLLS OUT IN PENN HILLS ON 10/8/05

Robert Larko contacted Radio Shack's Pittsburgh district manager, Ron Hyber, and the Penn Hills store manager, Joe Smith, to find out if they could start an I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) program in Penn Hills. Robert's main purpose was to help the senior citizens and disabled residents that may not have the technological skills to program their cell phone for I.C.E.

After the program was discussed, Radio Shack implemented the I.C.E. program in all their local stores on September 24, 2005. Anyone can now go into any local Radio Shack store and get their phone programmed for FREE. The Penn Hills Radio Shack store, located in the Penn Hills Shopping Center, will have a special introductory day on Saturday October 8 from 12-5pm.

The I.C.E. program puts the name of your emergency contact in your cell phone phone book with the word "ICE" in front of it. That way, emergency workers treating you can quickly contact the appropriate person to get the information about you that they need. You can also have more than one emergency contact (ICE1, ICE2, etc.).

Please contact your local Radio Shack store for more information.

If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview, please contact Robert Larko at 412-241-5345, Ron Hyber at 412-241-5626 or Joe Smith at 412-241-5373.

* THIS PROGRAM IS NOW NATIONWIDE!



(people in the picture from left to right: Robert Larko, Lauren Larko and Don Kuhn)

Thank you Penn Hills!

Operation Penn Hills: Helping the Littlest Victims of Katrina shipped the baby items to Brother's Brother Foundation on October 6, 2005. Thank you Don Kuhn for helping to package the product and providing the shipping to Brother's Brother Foundation at your own expense.

We collected \$171 for the fuel expense at the October 4 school board workshop meeting. Thank you to the school board members and the residents for their donations! My family and I contributed \$29 to make the total amount of \$200 given to Brother's Brother Foundation for the fuel costs.

The remaining 30-pallets full of clothing and miscellaneous toys will be shipped next week to St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department in Louisiana. Pitt-Ohio Express will ship these items for free. Pitt-Ohio has made numerous shipments down to the Gulf Coast, at their own expense, and should be recognized for an organization that has really stepped-up to the plate to help those in greater need. Thank you Pitt-Ohio Express!

Special thanks to the Forbes Elementary PTA, Linton dock workers and all the Penn Hills fire departments.

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Nov.11, 2005

Operation Penn Hills
210 Datura Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Dear Donor:

On behalf of the Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) I would like to thank you for the October donation of humanitarian aid.

With regards to this donation:

1. Donee (BBF) represents that the use of the property donated by Operation Penn Hills is related to the purpose or function constituting the basis of Donee's exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that the materials donated by Operation Penn Hills will be used solely for the ill, needy and children.
2. The materials donated by Operation Penn Hills will not be used by Donee in exchange for money, other property or service.
3. Records will be kept regarding distribution of donated property.
4. Also, no goods or services were provided to Operation Penn Hills by BBF in consideration for this inventory donation.

Thanks again for this worthwhile donation.

Sincerely,



Luke L. Hingson,
President
Brother's Brother Foundation

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Donation In Report

Donation No.: 2594

Donation Date: 10/6/2005

Donor: Operation Penn Hills

Control#	Product	Qty	Unit	Lot #	Exp. Date
	<u>Pallet # 1</u>				
34717	DIAPERS, CHILDREN PALLET	1	PALLET		NONE
	<u>Pallet # 2</u>				
34718	FORMULA, FOOD & CEREALS, BABY PALLET	1	PALLET		NONE
	<u>Pallet # 3</u>				
34719	WIPE, BOTTLES & PACIFIERS, BABY PALLET	1	PALLET		NONE
	<u>Pallet # 4</u>				
34720	DIAPERS, CHILDREN PALLET	1	PALLET		NONE
	<u>Pallet # 5</u>				
34721	SUPPLIES, BABY (MISC. AND FOOD) PALLET	1	PALLET		NONE
	<u>Pallet # 6</u>				
34722	SUPPLIES, HYGIENE MISC. AND WATER PALLET	1	PALLET		NONE

Value of the donation is to be determined by donor.

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Mr. Robert Larko
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Dear Mr. Larko:

Thank you for your support of the Brother's Brother Foundation's U.S. hurricane relief effort. Your gift in the amount of \$171 is greatly appreciated. Your support of the Brother's Brother Foundation allows us to continue our mission to "Connect People's Resources with People's Needs".

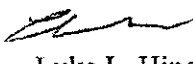
Hurricane relief - BBF has donated over \$2,800,000 in pharmaceuticals including antibiotics, antidepressants, diabetes and cardiac medications to 23 charity hospitals and clinics in Mississippi and Louisiana. Almost \$600,000 in pharmaceuticals has been delivered or shipped to Texas Association of Health centers and the Louisiana Primary Care Association. Eight tractor trailer loads of new requested shoes, clothing, cleaning and hygiene kits have been or will be sent for distribution via United Methodist Baldwin Louisiana, Church of Later Day Saints Atlanta, Southern Baptist Convention in Mississippi and other recipients.

BBF continues to support various projects in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia related to the tsunami. To date, BBF has helped send 225 tractor trailer loads of relief supplies in cooperation with Food for the Poor.

In the first nine months of 2005, BBF sent the equivalent of over 320 tractor trailers of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, food, text books and other relief supplies to those in need in 39 countries around the world. Almost 5,500 individuals, churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, corporate and private foundations, the U.S. government, Rotary and other clubs have helped Brother's Brother Foundation ship and/or deliver nearly 10,000,000 pounds of requested supplies.

Together we do make life saving and life changing differences around the world. The last four months of the year are typically our busiest as corporations review their inventory and choose to help others through BBF. With your help, we are ready.

Again, thank you.


Luke L. Hingson
President

Contributions to BBF can also be made through the Combined Federal Campaign (#1414) and the United Way (#513) of Southwestern, PA. The full amount of your gift is tax deductible to the extent provided by IRS guidelines. For updated information, visit the BBF website at www.brothersbrother.org

READERS FORUM

Operation Penn Hills helpers get thanks

To the Editor:

Thank you Penn, Hills!

The collection drive for Operation Penn Hills: Helping the Littlest Victims of Katrina ended on Saturday. This community collection drive was a tremendous success and it showed that the citizens of Penn Hills could come together.

We collected pallets full of the baby items requested by the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force: bottled water, diapers, formula, baby food, baby wipes, Pedialyte and baby bottles.

We also collected \$593.21 in cash donations and all of these donations were used to buy additional products. A special thanks to Shop 'n Save on Universal Road for giving us a 5-percent discount on all of our purchases at their store.

I would like to thank everyone who donated products or volunteered time for this community collection drive. I would also like to thank the following key people and organizations that took the time to help and contribute in this community collection drive:

Penn Hills residents — donations and volunteer help (thank you...thank you...).

Dorothy Larson — An idea to bring our community together to help those in

greater need.

Selena Larko — Volunteer efforts and help in organizing collection drives.

Superintendent Patricia Gennari — Penn Hills School District and the Linton loading dock, where collections were made available every Wednesday evening (thanks to the employees at Linton).

PTA/PTC Council President Meryl Thomas — Organized the collection efforts at the schools and library (thanks to all PTA members at Washington, Shenandoah and Dible).

Nick Gerstel — Organized the collection efforts at all of the Penn Hills fire departments (thanks to all of the volunteer firefighters).

Municipal Manager Marla Marcinko — Organized a collection drive within the Penn Hills municipal departments.

Pete's Auto and Tire Service — Organized a collection drive.

Don Kuhn Auto Body — Shipping the donations from Penn Hills to Brother's Brother Foundation.

Shur Save on Frankstown Road — donation.

Shop 'n Save on Universal Road — collection site on Sept. 17 and 18.

Giant Eagle on Frankstown Road —

collection site on Sept. 24 and 25.

Penn Hills Library — Organized a collection drive.

Brother's Brother Foundation — Shipping the donations to Mississippi.

South Hills Movers — Donated trucks to Brother's Brother Foundation to ship donated items in the Pittsburgh area down to the hurricane victims in the Gulf Coast.

School board members Linda Schlegel, Margie Krogh and Barry Patterson — Volunteered time and helped to organize the collection drive.

The donations will be shipped to Brother's Brother Foundation on Thursday, Oct. 6.

We are still pursuing donations for the fuel costs to ship the items to Mississippi. The estimated fuel cost would be about \$400.

Please call Robert or Selena Larko at 412-241-5345 if you would like to contribute.

"Our children are our only hope for the future, but we are their only hope for their present and their future." — Zig Ziglar.

Robert Larko

READERS FORUM

Larko thanks senior picnic's organizers

To the Editor:

I wanted to thank Penn Hills Senior Services Center and the municipal parks and recreation department for organizing the Penn Hills Senior Picnic last Friday.

There were so many games and prizes that the competition was great.

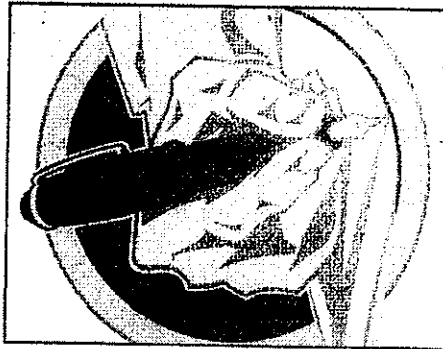
I particularly had fun helping with the golf ball toss, speaking with the Red Hat Society and participating in the water balloon toss.

My only complaint is that there were not many younger people volunteering or participating.

We need to come together across generations to strengthen community ties and improve the well-being of all.

Young and old alike benefit from each other's insight, skills and experience.

Note that the Red Hat Society is lobbying for a commemorative stamp from the U.S. Postal Service and needs your help sending postcards of



support.

I encourage you to meet with this group to learn more about the members and their aspirations so that you, too, will be inspired to send a postcard in their support.

Please contact Penn Hills Senior Services Center to find out how you can get involved.

Robert Larko

READERS FORUM

Seniors can get break on county property tax

Dear Editor:

With all the attention around Act 72, I wanted to remind seniors in Penn Hills to also apply for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program.

The program can discount the Allegheny County real estate tax by a flat 30 percent for qualified applicants.

An additional 2 percent discount would also apply if the tax were paid in full by March 31.

Some qualifications include age 60 or older, widow or widower age 50 to 60, permanently disabled and age 18 to 60, household income not to exceed \$30,000 and must have owned and occupied a primary resi-

dence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years.

The application, with additional information concerning the requirements, can be found on the Web at www.county.alleghe-ny.pa.us/treasure/act77.asp.

The application must be filed by June 30.

Robert Larko

Feb. 2, 2005

February 9, 2005

LOCAL NEWS

READERS FORUM

State has tax rebates for seniors

Dear Editor:

In addition to the county tax relief program for seniors, the state also has a rebate program.

This program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and administered by the Department of Revenue.

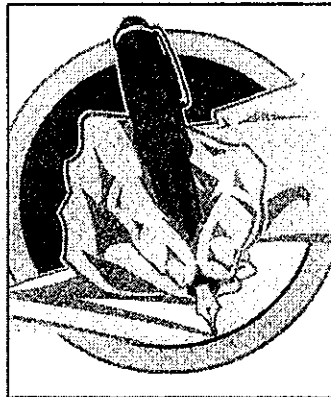
The PA-1000 booklet will be available after Feb. 15 and the claim form must be filed by June 30.

The rebate is based on the property taxes paid or included in the rent paid in 2004.

The income eligibility level of \$15,000 is lower than the county program, but Social Security benefits, SSI and Tier 1 Railroad Retirement incomes are still reduced by 50 percent.

The rebate is calculated by taking the total property tax paid times a percentage rate provided, based upon total income not to exceed \$500.

Additional information and the eligibility requirements can



be found on the Web at www.revenue.state.pa.us/revenue/taxonomy/taxonomy.asp?DLN=690.

Other discount programs available to seniors are the PACE and PACENET programs.

These programs were developed to assist Pennsylvania residents 65 years of age or older with the cost of their prescription medications.

PACE income must be less

than \$14,500 (single) or \$17,700 (married).

The PACE program offers a copayment of \$6 for generic drugs or \$9 for brand-name drugs.

PACENET income must be above the PACE limits and less than \$23,500 (single) or \$31,500 (married).

The PACENET program offers a copayment of \$8 for generic drugs or \$15 for brand-name drugs after a deductible of \$40 per month per person is met.

The detailed eligibility requirements and forms can be found on the Web at pacecares.fhsc.com/.

Note that Web access is available at Penn Hills Library.

I am sure most seniors are aware of the tax programs available to them, but if I reach one senior who is unaware of these programs, then it was well worth my time.

Robert Larko

Will I have to pay too much for my new car?

To: Penn Hills Progress
FAX: 412-856-7954
412-373-0130

I am writing this letter to nominate my friend and fellow Penn Hills resident Robert Larko for the Penn Hills Progress' annual Citizen of the Year award. If anyone deserves recognition for works done this year in Penn Hills, it's Robert.

This year Robert accomplished the following:

OPERATION PENN HILLS – within days of Hurricane Katrina, he initialized and mobilized a local relief effort to aid victims in every way possible. From securing a storage facility, to tracking the donations coming in from local families, schools and establishments, to seeing that it was shipped and received properly in the Gulf Coast. Robert was active in virtually every part of the process and completion.

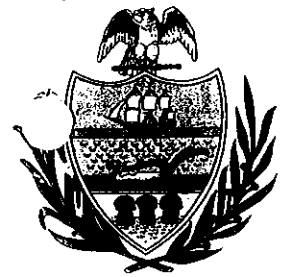
I.C.E. PROGRAM – Robert contacted the manager of the local Radio Shack in Penn Hills Shopping Center to initiate a program called I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) that provides free cell phone programming to assist others in emergency situations through highlighting items and numbers in their cell phone directories. Radio Shack was so pleased with Robert's idea that it instituted the program in all local stores, and now it has gone national. Radio Shacks across America offer the ICE Program.

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS – Robert donated hundreds of hours to PNC's Promise to Neighborhood Children (a program near and dear to his heart as he has three young children), served as an assistant coach to a local girls softball team, participated in the United Way Day of Caring, assisted at many Penn Hills Senior Center events and elementary school events. In addition, he uses his abilities and talents to provide tax relief advice to local seniors (through media and other forums), is an active participant at local council meetings, and is currently in the process of instituting classes at Linton Middle School's Family Fun Nights that would teach young adults and residents to balance their own checkbooks, avoid credit card debt and work a family budget.

These efforts were all in addition to his growing family, a full-time job at PNC Bank, and of course working tirelessly on his campaign for a local council seat. Time and again he has reached out to community members through any means necessary to help gain support for better policies, better planning, and better quality of living here in Penn Hills. Robert is an upstanding citizen of Penn Hills, but he is so much more. He is the kind of citizen more of us should be.

Sincerely,

Nicole Courson
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June 25, 2007

Robert Larko
100 Elizabeth Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Dear Mr. Larko,

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 19, 2007, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member to the Allegheny County Citizens' Election System Advisory Panel for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Congratulations on your appointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mascio".

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

JM/fb