

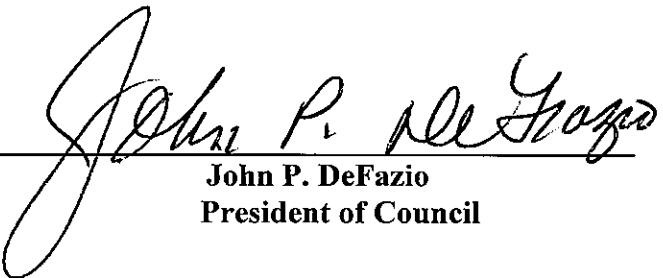
**APPOINTMENT**

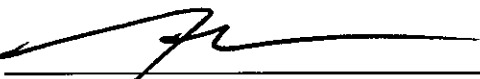
Approving the reappointment of Ina Jean Marton to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (White Oak Park) for a term to expire on June 17, 2016.

**SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACEY**

In Council JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

  
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**John P. DeFazio**  
President of Council

Attest:   
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**Jared Barker**  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council



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## *Nomination for Reappointment*

### Friends of the Parks Nomination Form

Council Member Bob Macey

Nominee: Ina Jean Marton

Address: 1801 Ohio Avenue White Oak, PA 15131

Phone: 412-403-8553 Email: mayorwoboro@comcast.net

This nominee shall be a member of the Council of Friends of White Oak Park. He/She is representative of:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Labor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports & Athletic Programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Advocates	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

Local Government

Council Member Signature: 

Date: 6/2/14

## **Mayor Ina Jean Marton: 2013 Candidate for Mayor**

Ina Jean Marton is a native to White Oak; in fact, she lives next door to the house where she was raised. In a place she is very proud to call home, it didn't become long before she became vigorously active in her community. For more than three decades, Ina has been volunteering her time to various organizations, and has served in a multitude of elected and appointed positions. Prior to her work at the Borough, she worked in education for over a decade for McKeesport High School's Special Education Department.

Ina was elected to Mayor in 2004 with a landslide victory; she is the first woman to be elected Mayor in White Oak's history. Prior to becoming Mayor, Ina successfully served as a Member of Council for 10 years. During her Council tenure, she was the Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Committee. In her later years on Council, she chaired both the Finance and Zoning Committees. She served as Judge of Elections for 11 years and is still serving as a Committee Member.

She spear-headed campaigns to establish White Oak Animal Safe Haven (no-kill shelter), and continues today as President/Founder of the non-profit organization. She organizes many fundraising events every year that are necessary to operate the shelter and recruit new volunteer staffing. She saw an opportunity to help heal and bring purpose to the animals in her shelter by becoming a Pet Therapist Volunteer for Three Rivers Hospice. Current statistics for the WOASH are impressive for a no-kill shelter. There have been more than over 9,000 animals that have been saved through adoptions there since the opening on September 21, 2003. She doesn't hesitate to mention that she could never have done it without the tireless work of her staff, the help of the volunteers, and the generous donations that help maintain the health of animals as well as the building.

Ina was instrumental in bringing a branch of the Carnegie Library of McKeesport to White Oak which is located at the Heritage Hill Park Complex. She currently sits on the Board of Trustees for the library. As the chairperson for the Parks and Recreation committee when she was on Council, she proved to be a major force in the revitalizing of the Heritage Hill Park Complex. She oversaw all of the work including the up-grade to the pool, and various other newly created recreational facilities at the park. Come every year you can be sure to find Ina watching the concerts followed by the brilliant fireworks display at White Oak's annual Community Day. She organized the first fireworks display and concert at the Borough's Annual Community Day celebrations.

With her role as Mayor, Ina works close with the Chief of Police, the White Oak Police Department, and the Borough Officials to ensure a high level of safety in the Borough. She works hard along with the Police to help bring educational programs from everything from safety concerns to substance abuse to the elementary and middle schools located in White Oak. A perk to being a Mayor in the State of Pennsylvania is the ability to marry couples, a responsibility that she takes very seriously but enjoys immensely. Mayor Marton has married over 100 couples!

Currently, she serves as a delegate of the West to West Coalition, and the league of Municipalities. Also, Ina is a member of the UPMC McKeesport Hospital foundation and a Board of Director for Angora Gardens. Formerly she has served on the Board of the American Cancer Society, Board of Director of the McKeesport YMCA, The McKeesport Hospital Junior Committee, and the White Oak Athletic Association.

Mayor Marton currently serves as Treasurer of the PA State Mayor's Association and in 2012 became the first Mayor in White Oak to become "Mayor of the Year", a tremendous honor for both Ina and the community she serves. She started as a Member of the Executive Board for the Allegheny County Mayor's Association, moving up the ranks to Vice President, and is currently serving her 2011-2013 term as President. She was sworn in as the 33<sup>rd</sup> President of the ACMA.

Ina Jean is a proud member of the White Oak American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 701. Over the years she has volunteered and served in many capacities that were needed for the Auxiliary. Being a graduate of McKeesport High School, she is now a member of the McKeesport High School Alumni and Friends Association. Some of her favorite events to volunteer with the Alumni Association are the McKeesport's annual Festival of Trees and International Village at Renzie Park.

Ina received the Greater Mon-Valley Women of Achievement Community Leader Award by the YMCA of McKeesport in 2002. In 2004, she was honored again in New York City with 99 other women from across the country by an organization called VOICES. This organization celebrates the accomplishments of Women throughout the United States. In 2005, Ina was named a Community Champion Leader by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and was inducted into McKeesport High School's Hall of Fame.

In 2011, Mayor Marton was awarded The Humanitarian Award by Westly Spectrum Services In-Home Child and Family Services. They honored her for the outstanding work she had done and is doing to help eliminate cruelty to defenseless animals, a cause that is so close to her heart. She has gladly participated for the past 10 years in the National Mayors for Meals Day for the Meals on Wheels Association of America. Other area Mayors and even some Elected Officials work together out of the 14 different meal sites in the area for the Lutheran Service Society, the largest Meals on Wheels provider in the region. At one of her stops she delivered a meal to a 92 year old woman residing at The Oaks Retirement Resident, she remembers the moment fondly.

In recent years, she has been appointed by Allegheny County Council to serve as a member of "Friends of the Park" committee for White Oak Park. This Committee was formed a couple years ago to help preserve and bring new ideas to the park. Such as, the creation of new nature trails and much needed electricity to the park's pavilions. Above all the mission is to inform the public of the beautiful, well-kept, peaceful park that is right at your doorstep. Ina is also a Charter Member of the White Oak Rotary Club. The Rotary is relatively new to White Oak, and Mayor Marton is one of their biggest advocates for the positive impact that they have within a community.

Mayor Ina Marton has proved to be an active leader, a visionary, and a humanitarian. She looks forward to working towards her future goals, continuing to serve the residents of White Oak, and enjoying every moment with her family and friends.



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June 18, 2014

Ms. Ina Jean Marton  
1801 Ohio Ave.  
White Oak, PA 15131

Dear Ms. Marton:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on June 17, 2014 Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Council of Friends to White Oak Park for a term to expire on June 17, 2016.

We congratulate you on your reappointment and wish you the 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,

Bob Macey  
District 9 Representative

cc: Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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