

OPDC

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# OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older  
Oakland Residents

## Rental Reg and QOL Ticketing When?



We were supposed to be living in a rental registration world by now.

But the original deadline for property owners to register rentals, December 31, 2022, has come and gone, and we are still without a system to ensure safe living conditions for renters in Pittsburgh.

A lawsuit filed in May 2022 by the Apartment Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh (AAMP) challenged the program's fees and the lead inspection requirement. After much delay, a hearing is scheduled for January 17.

"We're just asking for safe rental accommodation," says Liz Gray, Neighborhood Quality Consultant at OPDC. "We've had apartment fires, house fires, incidents where people have died in rentals."

Also in limbo is quality of life (QOL) ticketing, a strategy that would make it easier for the city to cite refuse, weeds, and debris violations—a huge win for all of the work that Oakwatch has done over the past decade.

Gray explains it this way: "When you park a car illegally, you get a ticket. It's the same for when you leave your cans on the sidewalk for five days or if your grass is over a foot tall. You get a ticket and pay a fine, or go to court."

Don't worry—the cops won't be coming to your door. "The Department of Public Works will be enforcing the ordinance, primarily for weed and debris violations at problem properties."

*Join Let's Talk: Rental Registration + QOL Ticketing on Wed, Jan 18. See reverse side for more.*

# WANTED: Community Feedback

## Anderson Playground Renovation

RAWR! The “Dinosaur Playground” at Schenley Park is due for a refresh, and the city is inviting your input.

The Department of Public Works has proposed two different equipment style options: rope or wooden sculpture.

To learn more, visit the Engage PGH page at [bit.ly/anderson-playground](http://bit.ly/anderson-playground).



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[www.opdc.org](http://www.opdc.org)

## Events

**Let’s Talk: Rental Registration + QOL Ticketing**  
*Wed, Jan 18. 6:00—7:00 p.m.*

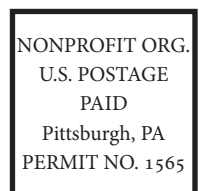
Join a community discussion with representatives from the mayor’s office, DPW, Environmental Services, and city council offices.

Phone: (646) 558 8656  
Meeting ID: 829 4683 8403  
Passcode: 483514  
Zoom: [bit.ly/lt-jan23](http://bit.ly/lt-jan23)

## Stormwater Strategic Plan

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority have released the final draft of their Stormwater Strategic Plan for public review. This plan will guide investments in stormwater management and public engagement over the coming years.

PWSA customers and stakeholders have until February 17, 2023 to weigh in. Visit [bit.ly/stormwater-survey](http://bit.ly/stormwater-survey) to review the plan and submit your comments.



**Development Activities Meeting: The Corner**  
*Tues, Jan 31. 5:30—6:30 p.m. In-person at 200 Robinson or via Zoom at [bit.ly/cornerdam](http://bit.ly/cornerdam)*

Exciting changes are coming to The Corner. Join this hybrid event to learn about a new addition and renovations to the café and community space.