

Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - April 2019



Monday, April 1st, marked one year out from the April 1, 2020 Census Day. The Governor's Census 2020 Complete Count Commission and other cabinet officials recently gathered to highlight the importance of an accurate and complete census count in Pennsylvania.

It is estimated that for those who don't get counted next year, \$2,093 will be lost in federal funding in the areas of education, housing, human services and infrastructure. The census will also play a role in determining how many members of Congress Pennsylvania will receive. Presently the state has 18 members, down from 23. Unfortunately, other states are showing faster growth.

Next year's census for the first time will allow people to respond online and by phone, in addition to a mailed form.

It was announced that those wishing to assist in the census effort may obtain information about part-time jobs at www.2020census.gov/jobs.



City Council Meeting - April

City Council will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 P.M. at City Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

PA Municipal League Capitol Conference

Mayor Matt Pacifico recently attended the Pennsylvania Municipal League Capitol Conference in Harrisburg, PA. Mayor Pacifico, along with other municipal officials from all areas of the Commonwealth, met to discuss the latest issues and legislation which may affect Altoona and other Pennsylvania municipalities.

The 2019 Conference agenda included the local impact of Pennsylvania's fireworks law, a panel discussion with the PA House and Senate Local Government Chairmen to discuss upcoming committee legislation for this session and their thoughts on the Pennsylvania Municipal Leagues legislative priorities, the role of local governments and how they should be preparing for autonomous vehicles, legislative and legal issues for firefighters, the latest on preservation of local zoning in the placement of small cell wireless infrastructure and a general update on legislation the League is tracking as the 2019-20 session gets underway.

Street Sweeping Info & How Residents Can Help

Street sweeping is in progress throughout the City of Altoona and removal of the winter anti-skid is the main task.

Residents can help by sweeping winter sidewalk dirt and road anti-skid over the curb to the gutter line of the street. Please do not include soil, garbage or leaves.

Please do not sweep any material into the inlets or storm sewers. Doing so may cause flooding during hard rains.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

Receive Fire Prevention Products Through the AFD Get Out Alive Program

The Altoona Fire Department will offer fire prevention products to Altoona residents to include smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers. Fire Department personnel will also install the equipment

and offer a fire safety inspection. Residents requesting this equipment must meet income guidelines and will receive products at no cost. This program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Products are limited.

If interested call Fire Administration at 949-2230.

Code Enforcement Tips for Spring

Spring is here! If you are planning on some Spring cleaning, Code Enforcement wants you to keep a few tips in mind before you roll up your sleeves, get out your brooms, dust pans and gardening tools. Together, we can help keep our City of Altoona neighborhoods vibrant, safe and beautiful by taking some simple steps this Spring and throughout the year!

Proper Waste Disposal

- Set out garbage no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before pickup.
- Garbage must be kept in approved, sealed containers.
- Know your collection day!

Exercise Property Maintenance Practices

- Keep your yard maintained.
- Grass and weeds must not exceed 8 inches in height.
- PREVENT INFESTATION! - Unkempt lawns and weeds are not only unsightly, but may attract rodents, pests, and vermin.
- Keep your sidewalks clean and free of debris.

Swimming Pool Care

- Improper maintenance of swimming pools can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects.
- CLEAN and MAINTAIN your swimming pool regularly.

Home Improvement Projects

- Thinking of starting a home improvement project and unsure if you need a permit? Contact the Codes Office for assistance!

For more information on the City's property maintenance and/or inspection requirements, please contact the City of Altoona Codes and Inspections Department, 814-949-2456 or email inspections@altoonapa.gov.

Watch for information on the City's Spring Clean-Up Day! COMING SOON

Flooding & You: Learn How to Keep You & Your Property Safe

Flood Insurance Fact #7

Flood Watch: Be Prepared!

A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. ... It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

Flood Warning: Take Action!

A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. A Flood Warning may, under certain conditions and in specific areas, provide instruction to the public to vacate their homes and move to higher ground immediately.

Altoona Prayer Breakfast

Please join us for a morning of prayer and fellowship at the first annual Altoona Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at The Casino.

Annually, a National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by individual members of the House and Senate to reaffirm their faith and to renew the dedication of our nation to God and His purposes. Other Prayer Breakfasts are held around the nation on state and local levels to unite our leaders and to invigorate them in their responsibilities to our citizens.

In harmony with the leadership of other great states, and the National Presidential Breakfast, and in keeping with the above ideals, and also endeavoring to further the rich heritage in spiritual values handed down by the founding fathers of this great Republic, the Altoona Prayer Breakfast continues to serve the community and its leaders.

Tickets and table sponsorships can be purchased at: leadersoffaith.org/altoona

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IN THE CITY

THE BLAIR COUNTY PASTORS NETWORK
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE FIRST ANNUAL
ALTOONA PRAYER BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 · 7-9 AM
THE CASINO AT LAKEMONT
300 LAKEMONT PARK BLVD, ALTOONA, PA 16602

This year's keynote speaker is Damian Williams, CEO and co-founder of Leadership League. Come learn how Damian has dedicated his career to growing ventures with the purpose of expanding Christ's Kingdom.

\$20/person or \$300/table of 8
Register at:
www.leadersoffaith.org/altoona

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