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Monthly Update - August 2018



Back To School Safety

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is vitally important that they – and the motorists around them – take proper safety precautions.

Walkers »

- Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Never dart out in front of a parked car
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- Do not walk while using headphones

Bike Riders »

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly
- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning
- Wear bright-colored clothing

Bus Riders »

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus

- Line up 6 feet away from the curb as the bus approaches
- If seat belts are available, buckle up
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers

Drivers, Share the Road »

- Don't block crosswalks
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus



City Council Meeting - August

City Council will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 P.M. at City Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Ave.

To view the full calendar of City Council meetings for 2018, please visit the City's website:

[2018 City Council Meetings](#)

National Night Out

We will be holding our second annual National Night Out Against Crime in Heritage Plaza on Tuesday, August 7th from 6:00-9:00 PM. We hope that you will be able to join us!

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out takes place on the first Tuesday in August in communities all across the United States.

— A Good Night To Get To Know Your Neighbors —



National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 7th

• 6pm-9pm •

Downtown Heritage Plaza

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COME ENJOY
A FUN
NIGHT OUT
with:

- Altoona Nerf Club
- Food Vendors
- Activities
- Giveaways
- Non-Profits



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Altoona Community Clean-Up Day

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We are looking for volunteers to participate in our Community Clean Up Day to help beautify our city. We are asking volunteers to bring items such as brooms, paint brushes, hedge trimmers, etc. We will be cleaning the blocks listed below and doing projects like painting fences and porch railings, cleaning up garbage and debris from the streets and sidewalks, pulling weeds from sidewalks, and trimming bushes and trees that are overgrown and in the way of pedestrians. If you're looking for a way to give back to your community, the clean up day is the perfect opportunity!

To volunteer please visit www.unitedwayofblaircounty.org/volunteer and click the "VOLUNTEER NOW" button.

Deadline for volunteers to sign up is **Friday, September 7, 2018**



Organized by :

City of Altoona

United Way of Blair County

Operation Our Town

Altoona Blair County Development Corporation

Blair Companies

Date : October 6, 2018

Location: 18th Street to 24th Street
from 11th Avenue to 15th Avenue
&

7th Street to Kettle Street between
1st Avenue to 6th Avenue



We are looking for volunteers for the "Altoona Community Clean Up Day" that we are currently planning for **Saturday, October 6th**.

The City of Altoona, along with Blair Companies, Operation Our Town, ABCD Corp and United Way of Blair County are all partnering to help beautify our city, and we are asking for your help to make this happen.

The deadline to sign up is **Friday, September 7th**. The link to register can

be found below.

[Volunteer Signup](#)

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

After a heavy rain, the City usually gets calls from residents regarding street and residential flooding. As such, the newsletter will now feature a section devoted to the City's participation in the national flood insurance program, and will provide background information, facts and figures, safety tips, and how the City is working to help protect residents and their property against flooding.

FLOOD INSURANCE FACTS #3

Flood insurance is offered through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as well as private carriers. A broker can determine what carrier you would be eligible for. Contrary to belief, it is affordable - most policies cost as little as \$200 depending on your circumstances.

If you live in a floodplain and have a mortgage through a lender, you would be required to buy flood insurance. Even if you don't have a mortgage and live in high risk area, having flood insurance can mean the difference between having the funds to rebuild or being financially devastated.

Did you know? There is a 30 day waiting period following the purchase of flood insurance.

Summer Sounds Concert Series



The Summer Sounds Concert Series will continue on Friday, August 17th at Heritage Plaza in Downtown Altoona. Shallow 9 will be performing on the Railcar Stage from 6:00-9:00 PM.

Alive@5 Summer Concerts

The Alive@5 Summer Concerts at the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum are back for the 2018 season.

To purchase tickets and view the complete schedule for the concert series, please click the link below.

[Alive@5 Tickets and Schedule](#)

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