

Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - January 2018



Winter is fully upon us and frigid temperatures are blasting Pennsylvania. Due to the dramatically cold temperatures, the City of Altoona is opening emergency shelters at the city's four fire stations to help keep residents without heat stay warm.

Residents are encouraged to go to their closest fire station. The addresses are:

- 1319 Washington Avenue
- 515 N. 2nd Street
- 530 Crawford Avenue
- 3960 6th Avenue

To ensure preparations are made, please make sure to call 814-949-2230 before your arrival. Please remember, the fire stations are not intended to be permanent housing solutions, but emergency protections against the currently arctic temperatures.



ANNOUNCEMENT: AFD Civil Service Exam

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of firefighter with the Altoona Fire Department (AFD).

Interested persons can obtain an application from the Human Resources Office, Altoona City Hall, 1301 12th Street, Suite 301, Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

More information, including requirements for the position, can be found by clicking [here](#):

[AFD Civil Service Exam](#)

Mayor Pacifico Appointed to NLC Committee

Mayor Pacifico has been appointed to serve on the National League of Cities (NLC) 2018 Community and Economic Development (CED) Federal Advocacy Committee.

The CED Committee is responsible for developing NLC's federal policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation, and international competitiveness.

As a committee member, Mayor Pacifico will help to shape NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the administration, and at home.

Winter Driving Awareness Week

Tis' the season for snow and ice. As such, the City of Altoona is partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), and the Altoona Police Department to promote Winter Driving Awareness Week. The week, which runs from January 7-13, highlights the need for motorists to prepare their vehicles for impending weather and to take the time to familiarize themselves with winter safety laws.

Motorists should:

- Frequently check all fluid levels, lights, and wiper blades to ensure they are working properly.
- Examine tires often for the correct level of air pressure and adequate tread depth to perform on ice and snow.
- Ensure their vehicles have an emergency kit filled with items they and/or their families would need should they become stranded due to

weather.

- Remember that all vehicles should be fully cleared of ice and snow before travel. Per law, should ice or snow dislodge or fall from a moving vehicle and strike another vehicle or pedestrian, and cause death or serious bodily injury, the vehicle operator could receive a fine ranging from \$200 to \$1,000.

Additionally, during inclement weather, PennDOT reminds motorists to pay attention to snow removal vehicles and adhere to the following:

- Maintain a distance of at least 6 car lengths behind operating plow trucks.
- Remember that the main plow is wider than the truck.
- Be alert, as plow trucks are usually slower than regular traffic.
- Move as far away from the center of the road if safely possible when encountering a plow truck moving toward your vehicle.
- Never try to pass or get between trucks plowing side-by-side in a "plow train." The weight of the snow thrown from the plow can cause smaller vehicles to lose control and create traffic hazards.
- Never travel next to a plow truck, as the driver has blind spots where he cannot see, and they can be moved occasionally when hitting drifts or heavy snowpacks.
- Always ensure that your vehicles lights are on so that the plow operators can better see you. Pennsylvania state law requires that during inclement weather, vehicle lights must be on every time vehicle wipers are on.

The City and PennDOT will be holding an event on January 8th to further highlight Winter Driving Awareness Week and various safety measures at the City's Highway Yard. More information from the event will be included in February's newsletter.

Mishler Theatre Awarded \$150K Grant

The Mishler Theatre is the proud recipient of a \$150,000 grant through the Keystone Communities Grant program, which is operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The grant, applied for by the Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp), will cover the first phase of the Mishler Theatre Seating

Replacement Project, which will enable the purchase and installation of 879 new seats in the theatre.

ABCD Corp will serve as the grant administrator, and has an agreement with the Blair County Arts Foundation to implement the project.

City Council Meeting - January



Newly elected councilmembers being sworn in. From Left to Right: Councilmember Matt Cacciotti, Councilmember Christie Jordan, Councilmember Bruce Kelley, and Councilmember Dave Butterbaugh.

City Council met on Wednesday, January 3rd to swear in its new and returning members, as well hold its organizational/council meeting. The meeting will take place at City Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

Welcome and congratulations to the newly elected Councilmembers Bruce Kelley, Matt Cacciotti, Christie Jordan, and Dave Butterbaugh.

Please see the calendar below for the 2018 Council Meeting schedule.

2018 ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

-----**JANUARY**-----

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 6PM

-----**FEBRUARY**-----

Monday, February 5, 2018 - Worksession*

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

-----**MARCH**-----

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

-----**APRIL**-----

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

-----**MAY**-----

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Monday, May 21, 2018 - Worksession*

-----**JUNE**-----

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

-----**JULY**-----

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

-----**AUGUST**-----

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Monday, August 27, 2018 - Worksession*

-----**SEPTEMBER**-----

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

-----**OCTOBER**-----

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

-----**NOVEMBER**-----

Monday, November 5, 2018 - Worksession*

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

-----**DECEMBER**-----

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Wednesday Voting Meetings - 7PM - City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA

***Monday Worksessions - 6PM - City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers - EOC/Classroom**

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