

Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - November 2018



The general election will take place on Tuesday, November 6th.

While 2018 is not a presidential election year, there are many races. For more information or if you have questions about voting contact our local office, which is located in the Blair County Courthouse, at 814-693-3150; or visit [PA Voter Services](#) to find your polling place. Please exercise your right to vote!

Monday, November 12th at 10 a.m. the Annual Veterans Day Parade will take place in Downtown Altoona, followed by a ceremony at the Robert E. Laws Veterans Mall between 14th Street and 15th Street on 11th Avenue. Thank you to all of the Veterans of our community for their service. I hope to see you at the parade!

Please take time this Thanksgiving to think of all the blessings that you are thankful for in your lives.

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

--C.S. Lewis

Happy Thanksgiving!



Volunteer on a City Authority/Board or Commission

Calling all residents! The City of Altoona is currently accepting applications

for the City's various authorities, boards and commissions.

To view the various boards and to download an application, click on the text box below.

Applications are due by Friday, November 30th in person to the City Clerk's Office, Altoona City Hall, 1301 12th Street, Suite 100, Altoona, PA 16601 or by email: cityclerk@altoonapa.gov.

Talent Bank Application

City Council Meeting - November

City Council will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at The City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

The final meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at The City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

Mayor's New Paint the Plow Contest

Vote Between October 29th and November 16th

Mayor Matt Pacifico's new Paint the Plow Contest for the elementary schools in the City of Altoona includes Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary, Juniata Elementary, Juniata Gap, McAuliffe Heights at Irving Elementary, and Pleasant Valley Elementary.

The theme for 2018 is "Showcasing Altoona's Heritage".

There are two ways to vote in this competition. There is a "Judges' Pick". Judges will score the plows on Creativity, Overall Appearance, Originality, and Theme Incorporation. The judges in this category include: Candy Holliday, *Altoona Mirror* Event Marketing Manager; Sarah Vogel, Owner/Artist, The Clay Cup; Alex Hazard, WTAJ TV-10 Host of Central PA Live; Rob Z, Radio Personality of Rob Z Podcast and Social Media Strategist; and Mayor Matt Pacifico.

The general public can vote for a "Fan Favorite" online by going to Mayor Pacifico's Facebook Page [@MayorPacifico](#).

Voters in this category can view photos online, on the Mayor's Facebook Page, of all five of the plow blades with the school name attached, and cast a vote by liking their favorite.

Voting begins on Monday, October 29th through Friday, November 16th.

The plow blades are on display in the grassy area of the UPMC - Station Medical Center parking lot at the corner of 17th Street and 9th Avenue.

"Judges Pick" and "Fan Favorite" will be featured in the City's Annual Spirit of Christmas Parade to be held on Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Altoona.

Students and their families and friends will have an opportunity to see all five plow blades throughout the winter season, as they will be affixed to City plow trucks and assigned to designated snow plow routes within the City limits.





Thanksgiving Dinner This Holiday Season for Those in Need

We are thankful for these organizations who will be providing free meals on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Dinner

- A City-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, November

22nd at 1:00 p.m. at Champion Life Church, 1314 12th Street, Altoona, PA; Phone: 814-942-9400

- The Altoona Women's Club will be hosting its Annual Thanksgiving Day lunch on Thursday, November 22, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen, 2201 Union Avenue, Altoona, PA



Mayor Pacifico Addressed Municipalities at the 119th PML Summit

Mayor Matt Pacifico, 1st Vice President of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML), addressed the municipalities at the PML 119th Annual Summit at the RLA Learning and Conference Center in Cranberry Township, PA on October 4-6.

Mayors, and an array of city officials from across Pennsylvania, were in Cranberry Township in early October to connect and network with colleagues, attend informational and educational sessions, discuss issues facing the Commonwealth's municipalities, share resources and best practices, establish legislative policy, and elect officers and members of the PML Board of Directors for the coming year.

Highlights from the Summit are currently airing on Atlantic Broadband Public Access Channel 14.

The mission of the PML is to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government. PML is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania's 3rd Class Cities. Today, PML represents Pennsylvania's Cities, Townships and Boroughs that all share the League's municipal policy interests. The Board of Directors

oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services, including legislative advocacy (on both the state and federal levels), publications designed to educate and inform, inquiry and research, education and training certification programs, consulting-based programs, and group insurance trusts.



2018 Spirit of Christmas Parade

Altoona will once again be holding its annual Spirit of Christmas Parade, presented by Burgmeier Hauling. The parade will take place on Thursday, November 29th at 6 p.m. in Downtown Altoona.

The parade will feature marching bands and floats, an appearance by Santa Claus, a tree lighting ceremony, and a fireworks display.

For information on how your group or organization can enter the parade, please contact Rachel at 814-944-6113 or rachelp@abcdcorp.org.

BURGMEIER HAULING PRESENTS

★ DOWNTOWN ALTOONA ★

Spirit of

CHRISTMAS

PARADE 2018

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 29
6 PM

★ ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ★

SANTA CLAUS

FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY UPMC ALTOONA

MARCHING BANDS & FLOATS

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



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A Community Partnership Project:

Greater Altoona Economic Development Corp.
Leadership Blair County Adult Alumni Assoc.
Central PA Community Foundation
Burgmeier Hauling
UPMC Altoona

Because We Care Foundation Gala

The Because We Care Foundation will be holding its Annual Gala on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Bavarian

Hall, 112 S. 13th Street, Altoona, PA.

Because We Care is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide personalized teddy bears to local law enforcement officers and all first responders, so they can provide them to children in the community who might need them during a difficult time.

For more information and ticket locations please visit the Because We Care Facebook at www.facebook.com/BecauseWeCareAltoona/ or contact Jessica DiGennaro, President, at [814-515-3472](tel:814-515-3472) or becausewecarealtoona@yahoo.com.

Because We Care Foundation

Altoona Community Clean Up Recap

ALTOONA COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

On Saturday, October 6th, the first annual Altoona Community Clean Up Day was held. There were close to 140 volunteers who were eager to help clean up the City of Altoona by assisting homeowners who were unable to perform property maintenance projects on their homes due to various circumstances. The outpouring of support from the local businesses that donated, the churches that assembled large groups of volunteers, and all of the other organizations and individuals who volunteered was amazing to see. Thanking everyone for braving the rainy conditions to help fellow neighbors does not seem like enough! Without everyone's commitment to this day, this event would not have been possible. Below is a video documenting the day.



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