

# Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - August 2019



The end of the summer season is fast approaching! With the start of the new school year, there is excitement in the air! In the coming weeks, students throughout the City, and the Blair County area, will be returning to school and I ask that you pay extra special attention to your surroundings.

Please be mindful of frequent bus stops, parents dropping their children off at school, and children walking to school and using the crosswalks. Additionally, pay close attention to your speed in school zones during school hours and to the School Crossing Guards.

It is PA State Law to yield to pedestrians who are crossing in marked crosswalks. Please be vigilant and stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks, especially around the local schools and the downtown Penn State Altoona campus. Also, always stop for school buses - whether the bus is across from you or you are behind the bus - when the flashers are on and the stop sign is out - STOP!

Please help keep all of our students safe!



## City Council Meeting - August

City Council will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA.

# National Night Out Against Crime to be held in Altoona August 6th

— A Good Night To Get To Know Your Neighbors —



## National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 6th  
• 6pm-9pm •  
Downtown Heritage Plaza

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**COME ENJOY  
A FUN  
NIGHT OUT  
with:**

- Food Vendors
- Activities
- Giveaways
- Non-Profits



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**Enjoy a  
Fun Night  
Out Against  
Crime**  
with local police,  
fire, and first  
responders

The City of Altoona Police Department will, once again, sponsor a "National Night Out Against Crime" event on Tuesday, August 6th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Heritage Plaza in Downtown Altoona.

National Night Out is an annual event held nationwide to promote and enhance police-community partnerships and neighborhood relationships to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

During Altoona's "National Night Out Against Crime," various agencies will be hosting displays and activities for the kids to include the Toon Town Klowns, Face Painting and the Nerf Club with Nerf Wars. Various emergency equipment will also be showcased.

Additionally, there will be food vendors and a free concert by "The Matt

Pletcher Trio" at 7:00 pm. Please come out and support this great event!

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## Mayor's Youth Council

Mayor Matt Pacifico established a Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) to engage more young people in the community.

The purpose of the MYC is to provide area high school students the opportunity to share their ideas and concerns about issues young people face today. From advising the Mayor on key priorities, to acting as a liaison between the school hall and City Hall, the MYC works together to give a voice to young people across our community.

Similar initiatives are currently ongoing in cities around the country, as well as national youth conference held yearly by the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C.

The Mayor is seeking an engaged group of approximately 20 high school juniors and seniors from across Altoona to participate on the MYC. In order to be considered for participation, interested students will need to complete an application and provide two letters of recommendation.

The application will be open to junior and senior students who attend the Altoona Area High School, Great Commission School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School. The MYC will take place during the school year, and will require that students apply on a yearly basis to participate.

Students will meet after school for one hour with the first meeting of the school year to be held in November 2019.

**The application period will open Wednesday, August 28, 2019. The deadline to submit applications and recommendation letters will be Friday, October 4, 2019.**

Once the application period opens, the application materials will be available online at <http://www.altoonapa.gov>, on the Mayor's webpage.

For questions, please call 814-949-2476.

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## Art Jive Two



You do not want to miss Art Jive Two! Enjoy the evening in Downtown Altoona with food, drinks, entertainment, and so much art! You even get the opportunity to help paint a mural!

For tickets and more information please visit:

<https://artsaltoona.org/art-jive-ii/>

## Beautification Initiatives Applications

Mayor Matt Pacifico initiated a Beautification Policy in an effort to meet one of his goals, which is to make the City of Altoona a better place to live.

The following Beautification Initiatives give residents, businesses and organizations numerous opportunities to support Mayor Pacifico, and to help to make our City more livable:

- Adopt-A-Median
- Adopt-A-Spot
- Public Right-Of-Way Project

To view the applications or apply for an above initiative, please click here:

[Mayoral Beautification Initiatives](#)

## Labor Day Parade & Car Cruise-In



**Downtown Altoona**  
**Saturday, August 31st**

**Blair-Bedford Labor Council Labor Day Parade - 10  
a.m.**

**Blair County Antique Auto Club Cruise-In - 2 p.m. - 8  
p.m.**

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

### **FLOOD INSURANCE FACTS #11**

#### **DO YOUR PART - DON'T DUMP**

Please do your part to keep the stormwater inlets and drainage ways clear of brush and debris. These additional actions also will beautify your neighborhood and reduce the risk of dangerous flooding.

- Use a mulching mower or bag your grass and leaves instead of blowing the yard waste into the street. Yard waste can clog storm drains and, since it is organic matter, it can reduce the amount of oxygen in the creek. Fish need oxygen to survive.
- Pick up litter around your neighborhood or business place so the trash doesn't collect on drainage inlets or clog sewer pipes.
- Rain barrels, rain gardens and other low impact development measures improve water quality and quantity.
- Don't dump animal waste or household wastes into the water.
- Consider keeping a natural riparian buffer along streams.

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