

**Mayor Matthew A.
Pacifico**

Monthly Update - July 2019



Have a safe and happy
4th of July

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Fireworks Safety Information



The City of Altoona Fireworks Ordinance No. 5745, amended and adopted on May 8, 2019 prohibits the discharge of fireworks on the streets or sidewalks owned by the City of Altoona, in City parks and public buildings, and after 11:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m.

The Altoona Fire Department provides the following facts and tips for fireworks safety:

Do not discharge fireworks from or towards a vehicle or building or within 150 feet of a structure.

If using fireworks, keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby and wet spent fireworks before disposing in a metal trash can away from combustible materials.

Do not give fireworks to children. Simple sparklers burn at 1200 degrees and account for $\frac{1}{4}$ of emergency room visits.

Alcohol and/or drugs do not mix well with those discharging fireworks.

If purchasing fireworks, only consumer grade fireworks are allowed to be purchased from properly licensed vendors, inspected by Altoona Fire Inspectors.

While fireworks can be fun and exciting, be smart this July 4th, and throughout the summer, and practice fireworks safety or leave the fireworks to the experts and enjoy one the the following events:

[Delgrosso Summer Thunder](#)

[Lakemont Park and the Altoona Curve](#)

Other Celebrations without fireworks:

[Ft. Roberdeau Star Spangled 4th](#)

The Angie Gioiosa 4th of July Memorial Race



The Blair Regional YMCA will hold the annual Angie Gioiosa 4th of July Memorial Race in Downtown Altoona on July 4th. The race is for everyone! Join Mayor Pacifico at the start of the race, with the Hollidaysburg drumline sending off the participants, to the end of the race in Heritage Plaza, patriotism is on display. The Y partnered with the Heinz History Center and the World War II exhibit at the Railroaders Memorial Museum and the theme of the race will be military inspired this year! Runners and walkers will enjoy the courses designed for all members of the family. We want to thank the Blair Regional YMCA for continuing the tradition of hosting the annual 4th of July race in Downtown Altoona. This is a great event, and a wonderful way to begin your Independence Day celebration!

[Race Information](#)

Farmers Market in Downtown Altoona

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PLAZA

11TH AVENUE
&
14TH STREET

THURSDAYS
9AM -2PM



Visit the Altoona Farmers Market on Wednesday, July 3rd, due to the July 4th Holiday, and Thursdays through mid October

Check out their Facebook Page

[@altoonafarmersmarket](#)

Citizen Request for Action

The City of Altoona has a new service called “Citizen Request for Action” or CRA. This is an online service that allows citizens to create requests for service for items like tall grass and weeds, street lights, potholes and property maintenance. Citizens can complete the form online by providing as much information as possible. A request will then be created and automatically sent to the appropriate department for action. Citizens have the option of following the progress of the request as well.

Citizen Request for Action is available by going to www.altoonapa.gov and clicking on Request at the top right of the front page of the City’s website. There is also an opportunity to include photos with your request. CRA is available 24/7 by using your smart phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

Guide to Recreational Fires



Definition of a Recreational Fire:

An outdoor fire, burning materials other than rubbish, where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking warmth or similar purposes.

Important Guidelines:

Recreational fires must be 25 feet or more from a structure or combustible material. A Portable outdoor fireplace is acceptable and may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

Recreational fires must be attended at all times and until the fire is extinguished. Also, a minimum of one portable extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

Questions?

Contact Fire Station No. 1 at 949-2230.

City Council Meeting - July

City Council will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA.

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

FLOOD INSURANCE FACTS #10

KNOW YOUR HAZARD

The City of Altoona regulates development in the “100 year floodplain areas”, which are the areas affected by flood events with a 1% probability of occurring in any given year.

There are 4 streams in the City limits that are in the 100 year floodplain:

- Spring Run - Juniata area
- Brush Run - in the valley between Pleasant Valley Boulevard and Valley View Boulevard
- Mill Run - 31st Street, along Union Avenue to the Llyswen area and beyond the mall
- Burgoon Run - Eldorado area

If you live along or near one of these streams, development is regulated. Before you build, consult the City of Altoona, Engineering Department at 949-2446, to determine the mandatory elevations for your home or building. Floodplain information including the Floodplain Ordinance is available online at:

<http://www.altoonapa.gov/PublicWorks/Pages/Floodplain-Information.aspx>

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