

Proclamation for White Cane Month ^(Attachment #1)

WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, and across the nation, October celebrates the independence of people who are blind or visually impaired;

WHEREAS, white cane month is a time to raise public awareness of these important mobility tools for people who are blind or visually impaired;

WHEREAS, the original purpose was a safety reminder to promote courtesy and special consideration to blind people who are navigating America's streets and roadways;

WHEREAS, Since this first observance it has taken on greater meaning as a time to celebrate the self-sufficiency of people who are blind or visually impaired and their right to participate fully in society;

WHEREAS, the Center for the blind and visually Impaired (CBVI) continues the tradition, focusing on the independence of people who are blind or visually impaired with the white cane as a symbol of that independence;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's White Cane Law states: "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any totally or partially blind pedestrian carrying a clearly visible white cane or accompanied by a guide dog and shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring or endangering the pedestrian and, if necessary, shall stop the vehicle in order to prevent injury or danger to the pedestrian."

WHEREAS, CBVI seeks to heighten awareness about the lives of individuals who are blind and visually impaired in our communities, and the degree of autonomy they achieve through rehabilitation and training;

WHEREAS, Candy Bantum, Prevention of Blindness Specialist at CBVI said. "We hope that sighted individuals will learn something new about the white cane, guide dogs, and the people who use them".

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland, and the Councilmembers of the city of Chester, do hereby recognize October 2022 as white cane month.

In recognition of the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired mission and services for individuals with blindness and visual impairment.



Attachment #2

Council Meeting COVID Update

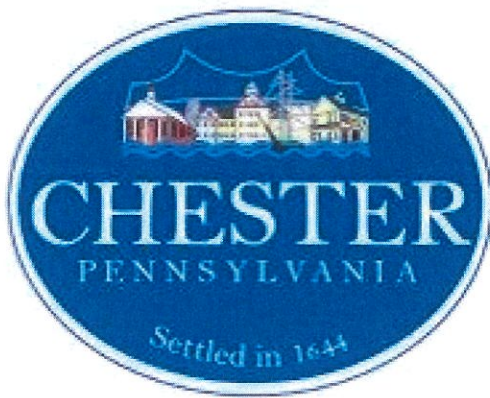
October 12, 2022,

The Pennsylvania Department of Health reports that there have been 39 positive COVID-19 cases in Chester in October so far. Research experts believe the number of positive cases is undercounted, given the common use of at-home tests. The CDC has also reported 50 cases of Monkeypox in the state of Pennsylvania, since the last council meeting on September 28. Delaware County is currently experiencing a medium level of COVID-19 transmission. According to the CDC, people may choose to mask at any time. Those at high risk for severe illness, those with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

On October 13th, we will have a Health Partners Luncheon in the Chester City Hall Community Room and a Vaccine and Booster clinic in the computer room from 11:00-2:00. On October 20th we will have a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon from 11:00-2:30 at the Keystone First Wellness Center at 1929 W 9th St. On October 23 the Health Department is partnering with the Fire Department for a free Narcan distribution event from 12:00-2:00 pm at 320 E 14th St. Our billboard, which is sponsored by Roe Fabricators for Cancer Awareness Month is up. Also, if anyone needs COVID-19 test kits, there are some available downstairs on the table.

Finally, COVID-19 vaccinations & boosters are available on October 24 and November 7 from 11:00– 5:00 at the Delaware County Health Center located at 151 W. 5th St. Walk-ins are offered, but you are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling (484) 276 – 2100. You can also always go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) for the most up-to-date appointment availability for vaccines and boosters.

Submitted by: Ayanna King: COVID-19 Support Specialist
Rosetta Carter: Director of Community Health Education Services/COVID-19
Councilwoman Elizabeth Williams: Director of Public Safety



Attachment #3
**Let's Talk About
ARPA**

American Rescue Plan Act

HOSTED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAM MORGAN

Community Meeting

Agenda:

Tuesday

**October 18, 2022
5:00 pm**

Chester City Hall

1 Fourth St.

Chester, Pa, 19013

(Council Chambers 2nd Fl.)

***Meeting Debrief**

***Responding to You**

***APRA Transparency**

***Next Steps**

***Q&A**

Live Stream:

<https://www.chestercity.com/live/>