



Council Meeting Announcement

October 11, 2023

We are hosting a clinic in the computer room with the RSV, Flu, Pneumonia, and shingles shots from 9:00 until 1:00 today. Unfortunately, the latest COVID-19 Booster shot has not arrived yet, although we will have the booster at our next clinic on October 25. Please stop by after the council meeting if you would like to receive the vaccine. The clinic will also be visited today by Senator John Kane.

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Councilman Stefan Roots: Director of Public Safety

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATION OF WHITE CANE MONTH

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 2023 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.