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County Council kicks off the 2018 Girl Scout cookie sale campaign

Delaware County Council recognized local Girl Scouts at the Jan. 24 meeting and kicked off the annual cookie sales which runs through mid-March. Council also announced plans to send boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the men and women of the Armed Services posted on the county's Armed Services Tribute Board.

During the meeting, Natalie Maddren of Bethel Township and Girl Scout Troop 05243 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council was also joined by Girl Scouts from local troops as well as Chief Executive Officer Kim Fraites-Dow and members of the Girl Scouts of American Southeast Pennsylvania Council.

"Today, Delaware County Girls Scouts join 40,000 Scouts in Pennsylvania and 2.8 million nationwide in selling Girl Scout Cookies to foster teamwork and raise money for their educational activities and community projects," said Councilman Brian P. Zidek.

It all started in 1917 when Girl Scouts in Muskogee, Oklahoma, baked cookies at home and sold them to fund their projects. From there, the whole cookie sale concept took off. The first official Girl Scout Cookies, made at a commercial bakery, were created in Philadelphia in 1933.

"The cookie campaign teaches young girls about business and leadership, goal-setting and money management. It's the largest "girl-led business" in the nation," said Councilman Zidek. "This year's sale runs through mid-March and we encourage our residents to support these young ladies. County Council is also pleased to purchase cookies and send them to the brave men and women of the Armed Services who are honored on our Tribute Board in the Government Center lobby," said Councilman Zidek.

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania includes more than 3,000 scouts in Delaware County. All of the revenue earned from the cookie sale remains with the local Scout Council. The scouts decide how to spend their troop money and reinvest it back into their neighborhoods through their service projects.

Following the meeting, the Girls Scouts were also given a tour of the Government Center and historic Delaware County Courthouse.