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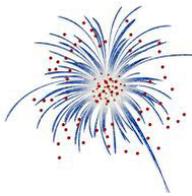
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TOWNSHIP TIMES

Pride in our Community

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Independence Day Celebration



Aston Township Board of Commissioners will be hosting the 2014 Independence Day Celebration and fireworks display on Friday, July 4th beginning at 7 p.m. behind Sun Valley High School.

The party kicks off with a DJ, so be sure to get there early to get a good seat, and enjoy the entertainment.

The fireworks show will begin at dusk, which will be around 9:15 p.m. and refreshments will be served in the Green Ridge Fire Company's parking lot. Please bring lawn chairs due to the wet conditions of the Sun Valley fields.

Come out and join the Aston community in celebrating the 4th of July and the beautiful fireworks display that comes with it.

Hometown Concert July 7

Hometown Concerts are back this summer! Come out for a night of music at the Aston Community Center. The next performance will be held Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m. Local artist Gary Ross will perform.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is always looking for talented local acts. If you or someone you know would like to perform at a concert series, contact the Township.

These concerts are free and open to the public, don't miss the fun for the entire family. The next concert will be held on Monday, August 4. Check www.astontownship.net for more information.

Aston Adopts Traffic Calming Policy

Aston Township is committed to addressing a wide range of community concerns, including transportation mobility, efficiency and safety. Adopting a comprehensive Traffic Calming Policy will bring transportation mobility in line with other community values and help to sustain and improve quality of life for our residents.

Stop signs and traffic signals are traffic control devices and are not always the most effective means of addressing safe, low speeds, especially in residential areas. Conversely, traffic calming uses a combination of mainly physical features, reducing the negative effects of motor vehicle traffic use, altering driver behavior and improving conditions for non-motorized street users.

Examples of specific traffic calming measures such as Roadway Narrowing and others are contained in the Policy document. Initially, each Commissioner will have an opportunity to submit a traffic calming project to be studied by the Township Engineer as examples of traffic calming measures. These will be reviewed with the neighborhood residents, and if acceptable, ranked and placed in the 2015 budget for consideration.

The application of traffic calming in Aston Township will be initiated by the residents of individual neighborhoods and will involve a joint effort with the Township. This includes direct involvement by each ward's Commissioner. Implementation of the Traffic Calming Program will be subject to a defined process including petitions, traffic studies, public meetings, votes and other steps.

Save the Date- Community Day

Community Day will be held on Saturday, October 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. The rain date will be Sunday, October 5 from 1-6 p.m.

For volunteer or more information contact Maryann Bullen, Community Day Coordinator, at 610-494-2337 or mimibull@comcast.net or Nancy Bowden, Parade Coordinator, at 610-494-5490 or nbowden@comcast.net.

Township offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. No recycling or trash will be collected. All Friday's recycling and trash will be collected on Thursday, July 3.

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The Township will support the Traffic Calming Program on an on-going basis by allocating funds annually through the budgetary process. Developers and business owners may also contribute funding on a voluntary basis to a specific project in an effort to address community concern. A group of property owners within a neighborhood may also wish to provide full funding for traffic calming, and will be subject to the same policy guidelines described under the Traffic Calming Policy.

The Policy allows the Township and property owners in Aston Township to work together to develop neighborhood traffic calming plans.

July's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

PLANT FLOWERING PLANTS; ATTRACT BENEFICIAL PREDATORS

Plants of all kinds help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties. Their roots absorb water and break up and aerate the soil as they grow.

Flowering native perennials will attract beneficial predators and pollinator birds, butterflies, and other insects. Perennials also develop extensive root systems to hold and enrich the soil.

Monitor plants for pests and control them with environmentally friendly applications or use plain water to avoid contaminating water runoff with chemicals that endanger streams.

Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: www.crc-watersheds.org/resources/view/96.

Check out Swarthmore College's sustainability web site: www.scottarboretum.org/sustainability/our-practices.html

Red Hill Farm

2014 Memberships Available

Red Hill Farm, located at the corner of Red Hill and Legion roads, is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm offering freshly harvested organic produce to its members.

Once each week for 24 weeks, members pick up their share of vegetables at the farm. Members of Red Hill Farm are also given access to the farm's large "You-Pick" section which includes cut flowers, herbs, cherry tomatoes and beans.

A variety of payment plans are available. Call 610-558-6799, e-mail redhillfarm@osfphila.org, or visit www.redhillfarm.org for more information.

Support your local farm, and experience the joy of eating with the seasons!

Aston Police to Collect Old Meds

The Aston Police Department recently had a medicine collection box installed in the lobby on the first floor of the municipal building. The purpose being, to provide Township residents

along with the general public a safe manner in which to dispose of prescription medication(s). This project is supported by Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan, with the intent to equip all police departments/municipalities in Delaware County with a medicine collection box.

Items which are accepted for collection are as follows: prescription medications, over the counter medications, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications, ointments, lotions, and liquid medications in leak proof containers.

Items **NOT** accepted for collection: loose pills, needles, thermometers, bloody or infectious waste, medications from businesses, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, and inhalers.

Hours for collection will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Medications will not be collected after normal business hours, or during weekends.

Second Week Trash Pickup

Second week trash pickup is scheduled to run through September 5.

StreetScape Initiative

Aston Township is planning to construct streetscape improvements along a 0.8-mile stretch of Pennell Road (SR 0452) between Concord Road (SR 3007) and Duttons Mill Road (SR 3020). The work will include sidewalk and curb ramp installation/improvements, pedestrian level lighting, landscaping, and landscaped center medians. The improvements will contribute to increased mass transit ridership and economic development by creating a pedestrian-friendly environment and connecting a variety of land uses including residential, commercial, office, institutional and recreational. The improvements implemented along Pennell Road will serve as guidelines

to implement similar improvements along Concord Road and Duttons Mill Road as future projects.

The Township is requesting funding for this project through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The estimated cost for the project is \$960,000, which includes a 20% match from the Township (\$192,000).

Low or No Cost Vaccinations Available

If you are uninsured or underinsured the Department of Health can help you receive all of your vaccinations!

The Department of Health offers LOW or NO COST vaccines. (\$5 cost for those above WIC income guidelines – payable by check or money order).

Vaccinations will be given:

July 16 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Vaccinations will be given at Anna's Place, 248 Long Lane, Upper Darby, PA 19082.

Please call the Pa. Dept. of Health at 610-447-3250 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

In Need of a Smoke Detector?

The Green Ridge Fire Company has received a supply of Kiddie brand smoke detectors and has offered to provide them to any Aston resident at no cost. To ensure proper installation and function, a Green Ridge volunteer will even show up and install the detector for FREE!

To request a smoke detector, contact the Green Ridge Fire Company at 610-494-6771 or fireprevention63@gmail.com.

Sun Center Concerts

Sun Center Summer Concerts are coming right here to Aston with some really great artists that they are proud to bring to Delaware County. All shows are outside under the stars with seats. Tickets are available on [ticketmaster](http://ticketmaster.com).

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.

com, by calling 1-800-745-3000 or at the venue box office on the day of the show. The venue will have wine, beer, soda, dinner and snacks for sale, so come hungry and ready to have a good time!

Each show will benefit a local volunteer fire company that will be onsite receiving well deserved recognition.

July 19	Gordon Lightfoot
Aug 7	The Mavericks
Aug 8	Get the Led Out
Aug 12	Indigo Girls
Aug 13	The Beach Boys

Public Works Working Hard

The Public Works Department has picked up 600 tons of refuse and 146 tons of recycled material for May. They have also filled more than 831 potholes using more than 19 tons of asphalt to date. "To Russ and his department, we certainly appreciate your efforts," said Commissioner Fulginiti.

Two St. Francis de Sales Students Place at Computer Fair State Finals

Several St. Francis de Sales students are computer whizzes! Seventh graders Olivia Hall and the team of Ryan Yeager, Vincent DeAngelo, and Robert Salvadore placed third in their respective categories of web page design and computer fair logo design.

"We are so proud of all of our participants and projects," said Mrs. Petragani, technology teacher.

St. Francis de Sales was the only school from Delaware County to place in the state finals, in addition to being only one of two schools from the archdiocese of Philadelphia to place.

Aston Township Vision Plan

At the March 19, 2014 Aston Township Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board voted in favor of contracting Simone Collins, PC to develop a Vision Plan For Aston.

The proposed Aston Township Vi-

sion Plan includes a market assessment of the opportunities that exist in the community; an assessment of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan goals – and which have been accomplished and which have not; and a development of a community vision for both tangible and intangible assets toward enhanced economic development and quality of life in the community.

The plan includes a series of community outreach events including multiple public meetings to solicit ideas from residents and business owners in the community.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the meetings so their voice is heard.

Aston Recycling Making Big Gains

Rain, snow, sleet, or shine, Aston's dedicated sanitation team and environmentally conscientious citizens are making a difference in the environment and to Aston's bottom line.

Aston Township's weekly single stream recycling program is paying dividends for Township residents. While the amount of trash that has been collected and disposed at the landfill has declined, the amount of material recycled by residents has increased. Since the weekly recycling program began in 2011, Township residents have recycled more than 500 tons of trash!

Residents have increased recycling efforts each month since January 2011. The steady decline in the amount of trash collected clearly illustrates the impact that once a week, single stream recycling is having.

Keep your Family Safe this 4th

Fireworks can result in severe burns, scars and disfigurement that can last a lifetime.

Fireworks that are often thought to be safe, such as sparklers, can reach temperatures above 1000 degrees Fahrenheit, and can burn users and bystanders.

July Public Meetings and Special Events

Strategic Plan Meeting
3 p.m. Wednesday, July 2

New Construction Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Monday, July 7

Work Session Meeting
3 p.m. Wednesday, July 9

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15

Board of Commissioners Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16

Vision Plan Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22

Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 23

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29

Families should attend community fireworks displays run by professionals rather than using fireworks at home.

The AAP recommends prohibiting public sale of all fireworks, including those by mail or the Internet.

- See more at: <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Summer-Safety-Tips.aspx#sthash.ZAxbog1z.dpuf>

Engraved Memorial Garden bricks make great birthday or remembrance gifts. Call Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337.

Summer Reading Continues! Great Performers on Wednesdays this Summer

Our summer reading club “Fizz, Boom, Read!” is continuing! You can register your child online through our website www.astonlibrary.org or at the desk at the library. If you bring the log of books your child reads to the library each week, you can collect their weekly prize. More than 90 kids attended our kickoff program with Piccirillo Scienctellers on June 18.

The free 1 p.m. Wednesday kids shows will continue throughout the summer:

- July 2 Mr. Malcolm will return with his dramatic stories
- July 9 Jitterbugs Music will get the kids dancing and playing
- July 16 Dave from Segal Puppets will present an exciting puppet drama for the kids
- July 23 Ed Schmitt will be doing an amazing magic show
- July 30 Vicky Town will be telling exciting, engaging stories

The library is holding a coloring contest for kids of all ages. The coloring sheet can be picked up at the library or at www.astonlibrary.org. Just bring your child’s entry (with the child’s information on the back) to the library’s service desk by July 15 to be considered. Winners of the contest will have their entries displayed at the Library.

There are many other programs coming up as well:

Infant Storytime with Ms. Dee is continuing. The popular “lapsit” storytime for babies up to 2 years old is on Mondays at 10 a.m.

Free Chair Yoga is returning on Saturdays at 11 a.m. starting July 5.

Go to the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org to sign up and get more information about these and the other activities offered at the library!

Get your child’s Penn-Delco required summer reading books for free this summer at the library. Stop by today to request the books.

The library is still looking for volunteers to help with work like calling patrons, putting books in order, and delivering flyers and posters. Pick up an application at the library or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/APLVolApp> to submit one online.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Library at 7 p.m. on July 15.

You can access books for your Kindle, Nook, or other e-book reader with your library card! Go to <http://digitallibrary.delcolibraries.org/> to see what is available! Are you on Facebook? Follow the Aston Library there! Go to <http://www.facebook.com/astonlibrary> to become a fan.

Neumann Children’s Theater this Summer

Center Stage Productions will host several children’s plays this summer. July starts with *Little Red and the Hoods*, a delightful tale of Little Red Riding Hood, told with modern lessons for today’s children. With plenty of participation, this show is both fun and educational. The show runs July 10-12.

Godspell Jr. runs from July 24-26. In this energetic, uplifting musical, the parables of Jesus Christ come to life with abundant humanity and heart.

Disney’s Peter Pan Jr. runs from July 31-August 2. Wendy Darling loves to tell stories to her brothers, Michael and John. But when her father announces she must move out of the nursery, Peter Pan comes to visit the children and whisks them away to Neverland.

General admission for all shows is \$7, groups of 15 or more \$5 each. For more information, visit www.neumann.edu.



Fizz, Boom, Read is the theme for the summer 2014 reading program.



American Legion Post 926 President Dan Jenkins presents Stephen Sarazin, Library Director, with a donation.



Vicky Town will present her exciting stories at the Library on Wednesday, July 30 at 1 p.m.



Segal Puppets performing at the library!