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Commissioner Fulginiti Recognized for Service

Commissioner Michael Fulginiti was recognized by the Board of Commissioners as he stepped down after nine years of service to the First Ward of Aston Township. With his family on hand, the Commissioners praised Fulginiti for his hard work and constant support. All those attending gave Fulginiti a standing ovation as he was presented with his plaque.

For the past two-and-a-half years, Fulginiti, 58, has been battling with bulbar onset Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Unable to speak, Fulginiti used a special application on his cellphone to communicate his feelings.

"It is with regret that I can no longer represent Aston Township residents due to my health issues," Fulginiti said. "I would like to thank everyone for their patience these past two-and-a-half years as I have progressed and am no longer able to speak. Therefore, I feel as though I cannot represent my constituents the way you should be represented. I have developed some very special friendships and you will remain close to my heart. I will be there for you if I am needed."

Fulginiti was appointed in 2007 to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Bill Jones and was elected and re-elected by the residents of the First Ward. He also expressed his thanks to his family, wife Andrea, daughter Kerry and her husband Dinh, daughter Amber and her husband Ron, and son Michael and his wife Heather as well as his grandchildren.

Commissioners President Jim Stigale presented Fulginiti with a plaque and thanked him for his support and advice over the years. "I'd like to personally thank Mike for helping me when I came to the board. He helped me to understand what it takes when a decision needs to be made to serve the residents of Aston. Although we did not always agree on everything, he always showed me support as president of the board. We will continue to pray for Mike and his entire family as he continues to fight this challenge. We are all very proud to have served with Mike," said President Stigale.

Fulginiti thanked the community for its support and said he will keep fighting and will not give up hope.

Bruce Reimer Retires after 27 years

Public Works employee Bruce Reimer was recognized for his 27 years of service to the Township. He is a dedicated worker who is well liked by everyone. He is always ready and willing to help any of his co-workers, including all the office staff.

Reimer is married to his wife Angie, and they have been residents of Aston Township for over 30 years. They have raised three children and Reimer is an active member of the Aston Lions Club and always helps out with the Annual Pancake Breakfast.

Director of Public Works Russ Palmore presented Reimer with a glider with his name and dates of service engraved.

Retiree Bruce Reimer sits on the bench that was presented to him by Russ Palmore, Director of Public Works.



Aston Police Chief Dan Ruggieri, Officer Mikell Jones and his K-9 partner Jax, showed their sincere appreciation to the Media Moose Lodge #2189



Aston First Ward Commissioner Mike Fulginiti poses with his family on the event of his retirement from the board of commissioners. Fulginiti is accompanied by his wife, Andrea, son Michael, daughter-in-law Heather, daughter Amber, son-in-law Ron Duquette, and grandchildren Cade, Reese and Dean

Moose Lodge Donates for new K-9 Unit

The Media Moose Lodge of Aston Township #2189 donated \$2,000 to the Aston Police Department for a new K-9 unit. Aston Police Chief Dan Ruggieri recognized the Moose lodge during the December Commissioners meeting.

"Since its inception nearly eight years ago, the Aston Police K-9 Unit has operated solely on generous donations from our community," Ruggieri said. "And, this is another great example of community support for our K-9 Unit. I am deeply touched by this act of generosity by the Moose Lodge and take great comfort that our police department is supported by such a wonderful organization."

Winter Fun Festival Brings out More than 500!



More than 500 residents came out to celebrate the start of the Christmas Season for the fifth annual Winter Fun Festival. Guests crowded around the Christmas tree to listen to carols performed by the Pennell and Aston elementary choirs. They also admired the new gingerbread house constructed by the Public Works department that featured a working fireplace.



Once the tree was lit, Santa pulled in on an Aston Township Fire Department truck to start the festival. Inside the Community Center, children made crafts, wrote letters to Santa, were treated to a magic show, puppet show, and of course a visit with Santa himself. Refreshments were also provided.

The winter festival committee was chaired by Kit Spayd and included Alma Carroll, Florence Fisher, Second Ward Commis-

sioner Carol Graham, Judy Kirby and a countless number of volunteers.

First Annual Holiday Contest a Success!

Winners have recently been selected for the inaugural Holiday Decorating Contest in Aston. Impartial judges worked their way around the wards selecting a winner and an honorable mention winner. First place winners received a \$100 gift card to Giant Market and honorable mention winners received a \$50 gift card to Wawa.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairwoman Kit Spayd said she was pleased with how the contest turned out, resident participation and she is looking forward to next year.

Winners include: First Ward: 3104 Franciscan Way, first place; 610B Convent Rd., honorable mention. Second Ward: 103 Victoria Dr., first place; 1545 Caroline Dr., honorable mention. Third Ward: 2309 Cisco Ln., first place; 2350 Hillside Ln., honorable mention. Fourth Ward: 26 Cobblestone, first place 2630 Weir Rd., honorable mention. Fifth Ward: 228 Brakel Ln., first place; 415 Virginia Ln., honorable mention. Sixth Ward: 121 Beatrice Lane, first place; 38 Scarlet Ave., honorable mention. Seventh Ward: 118 Shubrook Lane, first place, 206 Marianville Rd., honorable mention.



Thomas Piraino and Jonathan Curtis were recently appointed as part-time probationary police officers.

Two New Officers Appointed

Jonathan Curtis and Thomas Piraino were appointed as part-time probationary police officers for Aston Township. Both must pass a complete physical and psychological examination.

DCIU Hearing January 25

The continuation of DCIU Land Development Conditional Use Hearing is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 25 at 7 p.m.

Any member of the public that wishes to be heard during the public proceeding is required to file an Entry of Appearance with the Township Solicitor prior to the meeting. For your convenience this form may be downloaded from the sidebar of this page and submitted on site prior to the start of the hearing.

2016 Budget Approved

The 2016 budget holds the line on taxes and sanitation fees with no tax increase and no sanitation fee increases.

The budget provides for an expansion of the storm sewer maintenance program and twice a week trash pick up in the summer. Funding is also provided for two replacement police vehicles and a replacement for the Public Works backhoe and a truck.

Other improvements include a second automatic opening door at the Community Center and replacement roof for the school house.

Carbon Monoxide Reminder

The Aston Township Fire Department reminds you, as the colder months approach, please have your heaters and fire places cleaned and serviced. Chimney fires and carbon monoxide incidents increase during this time of year.

Rockdale Art Center Now Open In Aston

Rockdale Art Center in Aston is now open for classes. They will offer a variety of youth, adult and BYOB classes. For more information visit: www.rockdaleartcenter.com/.

Aston residents get a 10% discount

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net. Deadline for next issue is January 25.

on classes with the code ASTON10 when they register online.

Meals on Wheels Looking for Volunteers

Aston Meals on Wheels serves Aston, Brookhaven, and Parkside five days a week. Meals on Wheels needs your help for just 1-2 hours a month or a week to assist with delivery of meals to our home bound seniors.

If you are interested in this worthy cause, please call Joan Hanlon at 610-485-2729.

Public Works.. Around Aston

The Public Works department picked up 449 tons of refuse and 167 tons of recycled material in November. It built and painted the gingerbread house for holiday decorating as well as decorated the Community Center.

Aston Mills Bridge Re-Opening Delayed

On Friday, November 13 the Pennsylvania Dept of Transportation presented an update on the progress of Aston Mills Bridge.

Due to the unforeseen replacement of the water line that passes through the bridge the completion of the projected has been delayed.

Estimated date of completion has been moved from late November to late December or early January, 2016.

Paint for Seniors January 23

Come out and paint to raise money for Sun Valley Seniors events on Saturday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookhaven Municipal Center Gym.

This event is for 21+ BYOB 50/50 raffles, snacks for purchase. Space is limited. Follow the link to regis-

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

ter online at www.paintnite.com/events/931824.html.

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas tree collection will run from January 4-8 in the Township.

Student Creates Non-Profit

Kevin Cylc, a 6th grade student from Aston has recently founded a new non-profit organization, "Delaware County Safety City" in Delaware County. Its mission is to save and improve the lives of children in Delaware County by empowering caregivers and youth through awareness of injury risks and prevention.

The organization is dedicated to the men and women in the Emergency Services in Delaware County and to the future generations of Emergency Responders.

Please take a moment to view the website at delawarecountysafetycity.com or call (484) 273-9949 for additional information.

Senior Citizens to Meet

Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26 at the Aston Community Center, Aston. Membership is open to Penn Delco residents, (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven) and dues are \$10.

You are welcome to come and join at the next meeting or contact Stanley Wileczek, 123 Edgar Avenue, Aston, Pa., 19014, or call 610-494-5434.

Pothole Patrol

Thank you for being a concerned citizen! Help us help you by reporting a roadway maintenance request at www.astontownship.net.

The Aston Township Public Works Department is committed to providing a timely response to your request. Our goal is to remedy the situation within 24 to 48 hours then follow up with an email when the repair has been completed.

January Public Meetings and Special Events

Special Meeting Board of Commissioners Reorganization

7 p.m. Monday, January 4

Strategic Plan Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, January 6

Parks and Recreation Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, January 6

Public Works Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, January 11

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, January 13

Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, January 20

Ordinance Committee Meeting

2 p.m. Monday, January 25

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, January 26

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, January 27

Please note that following certain weather events and extended periods of extreme temperature, reporting volume is likely to be very high. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please complete the form online and enter as much detail as possible, especially for the location.

Just a reminder- PennDot is responsible for state roads including Aston Mills Road, Birney Highway, Bodley Road, Bridgewater Road, Concord Road, Dutton Mill Road, Knowlton Road, Lenni Road and Pennell Road.

Tablet/eBook Classes at Library; Magic Shows and More!

Did you get a tablet or e-book reader for Christmas? Not sure where to start? You can get some help at the Library. The Aston Public Library will be having a Tablet/eBook Help Session on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:15 p.m. Bring your device and learn how to use it with Stephen.

Do you want to have a relaxing time and make some artwork? Join the Library Zentangle and Adult Coloring Club on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. this month.

The Friends of the Library are raffling a wide variety of items related to the Star Wars movies. You can get one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, or seven for \$10. Have a look at the basket at the library.

Discover the power of Mental Magic. Mentalist Chris Fabiano will be demonstrating his intuitive abilities at the library Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

We are now holding our annual Book-mark Design Contest for kids in grade K-8. An entry form can be picked up at the library. The deadline is February 22.

Free Chair Yoga will be back on Saturday mornings starting January 9. Space is limited, so register through the events calendar at www.astonlibrary.org if you would like to attend.

Starting soon, we will have several more types of materials available for patrons to check out at the library. You will be able to check out a Roku, a Chrome-

book laptop, or a tablet loaded with educational games for the kids.

We are planning to host free Federal and State Income Tax preparation services again from PathwaysPA early next year. To get on the list email director@astonlibrary.org or call 610-494-5877 and ask for Stephen. More details will be on astonlibrary.org when we have them.

At 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, Puppets Pizzazz will be performing a special show. The Puppets Pizzazz show is full of sing-a-longs, slap stick humor, audience participation, and dancing. Everyone will be tapping and singing along to our satirical versions of songs by artists such as Disney, Neil Diamond, Meghan Trainor, LMFAO, Carley Rae Jepson, and Taylor Swift to name a few.

Wednesdays at 4 p.m., your child can learn about science, technology, engineering and math (and maybe some Art) using Legos. Children ages 6-10 will experiment with Legos to complete assigned activities during the hour. Children will be working in groups, but will have their own Legos to use to complete the projects. All Legos are property of the library, so no need to bring your own. This month, the Lego group will be doing animation using Legos.

We are offering two crochet groups for folks learning the craft at any level. One



The Puppets Pizzazz puppets



The kids constructing a "simple machine" in Lego Club

is running Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and another is Thursdays at 6 p.m. Stop by this month to join the group.

More information and registration for all our programs is available via the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

You can now purchase Friends of the Library T-shirts and bags to show your support of the library. These are available at the service desk at the library. Join the Friends of the Library. Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. at 67 Hidden Valley Road on December 15.

Recycling Reminder!



Remember! Recycling is single stream, you can include clear glass, aluminum cans, all plastic containers, green glass, bi-metal cans, newspaper (placed next to recycling can), brown glass, cardboard boxes, cardboard containers.

Bulk Trash and Appliance Collection

The Township Public Works Department provides curbside pickup service for residents seeking to dispose of bulk trash items or old appliances. The fee for this service is \$20 per item and is due in advance of pickup.

Residents must call the Township Building in advance to schedule pickup and arrange payment. The cost MUST be paid in advance. All items for bulk trash and appliance collection must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of your regular trash collection.

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV's public access channels for updated postings on Comcast channel 5 and Verizon channel 45, as well as the township website.



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Special Insert!

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2016 Holiday Decorating Contest a Hit Around Aston!

Local Businesses really got into the Christmas Spirit for the inaugural Holiday Decorating Contest. Winners and honorable mention recipients were selected by a committee of impartial judges. A winner and an honorable mention winner were selected from each of the seven wards as well. See below for photos of the business winners and more information about them!

Large Business Winner- Coco's Pizza



Large Business Honorable Mention- Wise Originals Florist

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Small Business Winner- Pretzel Boys

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Small Business Honorable Mention- Blair's Florist

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