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Message from Commissioner Prendergast

Now that summer is over, it is time to think about Aston Community Day and Business Expo scheduled for Saturday, October 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. Special thanks to Maryann Bullen and Commissioner Nancy Bowden for their efforts in coordinating the Aston Community Day. Save the date for our 20th Annual Community Day and Business Expo including food, rides, crafts, music and more.

This edition of the newsletter includes important information regarding "Permit" requirements and "Solar Panel Installation".

Our annual Fourth of July Fireworks display was phenomenal. Our Aston Quarterly newsletter is the talk of the town and we plan to continue this quarterly information newsletter to keep everyone informed on the happenings of Aston Township. You can easily find this on our website, Facebook, Community Center, Library, and local businesses in the Township.

There are many projects underway in Aston Township. Here is the most recent update: We are hoping for grants to be awarded to assist in funding the Phase 2 of our Amphitheater located behind the Community Center and the purchase of 43 acres of ground to preserve for Open Space. ARPA funds have been received and we have successfully completed stormwater management projects at Concord Square and Newsome Pond. Enjoy this edition of the Aston Quarterly.

Fred Prendergast

Aston Township, Board of Commissioners

20th ANNUAL ASTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY AND BUSINESS EXPO

The 20th Annual Aston Township Community Day and Business Expo is Saturday, October 1st, from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm at the Aston Community Center. (The Rain Date is Saturday, October 8, 2022) The day begins with a Parade starting at Neumann University at 9 am. There will be plenty of games, food, rides, crafts, music and much more. We are very thankful for Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee, the Aston Township Commissioners and the Aston Business Association.

ASTON SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Aston Township established and sponsored the Aston Seniors Club in 1974. Then, in later years, membership included seniors from Penn Delco School District, including Brookhaven and Parkside. The Aston Township Senior Citizens are welcoming New Members. If you, or someone you know, are an active senior, 55 years or older, looking for fun and socializing, get in touch with Katherine Gommer, at katherinegommer@comcast.net. Membership cost \$10.00/year. The general meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month (except for June, November and December) at the Aston Community Center, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting includes socializing, meeting and greeting new and old friends, taking Membership, taking care of business, some form of entertainment and a delicious, catered lunch (tickets are \$15.00 and are purchased the month prior to each meeting). They also offer discounted group travel opportunities.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, AND PLUMBING

An owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, install, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a residential or commercial building or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system regulated by the Uniform Construction Code shall first obtain the required permit. An emergency repair or replacement of equipment may be made without first applying for a permit if a permit application is submitted to the Building Code Official within 3 business days of the repair or replacement. A Permit is required for any of the following scenarios: New House, Additions (no matter how small), Decks (new and replacement), Windows, Doors, Kitchen Remodel, Pools, Water Heaters, Driveway, Sidewalks, Fences and Bathroom Remodel.

When in doubt, contact the Building Code Official at the Township, 610-494-0384

ASTON TOWNSHIP PERMIT – SOLAR PANELS

A permit is required for installation, alteration, repair or removal of a solar panel, solar panel array or solar power system components. In addition, when installing roof-top solar panels or free standing solar panels, all installations will require site inspection and plan review for compliance, *prior to issuance of a building permit*. Please review the Solar Array Plan Review Requirements. For more information on SOLAR requirements, please see the website.

<https://astontownship.net/township-departments/code-enforcement/building-code-department/>

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

It's the most magical time of the year and in Aston Township, we do it up in spectacular beauty. Come check out our Holiday Display at the Community Center and be there when Santa Claus comes to Aston Township. The Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Fun Festival activities begin at 6:30 p.m. A fun evening of activities is planned, save the date and get your cameras ready to snap pictures of Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty and others.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 <p>More than half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	 <p>More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.</p>	 <p>The top 3 days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve.</p>
 <p>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</p>	 <p>Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.</p> <p>On average, 1 of every 45 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.</p>	 <p>A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes 1 in every 4 winter fires.</p>
 <p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	 <p>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	 <p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.

Films that INSPIRE



Neumann University is bringing something exciting to our community in 2023: the first-ever “Neumann Inspires Film Festival,” which will take place the evening of Friday, March 31st and all day Saturday, April 1. Brad Ingelsby, the writer/producer of HBO’s Emmy Award-winning *Mare of Easttown*, will be the featured guest speaker.

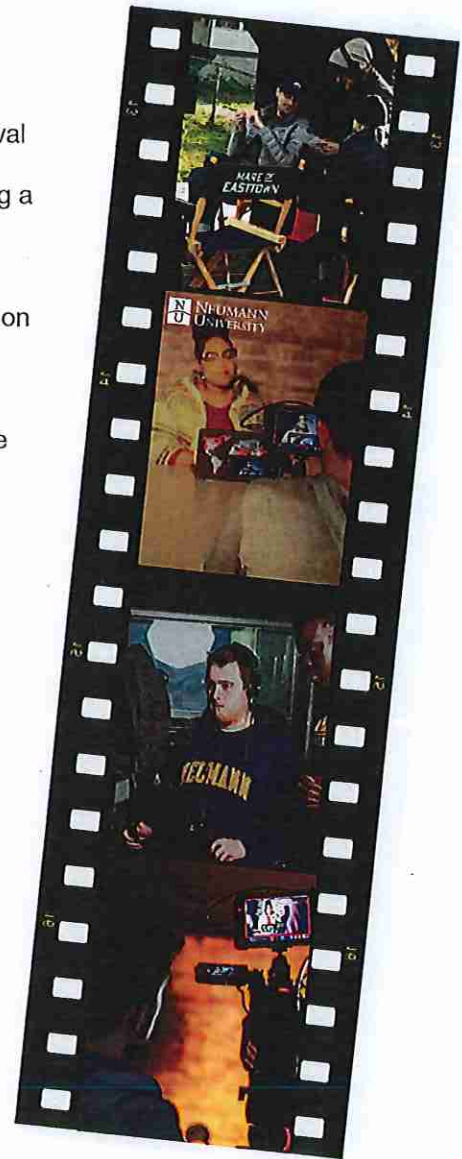
This inspirational film festival got its own inspiration following a screening of *Heart of Camden*. The film, narrated by Martin Sheen, chronicles the tireless work of Father Michael Doyle in his congregation and community.

The screening received such a tremendous response that the idea of an “inspirational” film festival was born. The theme doesn't necessarily apply to just the stories in the films; it can also refer to the journey the filmmakers took in completing the work.

In addition to excellent films, the festival will feature fun, interactive workshops, panel discussions, and an opportunity for filmmakers to win awards in different categories. Any filmmakers who submit will receive FREE access to the festival and all the workshops, regardless of whether or not their film is accepted!

The Neumann Inspires Film Festival wants to encourage anyone with an inspirational film to submit. Preference is given to films that are 20 minutes or less; however, filmmakers are encouraged to submit any film they believe would be a great fit.

Please visit <https://www.neumann.edu/filmfest> for more information!



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

10/1 Community Day and Business Expo
10/3 to 10/7 Appliance and Metal Collection
10/3 New Construction 6:30 pm
10/4 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
10/5 Police Committee 5 pm
10/6 Ordinance Committee 5:30 pm
10/12 Work Session 3:30 pm
10/18 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
10/19 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
10/25 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
10/26 Planning Committee 7 pm

NOVEMBER

11/1 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
11/2 Police Committee 5 pm
11/3 Ordinance Committee 5:30 pm
11/7 New Construction 6:30 pm
11/7 to 11/11 Appliance and Metal Collection
11/9 Work Session 3:30 pm
11/15 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
11/16 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
11/22 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
11/23 Planning Committee 7 pm
11/24 & 11/25 Township Holiday No Trash collection

DECEMBER

12/1 Ordinance Committee 5:30 pm
12/1 Board of Health Meeting 7 pm
12/2 Christmas Tree Lighting & Fun Festival 6:30 pm
12/5 to 12/9 Appliance & Metal Collection Week
12/6 Parks & Recreation Meeting 7pm
12/7 Police Committee Meeting 5pm
12/12 New Construction 6:30 pm
12/12 to 12/16 Last Week of Bagged Leaf Collection
12/14 Work Session 3:30 pm
12/19 Public Works Meeting 3:30 pm
12/20 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
12/21 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
12/27 Planning Commission 7 pm
12/28 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
12/29 Finance Committee 5 pm

ASTON TOWNSHIP "NEW" MEETING LOCATION

Aston Township Monthly Meeting location has changed. Starting September 21, 2022 we will be meeting at the Aston Township Fire Station at 2900 Dutton Mill Road. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please look to the Aston Township website www.astontownship.net and our Facebook page for additional meeting information.

ARPA FUNDS & STORMWATER SOLUTIONS

Aston Township has received dollars from the Federal Government through an allocation from the "American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA)". Aston has had several drainage related projects that they have been looking to complete and these funds allowed the township to bid and complete this work without having to use our local tax dollars.

ASTON RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT-GO GRANT

Aston Township has been awarded Funding through the PA Department of Transportations "Green Light-Go" program. The funding will be used for the interconnection of traffic signals along Concord Road. This will improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals at Route 452 and Concord Road.

ASTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT

The Aston Township Historical Society is inviting you to come and see if you can unravel the mystery of a murder in Aston that happened in 1908.

Would you find the wife or the sister-in-law or both guilty in the death of Captain J. Clayton Erb on October 6, 1908. Hear testimony and witnesses in the trial of these two infamous women in the murder that rocked the County – at Red Gables in Aston.

It made front page news in the New York Times. The facts (and in some cases conjecture) will be presented on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7pm in the Aston Community Center. We guarantee you will find the history of this magnificent story one of the most perplexing you have ever heard.