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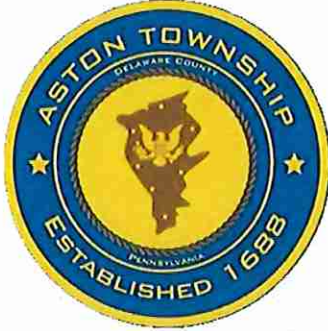
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Message from Aston Township Commissioners

Now that summer is over, it is time to think about Aston Community Day and Business Expo scheduled for Saturday, October 7th 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 21st 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. We hope you enjoyed them. The Aston Quarterly is an informational newsletter to keep everyone informed on the happenings of Aston Township. You can easily find this on the Aston Township website, Facebook, Community Center, Library, and local businesses in the Township. If you would like a copy of the newsletter e-mailed to you, please let us know.

There are many projects underway in Aston Township. Here is the most recent update: We have received Grants 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.

SAVE the DATE: Thursday, September 28th at the Aston Community Center at 7:00 p.m. for a Township wide meeting to listen to the plans for the New Municipal Building & Police Station.

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21st ANNUAL ASTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY AND BUSINESS EXPO

The 21st Annual Aston Township Community Day and Business Expo is Saturday, October 7th, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. (The Rain Date is Saturday, October 14, 2023) The day begins with a Parade starting at Neumann University at 9 a.m. 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 to present this annual fun event for the residents.

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. If you are a Senior Citizen, do not miss out on the fun.

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, Roofing (new and replacement) and Bathroom Remodel.

If you are NOT sure kindly 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 1, 2023

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

Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires

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.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

10/2 to 10/6 Appliance and Metal Collection
10/2 New Construction 6:30 pm
10/3 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
10/4 Police Committee 5 pm
10/5 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
10/7 Community Day and Business Expo
10/11 Work Session 3:30 pm
10/17 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
10/18 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
10/24 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
10/25 Planning Committee 7 pm
10/30 Leaf Collection Begins

NOVEMBER

11/1 Police Committee 5 pm
11/2 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
11/6 to 11/10 Appliance and Metal Collection
11/8 Work Session 3:30 pm
11/13 New Construction 6:30 pm
11/14 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
11/14 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
11/15 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
11/21 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
11/22 Planning Committee 7 pm
11/23 & 11/24 Township Holiday No Trash collection

DECEMBER

12/1 Christmas Tree Lighting & Fun Festival 6:30 pm
12/4 to 12/8 Appliance & Metal Collection Week
12/5 Parks & Recreation Meeting 7pm
12/6 Police Committee Meeting 5pm
12/7 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
12/7 Board of Health Meeting 7 pm
12/11 New Construction 6:30 pm
12/11 to 12/15 Last Week of Bagged Leaf Collection
12/13 Work Session 3:30 pm
12/18 Public Works Meeting 3:30 pm
12/19 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
12/20 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
12/27 Planning Commission 7 pm
12/28 Finance Committee 5 pm

ASTON STORMWATER SOLUTIONS CONTINUE

Aston Township has been using funds received from the “American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA)” to improve Township Stormwater situations throughout the Township. We have completed many projects in 2022-2023 and have seen improvements to our Stormwater issues without having to use our local tax dollars.

ASTON GREEN LIGHT-GO GRANT UPDATE

Aston Township was awarded Funding through the PA Department of Transportations “Green Light-Go” program. The funding is being used for the interconnection of traffic signals along Concord Road. This will improve traffic flow and the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals at Route 452 and Concord Road.

ASTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Aston Township Historical Society is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding in 1993 with special programs:

September 14th will be the Celebration Party. Special displays on important events of its history and 2 of the founders, Bruce Wittendorfer and Jackie DiGiacomo, will be remembering Paul Dougherty and his untiring work in forming the ATHS and Aston artifacts. There will be interesting photos and artifacts from the past, with a special display on the Aston Middletown Little League PA championship 35 years ago.

November 9th, 2023 Sister Mary Kathryn Dougherty will discuss “History of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and Neumann University”, including alumnae and current student stories, like that of Aston’s own Bonnie Stufflet.

All programs are free and open to the public starting at 7 P.M. and are located at the Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord Road. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

ASTON TOWNSHIP SENIORS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 30th will be the Aston Seniors 2nd Annual Craft Show at the Community Center.