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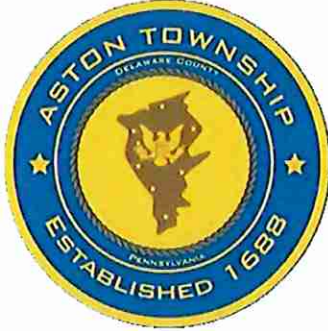
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Message from Aston Township Commissioners

Now that summer is over, it is time to think about Aston Community Day and Business Expo scheduled for Saturday, September 14th 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.

This edition of the newsletter includes important information regarding "Permit" requirements and "Solar Panel Installation". If you have a question regarding Permits, please call the Code Department 610-494-0384.

Our annual Fourth of July Celebration included a concert by the Fabulous Greaseband at our new Amphitheatre along with the traditional Fireworks display. We hope you enjoyed both events.

There are many projects underway in Aston Township. We have broken ground on our New Municipal Building and Police Station. Expected completion date is October 2025. We have received the following Grants: \$546,000 for the modernization of the signal equipment at Five Points. This will be used with the previous grant funding of \$378,000 and allow us full modernization including pedestrian crossing upgrades and black iron poles and mast arms to match the rest of Pennell road.

Aston Township received a 902 recycling grant from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$218,000 which was used to purchase a new Trash Truck for the Township.

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22nd ANNUAL ASTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY AND BUSINESS EXPO

The 22nd Annual Aston Township Community Day and Business Expo is Saturday, September 14th, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. (The Rain Date is Saturday, September 21, 2024). 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

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).

Saturday, October 5th will be the Aston Seniors 3rd Annual Craft Show at the Aston Community Center.

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 Township Code Department (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 6, 2024

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

10/1 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
10/2 Police Committee 5 pm
10/3 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
10/7 New Construction 6:30 pm
10/7 to 10/11 Appliance and Metal Collection
10/9 Work Session 3:30 pm
10/15 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
10/16 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
10/22 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
10/23 Planning Committee 7 pm
10/28 Leaf Collection Begins

NOVEMBER

11/4 to 11/8 Appliance and Metal Collection
11/5 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
11/6 Police Committee 5 pm
11/7 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
11/11 New Construction 6:30 pm
11/13 Work Session 3:30 pm
11/20 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
11/26 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
11/27 Planning Committee 7 pm
11/28 & 11/29 Township Holiday No Trash collection

DECEMBER

12/2 to 12/6 Appliance & Metal Collection Week
12/3 Parks & Recreation Meeting 7pm
12/4 Police Committee Meeting 5pm
12/5 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
12/5 Board of Health Meeting 7 pm
12/6 Christmas Tree Lighting & Fun Festival 6:30 pm
12/9 New Construction 6:30 pm
12/11 Work Session 3:30 pm
12/17 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
12/18 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
12/23 Public Works Meeting 10 am
12/23 Fire Committee 7 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 continue to work on many projects and have seen substantial 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 October 5th, Lafayette Day at Chester Courthouse 1 pm. November 2nd, Delco Cemetery Tour including Resurrection Church. November 14th, 50-year history of the Aston Lions Club by Bob Hoyt. All programs are free and open to the public. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

ASTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY INFO

Bingo to benefit Aston Public Library on Saturday September 28th from 6-9PM. Doors open at 4:30PM. \$25 admission. All cash prizes. No one under 18 admitted. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Each Tuesday at 2PM the library will have either Chair Zumba or Chair Yoga classes for adults. Steps to Healthy Living: Chronic Disease Self-Management - Thursdays from 1pm - 3:30pm, October 10 - November 14. Learn to live your best life with chronic conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, pain or anxiety. Author Paul Kahan will visit the Library to discuss his book "Philadelphia: A Narrative History" on Tuesday, November 12th at 6PM. We will also have Cooking with Lydia, education sessions with Dr. Mike from Kinetic Physical Therapy, movie showings & even some special art programs this fall. Bring your child to our weekly story time with Ms. Raven! Infant/Younger Toddler Story time is Wednesdays at 10:30AM. Preschool/Older Toddler story time is Thursdays at 10:30AM. Lego days will be September 21st and October 19th from 1-4PM each day. You can now support the Library by purchasing a t-shirt or bag! Check out the new designs at the library service desk!