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Message from Aston Township Commissioners

Welcome springtime. Welcome outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends. With that in mind, save the Date for The Aston Township Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch on Saturday, March 23rd at 10 a.m. (see details on page 2)

Here is an update on some of the projects underway in Aston Township. We continue to explore options for the Chester Creek Trail with new additional trails. The Amphitheater project located behind the Community Center has made great progress. We do not yet have a grant for the Canopy but our hope is to fund the final phase with sponsorship revenue from our local business community. Our first event at the Amphitheater will be on July 4th when the "Fabulous Greaseband" performs in concert starting at 6 p.m. The New Municipal Building and Police Station is in full swing and we expect to break ground shortly and hope to complete this project in September 2025.

The 4th of July Fireworks extravaganza is planned and will be held at the Sun Valley High School complex at dusk. The Aston Business Association annual Community Day and Business Expo will be Saturday, September 14th. More information will follow next quarter.

Our newsletter can be easily found on our website, Facebook, Community Center, Library, and in local businesses in the Township. Enjoy the Beautiful season of Spring.

Aston Township Board of Commissioners

2024 Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch – Saturday March 23rd

The Township's annual Easter Egg Scramble will be held on Saturday, March 23rd starting at 10:00 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be there so take your camera for some great memories. In addition, there will be 10,000 Easter Eggs split between the following age groups: 0-3 years, 4-7 years and 8-12 years. Hot Dogs grilled by our master griller Police Chief Dan Ruggieri and other snacks will be provided and served inside the Community Center after the scramble. Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee sponsors this annual event. The Rain Date is Sunday March 24th at 11 a.m.

Pickleball and Basketball at the Community Center

Hours of Operation are March 4, 2024 to June 16, 2024. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon.

Annual Shredding Event May 11, 2024

Aston Township will be holding their annual shredding event at the Aston Township Community Center on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. – noon. The shredding event is for Aston Township residents only.

Welcome Commissioner Kevin Tinsley

In January, the Board of Commissioners appointed Kevin Tinsley to be the 6th Ward Commissioner to replace retiring Board President Jim Stigale. In addition, the Board voted Mike Higgins as President of the Board and John Dougherty as Vice President of the Board. Kevin is walking through the neighborhoods of the 6th Ward introducing himself. Kevin had previously been on the Penn Delco School Board for 15 years. He is looking forward to utilizing his leadership skills to serve the Aston Community. Kevin is very excited to partner and collaborate and is looking forward to new working relationships with the 6th Ward residents.

50th Anniversary – Aston Seniors Club

The Aston Seniors club is planning a gala event on Thursday, June 12th at noon at the Springhaven Club, 600 Providence Road, Wallingford, PA. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please reach out to Peggy Cacciatore at 610-213-4554 before May 1st.



Memorial Day Parades at Rockdale and Aston American Legion on Monday, May 27, 2024

Aston Township Fire Department: JOIN **ASTONFIRE.COM**



ASTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



Become a Volunteer Today. It Just Might Change Your Life.

The Aston Township Fire Department (ATFD) is dedicated to protecting the lives and property of the residents of Aston Township.

The department has launched a recruitment campaign geared towards bringing in new volunteers to assist in a variety of roles.

GEAR AND TRAINING ARE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE!

"Being a volunteer has given me an opportunity to meet new people. It's also a way of giving back to my community."

- Imad Khan, Firefighter

Aston Township Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members. They include:



FIREFIGHTER - Fight fires & protect property. ATFD will provide federal, state & local training.

PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER - Respond to emergency incidents, help around the station and attend drill nights and meetings as required training is being completed.

EMT - Transport the sick and injured and administer pre-hospital care. Respond to rescue calls.

CADET/JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER - Join as a cadet at 14-15 years old or a junior at 16-17. Train and learn the necessary skills to become a firefighter at 18.

ACTIVE SUPPORT STAFF - Contribute in an administrative role, help out around the firehouse, assist with fundraising, volunteering at community events and more.

**Check Out
the Department's
New Testimonial
Videos!**

Hear from new and veteran members, including volunteer firefighters, EMTs and ATFD's president.



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<https://www.instagram.com/astontwpfd/>



<https://www.youtube.com/@astonfd2664>



<https://twitter.com/ATFD17>

"We take anybody who is interested in joining our team. If you are willing to join, we have a spot for you no matter what your background is." - Sean Joyce, President

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TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

APRIL

4/1 to 4/5 Appliance and Metal Collection
4/1 New Construction 6:30 pm
4/2 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
4/3 Police Committee 5 pm
4/4 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
4/6 Aston Valley Opening Day of Baseball
4/10 Work Session 3:30 pm
4/13 Aston Middletown Opening Day
4/16 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
4/17 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
4/23 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
4/24 Planning Committee 7 pm

MAY

5/1 to 5/5 Appliance and Metal Collection
5/1 Police Committee 5 pm
5/2 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
5/6 New Construction 6:30 pm
5/7 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
5/8 Work Session 3:30 pm
5/11 Annual Shredding Event 9 am to Noon
5/15 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
5/21 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
5/27 Memorial Day Parade - Rockdale
5/27 Memorial Day Parade - American Legion
5/28 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
5/29 Planning Committee 7 pm

JUNE

6/3 New Construction 6:30 pm
6/3 to 6/7 Appliance and Metal Collection
6/4 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
6/5 Police Committee 5 pm
6/6 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
6/6 Board of Health 7 pm
6/12 Work Session 3:30 pm
6/18 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
6/19 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
6/24 Public Works Meeting 10 am
6/24 Fire Committee 7 pm
6/25 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
6/26 Planning Committee 7 pm
6/27 Finance Committee 5 pm

Aston Township Historical Society

ATHS will present "The Daily Times" with Phil Heron, former Editor, on May 9th. All are invited, free of charge, and can take in our displays at the Community Center, opening at 6:30 p.m. There is also a membership drive, and they are offering a lifetime membership for \$100. ATHS will have a display of Rockdale History at the Historic Rockdale Memorial Day Parade. Watch for info on an Open House at the Village Green School House coming soon. ATHS meets at the Community Center every Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon, or you can reach them by e-mail at withelder@comcast.net or phone 610-494-4707.

Aston Township Library Events

BINGO to benefit Aston Public Library is Saturday March 16th and May 18th from 6-9 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. \$25 admission. All cash prizes. No one under 18 admitted. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

FREE movie for adults on March 1st, April 5th and May 3th. The movie starts at 11 a.m.

Chair Zumba or Chair Yoga classes for adults every Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Infant/Younger Toddler Story time is Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool/Older Toddler is Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Kids' Building Club are Tuesdays 4-7 p.m. No registration required, drop in & stay as long as you'd like. Open to kids of all ages, but adult supervision is required.

Musical Instrument Petting is Saturday March 23rd at 1 p.m. Your child can see, touch & learn about all kinds of musical instruments with Vincent of Keep Music Alive. This is an all ages event, adult supervision is required.

Spring Break Story time: The Secret Garden, Monday, March 25 at 11 a.m. kids ages 5-10. We will read The Secret Garden & work on a community mural project in association with Longwood Gardens.

Pals for Life Read with Therapy Animals is Wednesday, March 27 at 2 p.m. This hour-long program includes animal education.

Lego Days are March 16th and April 13th from 1-4 p.m. This is an all ages event, but adult supervision is required for builders under 14.

For more information and registration for programs, check out the Calendar of events for the Aston Library at www.astonlibrary.org