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Message from Commissioner Higgins

Now that summer is on the horizon, we start to think about the long hot summer days and outdoor activities like barbeques, swimming and vacations. Aston Township prepares for summer activities with their "Camp Rainbow" summer program for the youth in our township and with the Fourth of July Fireworks extravaganza. Our new ASTON QUARTERLY newsletter was greatly received by the residents and we plan to continue this quarterly information newsletter to keep everyone informed on the happenings of the 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. I am looking to keep our residents informed on the happenings in and around Aston Township. We are in the process of finalizing details on Phase 2 of our Amphitheater located behind the Community Center, utilizing grant money to purchase 43 acres of ground to preserve for Open Space, and ARPA funding for stormwater management. We will update you in upcoming editions of the newsletter on the status of these projects. Looking ahead, our annual Community Day and Business Expo will be Saturday, October 1, 2022. More information will follow next quarter. Enjoy the summer edition of the Aston Quarterly.

Mike Higgins

Aston Township, Vice President Board of Commissioners

HOME FIRE SAFETY FOR ALL SEASONS



ASTON has LPR's (LICENSE PLATE READERS)

You may have seen some new cameras located at certain intersections in Aston Township. This is part of a new initiative to assist the Police Department monitor potential situations to benefit the safety of the residents, and business crime along the I-95 corridor. We currently have two LPR's up and running. One is at the intersections at 5 Points and Pennell Road and the second is at Pennell Road and Dutton Mill Road.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER - ASTON LIBRARY

GSK Science in the summer is back at the Aston Library. This free class for elementary school aged kids will be in Aston in July. Apply for your child to get a spot by going to – https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=1031&campCode=mh5&idLocation=3433

FIREWORKS, 4TH OF JULY EXTRAVAGANZA

Aston Township and the Board of Commissioners are happy to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July and are pleased to present the annual Independence Day celebration and fireworks display on Monday, July 4 behind Sun Valley High School. The fireworks display is scheduled to begin at dusk. Grab a lawn chair, come, and enjoy this spectacular.

2022 CAMP RAINBOW

The Township's annual Camp Rainbow runs June 20th through July 29th. Camp Director Jamie Hoesch has planned an exciting six (6) week program for the youth of Aston Township. Many thanks to our Camp Sponsors Neumann University, Aston Township Board of Commissioners and Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

PICKLEBALL and BASKETBALL at COMMUNITY CENTER

The Aston Township Community Center pickleball and basketball program has been a smashing success. We provide the necessary equipment for basketball; no outside basketballs are permitted in the gym. The pickleball equipment needs to be self-provided. Sneakers are required for anyone participating in either sport. Gym time will be on first come, first serve basis. Please look to the Aston Township website www.astontownship.net and our Facebook page for updated information and participation times.

SUMMER SAFETY IDEAS and TIPS

This summer please be sure to evaluate your home and take note of the following tips:

- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly, change the batteries in smoke alarms and flashlights.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. Store in sealed, metal containers and labeled properly.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from buildings, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units, or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and do not add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has been started.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

ASTON VALLEY KNIGHTS SEMI-PRO BASEBALL

From Softball & Little League to Semi-Pro, Aston has something for everyone this summer. Aston AA, Aston Middletown and Aston Valley all have great leagues to keep your interest this summer. In addition, the Aston Valley Knights Semi-Pro Baseball team play in the prestigious Delco League. The Delco League is over 100 years old. The Knights will be going for the Charlie Kress Championship trophy and they play their home games at Buggy Field (SVHS). There are seven (7) teams in the Delco league including Wayne, Upper Darby, Marple Newtown, Chester, Springfield and Narberth. See https://www.delcoleague.com for schedule. Play Ball!

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS AUGUST

JULY

7/4 Township Holiday: NO Trash Collection
7/6 Police Committee 5 pm
7/7 Ordinance Committee 5:30 pm
7/11 New Construction 6:30 pm
7/11 to 7/15 Appliance and Metal Collection
7/12 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
7/13 Work Session 3:30 pm
7/19 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
7/20 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm

7/26 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm

7/27 Planning Committee 7 pm

8/1 to 8/5 Appliance and Metal Collection 8/8 New Construction 6:30 pm 8/23 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm 8/24 Planning Committee 7 pm 8/26 Last Day of Double Trash Pick-Up 9/5 Township Holiday NO Trash Collection
9/6 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
9/7 Police Committee 5 pm
9/8 Ordinance Committee 5:30 pm
9/8 Board of Health 7 pm
9/12 New Construction 6:30 pm
9/12 to 9/16 Appliance and Metal Collection
9/14 Work Session 3:30 pm
9/20 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
9/21 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
9/26 Public Works Meeting 3:30 pm
9/27 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm

9/28 Planning Committee 7 pm 9/29 Finance Committee 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

PECO CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR ASTON RESIDENTS

For information on PECO Customer assistance programs, follow this link: https://www.peco.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Pages/AssistancePrograms.aspx

For information on Ways to save and PECO Energy Efficiency Program, follow this link: https://www.peco.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Default.aspx

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. The projects that are being completed are:

- The replacement of a rather deep storm sewer line at the end of Eusden Drive that had developed severe sink holes due to the collapse of the existing pipe.
- The extension of a storm sewer in the vicinity if Megan and Marie Circle where back yards were being affected by bank erosion.
- The renovation of several township owned retention basins.
- The replacement of an undersized pipe at the Weir and Blackthorne intersection that collects stormwater from a large watershed that extends all the way to Neumann University and terminates in Weir Park.

The first two projects have been completed and the last two (2) will be completed this summer.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 2022

