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Message from Aston Township Commissioners

Now that summer is on the horizon, we start to think about the long hot summer days and outdoor activities like barbecues, swimming and vacations. Aston Township prepares for summer activities with their "Camp Aston" summer program for the youth in our township and the Fourth of July Fireworks extravaganza. The ASTON QUARTERLY newsletter is a great way 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. We are looking to keep our residents informed on the happenings in and around Aston Township. We are finalizing plans on Phase 2 of our Amphitheater project located behind the Community Center. We will be utilizing grant money to purchase 43 acres of ground around Convent Road to preserve open space, and continuing funding stormwater problems in the town with ARPA funds.

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 7, 2023. More information will follow next quarter. Enjoy the summer and this edition of the Aston Quarterly.

Aston Township Board of Commissioners

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 Tuesday, July 4th behind Sun Valley High School. The fireworks display is scheduled to begin at dusk. Grab a lawn chair, come, and enjoy this spectacular.

2023 CAMP ASTON

The Township's annual "Camp Aston" runs June 26th through August 4th. 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.

SUMMER SECOND TRASH PICK-UP DISCONTINUED

As mentioned at the May Board of Commissioners monthly meeting Aston Township will be discontinuing its second trash pick-up through the summer months beginning this year, 2023. This comes after much time was spent reviewing and evaluating trash and tonnage reports from previous years, repair/maintenance invoices to the trash trucks and comments from the public. We know this is a service our residents have been accustomed to and utilize so to help adjust to the change there will be a small dumpster placed at the Public Works Facility at 1 Catania Way that may be accessed during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 9am to 12pm), during the months of July and August. This dumpster is to be used for disposal of trash only. Bulk trash, metal/appliances and electronics are not permitted as the dumpster will be monitored by the Public Works Department as well as a camera.

ASTON TO ACQUIRE & PRESERVE 43 ACRES FROM SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

The Aston Township Board of Commissioners is very happy to report that they have reached an agreement with the Sisters of St. Francis to acquire a 43 Acre plot in Aston and preserve this as Open Space. With the assistance of Natural Lands and Grants received from DCED and DCNR the Township will be purchasing a tract of ground along Convent Road.

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.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

ASTON FREE GREETING CARD PROGRAM

Harry Hill, a trustee for the Aston Library and past citizen of the year for Aston, has been spearheading a program of free greeting cards. He collects the cards and displays them in the library. So far he has collected and given out 40,000 cards. The free cards have been used by the Franciscan Sisters at the Assisi House, library patrons and many other organizations.

HOME FIRE SAFETY FOR ALL SEASONS

HOME FIRE SAFETY
A Guide to Household Fire Safety and Prevention

HOUSEHOLD FIRES ARE DANGEROUS, DESTRUCTIVE, AND ALL TOO COMMON.

CHIMNEYS
Approximately **75%** of chimney fires are caused by creosote buildup!
TIPS

- Keep chimneys clear and vented. A dirty chimney builds up creosote deposits that can easily catch a wayward spark and cause a dangerous, destructive fire.

DRYERS
Dryers and washing machines are involved in **1** out of every **22** US home structure fires.
TIPS

- Clean lint screens before every load. The buildup of lint is responsible for an average of **4,440** fires each year.
- Avoid overloading the dryer. Motors under strain can overheat easily and start fires.

SPACE HEATERS
Always rely on a central heating system to heat your home. Space heaters account for around **1/3** of home heating fires.
TIPS

- Keep plenty of space around any space heater—if it's flammable, make sure it's at least **3** feet away from the unit!

IN THE KITCHEN
Approximately **41%** of home fires start in the kitchen.
TIPS

- Never leave a lit stove or range unattended.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher within easy reach of the stove.
- Oil splatter and grease account for **37%** of kitchen fires, so keep those ranges clean!

SMOKE DETECTORS
TIPS

- Check the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

In the Event of a Fire
- **Have a Plan**

- Brainstorm at least 2 ways to escape from each room in your home, and decide on a meeting spot outside and away from the house.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember **P.A.S.S.**: Pull the pin, Aim the nozzle, Squeeze the handle, and Sweep from side to side.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JULY

7/4 Township Holiday: NO Trash Collection
7/5 Police Committee 5 pm
7/6 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
7/10 New Construction 6:30 pm
7/10 to 7/14 Appliance and Metal Collection
7/11 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
7/12 Work Session 3:30 pm
7/18 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
7/19 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
7/25 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
7/26 Planning Committee 7 pm

AUGUST

8/7 to 8/11 Appliance and Metal Collection
8/7 New Construction 6:30 pm
8/22 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
8/23 Planning Committee 7 pm

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9/6 Police Committee 5 pm
9/7 Ordinance Committee 3:30 pm
9/7 Board of Health 7 pm
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9/13 Work Session 3:30 pm
9/19 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
9/20 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
9/25 Public Works Meeting 3:30 pm
9/26 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
9/27 Planning Committee 7 pm
9/28 Finance Committee 5 pm

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER – ASTON LIBRARY

The theme of this year's summer library program is "All Together Now". Every Wednesday at 1PM during the summer we will have a special kids program at the library. If your child keeps a log of the books he or she reads, they can also receive a special prize every week for reading.

These will be the "Wednesdays at 1" programs this summer:

6/21/23 Mr. Malcolm, Dramatic Storyteller
7/05/23 Science tellers
7/19/23 Ed Schmitt, Magician
8/02/23 Safari Parties Animal Show
8/16/23 Tom Crowl, Ventriloquist

6/28/23 Bonk! Drum workshop with Steven Brown
7/12/23 Silly Joe Sings!
7/26/23 Puppets Pizzazz
8/09/23 Don Dougherty, Interactive Storyteller

Bingo to benefit Aston Public Library Saturday July 15th. Bingo is 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.

Art Group with Ms. Angela meets each Saturday at 10AM at the library. The group is an opportunity to work on collective or individual projects and a different media each week.

Bring your child to our weekly story times. Infant/Younger Toddler Story time with Ms. Raven is Wednesdays at 10:30 A.M. Preschool/Older Toddler story time with Ms. Amy is Thursdays at 10:30AM.

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>

ASTON SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Softball, Little League, and Semi-Pro baseball, Aston has something for everyone this summer. Aston AA, Aston Middletown, Aston Valley and the Delco League all have great leagues to keep your interest this summer. Check out each leagues website for schedules and additional information. Play Ball !