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Message from Aston Township Commissioners

The Aston Quarterly Newsletter keeps the residents of Aston Township up to date on events and activities as well as important aspects of life you should know.

You can easily find digital versions of the newsletter on the township website and Facebook and hardcopies are placed at the Community Center, the Library, and our administration office and at many local businesses throughout the community. Winter is just around the corner and along with the holidays come special concerns about safety. See important guidance for navigating the Holidays safely and reminders regarding safe winter driving practices along with best practices for snow and ice removal on the next pages.

The Townships' annual Tree Lighting and visit with Santa Claus is Friday, December 5th at the James W. McGinn Community Center at 6:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy this festive event sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Committee. Santa arrives at 6:30 p.m.

The NEW Township Municipal Office and Police Station is open. Streetscaping will begin on Concord Road to improve and control traffic calming in the Spring. A NEW light at the Intersection of Concord Road & Donnelley Avenue is also in the works.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Have a fun and safe winter. Please drive carefully and protect yourself against the elements.

Aston Township, Board of Commissioners

Aston Township Board of Commissioners

Aston Township NEW Municipal Building & Police Station



CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Aston Township Parks & Recreation Committee along with the Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce they will be holding their 11th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Judging will be held the week of December 14th through December 20th, so make sure your homes are lit up that week! There will be two (2) winners for each ward, please continue to check back on the website and the Aston Township Parks & Recreation Facebook page for more details. We can't wait to see all of the homes decorated for the Holiday's.

Once judging is complete and winners have been picked, the winners will be posted to the Township website, Facebook page and announced at the January 21, 2026 Commissioners meeting.

SNOW EMERGENCY RULE OF THUMB

A few basic courtesies to remember on the next snowy day include:

- Remove all vehicles from the street and park in driveways to expedite plowing.
- Clean the entrance to your driveway by shoveling snow into your yard to avoid the snow plow from pushing it back into your driveway.
- Do not plow or shovel snow onto a stormwater inlet, as this can lead directly to street flooding.
- Do not throw or shovel snow into a plowed street, as this creates a public hazard.
- Do not save cleared parking spaces on public streets with folding chairs, traffic cones, or trash cans. Such actions are obstructions of a public thoroughfare, for which you can be fined.
- Sidewalks must be cleared for pedestrians within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall.
- Please slow down on the roads as they may be iced, and be more patient driving. Get there safe.

ASTON TAX COLLECTOR

All Aston Township Tax Bills will be forwarded to the property owners in February of 2026. By doing so, the Township allows the property owner to see the exact amount of taxes levied. Taxes can be paid at 2% discount if paid by March 31st. If taxes are paid by a mortgage company, to ensure that you get the proper discount, please forward the entire bill to the mortgage company. If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the **Township Tax Office at 610-494-2401**.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES

ARE YOU STARTING A PROJECT?

All property owners should call or stop by the Code Office before beginning any new construction or renovation project. Most projects other than painting and flooring require permits. The Code staff is happy to answer any questions you may have and will gladly help you through the permitting process.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT SNOWS?

Owner or occupants should promptly remove snow and ice from sidewalks and crosswalks within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to fall. Home and business owners/occupants are liable for immediate fines should code officers find public walkways and crosswalks still snow covered once the 24-hour grace period has elapsed. If you employ a snow removal crew, please pass along this information to avoid fines.

DO YOU HAVE LEAVES OR DEBRIS AT YOUR CURB?

Please be reminded that you as a property owner or occupant are responsible for the sidewalk and curb area in front of your residence and/or business. You must keep the sidewalk and curb areas free of trash, debris, grass clippings, leaves, sticks or other hazards. Public Works does not clear the curb area of these items. Property owners and/or occupants must bag all natural debris in biodegradable, paper bags and place the bags on the curb for normal trash pickup. If you employ a landscaper, please pass along this information – your neighbors will thank you!

DO YOU OWN A RENTAL PROPERTY OR FAMILY HOME?

Township ordinance mandates owners of Aston residential properties in which they do not themselves live to register their dwelling as a rental property or a “family home.” Should the owner receive rent payments, the property is a rental whether or not the occupant is a family member and must be licensed and inspected by Code officials annually. If the owner of a property permits family members to use the property free of charge, no rental license or inspection are required.

WHAT IF I SELL MY PROPERTY OR TRANSFER IT TO A FAMILY MEMBER?

All property transfers are subject to the Township resale certification process even when no money is exchanged, such as when a family member deeds a home to another family member. Contact the Code Department to be sure you are in compliance well before you near your closing date.

For all questions about building codes, Township ordinances, property maintenance violation notice or fines received, or any other matters pertaining to property within Aston Township, **contact the Code Department at 610-494-0384**.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DECEMBER

12/1 to 12/5 Appliance & Metal Collection Week
 12/2 Parks & Recreation Meeting 7 pm
 12/3 Police Committee Meeting 5 pm
 12/4 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
 12/4 Board of Health Meeting 7 pm
 12/5 Christmas Tree Lighting & Festival 6 pm
 12/8 New Construction 6:30 pm
 12/10 Work Session 3:30 pm
 12/15 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
 12/16 Planning Commission 7 pm
 12/16 Library Board Meeting 7 pm
 12/17 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
 12/22 Public Works Meeting 10 am


JANUARY

1/1 Township Holiday
 1/5 to 1/9 Appliance and Metal Collection
 1/6 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
 1/7 Police Committee 5 pm
 1/8 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
 1/12 New Construction 6:30 pm
 1/14 Work Session 3:30 pm
 1/19 Township Holiday
 1/21 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
 1/27 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
 1/28 Planning Committee 7 pm

FEBRUARY









2/2 to 2/6 Appliance and Metal Collection
 2/3 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
 2/4 Police Committee 5 pm
 2/5 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
 2/9 New Construction 6:30 pm
 2/11 Work Session 3:30 pm
 2/16 Township Holiday
 2/18 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
 2/24 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
 2/25 Planning Committee 7 pm

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS REMINDERS



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.