ASTON QUARTERLY

3264 Concord Road, Aston, PA 19014 610-494-1636

A Newsletter for the Residents of Aston Township, Delaware County

This Edition Dedicated In Memory of 4th Ward Commissioner Fred Prendergast

Volume 2027-1 ***www.astontownship.net*** ***Winter 2027***

ASTON TOWNSHIP
Established 1688

Board of Commissioners
Michael J. Higgins, President
John J. Dougherty, Vice President
Joseph F. McGinn
Lester F. Berry, Jr.
Open
Nancy E. Bowden
Kevin F. Tinsley

Township Manager
William J. DeFeo III
wdefeo@astontwp.net

Assistant Township Manager/Secretary
Kelly A. Pippin

Public Works Director
Billy Sarosy
610-494-8005
bsarosy@astontwp.net

Township Engineer
Joseph J. Viscuso

Township Solicitor
Michael L. Maddren

3264 Concord Road
Aston, PA 19014-1896
(610) 494-1636
Fax (610) 494-8853
www.astontownship.net
facebook.com/astontownship

Message from Aston Township Commissioners

It is with profound sadness that Aston Township announces the sudden and unexpected passing of 4th Ward Commissioner Fred Prendergast. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Township staff, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Fred's family, friends and all who knew him. We are grateful for his dedicated service to Aston Township and the residents of the Fourth Ward. Please keep his family and loved ones in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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 4th 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 Streetscaping project along Concord Road is finished. The project along with the new traffic light at the Intersection of Concord Road & Donnelley Avenue has reduced speeding and improved traffic calming.

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 TAX COLLECTOR

All Aston Township Tax Bills will be forwarded to the property owners in February of 2027. 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 OR TRANSFER MY PROPERTY 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**.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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 12th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Judging will be held the week of December 13th 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 20, 2027 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 TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EVENTS

Adult programs: Stop by the gym every Tuesday at 2 pm for the library's free Chair Fitness classes. Chair Zumba and Chair Yoga alternate in six-week sessions. Are you looking for a Mahjong game? Join the group for experienced players of American Mahjong, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at the library. Learn sewing and support a good cause. Mondays at 1 pm Ms. Luna's "From Old Sweaters to New Hats" group makes hats for families in need. We will have free movie showings for adults on December 4th, January 8th and February 5th. The movie starts at 11 am each day.

Kids' programs: Jitterbugs Music and Movement will visit the Library Thursday, December 10th at 12:30 pm. This is a play-based music experience featuring instruments, dancing & more for kids ages 1 - 6. There are story times every week with Ms. Raven. Tots and Tales Storytime (ages 2 & under) is on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Preschool Pals Storytime (ages 3 - 5) is on Thursdays at 10:30 am.

Other items: Mark your calendar for our next Big Bingo - Saturday March 20th. Bingo will be from 6-9 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm. $25 admission. All cash prizes. No one under 18 admitted. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Take part in Harry's free greeting card exchange. We accept unused greeting cards at the library desk anytime. You can look at available free cards on the rack in the Research Books area. Check the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org to find out about more programs happening this Winter.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DECEMBER

12/1 Parks & Recreation Meeting 7 pm
12/2 Police Committee Meeting 5 pm
12/3 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
12/3 Board of Health Meeting 7 pm
12/4 Christmas Tree Lighting & Festival 6 pm
12/7 to 12/11 Appliance & Metal Collection Week
12/7 New Construction 6:30 pm
12/9 Work Session 3:30 pm
12/16 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
12/21 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
12/21 Public Works Meeting 10 am
12/22 Planning Commission 7 pm

JANUARY

1/1 Township Holiday
1/4 to 1/8 Appliance and Metal Collection
1/5 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
1/6 Police Committee 5 pm
1/7 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
1/7 Board of Health 7 pm
1/11 New Construction 6:30 pm
1/13 Work Session 3:30 pm
1/18 Township Holiday
1/20 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
1/26 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
1/27 Planning Committee 7 pm

FEBRUARY

2/1 to 2/5 Appliance and Metal Collection
2/2 Parks and Recreation Committee 7 pm
2/3 Police Committee 5 pm
2/4 Ordinance Committee 3 pm
2/8 New Construction 6:30 pm
2/10 Work Session 3:30 pm
2/15 Township Holiday
2/17 Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 pm
2/23 Zoning Hearing Board 7 pm
2/24 Planning Committee 7 pm

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS REMINDERS

