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Commissioner McGinn's Family was presented with the plaque that will hang in his honor at the Community Center.



Mary Ann Bullen and Ralph Shicatanio present Matt and Joe McGinn with the Proclamation naming Jim McGinn Aston Citizen of the Year for 2018.



State Representative Leann Krueger-Braneky presents Matt McGinn with the flag that was flown over the State Capital in his father's honor.

Commissioner McGinn Remembered at September Commissioners Meeting; Named Aston Citizen of the Year

The September Commissioners Meeting paid tribute to the legacy of the late Commissioner James McGinn. His family was in attendance as he was posthumously named the 2018 Aston Citizen of the Year. Delaware County State Representative Leann Krueger-Braneky was also on hand to read a resolution from the House of Representatives and presented the McGinn family with the flag that was flown at half mast at the State Capital in his honor. The Township created a memorial plaque in his honor that will hang in the Community Center.

McGinn was named 2018 Aston Citizen of the Year for all of his efforts for the citizens of Aston. He moved to Aston as a young child and remained in Aston following high school. He was the Fifth Ward Commissioner for more than 39 years, making him the longest-serving Commissioner in Township history. He has the honor of holding the position of President of the Board for ten years, from 1996-2005. During his 39 years of public service, Jim touched the lives of thousands of people at the Township, County, State, and National level. Aside from his many accomplishments, Jim dedicated his life to Aston and gave special attention to issues relating to the police and senior citizens, chairing both committees, paying special attention to being the Chair of the Aston Township Police Pension Plan Committee.

He deeply cared about his community, and was the driving force behind the Aston Township Community Center dedicated in 1997, and the Aston Township Veteran Memorial Garden at Five Points, dedicated in 2009. Jim had a heart of gold, and he was always there to help if someone had a problem. Many do not realize all that Jim did for his community, next to his family and church, Aston Township was the most important thing in his life.

Jim was a father, son, brother, and friend to many and he will be deeply missed. The Township Board of Commissioners, Township Staff, and the Aston Police Department are proud and honored to present the award to the family of Commissioner McGinn.

Community Day October 6

Come out to celebrate at Community Day on Saturday, October 6 at the Aston Community Center (Rain date- Saturday, October 13). The day will begin with a parade starting at Neumann University and ending at the Community Center.

There will be rides, games, and entertainment! Come out and celebrate with us.

Movie Night October 12

The Parks and Recreation Committee will host a movie night on Friday, October 12. Come out and enjoy viewing *The Nightmare Before Christmas* at the Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available.

The Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day. Monday's trash and recycling will be picked up with Tuesday's route.

Nancy Bowden Appointed as Fifth Ward Commissioner

Aston Township announced at a Board of Commissioners Special Meeting, Nancy Bowden of the 5th Ward was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of James W. McGinn. We would like to extend our thanks to all of those that applied for the position. The Board of Commissioners looks forward to working with Mrs. Bowden and congratulates her on the appointment.

Artist Studios Annual Open House in November

The artist studios at 2 New Road, Heron Studios, and Heron Crest Studios will have their Annual Open House November 9-11 and 17-18. The artists studios are open to tour, and artwork and fine crafts will be available to purchase. It's a great opportunity for some holiday shopping. Opening reception is Friday, November 9 from 6-9 p.m., then the artist studios are open on Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11 and again Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

3rd Annual Cards and Collection for Veterans in November

For the month of November, Rockdale Art Center and Aston Parks and Rec are partnering again for our 3rd annual Cards and Collection for Veterans event. We are collecting toiletries and other items for local veterans at Rockdale Art Center, Aston Community Center, and Aston Elementary starting in November. On November 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. join us at Rockdale Art Center to make Holiday cards that will accompany the donations to the veterans. Contact Veronica Batter at Rockdale Art Center or Kit Spayd of Aston Parks and Rec for more info.

Traffic Signal Improvement on Pennell Road

The work currently under way on Pennell Road is being handled through PennDOT as a Green Light Go 50% Match Grant. The project includes the following intersections on Pennell Road: Glendale Boulevard, Knowlton Road, Lehr Boulevard, Marianville/Weir, Hall Drive, Dutton's Mill (& Lamp Post Lane), and Springbrook Boulevard. Additionally, the following Concord Road intersections will be included: Aston Mills & Convent Roads, Lehr Boulevard, Dutton's Mill Road, Pancoast Avenue, and Bridgewater Road.

At selected intersections, the contractor will be improving pedestrian access, pedestrian signal actuation, and crosswalk visibility. They will be installing ADA compliant ramps, LED countdown pedestrian signal heads, push buttons, and high visibility ladder style crosswalks at deficient intersections. They will update outdated ADA ramps and LED pedestrian signals, convert current crosswalks to ladder style, pavement markings, and replace and relocate missing or frequently knocked down signs. All new video detection will be placed on mast arms.

Under this grant, the Township will contribute a mandated \$132,102 to the total project cost of \$264,204. This is a short-term inconvenience to traffic along both state highways, but a long-term safety improvement, especially for pedestrian traffic along both state highways.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stop by the Aston Library Book Sale on Thursday, October 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be a great selection of paperbacks and hardback books for adults and children.

Sun Valley High School Fall Craft Fair October 20

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for the Sun Valley High School Fall Craft Fair! This is a great event to do some holiday shopping and support our Parent Teacher League as well as local crafters and vendors. All profits go towards scholarships for our students as well as student events and donations.

There will be raffles and refreshments. Admission is free!

Enjoy a wide variety of crafts including fall and holiday treats, woodworking, country décor, gift baskets, vinyl decorations, photography, personalized blankets, tutus, bows, doll clothes and various children's items, jewelry, salsa and jellies, baked goodies, candy and chocolates, and SO much more!! Please join us!

Aston Seniors Yearly Dues Reminder

Reminder to Aston Senior Citizen Members, yearly dues of \$10 are due by October 31. You may pay at the October Meeting on October 25 or mail your payment to:

Aston Seniors
c/o Anne Sweeny
2119 N Bent Lane
Aston, Pa 19014

Aston Seniors Meet Oct. 25

Aston Senior Citizens will meet Thursday, October 25 at the Aston Community Center, at 10 a.m. Lunch will be at noon to all current members in good standing. If you would like to join be-

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.
Deadline for next issue is October 22.

fore the September meeting, call Ann Sweeney at 610-494-0677.

Membership is open to Penn Delco School District residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven) that are 55 years of age or older, residing within the Penn Delco School District.

You are welcome to come and join at the next meeting or contact Ann Sweeney. We will be having a trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, to see *Jesus* on Friday, November 7. Call Peggie at 610-872-3294 if interested in seeing this show and signing up for this trip.

Greaseband is Back at St. Joe's

The fabulous Greaseband is returning to Saint Joseph's Parish in Aston on Saturday, October 13. Greaseband is a seven member, nostalgic dance party band and concert attraction, featuring outstanding male and female lead vocals in a front trio, backed by a group of instrumentalists.

The highly entertaining and energetic delivery of some of the greatest songs ever written has kept the group on top for well over 30 years. Remember to mark your calendars to attend the Greaseband concert at Degnan Hall at the Church of Saint Joseph, 3255 Concord Rd.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the band will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. The cover charge is \$21 per person. There will be a cash bar and bar food will be available for purchase (no outside food or beverages are permitted).

For reservations, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email at jaz1030@aol.com.

ATFD Volunteers Needed

Aston Township Fire Department is looking for volunteers! Volunteer today, Aston Township lives depend on it! To join the team, contact:

recruitment@atfd17.com.

Public Works, Working for You

The Aston Public Works Depart-

ment removed trees and shrubs for the roundabout on Crozerville; maintained all parks throughout the Township; completed the installation of trash cans, benches, picnic tables, and basketball hoops at Valley View Park; and began painting "Vascar" line and crosswalks.

Lions to Host Bingo October 13

The Aston Township Lions club will be holding a bingo night on Saturday, October 13 at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and bingo will begin at 6 p.m. The cost for the event is \$20 and there will also be cash and door prizes. Refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. No alcohol will be permitted and those attending must be 18 years of age.

New Business

Michael Bompadre of the Sixth Ward was appointed to the Aston Township Zoning Hearing Board. He is fulfilling the unexpired term of the late Arthur Berkau, whose term expires January 1, 2020.

Family Dynamics Lecture Nov. 3

Dr. Monica McGoldrick will speak about issues that influence family dynamics at a special Neumann University lecture on Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m. in the Schmidt Multipurpose Room. Dr. McGoldrick is a professor of clinical psychology at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and director of the Multicultural Family Institute in Highland Park, New Jersey.

To reserve space for the lecture, please call 610-558-5572.

The author of several best-selling books, Dr. McGoldrick speaks on issues such as culture, class, loss, the family life cycle, genograms, remarried families, and siblings. Three of her books have become classics in her field, and she has received the Ameri-

October Public Meetings and Special Events

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 2

Ordinance Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Thursday, October 4

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 10

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 17

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 23

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 24

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24

can Family Therapy Academy Award.

Admission to the lecture and a question-and-answer session afterward is \$25. The fee includes a continental breakfast and admission to an afternoon panel presentation by three authors on the Neumann faculty.

Pancake Breakfast November 4

The Aston Township Lions Club will be holding their Fall Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 4 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Aston Community Center. Cost for Adults is \$8, \$4 for children 3-12 and children 2 and under eat free. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots, chocolate milk, coffee, tea and orange juice. Where can you beat this all you can eat breakfast?

Big Book Sale October 4 & 6; Join a Movie Discussion this Month!

The Big Book Sale will be Thursday, October 4 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. e. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, most books are \$2 or less!

Join us at the Library as Magician Ed Schmitt presents his Halloween Safety Magic Show on Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. Ed will teach the kids how to Trick or Treat safely using humor and magic, this presentation is fun for all ages.

There will be a Painting Class for teens Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. Veronica Batter, Director at Rockdale Art Center, will teach the group to paint a Misty Castle.

Your child can gain confidence by reading to a dog or other pet. Read to Pet Pals is back at our Library on Thursdays through October 11 at 6:30 p.m. Children of any reading level are invited to read to animals, and get some snuggling from the animals while they're at it.

Join us for Chair Zumba on Wednesdays through October 24 at 2 p.m. Chair Zumba combines strength training with dance moves using a chair and focuses on improving health, muscles and burning calories. It is a gentle form of Zumba, accessible to adults of all ages.

Are you looking for a book club? There are several options at our library. The group meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m. is discussing *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*. The group meeting on Wednesday, October 17 at 7 p.m. is discussing *Widow's War*. Stop by and

try one out!

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss *I, Tonya* on Monday, October 29 at 11 a.m. Light lunch will be provided.

The Kids Can Build Club is at the Library on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Your child can learn to build things using the library's Lego collection and other materials as well. All ages are welcome.

3D Printing Services Available. Ask Debbie or Stephen at the desk to find out how you can get your first small 3D printed item for free. Check out the display case for designs the staff made for ideas.

Storytime. Your young child can learn basic literacy skills while having fun. The Aston Public Library offers story times every week, open to everyone. Join Ms. Debbie for toddler time (ages 2-3) on Tuesdays at 10:30, infant time (up to 24 months) on Wednesdays at 10:30, and preschool time (ages 3-5) on Thursdays at 10:30.

Stop by Tuesdays at 11 a.m. to learn the art of crochet with our diverse group with many levels of experience. Stop by Thursdays at 6 p.m. to participate in a wide variety of crafts with an even more diverse group.

Need help with an e-book reader, laptop or tablet computer? Stop by for our drop-in help time on Friday mornings- 10 a.m. for e-book readers and 11 a.m. for laptops and tablets.

More information and registration for all our programs is available via the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

Join the Friends of the Library. Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click



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Stop by one of our movie discussion groups. Light lunch is provided!

on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, October 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Library. Note special date this month.

You can access books for your Kindle, Nook, or other e-book reader with your library card. Go to <http://digitallibrary.delcolibraries.org/> to see what is available.

Are you on Facebook? Follow the Aston Library there. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/astonlibrary> and "like" us.

2018 Aston Business Expo

The Aston Business Association will host the annual Business Expo for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services on Saturday, October 6 at Community Day. The expo will be held from 10:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. inside the Community Center. Stop by to see many local businesses and services and learn more about them!



Engraved Memorial Garden bricks make great birthday or remembrance gifts. Call Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337.