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Commissioner Higgins Receives Governor's Award

Commissioner Mike Higgins received the 2019 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence and was honored at an Awards Banquet on April 10 at The Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg. On behalf of Governor Tom Wolf, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin recognized municipalities and local government officials for their dedication and commitment to strengthen their communities and better serve their residents.

"With all the attention paid to federal and state politics, it's easy to overlook the level of government that has the greatest impact on an individual's day-to-day life is on the local level," Secretary Davin said. "When local governments go above and beyond by implementing new technologies, forming new partnerships, or developing new ways to tackle their problems, that has a huge effect on residents' quality of life. The purpose of these awards is to commend those municipalities and individuals that showed incredible service to their communities."

Commissioner Higgins is President, PA State Association of Township Commissioners; Commissioner, Aston Township, Delaware County. He was nominated by PA State Association of Township Commissioners. This Association is overseen by The Pennsylvania Municipal League located in Harrisburg. Higgins attends sessions and meets with State Reps and Senators from Pennsylvania to lobby to get laws passed for the betterment of Local Government.

Camp Rainbow Registration Opens June 3

Camp Rainbow is a wonderful summer opportunity for the boys and girls of Aston Township. It is open to all Aston residents who will enter first grade through fifth grade in the fall and is brought to you by the Aston Township Board of Commissioners. Camp Rainbow is held Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - noon beginning Monday June 24 through Friday, August 2 for a total of six weeks.

Registration will begin on Monday June 3 at the Aston Township Municipal Building, 5021 Pennell Road. Aston, Pa 19014 during normal business hours (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Forms will be available there or visit <https://astontownship.net/2019-camp-rainbow-information/> for more information. Accepted forms of payment are cash or check.

The Aston Township offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Thursday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Friday, July 5.

Hometown Concerts and Movie Nights Return!



You're invited to come out and enjoy outdoor concerts and movie nights this summer at the Aston Township Community Center. Spiderman will be in attendance for the June movie!

The events are rain or shine with the option of using the Community Center Gymnasium in the event of inclement weather. Lawn chairs are welcome and every concert is \$1 dog night!!

Concerts are every Monday and begin at 7 p.m. and Movie Nights begin at dusk. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Hometown Concert Schedule:

June 3	Northley Steel Drum Ensemble & Concert Jazz Band
June 24	2019 Mummies South Philadelphia String Band
July 22	Rockdale Boys

Movie Nights:

Thursday, June 27	<i>Spiderman – Into the Spider-Verse</i>
Thursday, July 25	<i>The Grinch</i>
Wednesday, August 21	<i>How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World</i>

Commissioners Meeting Date Changed for June

Due to a Commissioners conference being held during the week of the monthly Commissioners meeting, the Work Session meeting as well as the Commissioners meeting have been moved up one week in June. The dates are as follows, Work Session will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at 2 p.m. and the Commissioners meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause residents.

2019 Independence Day Celebration

Aston Township Board of Commissioners is happy to announce that they will be hosting the 2019 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks display on Thursday, July 4 behind Sun Valley High School.

The party will start at 7 p.m. with a DJ, so if you would like to get there early and get a good seat, there will be entertainment. The fireworks show will begin at dusk, around 9:15 p.m. and refreshments will be available.

Please bring lawn chairs due to the wet conditions of the Sun Valley fields. Come out and join the Aston community in celebrating the 4th of July and the beautiful fireworks display that comes with it!

Become a Volunteer Firefighter or EMT!

Looking for a way to make a difference – maybe even save a life? All 67 of Delaware County's volunteer fire departments need volunteers now.

Delaware County, like most of Pennsylvania, is made up of towns and rural areas whose fire departments are run and staffed almost entirely by volunteers. State-wide, the number of volunteers has dwindled from 300,000 in 1977 to less than 40,000 today. The need for fire and emergency services has not lessened.

No experience is needed. Those who volunteer receive free, state-of-the-art training. Not cut out for emergency service? You can still play a vital role! Fire police keep call scenes safe and organized by directing traffic and controlling crowds. Fire companies need people to teach fire safety and prevention to kids, to help run events and fundraisers, and much more.

Those who volunteer get the satisfaction of helping others. They learn new skills that are applicable in many areas of life. And they form friendships that last a lifetime.

Volunteer Now! Delaware County Lives Depend on It! Visit www.FightDelcoFires.com to learn more or inquire about becoming a volunteer. Someone from your local fire company will contact you soon.

Second Day Trash Pick Up Begins June 17

Corresponding Days:

Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

All garbage and trash must be properly wrapped or bagged for collection. All cans or bags shall be placed at the curb prior to 6 a.m. on your scheduled day.

All shrubbery and clippings must be tied in bundles and no longer than three feet (3') in length.

Trash and Single Stream Recycling will be collected EVERY WEEK on your normal trash day as indicated in the "Daily Trash & Single Stream Recycling Collection Route."

Aston Lions to Honor Police Officer of the Year

The Aston Lions will honor its Police Officer of the year on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse on Gamble Lane. Come out and show your support for our local officers and see who is honored. Cost is \$16.

Recycling Reminder!

Remember! Recycling is single stream, you can include clear glass, aluminum cans, all plastic containers, green glass, bi-metal cans, newspaper (placed next to recycling can), brown glass, cardboard boxes, and cardboard containers.

Lions Club Officer Installation

The Aston Lions will hold its Officer Installation on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boothwyn Ballroom. This event is a great time to thank our outgoing officers and greet our new officers. Also meet friends and family of your fellow Lions. Cost is \$25.

New Business

Helen Morgan and Ann Noblit were each appointed to four year terms on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Aston Senior Citizens Monthly Luncheons

Aston Township Seniors Association is open to residents of the Penn Delco School District (Aston, Brookhaven and Parkside) aged 52 plus. We meet once a month (usually the 4th Thursday of the month) from September - June.

Meetings start at 10:45 a.m., then an hour program/entertainment followed by a hot meal. We ask that those attending arrive between 10-10:30 a.m. so that everyone has time to check in, be seated, socialize, get your tickets for next month so we can start the meeting on time.

Our organization is open to both men and women so come join us and get to know some of your neighbors and make

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Deadline for next issue is June 22.

new friends. We plan day trips and week trips, we crochet/knit hats for babies, cancer patients and adult burn victims for Crozer Center as a service for our community.

Dues are \$10 per year. If you are interested in joining you may contact our membership chairperson Anne Sweeny at 610-494-0677 and leave a voice mail message, your call will be returned.

Rockdale Art Center to Offer Summer Classes

Rockdale Art Center will offer a variety of classes for elementary through High School students including Comic Book Club, Summer Young Artists, and Summer Studio. Visit <http://www.rockdale-artcenter.com/youth-classes> or contact director@rockdaleartcenter.com or by calling or texting 484-843-1278.

Staying Safe in Excessive Heat

During periods of prolonged heat, the elderly, the very young and persons with chronic health conditions are usually the first to be affected by the heat. The following are some preventative tips that can help you cope with the heat:

- Dress appropriately by wearing lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothing.
- Stay indoors in air-conditioned areas as much as possible. If they do not have air conditioning, they can seek relief for some part of the day at a local senior center, a mall, a library, or a movie theater, or visit family who have air conditioning.
- If using a fan to keep cool, a window should be kept open to allow the hot air to escape. Keep blinds and curtains drawn and spend as much time as possible on the first floor of their home.
- Some medications cause an adverse reaction in hot weather, while others actually deteriorate in the heat and may not have the usual beneficial effect.
- Avoid exposure to the sun and heat and refrain from outdoor activities. Protect skin and eyes by using sunscreen, wearing a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoors.
- Slow down and avoid strenuous activities, especially outdoor activities, during the hottest part of the day (noon

– 4 p.m.). If they must be active, they should take frequent rests in a cool place and drink plenty of fluids.

- Drink plenty of water, even if they do not feel thirsty, to prevent dehydration. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages.
- Take cool baths or showers. Cool water temperature cools your body 25 times faster than cool air.
- If the following signs are experienced, they should call a doctor or seek medical help immediately: fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, dry skin, rapid heartbeat and cramps.
- Pets are also subject to stress from the heat so keep your pets hydrated and in a cool environment.

Remember that the very young and the elderly are most vulnerable to the dangers of excessive heat. Check on friends and neighbors frequently and notify authorities of any potential concerns!

Delaware County Summer Festival Series

The 45th annual Delaware County Summer Festival concert series in Rose Tree Park will kick off on Wednesday, June 12 with a performance by the Delaware County Symphony. Members of the symphony will help celebrate opening night with a variety of classical selections, including works by Wagner, Verdi, Schuman, and more.

The annual Summer Festival is a free outdoor concert series which runs five times a week for nine weeks throughout the summer, on Wednesdays through Sundays from June 12 to August 11.

This summer's concert series will feature an array of musical talent with performances by The Fabulous Greaseband, The Rose Tree Pops, Jimmy and the Parrots, The Sensational Soul Cruisers and many more. Fans of all styles of music will find a wide variety of genres throughout the summer, including Big Band, Cajun, jazz, blues, rock, pop, bluegrass, R&B, reggae and more.

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with two exceptions. Peter Moses will perform at 10 a.m. on June 20. A 10

June Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12

Zoning Hearing Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26

a.m. and a 7:30 p.m. concert will be held on June 26. Steve Pullara will perform in the morning and the Chester County Concert Band will perform in the evening. The amphitheater will be closed for the fourth of July holiday.

Residents are advised to bring blankets and chairs for seating. Snacks and refreshments are available for purchase during the concerts. Outside food and drinks are also permitted. Alcohol is prohibited. Pets must remain outside the amphitheater. Smoking is prohibited in the amphitheater area. There are no rain dates in case of weather cancellations. Weather cancellations will be posted on the County's social media: www.facebook.com/DelawareCountyCouncil or www.twitter.com/delcopardks.

ATFD Smoke Detector Assistance

Any resident needing smoke detectors, please contact the fire station at 610-494-6771 or email: fireprevention@atfd17.com.

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

Summer Reading Program Begins!

We will be kicking off our Summer Reading program with a performance from Classroom Adventure Stories on Wednesday, June 19 at 1 p.m. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. during the summer we will have a special kids program. If your child keeps a log of the books he or she reads, they will receive a special prize every week for reading.

These will be the “Wednesdays at 1” programs this summer-

- June 19 - Classroom Adventure Stories
- June 26 - Segal Puppet Theatre
- July 3 - Silly Joe Variety Show
- July 10 - Magician Ed Schmitt
- July 17 - Franklin Institute Traveling Science
- July 24 - Puppet Pizzazz
- July 31 - Bonk Drum Beats
- August 7 - David Darwin Juggling
- August 14 - Peter Moses Music
- August 21 - Andrew’s Big Show
- August 28 - ScienceTellers

Ventriloquist Tom Crowl will present a show for the kids on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. He presents a funny, high-energy show featuring many friends, including a duck and a dragon!

We have a Mah Jongg group starting. Learn to play the American version of Mah Jongg on Thursday’s at 6 p.m. at the Library Sets will be supplied to learn on.

There will be a viewing and discussion of the film *Vice* on Monday, June 24 at 11 a.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Free Chair Zumba classes will be on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. starting June 25. Chair Zumba is a gentle form of the

2019 ABA Annual Golf Outing June 12

The ABA will host the 18th Annual ABA Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 12 at the Downingtown County Club. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available today. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m. and there is a shotgun start at noon. The event includes cocktails and dinner after the tournament, as well as awards for longest drive, closest to pin, and best foursome. There will also be raffles, 50/50 and door prize drawings.

The event was started after the events of September 11, 2001 as a way to remember and commemorate those events and find a way to acknowledge and honor our own local emergency response team. Proceeds from the event are donated to the Aston Township Fire Company and the Aston Police Department.

Visit <https://astonba.com/2019-aba-annual-golf-outing/> to learn more.

Zumba exercise program, using a chair for support.

Dream interpreter Ken Kaplan will offer a program on “Connecting to Guides,” Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. The program will discuss “cosmic helpers” who can assist you through life’s journey.

Your child can participate in the library’s coloring contest. Pick up an entry at the library or on our website www.astonlibrary.org. The contest theme is A Universe of Stories. Winners will be displayed in the library!

Have you always wanted to be an artist? Get on the list for our free painting classes by emailing Debbie at debbie@astonlibrary.org.

Pronunciator is the new language learning system available for free with your library card. Go to www.delcolibraries.org and click on “Explore e-Resources” to access the Pronunciator system, which allows you to learn over 80 languages, plus learn English from your native language.

Are you looking for a book club? The library book club meets on Thursday, June 13 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Mrs.* Stop by and try it out!

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 staff-made



Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, June 19.

designs in our display case for our 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 a.m.

Stop by Tuesdays at 11 a.m. to learn the art of crochet with our 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 of our programs is available via the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

Join the Friends of the Library. Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on “Join Our Friends” to send in your info. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

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.

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