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Winter Fun Festival December 6

Aston Parks & Recreation Committee will host the 2019 Christmas Tree Lighting & Winter Fun Festival on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m., at the Aston Township Community Center. The children will have an opportunity for free professional pictures with Santa.

A magician, Aston and Pennell Elementary Schools Chorus, and Mt. Hope Youth Hand Bells will be performing. There will also be crafts and refreshments available.



Smiles in the Playground Construction Underway

Aston Township Officials along with representatives from Energy Transfer celebrated the groundbreaking for the new Smiles in the Playground all-inclusive park on October 3.

Commissioner Carol Graham and her daughter Kit Spayd, the visionaries behind the Smiles in the Playground project, began this dream in 2006 with a goal of providing a handicap-accessible playground for children ages 1-12 in Aston. The theme of the park is to inspire children in the community to try things that they thought were outside of their capabilities and empower them to overcome obstacles.

The playground is expected to be complete in early November. It will be constructed in the shape of the Superman symbol and future plans include the addition of canopies, landscaping and trees.

Fifth Annual Aston Holiday Decorating Contest!



It's the holiday season, and that means the Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee and Board of Commissioners will be holding the fifth annual holiday decorating contest for businesses and residents!

The business category will be divided up into three categories- industrial, large business, and small business. For residents, it's open to all seven wards. First Place and Honorable Mention will be awarded for each business category and ward.

Judging by non-partisan judges will be held in mid-December for both categories. Winners will be announced at the December 18 Commissioners Meeting. Six lucky business winners will skip their next ABA dues payment, compliments of Aston Township and the Aston Parks & Rec Committee. For further information or questions contact Commissioner Carol Graham at 610-459-8557.

Community Day 2019 Brings Aston Together

Community Day 2019 brought more than 3,000 Aston residents out to celebrate their community, sample delicious food, and learn more about Aston businesses. The event could not have taken place without the help and commitment of many committee members, adult volunteers, student volunteers from Neumann University, Sun Valley High School, and Northley Middle School, their teachers, coaches and professors that worked to organize volunteers, members of the community, and others. "I would like to thank everyone that helped to make Community Day possible. I would especially like to thank the residents for coming and being part of Community Day," said Maryann Bullen, Chair of the Aston Community Day Committee.



The food, rides, and events were sponsored by the generous financial donations and personal commitments of the businesses and community organizations of Aston Township. These donations made it possible to have a great event, and they help with Scholarships and special needs for our community. "I am most appreciative of the unparalleled support of our local businesses and restaurants. The combined effort of all shows the true strength of the Aston Township Community. Your support is greatly appreciated," said Bullen.

The Township is closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. Monday and Tuesday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Monday, November 25; Wednesday and Thursday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, November 26; Friday's trash and recycling collection will be picked up on Wednesday, November 27.

Sun Valley Alumni Association Membership Drive Underway!

Sun Valley Alumni Association invites you to attend *Under the Streetlamp* at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster on Friday, January 10 at 8 p.m. Gather some friends, have dinner, then join us center orchestra for singing and dancing in the aisles. Stay overnight and enjoy the town! Tickets need to be purchased by November 25 and will be available at our November 18 meeting at the Community Center or by calling Karen at 610-485-4673. Cost is \$55 per person.

Sun Valley Alumni will meet Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. in the Aston Community Center. On the agenda is 2019 updates and objectives for 2020. Open to all Alumnus.

Boy Scout Troop 292 and Cub Pack 77 "Scouting for Food"

Boy Scout Troop 292 and Cub Pack 77 of Mount Hope Church will be participating in the national "Scouting for Food" again this year! Our Scouts & Cubs will be collecting non-perishable food items from your front step the morning of Saturday, November 16.

The non-perishable food items we collect stay local and are used to help families in our area. Our kids look forward to this event annually, and it is a great way for them to learn how to serve the community. We greatly appreciate the contributions and support you have shown in past years, and hope you will consider contributing again this year!

Collection and Cards for Veterans

Rockdale Art Center and Aston Veterans Memorial are holding the annual Collection and Cards for Veterans from November 8 - December 6. Items can be dropped off in the office of Aston Community Center or at Rockdale Art Center and a full list of items can be found on Rockdale Art Center's website: www.rockdaleartcenter.com. Rockdale Art Center is holding free card making events, for all ages, on Saturday, November 30 from 12 - 2 p.m., and Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. For more information contact Veronica Batter at 484-843-1278 or director@rockdaleartcenter.com.

Family Strong 4 ALS to Host First Italian Family Dinner

Family Strong Foundation will host its first Italian Family Dinner on Sunday, November 10 from 4 - 8 p.m. at IBEW, Chichester, PA. Dinner is catered by Lia's Catering and will include salad, chicken parmigiana, meatballs and sausage, pasta, ravioli, rolls, peppers, wine, beer, soft drinks, and cake. There will be a silent auction, raffles, a special children's raffle, heads or tails, and a wine toss.

Family Strong was founded in honor of late Township Commissioner V. Michael Fulginiti who was diagnosed with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, in August of 2014. He was made fully whole on October 14, 2016 when he went home to be with the Lord. The Family Strong Foundation, FSF, will support ALS Research and advocate for efficient and expedient access to treatments and cures. The FSF realized the need to fund research and advocate for treatments.

Ticket cost is \$25 for children; \$50 for adults. To learn more or purchase tickets visit www.familystrong4als.org/. Also check us out on Facebook at Family Strong 4 ALS.

St. Timothy's to Host Holiday Bazaar

St. Timothy's Church will be holding a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will include homemade and creative crafts and goods, vendors, ornaments, handmade items, unique gifts, face painting, baked goods, 50/50 raffle, food and drinks. This is a free event and will be located at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Rt 452 & Lamppost Road. Aston. Vendors are still needed for this event, please contact Nancy DiFabrizio at 610-506-8670 or difabriz@comcast.net if interested.

Visit St. Timothy's Facebook page for more information!

2019 Leaf Collection Program

The Public Works Department has begun picking up bagged leaves. Leaf bags available for purchase on the second floor of the municipal building. The bags are being sold for \$1.50 for a bundle of five bags. Senior citizens receive their first five bags free.

Art Along the Creek Open Studios in November

Heron Studios and Heron Crest Studios is holding the annual Art Along the Creek open studios in November. Join us for an opening reception on Friday, November 15 from 6 - 9 p.m., then visit the art studios, and purchase artworks November 16 and 17 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and November 23 and 24 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast November 3

The Aston Township Lions Club will be holding their fall pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 3 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

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orange juice. Where can you beat this all you can eat breakfast?

Aston Lionesses to Host Holiday Craft Fair November 9

The Aston Lionesses will host a holiday craft and gift show on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. There will be food, crafts, gifts, bake tables, and raffles. Come out and start your Christmas shopping early!

Coping with Grief and Loss during the Holidays

St. Joseph's will host an event to help those coping with grief and loss over the Holidays. Holidays are joyful – a time for family gatherings, laughter and celebrations. But, if you are mourning the loss of a loved one, this year is different.

Please join us on Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. Linda Murray Branco, PhD will offer insight to help you cope with this stress-filled season. Our hope is to offer healing and hope for future merrier holidays. If you wish, you may bring a photo or memento to introduce your loved one to the group. Refreshments will be served.

Girl Scout Troop 55 Pancake Breakfast and Vendor Fair

The Aston Township Girl Scout Troop 55 will host a Pancake Breakfast and Vendor Fair on Sunday, November 17 from 8 a.m. - noon at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road. Aston. Enjoy a delicious all you can eat breakfast and get a jump start on your holiday shopping. The cost for breakfast will be \$10 for an adult and \$7 for children, all children under 2 will be free.

The shopping portion will stay open until 1 p.m. and will feature vendors from Thirty-One, Color Street, Lularoe, Doterra Essential Oils, Beauty Counter, Nuskin, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Paparazzi, Stella & Dot and local artisans.

Aston Senior Citizens November Meeting

Aston Seniors will be meeting Thursday, November 21 at 10:15 a.m. at the Aston Community Center. Join us for a morning of friendship and live entertainment followed by a Turkey Dinner

To remain current, dues must be paid on or before November 30. Membership is open to all residents within the Penn Delco School District. If you would like to join please contact Vice President/ Membership Chairman Anne Sweeny at 610-494-0677, leave a message and your call will be returned.

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar

St. Joseph's will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Stop by for pictures with Santa, food, shopping and treasures!

ATHS Upcoming Events

It's that time of year again. A reminder that the 2019-2020 membership fees are due, rates are as follows: Individuals \$10; Family \$20; Business/Organizations \$50; and Students \$5.

Please make checks payable to Aston Twp Historical Society and mail to:

Pat Smith
117 Old Pennell Rd
Media, PA 19063

ATHS is holding an Open House at the Village Green Schoolhouse on Sunday, November 10 from noon - 2 p.m. Former students are always welcome!

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 14 at the Aston Community Center. Dave Kelso will be presenting a power point, *Aston: Then and Now*. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. so you can enjoy all the displays in the hallways created by ATHS members.

We would like to remind you that it is time to select officers to serve on the Aston Township Historical Society. Our current slate of officers are: Sheila Withelder, Pres.; Bruce Wittendorfer, VP, (replaced Betty Graham who resigned after many years of faithful service); Pat Smith, Secretary; and Carol Cannon, Treasurer; Paul Dougherty, Karen Micka and one open trustee position. If you are interested in serving in any of these posi-

November Public Meetings and Special Events

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, November 13

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 20

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, November 21

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 26

tions, please contact:

Pat Smith- 610-494-4707 or Sheila Withelder- 610-937-2276.

We will be nominating and electing officers and trustees at the final meeting of this year, November 14 at 7 p.m.

Carbon Monoxide Reminder

The Aston Township Fire Department reminds you, as the colder months approach, please have your heaters and fire places cleaned and serviced. Chimney fires and carbon monoxide incidents increase during this time of year.

ATFD Volunteers Needed

Aston Township Fire Department wants you to join our amazing team. For all inquires contact: recruitment@atfd17.com. Don't miss out on the opportunity to change your life and serve your community.

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV's public access channels for updated postings on Comcast channel 5 and Verizon channel 45, as well as the township website.

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

Learn about Relieving Inflammation Through Diet; Check out our Go Pro Camera!

Rabiya Bower, RD, LDN and regional nutritionist for GIANT Food Stores will visit the library on Monday, November 18 at 11 a.m. to inform patrons about inflammation, foods that can trigger it and how to design a diet to alleviate it. Recipes and samples of inflammation-fighting foods will be provided!

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

Your child can enter our November coloring contest. Pick up an entry form at the library service desk.

You can now check out a Go Pro camera with your library card. Go to the catalog at www.astonlibrary.org to reserve this item.

Free Chair Zumba classes continue on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in November. Chair Zumba is a gentle form of the Zumba exercise program, using a chair for support. It is accessible to all ages, genders and mobility levels.

Free Chair Yoga will be on Saturdays

at 11 a.m. starting November 30. Spaces are limited, so register through the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org to join that group.

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.

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. 11 a.m. for laptops and tablets.

Join our Mah Jongg group. Learn to play the American version of Mah Jongg on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Library. Game pieces are provided.

On Monday, November 25 at 11 a.m., the Movie Group will be viewing and discussing the movie *Poms*. There will be a free light lunch provided.

Do you want to be an artist? Email debbie@astonlibrary.org and she will put you on the list for our regular Adult Painting Classes. We have them at least once every month.

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.



Participants in the Kids Can Build Lego Club show off their hard work! Kids can Build meets at the Library on Tuesday's at 4 p.m.

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 on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info!

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, November 19 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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Aston Business Association Membership drive is now underway! ABA is now accepting new members for 2020. visit www.astonba.com for details.

A Note from Aston Township Fire Marshal Tom Morgan

As we begin this busy holiday season, allow me to remind everyone of two valuable fire safety rules that were proven effective during a recent tragic event:

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES! Have one on every floor, near sleeping areas and any other areas where fire can ignite. Check the batteries once a month, and change the batteries when we change the clocks.

MAKE A HOME EVACUATION PLAN! Know multiple ways to get out, feel the closed door for heat, crawl low in smoke, don't try to save personal items, have a meeting place, get out and stay out. Practice your plan at least twice a year, especially with your kids.