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Pride in our Community

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## Celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day October 6

The Aston Business Association will host the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Aston Township Community Day on Saturday, October 6 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (with a rain date of Saturday October 13).

Community Day will begin with a parade from Neumann University (Neumann Drive) starting at 9 a.m. The parade will proceed along Concord Road to the Aston Township Community Center. The parade will feature local community groups and organizations as well as musical entertainment.

Inside the Community Center, the Annual Business Expo will be held for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services. Other community festivities will be held outside, where there will be rides sponsored by Bette's Bounces, games, food, drinks, pony rides and contests for everyone to enjoy.

**Bike and Rodeo Contest:** Kids up to age 12 can participate in the parade by decorating their bikes, wagons and strollers and riding along the parade route for all to see. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. There will also be a Rodeo Contest prior to the parade for bikes, sponsored by the Neumann University Nursing Program. Check the registration form for contest rules. Registration forms will need to be filled out so your kids can join in the fun. For information and registration, contact Maureen Dillon at: [astonbikecontest@gmail.com](mailto:astonbikecontest@gmail.com).

Wrist bands can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$3 each at the Community Center, through Friday, October 5. Wristbands purchased during the day of the event will be \$4 each. Proof of Aston residency is needed at the time of purchase.

Information about Community Day can be found on Aston Public Access TV (Comcast Channel 5 or Verizon Channel 45), Aston Township website ([www.astontownship.net](http://www.astontownship.net)), Aston Times, Community Bulletin Board, ABA website, Neumann University website and Penn Delco TV and website.

Anyone interested in participating or volunteering in Community Day or the Community Day Parade, please contact: for Community Day Participation Contact: Maryann Bullen: 610-494-2337 or [mimibull@comcast.net](mailto:mimibull@comcast.net); for Parade Participation Contact: Nancy Bowden: 610-494-5490 or [nbowden@comcast.net](mailto:nbowden@comcast.net); for Business Expo Contact: Terry Yanuzzi: 610-497-4019 or [ricksheds.com](http://ricksheds.com).

## September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony

The Aston Township Veterans Memorial Board will host a September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony to commemorate the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic event. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Memorial Garden at 5 points.

If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Aston Community Center. For more information, contact Jim Graham at 484-832-3197.

## Now Accepting 2018 Aston Citizen of the Year Nominations

Do you know someone extraordinary here in Aston? Do you know anyone that has done something great for the township in the past year? If so, Aston Township is now accepting nominations for Aston's 2018 Outstanding Citizen Award.

You can find the application at <https://astontownship.net/2018-citizen-of-the-year-nominations/>. Visit the website to nominate the resident you think deserves this award. All applications must be turned in by September 3 and nominees must be Aston citizens.

The Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, September 3. Monday and Tuesday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, September 4.

## Upcoming Aston Township Historical Society Events

Aston Township has some great events coming up this fall! The ATHS will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center and will feature a lecture on the Holefelder Family.

The Friends of the Library will host Bingo on Saturday, September 22 at the Community Center from 6-9 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the bingo features all cash prizes.

Admission is \$25 and no one under 18 years of age will be admitted. There will be special games, food, bingo supplies and raffles and all proceeds benefit the Aston Library.

Western Delco Historic Societies will hold a 4 day event September 27-30, William Penn's Legacy of Tolerance. The event commemorates the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of William Penn's death. For more information visit: [http://www.delco-tours.com/p/blog-page\\_10.html](http://www.delco-tours.com/p/blog-page_10.html).

## Governor Wolf Announces Funding To Renovate Aston Township Fire Department

Governor Tom Wolf announced that the firehouse, formally known as Green Ridge Fire House, now Aston Township Fire Department in Aston, Delaware County, will use new state funding to quadruple the size of its fire house enabling it to better provide the services necessary to keep members of the local community safe. Aston Township was awarded a \$1 million grant to expand the Aston Township Fire Department from 5,250 square feet to 20,680 square feet and complete renovations to modernize the 30-year-old building.

This is the first release of RACP funding in Delaware County on 2018 Business Plans submitted. Thank you Governor Wolf and also a thank you to our town State Senator Tom Killion for all of their support!

## Lenni Road Closure

Through approximately mid-November, Lenni Road will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians 24 hours a day from below Station Lane to below the Chester Creek Trail. As part of SEPTA's Elwyn-to-Wawa Service Restoration Project, crews will be replacing and upgrading the Lenni Road rail grade crossing and regarding the approaching roadway to improve sightlines.

Visit the Township website for more information and a Lenni Road detour map.



Scott D. Dunkelberger, Deputy Secretary of Department of Community and Economic Development visited the Rockdale Art District on Tuesday, August 14, and was given a tour of Aston ending at the ATFD.

## Aston Lioness Designer Bag Bingo

The Aston Township Lioness Club will hold a fall designer bag bingo on Saturday, September 16 at the Aston Township Community Center. Doors open at noon, with games beginning at 1 p.m.

Bingo will include: 20 games, chances for raffle baskets will be available for purchase, complimentary food and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

All proceeds benefit the Aston Township Lioness Club. The Lioness Club is a service organization that benefits the blind, hearing impaired, and the community by providing financial help to those in need. 100% of the proceeds help the people in our community.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. To purchase tickets, please contact Lovada Ott 484-343-0034 or [Lovadaott@yahoo.com](mailto:Lovadaott@yahoo.com). Tickets will also be sold at the Community Center on September 6 from 6 - 8 p.m.

## Volunteer for Community Day

Community Day planning is in full swing! All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Aston Township Community Center in the small meeting room. The dates for meetings are as follows:

Tuesday September 11  
Tuesday September 18  
Tuesday September 25  
Tuesday October 2  
Friday October 5

(all day till 8 p.m.)

We hope to see some of our wonderful residents there that are willing to volunteer for Community Day.

## Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament

The 2018 Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 10

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net). Deadline for next issue is September 21.

at the Concord Country Club with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The event starts off with a boxed lunch and dinner will be served immediately after the end of play.

Formed in the aftermath of the 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina disasters, the Sheriff's Reserve Unit, staffed by volunteers, is trained to provide traffic and crowd control assistance to the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies in Delaware County as requested.

For more information, contact Jeff Stang at 302-750-9380 or Brad Feldman at 610-299-7834.

### **PECO Installation of Advanced Equipment and Reinforced Electrical Systems**

PECO will be updating and installing new equipment to enhance the local electric distribution system in the area. This project is part of PECO's System 2020 plan to invest an additional \$274 million through 2020 to install advanced equipment and reinforce the electric system, making it more weather resistant and less vulnerable to storm damage. This investment is in addition to \$500 million in ongoing system work completed each year, including replacing and upgrading equipment.

About the Project:

- More than \$1,000,000 will be invested to enhance the local electric distribution system for you and your neighbors.
- The majority of this work will occur on area sidewalks and some streets. Work will occur along Sickles, Caroline, Roberta and Erb Drives, Hillcrest, Edward, Ashbrook and Dougherty Lanes and Crozerville and Lenni Roads.
- New equipment, including pad-mount transformers could be installed or replaced as necessary.
- Preliminary design work began in November 2017 and construction was scheduled to begin in late August 2018.
- Work will occur from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The project is expected to be completed

by September 2018, and work will be performed by a qualified PECO contractor.

Crews may need to temporarily interrupt service to safely complete some of this work. PECO will work with local residents to ensure they are informed in advance of their activities and any planned interruptions. PECO will work closely with local officials to minimize the impact on traffic and pedestrians whenever possible. Access for services such as trash removal, student transportation and emergency vehicles will be maintained during construction.

If you have any questions about this work during construction, please contact Dan Abbonizio at 484-685-7498 or [Daniel.abbonizio@exeloncorp.com](mailto:Daniel.abbonizio@exeloncorp.com). For all other questions or concerns, please contact Rosemary Mele at 267-533-1526 or [rosemary.mele2@exeloncorp.com](mailto:rosemary.mele2@exeloncorp.com).

### **Aston Seniors New Year Begins Sept. 27**

Aston Senior Citizens will be starting their new year, September 27 at the Aston Community Center, at 10 a.m. Lunch will be at noon with a free hoagie provided to all current members in good standing. If you would like to join before 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. Aston Senior Citizens renewed membership is due on or before October 31. You may renew your membership at our Sept. and Oct. Meeting or mail your payments to Aston Senior c/o Anne Sweeney, 2119 Bent Lane.

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.

## **September Public Meetings and Special Events**

### **Ordinance Committee Meeting**

3 p.m. Tuesday, September 4

### **Work Session Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, September 12

### **Board of Health Meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 18

### **Board of Commissioners Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 19

### **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 25

### **Work Session Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, September 26

### **Planning Commission Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 26

### **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 Degan 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](mailto:jaz1030@aol.com).

## Read to Pet Pals Returns; Chair Zumba starts Sept. 19

Your child can gain confidence by reading to a dog or other pet! Read to Pet Pals is back at our Library on Thursdays beginning September 20 and 27; October 4 and 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 Wednesdays September 19 - October 24 at 2 p.m. Chair Zumba combines strength training with dance moves using a chair. Chair Zumba is a workout that focuses on improving health, muscles and burning calories. Chair Zumba 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 the 13 at 1:30 p.m. is discussing *All the Light We Cannot See*. The group meeting on Wednesday the 19 at 7 p.m. is discussing *The Doctor's Daughter*. Stop by and try one out!

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss *Three Billboards* on Monday, September 24 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 materi-

als 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 designs the staff have made for ideas. They are on display in our display case.

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](http://www.astonlibrary.org).

Join the Friends of the Library. Go to [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org) and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees do not meet in August.

You can access books for your Kindle,



The storytime kids with a "lion" craft they made this month



Read to Pet Pals is back at the Library on Thursdays beginning September 20!

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 Business & Community Expo runs from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. inside the Aston Community Center. The Expo will provide participating businesses the opportunity for direct contact with potential customers as well as the chance to display pertinent business information while residents browse the grounds of the Aston Community Center and participate in numerous Community Day activities. Here are some important points:

To register, apply online at <https://astonba.com/the-aston-business-and-community-expo/>. It is suggested that you respond as soon as possible, since space is limited.

Announcements will be made throughout the event. Please take advantage of this.

Set Up Times: Friday Evening (from 5- 7 p.m.) or Saturday (from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)

There will be 2 wristbands given for those at each table. Additional wristbands may be purchased. You will need a wristband in order to get your food.

NOTE - All cars must be out of the driveway by 9:30 a.m. Cost for the event, per table is as follows:

\$100.00 per table for members

\$150.00 for non-members

\$25.00 for non-profits

No tables are to be taken down before 3:00 pm.

## Birney Highway-Crozerville Road Roundabout

As part of the Birney Highway and Crozerville Road Roundabout, Aston Township is giving notice that the entire intersection will be closed due to the installation of the roundabout. Work was scheduled to commence on or before Wednesday, August 8 and it is anticipated that the road will be closed for 4 to 6 weeks.

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