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The trout reeled in at this year's Lenni AC Fishing Derby on April 28 were all keepers, but some were larger than others. While 3-year-old Robert Slesicki of Drayton Road (above) had all he could handle with his smaller fish, 12-year-old Stephanie Chattin of Maple Lane (below) was hoping to win the trophy for the biggest fish in her age group.



The impressive fishing trophies that the Lenni AC offered to young anglers.



Fifth Ward Commissioner/Police Committee Chairman Jim McGinn (far left) joins Aston Police Chief Dan Ruggieri (far right) in congratulating the co-winners of the 2011 Aston Township Police Officer of the Year: Officer David Gasiorowski (center left) and Officer Robert Simpson. (see story on page 2)



2012 Convention Chairwoman Carole Harper (right) of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Aston is congratulated by Carolyn A. Selders, honorary past president of the GFWC Pennsylvania, on the recent occasion of Harper being named GFWC Southeast District Director, a post that covers a nine-county area.



Six-year-old Lorie Smith, 2012 Poppy Queen of American Legion Post 926, laid this memorial wreath on Memorial Day.



Members of the Sun Valley ROTC provided a 21-gun salute at the Memorial Day service at American Legion Post 926.



(Above) 2012 Poppy Queen Kylie Benditt (left) and Lady in Waiting Miranda Potts of American Legion Post 87 attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the war memorial at New and Mount Road, where students from St. Francis de Sales (Below) turned out to show their patriotic colors.



Second Ward Commissioner Carol Graham (third from end on left) was joined by this small army of creek-cleaning volunteers at Lewis Fisher Memorial Park on May 5.

Fishing Derby Reels 'Em In

On April 28, the Lenni AC sponsored its 3rd Annual Fishing Derby. The event for children 12 and under was held on the banks of the West Branch of Chester Creek at Lewis Fisher Memorial Park. There was no shortage of fish, as the stream had been stocked with about 900 trout prior to the event. Prizes and trophies were handed out for first, second, and third place fish, with the winners landing the largest and smallest trout in three age groups. A crowd of about 100 participants has turned out each of the first three years that the Fishing Derby has been held. According to event organizer Frank Wingender, so long as the kids keep coming, the Lenni AC will continue to sponsor this tournament every April.

Sign Up Now For Camp Rainbow

Sign-ups are now underway for this year's fun-filled Camp Rainbow youth summer camp. The camp is held Monday through Friday from 9am to 12pm at the Community Center and is open to all Aston residents entering 1st thru 5th grade in September. The camp runs for six weeks (June 25 thru Aug. 3) and the cost is \$20 per child per week, with the option to pay and attend week to week.

Pre-registration must be done by a parent or guardian at the township office (5021 Pennell Road) during weekday business hours (8:30am-4:30pm). Registration forms can be found on the township website or at the Aston Public Library and the township office.

For more Camp Rainbow information, call Dottie Kornafel at **610-494-1636, ext. 129**.

Quarterly Sewer Bills Past Due

The Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority sent out quarterly sewer service invoices on April 30, with **payment due by May 31**. Any SWDCMA customer who has not received this bill should call the office at **610-494-1335** to request one.

Payments can be made by mail to P.O. Box 2466, Aston PA 19014 or dropped off at the sewer authority office at 1 Gamble Lane, Aston, Monday thru Friday, from 8am-4pm. Credit or debit card payments can be made online at **www.swdelcoma.org** for a small convenience fee.

Officers of the Year Named

On May 3, the Aston Township Lions Club announced its selection for 2011 Aston Township Police Officers of the Year. The award was given to two veterans of the force - Officers David Gasiorowski and Robert Simpson. The Lions also donated \$200 to the police department in the two officers' names. The nominees for this annual award come from Aston officers themselves, so being selected as the winner(s) represents peer recognition. Simpson has served 16 years with the Aston PD and Gasiorowski has served 7 years. Fifth Ward Commissioner/Police Committee Chairman Jim McGinn handed each of the co-winners township proclamations at the May board meeting, and noted that the awards were given "not for one specific event, but for the many contributions and sacrifices these officers make on a daily basis."

"We're very proud to have you both on the force. You're assets to Aston Township," Commissioners President Jim Stigale told the award winners.

In other police matters, Sergeant John Dell retired from the force, effective June 1, after serving Aston Township for 18 years.

Commissioners Appoint Acting Township Manager

While Township Secretary/Manager Dick Lehr is on medical leave, Commissioners have appointed Aston Township Finance Manager Maureen Schmitt to serve as Acting Township Secretary/Manager for a 90 to 120-day period.

Remember To Clean-up Clippings!

Aston residents are reminded that two ordinances in the township code require property owners to cut and remove all grass and weeds from the sidewalk/curb area, and prohibit the blowing of grass clippings into storm drainage areas.

Under these laws, the height of grass must be kept no higher than 6 inches.

Exercising proper maintenance of your property is good for the community and is encouraged and monitored by our Code Department.

If you know of a vacant residential property where the grass is not being cut, please contact a code officer at **610-494-0384**.

Aston Women's Soccer Team Now Forming

Aston Soccer has decided to expand and is now forming a Women's Soccer Club that would play this Fall on Sunday afternoons in the Tri-County Women's Soccer League. If you are an experienced soccer player interested in joining this team, contact Kate Sanitate at **484-723-9098** or **ERKat17@gmail.com**.

Rabies Clinic Deemed Success

A Rabies Clinic was held at the Aston Township Public Works Garage on May 15, when Dr. Brzezinski and the Aston Veterinary Hospital staff gave 90 inoculation shots to Aston pets at the bargain price of just \$10 per shot. The Aston Township Board of Health and the Board of Commissioners extend a sincere thank you to Dr. Brzezinski and her staff for their valuable community service.

Stream Clean-up Collects Debris

The 15th Annual Chester-Ridley-Crum Creek Watersheds Stream Clean-up was held on May 5. The local work site was the West Branch of Chester Creek at Lewis Fisher Memorial Park (off Mount Road).

This was the third straight year that Second Ward Commissioner Carol Graham hosted the local clean-up effort. As was the case last year, about 50 volunteers turned out again and removed an estimated 12,000 lbs. of trash and debris from the creek.

Graham publicly thanked the volunteers who were willing to get their feet wet for the sake of the environment at the May 16 Commissioners' meeting.

Fire Co. Needs Your Support

Please support the Green Ridge Fire Co.'s 2012 Fund Drive. Recently, only about half of all Aston residents and a quarter of all Aston businesses have made annual donations to support the all-volunteer fire company.

***To receive a **free smoke detector** from Green Ridge Fire Co., call **610-494-6771** to make an appointment at the firehouse on West Duttons Mill Road.

***The fire company reminds residents to water dry mulch beds during the summer to avoid accidental mulch fires, most commonly caused by discarded cigarette butts.

West Nile Awareness Season Is Here

The time of year to heighten awareness of factors that contribute to the spread of West Nile Virus has arrived, as May to October is the active season for disease-carrying mosquitoes.

Please be mindful of clogged gutters, empty tires and pottery, bird baths, and any other areas around your home where water can stagnate and provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Stop Sign Disregard Dangerous

Commissioners Vice President Michael Higgins recently read a prepared statement warning residents of the dangers of speeding and running/rolling stop signs. The common illegal practices not only put a driver and his/her passengers at risk, but are very dangerous for pedestrians. "I'm especially concerned now that the school year is coming to an end, and children will be out playing during daylight hours," Higgins said. "The speed limit is posted in residential areas and needs to be respected."

Higgins noted that violators are both men and women of all ages, from teens to senior citizens. He said he fully supports the efforts of the Aston Police Department to enforce stop signs and speed limits within the township to promote safety.

"Just slow down and stop. The safety of our residents is first and foremost," Higgins concluded.

Aston Tree-Trimmers Come To The Rescue

In late April, a large buttonwood tree fell near the Kings Mill banquet facility on Pennell Road and temporarily blocked access to a driveway and fire hydrant. Green Ridge and Aston-Beechwood Fire Co. volunteers responded quickly to the scene, but were unable to dislodge the enormous tree trunk from its resting place. Not even the heavy trucks of the township's Public Works Garage could budge the huge tree.

A call was then placed to Tree Tops, Inc. - the Aston-based tree-trimming company owned and operated by Mark Filbert - and within minutes, some heavy-duty wood-cutting equipment was brought in to carve up the tree and regain access to the fire hydrant.

As important as Filbert's assistance was to reaching a resolution, the local businessman charged the township nothing for his emergency services.

At the May 16 board meeting, Fourth Ward Commissioner Gary Robinson thanked Filbert and his crew for their expedient help and donation of time and expertise to the community.

"He did this as a gratis thing for the fire companies, and I would just like to say thank you on behalf of the Board of Commissioners," Robinson stated.

To learn more about
Aston businesses, visit
www.astonba.com

Care To Join ABA Golf Outing?

The Aston Business Association will be holding its 11th Annual 9-11 Golf Tournament on Monday, **June 25**, at the Penn Oaks Golf Club. All proceeds will be donated to Aston-Beechwood and Green Ridge Fire Cos. and the Aston Police Department in commemoration of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Golfers, sponsors, and donations (of cash or raffle items and door prizes) are needed to make this year's ABA golf outing a successful fundraiser.

Registration starts at 11:30am, with lunch available until 1pm, when the Shotgun Scramble starts on the links. Dinner will be served in the ballroom at the end of the day.

All donations can be sent to Ron Temple, P.O. Box 96, Concordville, PA 19331.

For advertising sponsorships, donations that need to be picked up, or more information contact either Ron Temple (Pet Kraze) at **610-364-9400** or **ron@petkraze.com** or Drew Kramer (Aston Beverage) at **215-593-7014** or **akadrw411@comcast.net**.

Public Meetings and Special Events

June 4-8, 2012 (Mon-Fri)

Bulk Trash & Appliance Pick-ups

June 7, 2012 (Thursday)

7pm in municipal building
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

June 11, 2012 (Monday)

3pm in municipal building
Police Committee Meeting

June 11, 2012 (Monday)
6:30pm in municipal building
Public Works Committee Meeting

June 11, 2012 (Monday)
7:30pm in municipal building
New Construction Committee Meeting

June 12, 2012 (Tuesday)
6:30pm in municipal building
Executive Committee Meeting

June 14, 2012 (Thursday)
 **Flag Day** 

June 19, 2012 (Tuesday)
7pm at Aston Public Library
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 21, 2012 (Thursday)
6:15pm in municipal building
Technology Committee Meeting

June 25, 2012 (Monday)
Aston Business Association's
Annual Golf Tournament

June 26, 2012 (Tuesday)
7pm in municipal building
Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

June 26, 2012 (Tuesday)
7pm in municipal building
Ordinance Committee Meeting

June 27, 2012 (Wednesday)
7pm in municipal building
Board of Commissioners Meeting
(note special date, one week later)

June 27, 2012 (Wednesday)
7pm in municipal building
Planning Commission Meeting

June 28, 2012 (Thursday)
7pm in municipal building
Fire Committee Meeting

July 4, 2012 (Wednesday)
Annual Fourth of July
Fireworks Display
(starts at dusk at Sun Valley High School)

Aston Seniors Do Lunch

Aston Senior Citizens' last meeting before their summer hiatus will be a luncheon at 12pm on Thursday, **June 14**, at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn. To make reservations, call Carol at **610-494-4175** if your last name begins with A-K, and call Grace at **610-497-1644** if your last name starts with L-Z.



This group of St. Francis de Sales students recently interviewed local historian Paul Dougherty, who is co-founder of the Aston Township Historical Society and also a St. Francis graduate.

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(Above) These St. Francis de Sales students recently swept first-place at the regional finals of the 2012 Computer Fair and are now headed to the state competition; (Below) The first-place students display their projects.



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Good Things Are Happening At St. Francis de Sales

A group of 7th- and 8th-graders from St. Francis de Sales School recently cleaned up at the regional finals for the Pennsylvania Middle School Computer Fair. Out of the six categories at the regional competition (held May 8 at the Delco Intermediate Unit in Morton), St. Francis students took first place in every category, but one - that being the only category they did not enter.

The first-place winners included Meagan Scott (Web Design); Chris Dewees, Jack McCausland, and Matt McColgan (Digital Video); Kristen Cziraky and Rachel Wolters (Animation); Meagan Scott and Ariana Feliziani (PA Logo Design); and Alyssa Scheivert and Emily Moretti (Graphic Design), while Giana Buoni, Micaela Kinsler, and Mallorie Marrone claimed second place in the Graphic Design category.

Another group of St. Francis 8th-graders recently interviewed a pair of alumni (Mrs. Ester Geigle Conrad, class of 1931, and Paul Dougherty, class of 1943), both of whom were

able to share their memories of growing up in Lenni and Aston Mills. The students who participated in the English Language Arts project include (pictured to left, from left to right) Kristen Cziraky, Cecilia Conmy, Cassie Starr, Megan Greer, Laura Williamson, Meagan Scott, and Sydney Miller.

Submit newsletter information by the 22nd of the month to newsletter@astontownship.net or castarkis@comcast.net



Brian Carroll of the Philadelphia Union pro soccer team will visit the Aston Public Library on **Friday, June 15 at 3:30pm.** There will be children's activities and a chance to meet Mr. Carroll, who will be reading to the kids.

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Library Challenges Kids To 'Dream Big'

A rewards program will once again be connected to this year's Aston Public Library Summer Reading Program, under the heading DREAM BIG, READ! Kids can register to earn prizes for their summer reading at tinyurl.com/AstonSRP12. Just print out the log and bring it to the library each week to get a prize!

The Summer Reading Program begins at 1pm on Wednesday, **June 20** with a performance by Makin' Music.

Other special performances and presentations geared for children of all ages are planned at the library **every Wednesday through Aug. 15 and on Thursday, July 5.** Ask at the front desk for a complete list of events.

- New York Life will be offering a free Child ID event after the Peter Moses program on **June 27**, from 2-3pm. Children are digitally fingerprinted and photographed to make ID cards for their parents, which can be used to assist police in the event of an emergency.

- If your child has a required summer reading list for school, the library can help you get those books for free. There is a special section for Penn-Delco summer reading books, found near the Young Adult area.

- Do you have 5 hours a week to spare? We have many places where we need volunteer help. Pick up an application at the library's front desk or visit tinyurl.com/APLVolApp.

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Participants in a recent Birthday Party Storytime at the library had some colorful fun.

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The Pals For Life dog is here to remind parents that the Aston Public Library will be offering the opportunity for young children to read to trained therapy dogs - a process that can help build a child's self-esteem - on Tuesday evenings this August. Register now at www.tinyurl.com/AstonPals2012.

Read an expanded version of each month's newsletter at the **new and improved** www.astontownship.net

Happy 42nd Anniversary to Jim and Carol Graham - May the bride and groom enjoy many more!

**Leaf Bagging Will Continue,
As Will Debate**

A discussion that is not going to end anytime soon is the ongoing dialogue over whether to resume curbside leaf collections by township crews armed with rakes and leaf vacuums or to continue the method used last Fall, when residents purchased bio-degradable leaf bags, then manually filled them and placed them curbside for collection by a township truck.

After reviewing a cost analysis from last year's trial run for leaf bagging, the Board of Commissioners recently decided by a 5-2 vote to continue the leaf-bagging program in 2012.

The township wants to get out of the leaf vacuuming business due to the ever-rising costs, which could ultimately lead to a tax hike for all residents, and the savings that can be realized by letting tree owners do most of the work in collecting their own leaves.

According to Commissioners President Jim Stigale, about \$25,000 was saved by the township during last Fall's trial run for leaf bagging, and an estimated \$40,000 will be saved by an encore this year. The big savings kick in around year five, when the cost of equipment replacement is avoided, saving the township (and taxpayers) a projected \$250,000, Stigale noted.

**Sidewalk and Curb
Requirements Changed**

Commissioners have amended the township code to require the installation of concrete sidewalks and curbing at the time a property is sold or transferred, but only under certain circumstances. The new ordinance language went into effect on May 26. The code amendment was adopted by a 6-1 board vote, with Fifth Ward Commissioner Jim McGinn in dissent. McGinn stated that he was concerned that many areas of the township that currently do not have sidewalks might be required to install them in the future, under this amended ordinance.

First Ward Commissioner V. Michael Fulginiti assured Aston homeowners, however, that the new requirement for sidewalk and curb installation will be applied on "an individual basis," and only when public safety is at risk or where access and/or stormwater runoff issues exist.



Eagle Scout-elect Scott Rickards (far right), of Village Drive in Aston, recently completed his Eagle project with the construction of a dozen duck habitats for the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Tinicum.



Troop 225 Scout Leader Barry Pinkowicz was recently honored by American Legion Post 926 as the 2011 Pennsylvania State Scouter of the Year. Involved in scouting for the past 44 years, Pinkowicz poses here with Green Ridge Post 926 Commander Cy Yost (left) and Sons of the American Legion Post 926 Commander Michael Kane.

**Historical Society Seeks
New Members**

The Aston Township Historical Society is looking for a few good preservation-minded men and women to swell their ranks. The non-profit organization meets quarterly at the municipal building, and strives to provide a wide variety of history-related speakers for their audiences.

"I've been to a couple of their meetings, and they bring folks in from the outside that you would find very interesting," Commissioners Vice President Michael Higgins recently suggested in support of the ATHS. Higgins noted that interested parties can learn more about the ATHS through a link on the township's website.

For information on upcoming public meetings and presentations, contact Karen Micka at 610-358-3511.

Road Re-Paving Up For Bids

Commissioners have authorized the township engineer to prepare the bid specifications for the 2012 Road Resurfacing Program, which will see the expenditure of about \$200,000 for fresh asphalt on select streets in every ward. Additional streets will be added to the list, as the bids received allow.

The roadways slated (so far) to receive a new layer of blacktop this summer include portions of:

FIRST WARD - Mount Road (two sections) and Red Hill Road

SECOND WARD - Hillcrest Lane, Ford Avenue and Ashbrooke Lane

THIRD WARD - Arbor Lane, Gettysburg Drive, Clearview Lane and Crestview Lane

FOURTH WARD - Hearthside Road, Blackthorne Lane and Williams Drive

FIFTH WARD - Bunting Lane, Ridge Road, North Manor Drive and Green Lane

SIXTH WARD - Park Lane (two sections) and South Bent Lane

SEVENTH WARD - Gerald Drive, Raymond Avenue and Richard Road

**Residents Want More
Speed Bumps, Recycling**

Two Aston residents came before the Board of Commissioners on May 16, both seeking more of a good thing.

Bob Armstrong said that speeding on Montgomery Lane needs to be curbed, and was hoping that the township would be willing to install more speed bumps to slow down traffic.

In response, Commissioner and Public Works Committee Chairman Gary Robinson noted that the township is currently seeking grant money to purchase additional speed bumps or mats, as speeding on residential streets is a problem in every ward.

Cyndy Lopchinsky was hoping that she could enlist the township to make more recycling pick-ups, since the current bi-weekly collections are not keeping pace with the recyclables her family produces.

Robinson fielded this request as well, agreeing that more recycling would be "a good thing" for everyone. Township officials are already considering expanding recycling pick-ups, but are waiting for the total volume of Aston recyclables to rise to justify the extra expense.

"We're continuing to monitor that..in hopes of going to additional pick-ups," said Robinson. "The more recycling we can get out of our residents only helps us to cut our costs for trash disposal."

Did You Know?: That two British soldiers were hanged in Aston, as punishment for stealing from residents in the Fall of 1777.

Aston To Amend Flood Plain Ordinance

Commissioners will be holding a **public hearing** to discuss the planned adoption of amendments to the township's flood plain ordinance at their **June 27** regular session. The amendments are needed for Aston Township to remain current with changing state regulations, and to ensure that Aston residents have access to flood insurance and flood recovery funds.



These are the winners of this year's Bookmark Contest at the Aston Public Library. From left to right: Dominique Delgiorno, Emma Stewart, Mary Arena, Jaime Fleming, Giana Buoni, Jacob Sapiro, Molly Gasiorowski, and Lindsay Wigo.

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV's public access channels for updated postings on Comcast Channel 10 and Verizon Channel 45, as well as the township website.

Sewer Authority Offers Emergency Relief

Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority customers are reminded that emergency service is available 24/7 for sewer back-ups by calling the hotline at **610-494-1335**.

Aston residents are urged to visit the SWDCMA website to learn more about the ongoing effort to reduce stormwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system - a growing problem that costs every resident with a public sewer connection extra money for unnecessary processing.

To maintain a safe environment for children, all residents, and especially those living near schools, are urged to **dial 911** or **call the Aston PD at 610-497-2633** to report suspicious activity.

Eagle Scouts Need Projects

Boy Scout Troop 225 Scoutmaster Glenn Clark is asking Aston residents to come up with worthwhile community, church, or school improvements that might serve as senior projects for future Eagle Scouts. Call Clark at **610-494-3573**.

If any resident knows of an Aston veteran who is returning home from overseas duty, please notify the township office of the expected date and time of arrival, so that a red carpet welcome can be organized.

Lions Offer Medical Equipment

The Aston Lions Club loans medical equipment such as hospital beds, shower chairs, portable commodes, and mobility aides (including wheelchairs, motorized scooters, and walkers) to local residents who need them. If anyone has a late model wheelchair or any of the equipment listed above and would like to donate it for use, or if a **disabled person is in need of such equipment**, please call Anthony at **610-368-3435** or send mail to P.O. Box 2052, Aston PA 19014.

Recycling Reduces Trash Fees

The amount Aston residents pay for trash processing depends on the total tonnage collected **and** how much trash tonnage is reduced through recycling.

*****Please note: All recyclables must be separated from regular trash.**

Different types of recyclable items can be co-mingled in a recycling can, but newspapers should be bundled or bagged and placed next to the can.

Recycling collections for the month of April 2012 totaled 64.9 tons of comingled items collected curbside, 9.6 tons of newspaper dropped off at the municipal building container, 83 lbs. of aluminum cans collected by the Aston Lions Club, 3,000 lbs. of scrap metal, and 260 gallons of used motor oil, all of which generated a total township revenue of \$2,997.

The township's free Electronic Recycling Event at the Community Center on April 21 collected nearly 5.6 tons of recyclable items.

Police Urge Safety Precautions

Due to recent thefts from vehicles and homes, Aston police are advising residents to avoid keeping valuables in parked vehicles or to lock valuables in the trunk. The most common items stolen from vehicles are purses, wallets, and electronic equipment, like laptop computers and GPS units.

Break-ins have occurred both day and night, often targeting unlocked cars or homes.

As a precaution, residents should keep vehicle windows closed and doors locked, while the doors and windows of the house should be locked, as well. Whenever possible, park vehicles in a well-lit area, and keep the outside of your home illuminated.

Residents should immediately report any suspicious persons and/or vehicles in their neighborhood by dialing 911.

Consider Scouting For Youth

Aston is blessed to have active Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout programs within the township.

The Boy Scouts of America are accepting new registrations for local Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops. Boys ages 7 to 10 (first grade thru fifth grade) are eligible for Cub Scouts, while ages 11 to 17 can be Boy Scouts.

Call Barry Pinkowicz at **610-494-5294** or send email to **barrypnk@aol.com** to express your interest.



Dozens of volunteers from Mount Hope United Methodist Church recently spent an entire day sprucing up Chester Heights Campmeeting, where groups of workers (including First Ward Commissioner V. Michael Fulginiti, on ladder) rehabbed a cottage porch, among other projects.

Aston Boasts Two

Poster Contest Winners

The 24th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest in Delaware County schools (grades 1-8) recently named its winners, with two of the 15 top spots in the county going to Pennell Elementary School students. \$75 VISA gift cards were the prizes earned by First-grader Justin Maiorine (4th place for grades K-2) and Fourth-grader Olivia Nickerson (third place for grades 3-5).

Medical Waste Requires Special Disposal

Residents who generate medical waste must take all biohazardous material to a disposal facility or return it to the place of purchase for proper disposal. Please do not try to drop off medical waste at either of the township's fire companies, and **DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH CANS WITH REGULAR TRASH**, as this represents a danger to public works department personnel.

Questions regarding medical waste disposal can be directed to Aston Township Deputy Health Officer James Talbot at **610-494-0384**.



The Easter Bunny Brunch, which preceded the annual Aston Township Egg Hunt at the Community Center on March 31, provided a chance for the Easter Bunny to meet some of his fans, including District Magisterial Justice Diane Holefelder (above); while the main focus (below) was giving families an opportunity to spend quality time together.



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But the main event was the Egg Hunt, which found hunter/gatherers like Cydney Durbans and Morgan and Payton Evans of Glenn Road (above) and Alex and Kira Kenvin of Beatrice Lane (below) carrying away a haul.



To become a Friend of the Aston Public Library

go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your information.

Click the "Donate" button to make a contribution.

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You can follow the Aston Public Library on Facebook by visiting

www.facebook.com/astonlibrary

Keep Trash Cans Curbside On Trash Day Only

Township officials are reminding residents that an Aston ordinance mandates that trash and recycling collection **containers should not be placed curbside more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pick-up time.** Furthermore, empty trash containers must be **removed from curbside the same day that collections are made.**

Citizens Urged To Use Environmental Hotlines

Any citizen can help report environmental violations or problems they notice in their neighborhood or in local streams, before the situation can cause more damage and pollution. You may be the first person to notice an illicit, non-permitted discharge, and could be the first person to report it to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or a similar regulatory body.

-If an Aston resident witnesses sediment leaving a construction site during a heavy rain event, they should promptly call the Delaware County Conservation District at **810-892-9484** and send a photo, if possible.

-If pollutants are seen in a stream; clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines are found; or inadequately treated discharge is observed from a sewage treatment plant, call the Aston Township office at **610-494-1636** during business hours or dial **911** after hours.

-If illegal dumping, spills, or other directed discharges (other than rainwater) into storm sewers or streams is observed, call the DEP 24-hour Water Quality Hotline at **484-250-5900** or the DEP Water Quality Complaints Department at **484-250-5991** (weekdays from 8:30am-4:30pm only).

-To report a fish kill in a stream or pond, call the PA Fish and Boat Commission at **717-626-0228** or the DEP 24-hour Water Quality Hotline at **484-250-5900**.

-To report a water main break, call the Chester Water Authority at **610-876-8181** or Aqua PA at **610-525-1402** at any time of day or night.
