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Pride in our Community

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Anne Monaghan accepts the proclamation celebrating her 100th birthday from Commissioner Carol Graham.

Anne Monaghan Recognized for 100th Birthday

The Board of Commissioners celebrated the 100th birthday of Aston resident Anne Monaghan at the July meeting. Monaghan was born in Norristown on July 26, 1913. She loves spending time with her three children, Barbara, Mary Louise, and Jack as well as her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Monaghan moved to Aston in the late 70s and retired from Lee's Carpets, where she was a cafeteria worker. She also has been an active member of St. Joseph's Church, a volunteer at the Assisi House, and has been involved with the Aston Lionesses since 1987. Often referred to as tiny, but mighty, she is a good-natured, hard working woman.

Upcoming Summer Events

BROUGHT TO YOU BY COMMISSIONER CAROL GRAHAM AND THE ASTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m.
Hometown Concert
Band TBA
On the Community Center Lawn

Hometown Concert Series Proving To Be A Success

This year the Aston Township Recreation Committee has introduced a new program, the Hometown Concert Series. With attendance growing each concert and rave reviews of the entertainment coming from the attendees, this program is looking to be a successful one that will stick around for a while.

The Aston Township administration sees this event as a success in the area of teamwork and cooperation within the Township. "The idea came from Code Officer Paula Turnbach during a morning rounding session. Then later that night I brought it in front of the Recreation Committee and they hit the ground running," said George Needles, Assistant Township Secretary /Manager.

This event is truly an all around effort. The volunteers of the Recreation Committee handle the bulk of the work, along with the Public Works Department and various other departments. The next Hometown Concert will be Monday, August 5 on the front lawn

of the Community Center featuring the music sounds of the Dusters. If you are looking to perform at future concerts or are interested in volunteering with the committee, please contact 2nd Ward Commissioner Carol Graham at cgraham@astontownship.net.

ASTON TOWNSHIP PRESENTS



HOMETOWN CONCERTS

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
THIS MONTH'S PERFORMANCE BY "THE DUSTERS"

Monday - Aug 5th
Rain or Shine
BEGINNING AT 7:00 p.m. TILL DUSK

Concerts brought to you by the Parks & Recreation Committee of Aston Township.
Sponsored by Pennoni Associates, Inc.

Free Outdoor Concert
Lawn chairs welcome!

Don't miss the fun for the entire family!



Joseph Hart was sworn in as a full-time officer by Judge Diane Holefelder.

Hart Promoted to Full-Time Officer
Joseph Hart was sworn in as a full-time patrol officer. He will begin his new position on August 31st and undergo a one year probationary period.



Chief of Police Dan Ruggieri congratulates Officer Robert Simpson on this promotion

Simpson Promoted to Sergeant
Officer Robert Simpson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Aston Police. Simpson will begin his position on August 1 and undergo a one-year probationary period.

August's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

REDIRECT ROOF RUNOFF; INSTALL PERVIOUS SURFACES

Consider landscape modifications to help your yard retain excess rainwater and prevent runoff. Redirect all downspouts which drain onto paved surfaces and storm sewers to flow into a rain barrel, rain garden, mulched bed or grassy area, located downgrade from your house. Attend a rain barrel workshop hosted by your municipality, master gardeners, or local watershed association.

Minimize impervious surfaces such as asphalt and concrete on walks, patios, and driveways on your property. Replace them with gravel or pervious blocks or pavers that allow rain and excess water runoff to soak into the soil.

Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/96

Check out Swarthmore College's Sustainability web site: www.scottarboretum.org/Sustainability/ourpractices.html

Sun Valley to Host Scholarship Golf Outing Sept. 28

Sun Valley High School will host the Pamela Stouch Golf Outing Scholarship on Saturday, September 28 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cost is \$85 for golf and dinner and \$30 for dinner only. Dinner will be served at Anthony's of Paxon Hollow at 5 p.m.

Cost is \$200 for sign sponsor, signs will appear on tee box. Gift prizes greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Tricia Stouch at 484-433-9137.

Community Center Upgrades Floors

The Aston Community Center is making a huge upgrade in its gymnasium, switching the older, harder grey floors with brand new wooden ones. The new wood floor at the community center is a joint effort by the township and As-



Year Over Year Recycling Climbs

The monthly recycling total for June was 130.98 tons. There were 105 lbs of aluminum cans collected by the Aston Lions Club.

Recycling benefits you and the environment! There are things you use every day that are recyclable from shampoo bottles to junk mail to cereal boxes. For more information

visit www.astontownship.net. Remember, recycling can help reduce the township trash fees!

ton Athletic Association.

These brand new, maple floors are going to go a long way in helping make the gym look a lot nicer, as well as making the experience of the Aston A.A. participants much more enjoyable and less injury-prone.

The cost was shared by the AAA and was a gift to the township. No tax dollars were used in this project. The entire project is moving quickly and will be finished by Aston's yearly Community Day.

Coping with the Heat

The county's heat plan is in place and available to elderly and vulnerable residents throughout the summer months. Residents should take extra precautions during a heat wave, including seeking air conditioned spaces and checking in with elderly or disabled family members and neighbors who are at greater risk for heat-related illnesses.

The County Office of Services of the Aging (COSA) has a heat plan for the county that includes a heat information line, extended hours at senior centers, and educational information on heat safety tips, dehydration, and safe use of fans. The COSA office in Eddystone has a limited supply of free fans for seniors.

For more information, contact the Heat Information Line at 610-872-1558. The line runs through September 30, people who need additional information can contact a COSA staff

To submit an item to the newsletter, email newsletter@astontownship.net

member by calling the Information and Assistance Service line at 610-490-1300.

Camp Rainbow Update

Camp Rainbow is well under way in its fourth week. There are currently 156 children registered with 85 attending last week.

Camp Rainbow is a half-day, six-week summer camp that runs through August third for children in first through fifth grade.

Dorothy T. Smitham Recognized for 95th Birthday

The Board of Commissioners celebrated the 95th birthday of Aston resident Dorothy T. Smitham at the July meeting. Smitham was born in Aston Mills on July 14, 1918.

Her family has resided in Aston Township since the 1800s and she has raised two children, Carol and Lee, and is now a proud grandmother to two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is devoted to her family and is a life long, and oldest member of Mount Hope United Methodist Church in Aston.

Standardized Street Numbers Program to Begin

The Aston Township Emergency Management Coordinator in conjunction with the Aston Township Board of Commissioners, Township Engineer, Chief of Police and Fire Chiefs and the United States Postal Service are continuing with our standardized street numbering program designed to im-

**No August Public Meetings
or Special Events**

Girl Scouts Receive Silver Awards

Jocelyn Kline and Brittany Hinderhoffer received Silver Awards from the Girl Scouts on July 2.



Commissioner Graham presents Jocelyn Kline with her proclamation recognizing her Silver Girl Scout Award.

Kline has been active in scouting for 13 years beginning as a Daisy Scout at the age of six. For her Silver Award Take Action project, Kline focused on athletics—the need to be prepared if a player experiences a sudden cardiac arrest. To help educate people, she scheduled and implemented CPR/ARD certification classes for coaches in the Aston Valley Baseball League.

In addition, she designed a power point presentation and a public service video that were shared with multiple families and agencies. As a result of her efforts, an AED was donated to and installed at the Wier Park fields. Kline will be a sophomore at Sun Valley High School in the fall.



Commissioner McGinn presents Brittany Hinderhoffer with her proclamation recognizing her Silver Girl Scout Award.

Brittany Hinderhoffer designed a program for people who attend Frank Staus’s Day Camp, sponsored by the Center for the Blind. “Around the Globe in Five Days” was designed to expose 22 blind campers to culture, food, games and music of China, Mexico, Greece, Italy and Germany.

Hinderhoffer also taught three volunteers how to instruct and interact with the blind. She has been in scouting for 12 years, beginning as a Daisy Scout at the age of 4. She will be a freshman at Sun Valley High School this year.

prove emergency response. This program has changed many Aston street addresses and has demonstrated to be effective at improving a long time issue with finding emergency scenes on certain streets.

Who: buildings on specifically chosen Aston Township streets with old and out-dated street numbering patterns (some with no pattern at all) inconsistent with standard numbering guidelines.

What: re-numbering of all affected street addresses to provide consistent, regular and standard numbering patterns.

Where: currently scheduled streets include Mount Road, Convent Road, Aston Mills Road, Birney Highway, and Lewellyn Road. Other streets are also pending.

When: notification letters will be sent to all affected addresses in August. Address changes will take effect and be utilized starting September 1.

Why: to address an ACUTE LIFE

SAFETY ISSUE by improving 911 emergency response speed, efficiency and accuracy to find a dispatched address during life threatening situations; to allow mail and all delivery services improved ease of finding locations; and to ease and improve planning for future growth and changes throughout the township.

How: Each affected address will receive a letter explaining the program, what your current and new address will be, and the date the change will occur. You will use this letter as proof of the address change to any entity that may require proof of official change.

- The Township and USPS will notify:
 - 911 center and your land-line phone company if applicable
 - Delaware County, School District, and Local Tax offices
 - Chester and Aqua Water Authorities
 - Southwest Delaware County Sewer Authority
- You are responsible to notify:
 - All other utility providers including but not limited to electric, gas, cell phone and cable
 - Your banking, credit and mortgage

- services
 - Insurance companies
 - PA Department of Transportation
 - Any and all other correspondences that you may have
- The USPS will continue to deliver mail addressed to both your old and new addresses for a period of six months. After this six month transition period only your new address will be acceptable for mail delivery.
- Changing your address numbers on the front of your building as soon as possible will improve program compliance and understanding. Past experience has shown this to be the most important component to allowing emergency responders to find you during an emergency.
- NOTE: GPS services are not standardized and therefore are not able to be specifically notified. Past history with this program has revealed that the GPS services make their changes as the local area thoroughly has made the change.

Aston Public Library News, Dig into Reading Summer Program Continues
 Enjoy "DIG INTO READING", this year's summer reading program for kids!
 The big performances on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in our gym are continuing--



August 7- Jitterbugs Music and Movement will perform!

August 14 at 1 p.m. Mrs. Moni will teach the kids some Zumbatomics!

After the Jitterbugs Music program, we will have a New York Life Free Child ID event. In this FREE program, children are digitally fingerprinted and photographed to make ID cards that are given to parents. In the event of an emergency the parents will then have information needed by the police. This is designed to help children of our community stay safe and is free.

We will be having a special evening kids show with storyteller Vicky Town on Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Town blends humor, mime, and audience participation to create a delightful and zany cast of characters. Her stories include international folk and fairy tales, stories of magic and enchantment, stories of the courageous and the clever.

If your child logs his or her reading at www.tinyurl.com/AstonSRP13 and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book!

The Friends of the Library are holding a raffle of back to school items for the kids! Tickets are available at the library service desk and are \$2, or 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10.

Does your child have required books to read for school this summer? We can get them for you at the library! Save some cash and check them out at the Aston Library for free! The Library has a special area for the Penn-Delco summer reading books, near the new releases and Young Adult area.

Join the Friends of the Library! Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info!

The library is still looking for volunteers to help with work like calling patrons, putting books in order, and delivering flyers and posters. Pick up an application at the library or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/APLVolApp> to submit one online.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees do not meet in August.

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> to become a "fan!"



Aston children practice reading to animals with the PALS for Reading program.



Participants model their goggles at the Science in the Summer Program.



Church Recognized for 25 Years of Dedicated Service

Raymond E. Church was recognized for his 25 years of dedicated service to the Aston Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Church has spent the last 15 years serving as Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Higgins presents Raymond E. Church with the proclamation recognizing his 25 years of service to the Township.

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

Township Office will be closed on Monday, September 2. There will be no trash or recycling pick up. All Monday trash and recycling will be picked up Tuesday. Second trash pickup for the Township ends the last week in August.

A Friendly Reminder from:

SWDCMA

(Southwest Delaware County
Municipal Authority)

Quarterly sewer service invoices are in the mail as of July 31 and are **due by August 31.**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2466, Aston, PA 19014
 Office Address: 1 Gamble Lane, Aston, PA 19014
 Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Office Phone: 610-494-1335