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Pride in our Community

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Carol Ellison, Commissioner Carol Graham, Richard Lehr, and Robert Poore III



Robert Poore III and Commissioner Carol Graham

Poore Park Dedicated

The area informally known as Poore Park was officially dedicated in memory of Robert Poore Jr. on Sunday, June 23. Family, friends, and more than 50 members of the community came out to witness the dedication of the park. Volt DJs provided music for everyone to enjoy after the dedication and there was lemonade, Italian Ice and pretzels on hand for guests to munch on.

Poore's son, Robert Poore III and his daughter Carol Ellison, both spoke to the crowd about how important the dedication of the park was to their family. "Our father would not stop until he got his work done, he loved the township. He was a good man," said Ellison.

"This was my park," said Poore III, "Dad made this park to know where the kids were. This was a quiet corner of the township, there wasn't much going on. Thanks to my dad for bringing us up to speed a little bit."

"Bob used to make sure everything was running right in the township, he was a good man," said Richard Lehr, Township Manager.

The park has been affectionately known as Poore Park since the late 70s. Poore was a member of the Aston Township Board of Commissioners and a milk man full time.

"This dedication means a lot to the family. He was finally recognized for being the good man he was. He cared about the people and this area of the township," said Ellison.

Bruce Reimer Recognized for 25 Years of Service

Bruce Reimer was recognized for 25 years of service as an employee of Aston township at the June Commissioners Meeting. Reimer always serves as captain of the Street Sweeper team and the head of the Recycling Court. A resident of Aston Township for more than 28 years, he is an active member of the Aston Lions Club.

Reimer has always taken pride in the community and it certainly shows in the way he takes care of the Township residents.



Russ Palmore, Bruce Reimer and Commissioner Gary Robinson

Celebrate Independence Day with Us!

The annual Independence Day fireworks celebration will be held on the grounds of Sun Valley High School beginning at dusk on Thursday, July 4. Come out to celebrate and honor the forefathers of our country, who decided 237 years ago that the only way to live in America was to live free!

Township Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4. There will be no trash or recycling pick up. All Thursday and Friday trash and recycling will be picked up Friday. There will be no second pick up for Friday.

Upcoming Summer Events

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

Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m.
Hometown Concert featuring Archie Lane's Big Band
On the Community Center Lawn

Monday, August 5 at 7 p.m.
Hometown Concert featuring The Duster's
On the Community Center Lawn

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

July's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

PLANT FLOWERING PLANTS; ATTRACT
BENEFICIAL PREDATORS

Plants of all kinds help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties. Their roots absorb water and break up and aerate the soil as they grow.

Flowering native perennials will attract beneficial predators and pollinator birds, butterflies, and other insects. Perennials also develop extensive root systems to hold and enrich the soil. Monitor plants for pests and control them with environmentally friendly applications or use plain water to avoid contaminating water runoff with chemicals that endanger streams.

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

Summer Lawn Maintenance

With summertime upon us, grass, weeds, and overgrowth have the potential to become a problem in the community. According to an ordinance put into place last summer, weeds and grass that grow into the sidewalks, curbs, and streets of Aston is not allowed. This ordinance was put in place for the town's appearance as well as to keep the health risks that high grass carries, such as mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus.

As Paula Turnbach, Code Enforcement Officer, states, "When the overgrowth is taken care of it goes a long way in making the streets, and the community as a whole look a lot better and well maintained." Not following this ordinance could lead to the Aston Code Enforcement Department stepping in. If the grass of a resident starts growing into the sidewalks and streets, Aston Code Enforcement will be leaving a door hanger with a 48-hour no-



Recycling Rebounds for May

The monthly recycling total for May was 136.37 tons. There were 10.26 tons of newspaper collected and 98 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!

tice to take care of the overgrowth and get in touch with the Aston Township Office. Maintaining weeds and grass in the streets make Aston Township look very impressive and well-kept, as well as going a long way in keeping the Aston Code Enforcement Department away.

Protect You and Your Family from West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is a mosquito borne disease that can, in rare instances cause encephalitis, a brain inflammation.

There have been 469 infections and 28 deaths in Pennsylvania from West Nile Virus.

To keep you and your family safe, get rid of items that collect water. This includes old tires, tin cans, buckets and flowerpots, corrugated downspouts and gutters.

Keep puddles from forming by filling in ruts, repairing leaky pipes or outdoor faucets, clearing drains and gutters of debris, and eliminating low spots that may collect water on pool covers, grill covers, or tarps.

Stop stagnant water by changing or emptying the water in birdbaths and kiddie pools, cover trash containers and recycle bins, empty drip trays of planters and fill in tree holes or stumps with sand.

It's important to remember to keep your grass cut short and bushes trimmed to reduce daytime resting areas.

Repair windows and screens so mos-

quitoes can't enter your house and store your wheelbarrows upside down.

Township Requests Watershed Restoration Grant

The Township requested a \$300,000 Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRPP) grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for Weir Road, Blackthorne Lane, and Weir Park storm water improvements.

Help Fight Eutrophication of Our Streams and Bays

Excess nitrogen and phosphorus entering our streams through storm water runoff can lead to eutrophic conditions, including rapid nuisance algae growth, episodes of dangerously low dissolved oxygen, degraded fish habitat, and even fish kills.

Once in a stream, these nutrients tend to remain in the aquatic environment and accumulate downstream in reservoirs, estuaries, and coastal waters, where eutrophic conditions can have a major impact on highly valued recreational waters, beaches, and fisheries.

Sources of excess nitrogen and phosphorus include farm animals, agriculture, septic and waste water systems, and soil erosion, but the one most easily controlled by homeowners is the frequency and type of lawn fertilization.

Here's what you can do to reduce the impact of lawn fertilization on our streams and bays:

1. Select a fertilizer which has a "slow release" form of nitrogen, which takes longer to break down,
2. Recycle your grass clippings,

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

Aston Public Library News, Dig into Reading Summer Program Begins

This year's summer program is "Dig Into Reading!" The big performances on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the gym are continuing--

July 3 at 1 p.m. Sciencetelling - Storytelling with Science Experiments!
July 10 at 1 p.m. Makin Music
July 17 at 1 p.m. Segal Puppet Show
July 24 at 1 p.m. Ed Schmitt, Magician
July 31 at 1 p.m. Classroom Adventures Interactive Story
August 7 at 1 p.m. Jitterbugs Music and Movement

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!

Infant Story time is returning in July, courtesy of the County Library System! Ms. Theresa's popular "lapsit" story time for babies up to 2 years old will be on Mondays at 10 a.m. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

There is still room in our Free Chair Yoga classes on these dates-July 2, July 9, July 16.

The classes will be at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at www.astonlibrary.org today (under the Calendar) if you would like to attend. "Chair Yoga" is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing, using a chair for support. It is appropriate for adults of all shapes, sizes, ages and genders. Chair Yoga is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Library at 7 p.m. on July 16. 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 will meet at the Library at 7 p.m. on June 18. 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!"

which will substitute for 25-50% of your fertilizer needs,

3. Cut back on the frequency of the fertilization to once or twice a year, and

4. Consider phosphorus-free forms; you can mail a sample of your soil to Penn State to analyze what, if any, amendments are needed.

This message is brought to you by your municipality through the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association MS4 Stormwater Partnerships.

Stop the Sheen, Keep our Water Clean!

Oil and water don't mix, just one pint of oil can create a slick larger than a foot-

ball field. Motor oil takes a long time to break down in water and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers and fish gills. It is toxic to people, wildlife and plants. Even small leaks from improperly maintained vehicles are collectively polluting our creeks and drinking water.

Oil contaminated runoff makes its way from roads and driveways, into storm drains and ultimately our streams. Americans are responsible for 180 million gallons of used motor oil escaping into our waterway each year. To help stop leaks you can check cars and equipment for oil leaks regularly and have them fixed promptly; keep your car tuned to reduce oil use; use drip pans under your vehicles when you change the oil; and clean up spills with

<h3>July Public Meetings and Special Events</h3> <p>Police Committee Meeting 3 p.m. Monday, July 8</p> <p>Public Works Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 8</p> <p>New Construction Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 8</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9</p> <p>Recreation Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11</p> <p>Library Board Meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 Aston Township Community Center</p> <p>Board of Commissioners Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17</p> <p>Ordinance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23</p> <p>Fire Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25</p>

oil absorbent material or clothes and then sweep. Never hose the area!

For more information on oil recycling in Delaware County, visit <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/auto.html> or Chester County, <http://www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=176>.

Remember, when your car is leaking oil on the street, it's not just leaking on the street!

Apologies to Anne Monaghan

We would like to apologize to Anne Monaghan and her family. The party advertised in the last issue of the Township Times is a private party. If you would like to celebrate Anne's 100th birthday please come to the Board of Commissioners meeting in July where Aston Township will be presenting her with a proclamation.



Eagle Scout Scott Rickards with Commissioner McGinn



Eagle Scout Kyle Hodge with Commissioner Robinson and Melanie Hodge

Kyle Hodge, Scott Rickards Recognized for Eagle Scout Rank

Kyle Hodge and Scott Rickards were recognized for passing their Eagle Board of Reviews and being named as Eagle Scouts at the June Commissioners meeting.

Hodge organized the construction of nine wooden duck houses that were donated to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Tinicum, PA for his Eagle Scout project. More than 17 volunteers logged over 140 man hours to build the duck houses. Hodge led his troop, friends and volunteers to ensure the project was a success.

Rickards has earned 28 merit badges as a Boy Scout Troop 225 member. He held leadership positions within the troop such as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. Rickards is also a brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow, in the Unami Lodge One. While attending St. Joseph's Church, he served as an Alter Server. He has also served as captain of his track and field team, as well as captain of the ultimate frisbee team at Sun Valley High School.

Rickards' Eagle Scout project consisted of organizing the construction of 12 wooden duck houses that were also donated to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. He built the duck houses to ensure that migratory ducks would stay at the refuge to increase the duck population. Rickards logged more than 140 man hours and received donations from friends, family and Lowes Home Improvement Store.

Joseph Walsh Recognized as 2012 Officer of the Year

Aston Township Officer Joseph Walsh was recognized as the 2012 Officer of the Year by the Aston Police Department for his exemplary service. Walsh has been a member of the force since February 2008 and has served as a member of the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division since 2010. As a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, he conducts undercover investigations and forensic examinations of digital evidence. Walsh is lauded as an expert in the fields of computer crime and digital forensic evidence.

Walsh graduated from the Delaware County Community College Municipal Police Academy in 2007 and earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Strayer University in 2008.

He has faithfully displayed great loyalty, commitment, and professionalism in the performance of his duties as a member of the Aston Police Department and the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division. Walsh serves with consummate skill, upholds the laws of this Commonwealth and serves as a role model for all those who aspire to a career in law enforcement. Ann Iacono from Representative Stephen Barrar's office was on hand to present Walsh with the award.



Ann Iacono, Officer Walsh, Chief Ruggieri

Citizen Awareness Needed to Report Water Pollution

Citizens are encouraged to be on the lookout for illicit (illegal) discharges to our creeks and encouraged to call 911 or the hotline numbers below to report them. Remember, all of our storm drains lead to creeks, and there should be only rain going into these drains.

Over the past four months, residents in your watersheds have reported the following: illicit discharges and practices which can foul our creeks and drinking water: leaking sanitary sewer manhole covers (especially during dry weather), soapy or power washing water entering storm drains, strong sewage odors, odors of gasoline, swimming pool discharges into streets, broken water mains, drainage of sump pumps directly into creeks, dumping of trash and yard waste near creeks, running hoses into creeks or storm drains, and fish kills, by calling these numbers. Please save them for future reference. Your efforts are key to protecting clean water!

Hotline Numbers

Aston Township -Weekdays 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
610-494-1636

Clogged or leaky sanitary or sewer lines;
sewage smell in creek, after hours call 911

DEP Water Quality Complaint Hotline Daytime
Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 484-250-5991

DEP 24 Hour Water Control Line
484-250-5991 Anytime

Spills and Emergencies
PA DEP 484-250-5990

PA Emergency MGT Agency
1-800-424-7362