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Night Out in Aston Nov. 14

The Aston Business Association invites you to visit any of the local restaurants/eateries listed below on November 14.

Proceeds from your meal will help fund activities that help needy families throughout the holiday season. Please support this worthy cause.

Participating restaurants include: Bruster's, Barnaby's of Aston, Casa Prego, Capriotti's, Cocco's, Hennessey's, Iceworks Cafe, Iceworks Pub & Grill, Pretzel Boys, Viso's Authentic Italian Desserts and Zac's Hamburgers.

Winter Fun Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 6

Come out and celebrate the holidays at the Christmas Tree Lighting and Winter Fun Festival on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Aston Community Center.

This year's theme is an Old Fashioned Christmas. Santa will be available for pictures and there will be refreshments, Christmas carolers, crafts and letters to Santa.

Canned goods and non-perishables will be collected to benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This event is presented by the Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

John Granger Named Township Manager

John Granger was recently named Township Manager. He brings more than 10 years experience working in first-class townships as well as more than 20 years of managerial experience to Aston Township. Throughout his career, Granger has excelled at consensus building, communicating the vision of the community and building the collaborations necessary to accomplish seemingly impossible goals.

Granger was drawn to Aston because he feels Aston is "well situated to take advantage of the opportunities presented in the current environment of smaller government. It is well organized, financially secure, embraces sustainability, has strong partners who embrace the attributes of the community, and is willing to embrace future opportunities."

Christopher Taylor Reaches Eagle Scout Rank



Commissioner Osborn presents Christopher Taylor with his Award. With Christopher are his parents, Frank and Lori Taylor; siblings Stephen, Kimberly, and Catherine Taylor.

Christopher Taylor earned the rank of Eagle Scout on January 23 and was recognized at the Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, April 21 at Mount Hope United Methodist Church.

Taylor is the son of Francis and Dolores Taylor and began his scouting career as a member of Cub Pack 77 and has earned the

Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouting. He bridged over to Boy Scout Troop 292 where he earned twelve required and twelve non-required merit badges. During his tenure as Scout, Taylor held leadership responsibilities including Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and was an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow, the scouting honor society.

Taylor's Eagle Scout project was the renovation of the training trailer for the Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company of Aston Township. The exterior of the trailer was painted, a new drop ceiling was installed inside the structure and a doorway was created. A door was also installed to separate rooms inside the structure to create a more realistic home-type situation for the firefighters to utilize their training.

Township Office will be 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 will be picked up on Wednesday, November 27.

November's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

HARVEST FALLEN LEAVES

Start a compost pile with fallen leaves. Mix in non-meat kitchen scraps or other "green" organic matter. Compost can be used next year to condition your soil so that it can absorb more rain water. Purchase a compost bin and attend a composting workshop hosted by your County Solid Waste Authority, Master Gardeners, or Pennsylvania Resources Council. Mow last, light leaf fall with a mulching mower and leave the fragments in the lawn as mulch for grass plants.

Fertilize late fall with a slow-release, organic fertilizer to encourage root development, which will create a healthier, more resilient lawn next year.

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

Aston Seniors Meeting

The Aston Seniors meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:45 a.m. in the Aston Community Center on Concord Road. Seniors in the Penn-Delco School District age 55 or older are welcome to join at any time throughout the year beginning this month.

Aston seniors have several trips throughout the year and welcome non-members to join and bring their friends.

Aston Township Lions in Need of Gently Used Wheelchair Donations

The Aston Township Lions Club has been loaning hospital equipment to those in Aston and surrounding communities for many years.

The Club needs gently used wheel chairs as our supply has been exhausted. If you have a wheel chair that you are willing to donate, call Anthony at



Recycling Holds Strong Heading into Fall

The monthly recycling total for September was 115.58 tons. There were 108 lbs of aluminum cans collected by the Aston Lions Club.

Please continue recycling everything you can. What you recycle doesn't go in the trash stream and that saves \$33/ton and reduces the trash tonnage. "Everyone is doing an outstanding job and the tonnage goes up each month," said Commissioner Robinson.

610-485-6310 or mail the Aston Twp. Lions Club, P. O. Box 2052, Aston, PA 19014-0052. If you are in need of hospital equipment including walkers, potty chairs, shower chairs, or crutches, please call Anthony at the number above or contact any Lions Club member.

Aston Lions Club to Host Pancake Breakfast November 3

The Aston Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 3 from 7:30 a.m. to Noon at the Aston Community Center.

On the menu will be all you can eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. Ticket cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 children 12 and under and children under 2 are free.

Historical Society to Meet Nov. 14

The Aston Township Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Township Building on Pennell Road.

Kay Ferrari, a local expert on the Riddle family, will speak about "Sam Riddle and Man of War, A Man and His Horse" and includes a power point presentation of photos of the family, their homes and horses.

Ferrari has many interesting stories of this once wealthy and famous family from our own backyard. The Riddles made their fortune in the mills of the area, now King's Mill and Sun Roc, and Man of War was loved throughout the country.

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

Historical Society Celebrates Aston Center for Life Long Learning Offers Fall Programs for 50+ Learners

Created specifically to serve adults 50+ in western Delaware County, the Center for Life Long Learning (CLLL) brings adult education offerings to you. SCS, a non-profit agency, also works in many other ways to keep older adults living independently.

Established in 1977, SCS today operates four Senior Centers. SCS' Centers provide meals, health and wellness programs, recreation and social activities and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.scs-delco.org for a list of courses.

To find out more, please call Farah Esfahani at 484-496-2143 or fesfahani@scs-delco.org.

AARP to Meet November 25

The November general meeting of the Delaware County AARP Chapter, will meet on Monday, November 25 at 10:45 a.m.

The meetings are held at the St. James Episcopal Church on Concord road, in Aston. New members are welcome to come in and enjoy friendship, food, and entertainment.

Membership dues are \$10/year. For more info, call Ruth Brusstar, President, at 610-566-2632.

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

General Federation of Women's Club to Meet

General Federation of Women's Club Aston invites all women to join the GFWC.

We are a volunteer organization serving our community and many charities throughout the county. The club meets the 4th Monday of every month from September- June at the Aston Community Center. Come to one meeting and see what we are all about.

St. Francis de Sales Students Represent at Volleyball Regional All Stars

Three eighth graders represented St. Francis de Sales School at the Region 30 All Star Games on Sunday, September 29th. Elena Tarte, Victoria Boland, and Annie Kolicus, members of St. Francis de Sales CYO Varsity Volleyball team, have been playing volleyball since the fifth grade.

The Region 30 All Star Games are held annually and twelve parish CYO teams from Delaware County are represented. All Star teams are comprised of selected players from each of the parishes.

The goal of the Catholic Youth Organization is to develop the spiritual, social and athletic aspects of each of its young members. CYO Sports is one component of a parish's comprehensive youth ministry program which enables the partnership of parents, coaches, priests, religious teachers and adult leaders to manage and support a sports program that allows youth to grow in their relationship with God and come to better understand themselves and the Catholic faith.

Historical Society to Host Early Christmas Celebration Nov. 3

Please join Aston Township Historical Society for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration on Sunday, November 3 at the old one room Village Green School House from noon to 2 p.m. Come and relax with a steaming cup of hot co-

coa or tea and reminisce about bygone days, help trim the tree, all before the rush of the upcoming holidays! There will be quaint picture taking opportunities and gifts will be available for purchase. There will also be an antique toy display to add to the festivities along with holiday music. The annual Old Fashioned Christmas Tea offers a step back in time and is free and open to the public.

The Village Green School House, well over 100 years old, is located north of 5 Points in Aston just as old Pennell Road veers off of Pennell Road (Route 452)....right next to Aston Vet & before Hennessey's. Parking is available in the rear.

American Legion Announces New Officers, to Meet Dec. 7

Council members are proud to announce their officers for 2013-2014. Barbara Rivera, President; Maryanne Bradly, Vice President; Dianne Dougherty, Secretary; Jean Smith, Treasurer; Judy Sexton, Chaplain; Jen Clausen, Historian; Linda Brooks, Sargent at Arms; and Tori Smith, Asst. Sargent at Arms.

All American Legion Auxiliary members are welcome to attend our meetings. Next meeting is Saturday, December 7 at American Legion Post #777 in Crum Lynne, Pa. Come and learn what all other Auxiliaries are doing to help our veterans & their families. Questions, please contact your local unit.

National Red Ribbon Campaign Week Celebrated October 23-31

October 23-31 was recognized as National Red Ribbon Campaign week. The National Red Ribbon Campaign is a comprehensive public education and community-based preparation event that involves township and borough municipalities, schools, parent groups, churches, government, business and persons from all walks of life.

November Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, November 7

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, November 11

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, November 11

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Tuesday, November 12

Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 19
Aston Township Community Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 20

Finance Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 26

Zoning Hearing Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 26

Alcohol and other drug abuse is a major public health threat and is one of the largest causes of preventable diseases, disability, and death in the U.S.

To convey the message that any use of any illegal drug is unacceptable, participating members wore and displayed red ribbons as a symbol of commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

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.

More than 4,000 Turn Out for Community Day

More than 4,000 residents turned out on a warm fall day for the 11th annual Community Day. Helen Morgan was named Aston Township Citizen of the Year and the 1988 Aston Middletown Little League Pennsylvania State Champs took on the Grand Marshall duties for the parade. "I am so appreciative of the unparalleled support of our local businesses, more than 50 monetary sponsors and 11 monetary ride sponsors whose donations offset the cost for food, drinks and rides for the day's event," said Maryanne Bullen.

Thirty businesses donated items and services and Giant Food Stores donated all 1,000 hamburgers and 2,000 hot dogs. Bullen also thanked Joe DeVuono for organizing the tables, stands, rides and many other activity places. More than 65 groups participated in the Community Day Parade, a new record.

Bullen thanked Nancy Bowden, Maureen Dillon, Neumann University and Karen May and her nursing students, Joe Ward, Chief Danny Ruggieri for cooking the food along with Dick Lehr, Eileen Nelson, Maggie Berry, and Gina Ruggieri as well as the many volunteers. "Everyone who helped did an extraordinary and exceptional job," she said.



Faith and Emily Bullen hang with Mickey and Minnie at Aston's Community Day!



Erin Evans, Ava Dill, Emily Dill, Cadence Ogurko, Madison Evans and McKenna Ogurko take a break in the shade during Community Day.



Deborah Hamilton, Lauren Stewart and Kalyssa Stewart peruse the Friends of the Library book sale at Community Day.



Officer Giancristoforo of the Aston PD with the kids during the Police storytime.

Aston Library Brings Back Infant Story Time!

Infant story time is returning in November. The popular "lapsit" story time for babies up to 2 years old with Ms. Theresa will be on Mondays at 10 a.m. You can register at <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

Free chair yoga classes are returning to the library Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Find out more and 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.

There is still time to donate to the Library's Annual Fund Drive and have the contribution be tax-deductible for 2013. Just pick up a donation form at the Library. You can also donate to the Library through United Way using our donor choice number is 6534.

The Library will be part of the Christmas event on Friday December 6, including a visit from Santa, the lighting of the Christmas tree, and a special kids program from Mr. Malcolm. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. The Library will be open specially until 8 p.m. that night due to the event.

The Library is holding an Art Contest for youth in grades K-12. Entries in a wide variety of formats will be accepted at the Library until December 31. Please include the title of the piece of artwork, and the artist's name, age, address, phone number, school and grade on the back of the piece. Check www.astonlibrary.org for more information and full rules. 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 November 19. 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.

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