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Commissioner McGinn presents Helen Morgan with her Outstanding Citizen of the Year Proclamation

## Helen Morgan named Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Helen Morgan was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2013 in appreciation of her services to Aston Township and its residents. She has been a resident of Aston for 48 years and is extremely devoted to her family. She is also active in the Aston Township community, civic, church and other organizations.

Morgan volunteers her time on the Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee, the annual Township Christmas Tree Lighting, the new summer Concert in the Park series, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.

She works with a number of community and service organizations including Meals on Wheels and fundraisers for the Aston Lionesses Club. She also gives her time at St. Joseph Church working the annual Christmas bazaar, Sunday gift card sales and Sunday collection counter. Morgan prepares perogies at the Holy Ghost Church in Chester, and volunteers at the Fair Acres gift shop and is a part of the Friends of Fair Acres Organization.

**Township Office will be closed on Monday, October 14. There will be no trash or recycling pick up. All Monday and Tuesday trash and recycling will be picked up Tuesday.**

## October is Fire Prevention Month

October is National Fire Prevention Month. Fire safety starts at home, with smoke detectors, an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



Aston-Beechwood volunteer firefighters show off their smoke detectors for Fire Prevention month.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.

Larger homes may need additional smoke detectors for added protection. It's also important to interconnect the smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound. Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false-alarms, generally about 10 feet away from a cooking appliance. It's wise to test your smoke alarm at least once a month by pushing the test button on the alarm, and to replace the alarms every ten years.

Families should create a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home including all windows and doors and discuss the plan with everyone in your home. Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home twice a year. For more fire safety tips, visit [www.nfpa.org/](http://www.nfpa.org/).

## October Recognized as National Bullying Prevention Month



Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo, President/Founder and Daniela Redpath, Vice-President of Teach Anti Bullying Inc. accept the proclamation declaring October National Bullying Prevention month from Commissioner Carol Graham.

The Aston Board of Commissioners recognized October as National Bullying prevention month. Bullying is an imbalance of power with physical, verbal, sexual or emotional harm and intimidation that happens in person or through technology, such as on the internet or over cell phone.

Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American students and thousands of Pennsylvania students annually. Targets of bullying are likely to experience physical, emotional and learning problems. Students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school and attending community activities.

Individuals in Aston Township should conduct themselves in manners demonstrating compassion with regards to others. Please treat others the way you expect to be treated and the township will strive to ensure that each of its citizens is valued and accepted, with no exception.

Aston Township supports Teach Anti Bullying Inc. and asks all its citizens to work with the organization to strengthen our community by instilling positive values and healthy lifestyles in our young people to help them become productive and responsible members of our society.

## October's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

PLANT TREES IN YOUR YARD AND  
COMMUNITY

Fall is the best time for planting most trees and shrubs. The more trees and shrubs on your property, the more stormwater is controlled in your community. Consider volunteering to plant trees in your community with your tree commission, watershed association, or other conservation organization.

Leave faded blossoms on perennials to mature into seedheads to support birds and other wildlife over the winter.

Spread lime if the soil test indicates soil is too acidic for turf grass.

Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: [www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/96](http://www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/96)

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

### Space Available at Harvest Fest

Tables are still available for the annual Friends of Aston Library Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. Cost is \$20 per table for vendors and crafters.

For more information contact Carol Cannon at 610-459-4312 or Tammy McDonald at 610-818-8223. All proceeds benefit the Aston Public Library.



## Recycling Holds Strong Heading into Fall

The monthly recycling total for July was 130.4 tons. There were 126 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](http://www.astontownship.net). Remember, recycling can help reduce the township trash fees!

### Sun Valley to Host Craft Fair October 19

Sun Valley High School will be holding its Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The National Art Honor Society will be selling food and doing face painting. This event is a great time to support our local crafters and vendors. Raffles, large selection of homemade crafts and fall/winter gifts, jewelry, silk scarves, cake pops, fudge, popcorn, bows, tutus, woodwork-ing, and more!

Proceeds benefit the Sun Valley Parent Teacher League which assists in providing special events for the students throughout the year as well as scholarships.

### AARP to Meet October 28

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP Inc., will meet on Monday, October 28 at 10:45 a.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church on Concord Road in Aston. New members are welcome. For more info, visit the AARP table at Aston Community Day on October 5, or call President Ruth Brusstar at 610-566-2632.

### 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

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email [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net)

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.

### Friends of the Library to Hold Book Sale on October 4

The Friends of the Aston Library will hold a book sale beginning on Friday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continuing on Community Day, Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The book sale will be held in the Community Center.

### Recycling Day Oct. 19

Aston Township is proud to offer local residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3270 Concord Road.

This FREE service is available to all residents and small business with less than 50 employees. Electronics will be recycled by eFORCe Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, NO smoke detectors, large appliances or projection TVs will be accepted. There will be a \$20 fee for all tube TVs and computer monitors accepted and all data media will be destroyed or wiped.

### **Aston Business Association to Host 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day on October 5**

The Aston Business Association will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Aston Township Community Day on Saturday, October 5 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (with a rain date of Sunday, October 6 from 1 p.m.-6 p.m.) Community Day will begin with a parade from Neumann University starting at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will proceed along Concord Road to the Aston Township Community Center and will feature local community groups and organizations as well as musical entertainment. The Annual Business Expo will be held inside the community center for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services. Outside there will be free rides sponsored by Bette's Bounces, games, food, drinks and contests for everyone to enjoy.

### **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.

### **Historical Society Celebrates Aston Township's 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Aston Township Historical Society celebrates 20 years of existence and recognizes the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aston becoming a township in 1688.

The Historical Society was founded by Paul Dougherty, Ed Kulesa, Bruce Wittendorfer and Jacqueline DeGiacomo. The opening was celebrated on September 19, 1993 with an open house at the Green Ridge Library displaying some historical memorabilia from the founding members.

### **Ruth Ross Recognized**

Ruth Ross was recognized for her time and dedication to the Aston Township Historical Society. She received the Lee C. Brown Award for 2013 from the Delaware County Historical Society.

The Lee C. Brown Award is presented annually to volunteers who give "Outstanding Volunteer Service" to the historical community. Brown was a member of the Delaware County Historical Society and served as President from 1973-1982.

Ross was honored at the Delaware County Historical Society annual Awards and Membership September meeting.

### **Center for Life Long Learning Offers Fall Programs for 50+ Learners**

Senior Community Services (SCS) is pleased to provide an exciting array of classes to educate, inspire and encourage you. 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](http://www.scs-delco.org) for a list of courses.

### **October Public Meetings and Special Events**

#### **Recreation Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Thursday, October 3

#### **Police Committee Meeting**

3 p.m. Monday, October 7

#### **Public Works Committee Meeting**

6:30 p.m. Monday, October 7

#### **New Construction Committee Meeting**

7:30 p.m. Monday, October 7

#### **Executive Committee Meeting**

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8

#### **Library Board Meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 15  
Aston Township Community Center

#### **Board of Commissioners Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 16

#### **Ordinance Committee Meeting**

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22

#### **Fire Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Thursday, October 24

#### **Finance Committee Meeting**

1:30 p.m. Friday, October 25

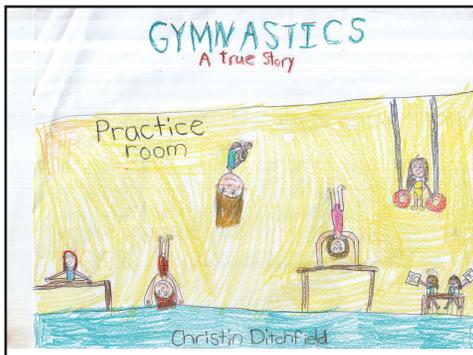
To find out more, please call Farah Esfahani at 484-496-2143 or [fesfahani@scs-delco.org](mailto:fesfahani@scs-delco.org).

### **Timeless Broadway comes to Neumann University**

Join the rags-to-riches duo that features Don Kawash, an acclaimed Ragtime pianist, and the bass baritone, Randy Shupp on Thursday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meagher Theatre in the Life Center on Neumann's campus.

Kawash and Shupp bring a performance featuring the greatest classics of Broadway and combine them to present a funny and moving musical homage. Featuring early gems by George

*continued.*



Molly Gasiorowski's winning book cover contest entry



Grace Wright's winning coloring contest entry

## Aston Library Gears up for Fall!

The Library will be closed Tuesday, October 29 for county-wide in-service staff training.

Free Chair Yoga classes are returning to the library Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Find out more and sign up at [www.astonlibrary.org](http://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 will be a spooky free Halloween program for the kids at the Library on Monday October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents> for more details and to sign up!

The Friends of the Library are having their annual big book sale Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 (during Community Day) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find a bargain and help support the library!

Also during Community Day, the Library will host a free Child ID event provided by New York Life, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Parents will be provided with a photo ID for their child, including fingerprints and other useful information in the event of an emergency. Come stop by the library while you are at Community Day to see what we have to offer!

The Friends of the Library are hosting their second annual Harvest Fest event on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be many attractions, crafts, and other goods for sale, as well as a raffle. Come enjoy the event and support the Library.

The Library is holding a photo contest! Take a photo of your family reading together, and enter it for a chance to win, all families in Delaware County are eligible to participate. Just bring your photo to the library's service desk, or e-mail it to [hello@astonlibrary.org](mailto:hello@astonlibrary.org) by the October 25 deadline.

You can purchase a pass to the Boscovs Friends Helping Friends event on October 22 for \$5 at the library service desk. All proceeds go to the Friends of Aston Public Library. Friends Helping Friends is a day to enjoy great shopping, a super 25% discount shopping pass, refreshments, and special prize drawings.

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 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 October 15. 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"!

Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Richard Rodgers, Kawash and Shupp will perform hits from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Anything Goes*, *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and many more Broadway shows.

The Cultural Arts Forum has been sponsoring events for 37 years to support adult women students at Neumann University through the endowed scholarship named in honor of founder Margaret Mary Kearney. Since its founding in 1970, the Forum has presented more than 240 events and seminars.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission. Admission is free for Neumann students/staff and Cultural Arts Forum members. Please contact Nicholas DiMarino at 610-558-5626 for more information.

## Seventh Annual Uff is Tough Race

The friends and family of Joe Uff will hold the seventh annual Uff is Tough Halloween Run/Walk race on Sunday, October 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Sun Valley High School. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The Uff is Tough Race is a 5k run/walk through the streets of Aston and there are also races for kids.

Uff was diagnosed with colon cancer in June 2004 at the age of 27. He bravely battled the disease for four years and left us on his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday, April 12, 2008. Joey's family and friends are inviting you to help us celebrate his memory by participating in this memorial fundraiser.

Uff loved sports, especially running. He started running in second grade for St. Joseph's of Aston and continued in high school at Sun Valley. He then ran in college at Cabrini College and Arizona State University. After college, he coached track teams at Sun Valley and West Chester University.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are available to promote businesses and organizations. Each sponsor will be listed on the back of the official "Uff is Tough" T-shirt, given to all runners and walkers. Also, we welcome gift certificates and merchandise for our post-race raffle. For more info visit [www.uffistough.com](http://www.uffistough.com).