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The Dusters perform at the August Hometown Concert



Tim and Marge McRea brought out their dogs, Chase and George to enjoy the July concert.

Final Hometown Concert Set for September 9

The final hometown concert is set for Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. on the lawn of the Community Center.

The Greater Wilmington String band will take the stage for the final event of the summer. Lawn chairs are welcome and the concert will be performed rain or shine.

There will be food and refreshments available for purchase at the event. Summer Hometown Concerts are brought to you by Commissioner Carol Graham and the Aston Township Recreation Committee. Gina Ruggieri and Maggie Berry also volunteer on the committee.

August's concert brought about 60 people to the community center lawn to enjoy the sounds of The Dusters. The Aston Beechwood Fire Company is on hand to provide emergency services with their Gator ambulance.

Aston Business Association to Host 12th Annual Community Day on October 5

The Aston Business Association will host the 12th 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.

The 325th anniversary of Aston Township and the 20th anniversary of the Aston Historical Society will also be celebrated at Community Day. Residents can nominate fellow residents for Citizen of the Year and Grand Marshal by emailing mimibull@comcast.net or at the Aston Township Building.

Bike and Rodeo Contest

Kids, ages 0 to 12, can participate in the parade by decorating their bikes, wagons and strollers and riding along the parade route for all to see. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. There will also be a rodeo contest prior to the parade for bikes, sponsored by the Neumann University Nursing Program. For information and registration, contact Maureen Dillon at: astonbikecontest@gmail.com. Registration forms will need to be filled out so your kids can join in the fun.

Wrist bands can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$2 each or 6 for \$10 at the Community Center, beginning September 3 through October 4. Wristbands purchased during the day of the event will be \$3 each. Proof of Aston residency is needed at the time of purchase. Information about Community Day can be found on Aston Public Access TV (Comcast channel 10 or Verizon channel 45), Aston Township Web Site (www.astontownship.net), Community Bulletin Board and the ABA Web Site.

Anyone interested in participating in Community Day, the parade or volunteering your services for Community Day, please contact Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337 or mimibull@comcast.net for Community Day or Nancy Bowden at 610-494-5490 or nbowden@comcast.net for the parade.

September's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

RENOVATE OR OVERSEED

YOUR LAWN;

USE SLOW-RELEASE FERTILIZER

Labor Day signals the best time of year to renovate your lawn. Core aerate, then overseed a closely mowed lawn with a fine fescue grass seed mixture and spread a slow-acting, organic fertilizer. Fine fescues require less fertilizer and water. Slow-release fertilizers are less water soluble and therefore less polluting to streams. Less compacted soils absorb more rainwater.

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.

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.

Summer Recycling Stays Strong



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. Remember, recycling can help reduce the township trash fees!

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.

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, woodworking, 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 September 30

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP Inc., will hold its first meeting of the new fiscal year on Monday, September 30 at 10:45 a.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church on Concord Road in Aston. New members are welcome. For more info, call President Ruth Brusstar on 610-566-2632.

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

Aston Historical Society to host Historian on Sept. 12

The Aston Township Historical Society will host Nancy Webster, Delaware County historian and professor, on Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Building on Pennell Road (just below 5 Points & next to TD Bank).

Webster will kick off the year's celebration of Aston's 325th anniversary as a township with a talk on the early settlement of "Ashton" and what daily life was like here for the first generation of settlers. Did they pay taxes? Were there Native Americans here? What activities occupied those first families?

Webster herself is a descendant of the Dutton family, whose early home is in Aston and whose name is on a prominent local road. Webster has taught at Neumann and Drexel Universities and currently teaches at Swarthmore College. Come hear the former regional planner describe the life of the very first Astonians! This lecture is free and open to the public.

Flow of History Through Our Watersheds- Part Two continues on September 15

The "Flow of History Through Our Watersheds" lecture by Walt Cressler, PhD, West Chester University, will be continued on Sunday, September 15 at the Lang Concert Hall, of the Lang Music Center, at Swarthmore College. The program is jointly sponsored by CRC Watersheds Association with the Swarthmore College Environmental Studies Program. The official program

runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Attendees are requested to arrive in advance to check-in and to enjoy the reception which starts at 1:30 p.m.

Part one of Dr. Cressler's lecture held last April started with primordial geology of our area and took us to the eve of the Civil War. Some sample topics in part two include the Civil War, Underground Railroad, Idlewild and other resort hotels, philanthropic and educational institutions such as Swarthmore College and Widener University, Rose Valley and the Arts Community, and the history of Ridley Creek State Park. Watershed issues such as the growth of major industries along the Delaware River, the creation of the water supply and Philadelphia Suburban Water, and the establishment of conservation organizations will be included as a part of the history.

There is no charge, and the program is open to the public, but advance reservations are requested. Online registration is preferred at www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/282.

Attendees may also contact CRC directly at 610-359-1440 or crc@nni.com. Parking is at the large lot at the end of Whittier Lane, off of Elm Street. Directions have been posted on our website www.crcwatersheds.org.

A.B.A. to Host Golf Outing

In remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Aston Business Association will be holding its Annual Golf Outing with the proceeds being donated to Aston-Beechwood Fire & Ambulance, Green Ridge Fire Company, and the Aston Police Department.

Registration and Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 1 p.m.

Cocktails and Dinner to follow

Cost is \$135 for individual golfers and \$520 for a foursome. Cost includes lunch and dinner.

Forms will be available for download on our website: www.astonba.com

Please send registration form and

checks payable to the Aston Business Association to:

ABA Golf Committee

c/o Ron Temple

PO Box 96

Concordville, PA 19331

Protect Yourself from Car Theft

The Aston Police Department is always looking out for their residents, and with the recent spike in car theft, they would like all of Aston to be careful. Police Chief Dan Ruggieri has some tips to make sure that you do not become a victim of this recent outbreak:

- Make sure to always keep your car locked, no matter when or where you park.
- Keep everything in the car out of plain sight, especially anything valuable.
- Remove any valuable items you may have, if you can.
- If you must keep your valuable items in your car, keep them in a locked trunk.

Delaware County Council Celebrates History in September

The Delaware County Council is celebrating history the whole month of September.

The celebration kicks off on Sunday, September 1 with a bell ringing ceremony at noon at Furey Road Field in Upper Chichester.

The second annual Ride for History will be held Sunday, September 29 beginning at 9 a.m. The ride features a motorcycle, car and van tour of historic sights beginning at Hannums Harley Davidson in Chadds Ford and ending with a history celebration at Rose Tree Park.

The history celebration will be held on Sunday, September 29 from noon to 5 p.m. at Rose Tree Park. The festival will feature historical societies, entertainment, Native American presentation, international food court, antique bike show and car show. Sue Serio from Fox 29 will serve as Grand Marshal for these events.

September Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, September 5

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, September 9

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, September 9

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, September 9

Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 17
Aston Township Community Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 18

Ordinance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 24

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, September 26

Recycle Old Clothes

Fall is time to switch our spring/summer wardrobe to fall/winter duds. There's no better time than now to get rid of those clothes we haven't worn for "years." With 3, that's right 3, establishments right here in Aston disposing of those clothes in a manner that benefits others as easy as, well, 1, 2, 3. Let's not forget the other closets in our home – household items, working electronic gadgets, books, and the list goes on and on and on.

Local locations include GreenDrop Charitable Donations Center, supporting Purple Heart Veterans, located at Concord & Pennell Roads (the former Exxon gas station); The Attic, 4728 Pennell Road, Broadway Plaza, a collaborative project between the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters and the Education Division of Elwyn Institute; and Second Thoughts Resale Shop, located in the Valley View Shopping Center.

Aston Library Celebrates Busiest Summer Ever

This was the busiest summer ever for the library! More than 31,000 items were checked out from the library between June and August. There were also more than 1,000 attendees at library programs and more than 4,000 public computer sessions.

The library wishes to thank the American Legion and St. James Episcopal Church for their generous donation of space for our summer programs while the gym was being renovated. The Library has continued to develop the young children's area through its Preschool Connections Grant from the state. Throughout the past year, we have been working to improve the atmosphere and materials available for preschool children of the Aston community. There are new and exciting changes to the children's area. Many items have been purchased with the grant money, including a new chair, toys, board books, parenting books, books with CDs and other resources. If you have a toddler or preschooler, bring him or her to the library and get your child started with reading and learning early.

Check out the Children's Garden beside our parking lot, the flowers were planted by our storytime kids. Storytime is continuing, with sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents> to register your child!

Free chair yoga classes will be returning to the library in the fall. Stay tuned to www.astonlibrary.org for more details.

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 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. The Friends of the Library are planning a book sale for Community Day (Saturday, October 5) so be sure to stop by for a bargain while you are enjoying the festivities!

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 September 17. 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"!



Kids enjoy the Segal Puppet Show



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Volunteers at the Frank Staus Day Camp for the Blind pose for a picture.

Frank Staus Day Camp for the Blind Celebrates Another Successful Year

Every year the Aston Lionesses sponsor the Frank Staus Day Camp for the Blind in Aston. "Programs like this enhance the lives of everyone involved," said Janet DeAngelis, explaining her and others long running involvement.

Each year at the end of July, early August, the Lionesses have put on the camp with the help of the Lions, Leos, and the grand children of the more senior members. The camp originally held on the grounds that are now occupied by Sun Studios eventually moved to its current home in the banquet hall in the American Legion 926.

The camp is available to blind residents throughout Delaware County at a cost of \$20 for the week and the transportation back and forth each day is provided by Pennsylvania Association for the Blind.

Each day the campers are treated to an educational program, entertainment, and a wide menu of food options. Trivia games, a flea market, crafts, bingo, a pizza day, and a BBQ sponsored and prepared by the Aston Lions Club are just some of the things campers do while attending. DeAngelis would like to thank everyone who takes part and helps make this camp such a great week.



The new Public Works 2013 Super Duty F-350 4x4 Crew Cab.