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Aston kids take off as the fire siren sounds at the second annual Bunny Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.

More than 300 Aston residents turn out for Bunny Brunch

More than 300 Aston families turned out on Saturday, March 23, for the second annual Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt. Parents and children were treated to brunch in the Community Center and the Easter Bunny was on hand for hugs and photos. Volunteers from the Aston-Beechwood and Green Ridge Fire Companies and the Recreation Committee scattered more than 10,000 eggs for children to collect.

Kids could barely wait for the fire siren to sound before making a run for the eggs!



JT Casar poses with the Easter Bunny after the egg hunt.



Gianna Ziviello, Sammy Ziviello, Sydney Digan, Danny Digan, Matthew Digan, Mollie McGroarty, Kate McGroarty, and Shannon McGroarty proudly show off their haul from the morning's egg hunt.



Jackson Nagle visits with the Easter Bunny during brunch.



Kids search for one of the three special eggs per age group!

Sun Valley Sophomore Honored at Commissioners Meeting



Mike Etling received the Delaware County Firemen's Association Christopher Kangas Junior Firefighter of the Year Award and Aston-Beechwood's Ron Jones Junior Firefighter of the Year award for run year 2012.

Etling joined Aston-Beechwood when he was 14 years old and they knew from the start he possessed great potential in fire services. Now a sophomore at Sun Valley High School, Etling maintains an A-B average in honors level classes. He is a lance corporal E-4 in R.O.T.C. as well as platoon commander. Etling received the Cadet Firefighter of the Year award in 2011 from the Chiefs Cabinet for his exemplary work around the station and his dedication to advancing the company.

Commissioner Carol Graham presented Etling with his award. "It's commendable to have a young man so dedicated. We are lucky to have him in Aston Township," she said.

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



L. to R. Emma Stewart, Michelle DiScala, Colleen DeLacy, Maya DeLacy, Kayla Stewart and Grace Stewart enjoy brunch before the egg hunt.

April's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

LEAVE GRASS CLIPPINGS AND MULCH PROPERLY

Cut grass at 2½ to 3 inches tall. Mow often enough so that clippings are not longer than one-third (1/3) of the grass blade, so they can decompose easily into the soil.

Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilization is frequently a pollutant to streams, fostering the growth of algae which deplete oxygen levels, harming fish. Spare your stream by avoiding spring fertilization, and leave your grass clippings on your lawn instead. Grass clippings supply between 25% to 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs.

Mulched beds trap and infiltrate more rainwater than lawn or bare soil. Spread out any excess mulch away from trees and shrubs, making sure the tree's "flare" is exposed, and allowing it to decompose. Top off with a thin layer of fresh mulch, making sure the mulch is no deeper than 3" and does not touch the tree bark. Never spread fresh woodchips around trees or shrubs; their decomposition will harm plants.

Red Hill Farm CSA

2013 Memberships Available

Red Hill Farm, located at the corner of Red Hill and Legion roads, is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm offering freshly harvested organic produce (24 weeks for a full share, 12 weeks for a bi-weekly share)

'You-Pick' harvesting on produce pick-up afternoons includes blackberries, raspberries, cherry tomatoes, green beans, flowers, herbs, etc. Members also have access to purchase local sustainable meats and organic dairy products (beef, pork, chicken, eggs, yogurt, cheese, butter). Gain the experience of supporting your local farm.

Payment plans available, email redhillfarm@osfphila.org or call (610)558-6799 to register. Red Hill



Recycling Growing by Leaps and Bounds

The monthly recycling total for February was 85.46 tons. There were 6.5 tons of newspaper collected and 126 lbs of aluminum cans collected by the Aston Lions Club.

"The recycling program here in Aston has really been growing by leaps and bounds lately. I just want to thank everyone for doing their part and urge you to recycle everything possible," said Commissioner Gary Robinson.

Township to Apply for Recycling Grant

The Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to apply for a municipal recycling program grant with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waste Management. The grant will allow the township to purchase a new recycling truck to help create a sustainable weekly recycling program. The program will allow the township to continue protecting the environment and preserve it for future residents.

Farm is an environmental initiative of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia. For more information please visit our website www.redhillfarm.org.

Lions Club to host BBQ April 13

The Aston Lions and Lioness Clubs are having a BBQ Ribs and Chicken fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Aston Community Center parking lot.

Half rack rib meal is \$12 and a 1/2 chicken meal is \$7. Also includes a soda, side dish and roll.

Contact Janet at 610-459-0125 or mail your check to Aston Lions CF, Inc., P.O. Box 2052, Aston, PA 19014-0052. Lions and Lioness members will have order forms. Please come and support this worthy project.

Ladies of Musical Note Performance and High Tea April 14

The Cultural Arts Forum at Neumann University will host a high tea on Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. in the Austin Room, 3729 Chichester Ave., Boothwyn.

Entertainment will be provided by Rene Goodwin and Ed Hagopian as they perform musical selections, stories, and the triumphs of female soloists like Judy Garland, Marlene Dietrich, Marian Anderson and other female vocalists of the era.

Cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP by April 8 to 610-558-5626. Don't be afraid to wear your favorite hat!

Sister of St. Francis to Host Lecture on Genetically Modified Foods April 25

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia will host Michele Jacobson, a certified clinical nutritionist, to speak on genetically modified and engineered foods (GMO) and what people need to know on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the OLA Convent.

Learn how GMOs impact your health, the environment, and politics. Jacobson is a frequent contributor to the Northeast Organic Farming Association Journal and is currently working with their policy committee on GMO labeling. Cost is \$5.

For more information, please contact Joanna Rosenbaum at 610-558-5396. Checks can be made out to the Sisters of St. Francis, attention to Joanne Rosenbaum, 609 S. Convent Rd., Aston, PA 19014.

Free Dog License and Microchip Clinic April 6

The Delaware County Council and the Delaware County Kennel Club will host a dog license and microchip clinic on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Maintenance Building behind the Hunt Club at Rose Tree Park.

A small electronic chip, approximately the size of a grain of rice, will be



Robert, Maryanne,
Ryan and Robert Smith

St. Francis de Sales Celebrates Parents and St. Patrick's Day

Students at St. Francis de Sales School celebrated St. Patrick's Day by hosting their annual parent donut breakfast on Friday, March 15. Parents and students socialized over donuts and breakfast beverages. Traditionally students are encouraged to "dress down" (i.e. wear no uniform) and wear green in honor of St. Patrick's Day - leprechaun hats, shamrock ties, even the donuts wore green sprinkles! The breakfast also provided an opportunity for students and faculty to thank parents for all they do for the school.

St. Joseph's Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack Win Awards

The Unit Committees of Saint Joseph's Boy Scout Troop 225 and Cub Scout Pack 225 are pleased to announce that several of our youth have been recognized by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Ad Altare Dei Emblem winners include Stephen Brodecki, Austen Tercha, Andrew Gill, Joseph Milowicki, and Zachary Whittaker.

Parvuli Dei Emblem winners include Logan Gailey and Patrick Gill (Pack 77). Troop 225 has been awarded the Pope Paul VI Quality Unit Award for the tenth time by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for its superior program of scouting as a youth ministry.

implanted in the dog and scanned on site to ensure it is functioning properly.

A dog with a microchip is eligible for a lifetime dog license for a fee of \$31.45 if the dog is neutered and \$51.45 for all others. Annual dog licenses, which need to be renewed every year, are \$6.45.

"We all value our pets and it is heart-breaking if they get lost," said council vice chairman Mario Civera Jr., owner of a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel. "Having a current license paired with a microchip is the best way to ensure a lost dog is quickly and safely returned to its owner."

Microchips will be free of charge and are offered on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. All dogs must be on a leash.

American Legion Auxiliary to Host Community Yard Sale April 20

The American Legion Auxiliary will host a community yard sale on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Legion Parking Lot.

Spots equivalent to the size of two parking spaces can be purchased. Re-

freshments will also be sold by the Auxiliary. Support the Auxiliary, do some spring cleaning and make some money!

To reserve your spot today or for more information, contact Lorie Smith, President, at 610-952-0797.

Property Maintenance Ordinance Passed

An ordinance was passed at the March Commissioners meeting clarifying maintenance requirements for properties adjoining a public street or road.

All property owners will need to mow the banks and roadsides where the property is adjacent to or abuts a public street or roadway, municipal or state, in the Township. In areas where there are no sidewalks or curbs, the owner should mow to the edge of the pavement. The area should also be kept free of any weeds, grass, or overgrowth coming over the curb, as well as weeds growing between the street and curbing.

In residential areas, the entire lot on which the residents is located should be kept mowed as a lawn, except areas

April Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, April 4

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, April 8

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, April 8

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, April 8

Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16
Aston Township Community Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17

Ordinance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25

being used as vegetable or flower gardens. This includes the bank, the space between the sidewalk and the curb where sidewalks and curbs exist. The bank should be kept free of any weeds, grass, or overgrowth growing across the sidewalk and/or over the curb.

Aston Lions Club to Host Pancake Breakfast

The Aston Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 7 from 7:30 a.m.-noon at the Aston Community Center. Adults are \$7 and children under 12 are \$4. Children under two are free.

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

Aston AARP to Meet April 22

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP Inc., will hold its next general meeting on Monday, April 22 at 10:45 a.m. AARP meetings are held at the St. James Episcopal Church on 3210 Concord Road in Aston. New members welcome.

For more information, call President Ruth Brusstar at 610-566-2632.

Appointments

Derek Ramsey was appointed to a one year term on the Aston Township Library Board.

New Township Tax Collectors

If you've already filed your 2012 taxes then you know that this year the Township has a couple of new tax collectors. If you haven't filed them yet, feel free to use the information below to assist you in the process.

Do you own a business in Aston? Whether you have a brick and mortar store or work out of your home you are required to pay either the Business Privilege or the Mercantile license fee and tax. If you have any questions about this tax or need forms, please visit the website of new collector e-Collect Plus at www.e-collectplus.com.

If you live or work in Aston you have probably received some form of communication from our new earned income tax collector, Keystone Collection Group. As a member of the Delaware County Tax Collection Committee, Aston along with all the other participating members, will have their EIT collected by Keystone Collection Group.

While most of you have this 1% withheld from your paychecks due to the mandatory withholding requirement of Act 32, some self-employed individuals will still need to make sure this tax is paid. All individuals are still required to file and the forms to do that or the option to e-file can all be found on Keystone's website www.keystonecollects.com.

Night out in Aston to Support Sun Valley Post-Prom April 11

Visit any of the listed restaurants/eateries on the night of April 11 to help support Sun Valley High School's post-prom activities. Proceeds from the meal will help keep our children safe on prom night. Participating eateries include Bruster's, Cocco's, Casa Prego, Dairy Queen, Capriotti's, Hennessy's, Iceworks Pub and Grill, Iceworks Cafe, Viso's Authentic Italian Desserts, and Zac's Hamburgers.

Aston Public Library News, National Library Week set for April 14-20

The Aston Public Library will celebrate National Library Week from April 14-20, this year's theme is Communities Matter at your Library. In tandem with PA Forward/Pennsylvania Libraries, an initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association, National Library Week highlights the unique role libraries play in people's lives.

Stop by during library week, and catch a glimpse of all the things you can do at the library or visit www.astonlibrary.org. We are open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday. To learn more about PA Forward, visit www.pafoward.org.

Storytime with Ms. Joanne will be back on Thursdays starting this month. This inclusive program for ages 2-6 will be available for registration for either Tuesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This past month, the Green Ridge Fire Company visited the storytime and the kids were able to get in a real fire engine!

Answer the question "When you read a book, what do you see?" by drawing, collaging, photographing or creating a new cover of your favorite book, or of a book you will one day write! Pick up your entry form (with complete rules) at the library service desk. The Book Cover Design/Re-Design contest runs through June 1 and is open to all ages. Winners of the contest will have their entries displayed at the Library.

We have gotten more toys, stuffed animals, books, shelving and a new chair from our Preschool Connections grant from the state. Bring your child to the library to enjoy playing, reading and learning. Our goal is to make our Children's Area a destination for families to come and stay for a while.

The Friends of the Library will be having a big book sale April 17-21. Watch www.astonlibrary.org for more info or to join the Friends of the Library!

If you are a last minute filer, you can still get IRS and Pennsylvania tax forms at the library until the deadline. These are available in the "Reference" area of the library.

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 April 16. 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's available.



Children at Story Time with Ms. Joanne visit with firefighters from the Green Ridge Fire Company

Are you on Facebook? Follow Aston Library to stay up on what's happening. Click www.facebook.com/astonlibrary to become a fan!

Friends of Aston Library Book Sale

Wednesday, 4/17	10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Thursday, 4/18	10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday, 4/19	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, 4/20	10 a.m.-5 p.m.