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Offices Closed for Presidents Day

The Public Works Department and Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18 for President's Day. All Monday trash and recycling routes will be picked up on Tuesday, along with Tuesday's regular route.

2013 Appointments

The Township accepted the resignations of Michelle Dormer and C. Robert Hoyt from the Library Board of Trustees at the January Commissioners meeting. Hoyt leaves the board after many years of service to the Aston Library. Kristine Leary, Victor Crow and Marianne Leagans were appointed to three year terms on the Library Board.

Kevin Tinsley was reappointed to the Board of Health for a five year term and James Kelly was reappointed to the Township Civil Service Commission for a six year term.

The resignation of Donald Miller from the Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority Board was also accepted.

"I would just like to thank Don Miller for the countless hours of his time he donated, he was a great asset to the Sewer Authority," said Commissioner Fulginiti. "Congratulations to all appointees and thank you to those that served, but no longer can," he added.



Smiles in the Playground Slogan Contest Ongoing

Is your child a Penn-Delco elementary school student? If so they have a chance to put their mark in the history books of Aston Township. In 2012 the Recreation Committee took on the challenge of funding and creating a playground that features special equipment for handicapped children. This program called "Smiles in the Playground" is spearheaded by the 2012 Aston Township Citizen of the Year Kit Spayd.

If you have a child that would like to participate please have them send the slogan to the Aston Township Administrative Offices, CO: Recreation Committee, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, PA 19014. If you would like to help by making a monetary donation please send directly to Iron Workers Bank (3333 Concord Road), c/o Mort Smitham. Be on the lookout for an upcoming fundraiser! If you would like to learn more about the Smiles in the Playground project, please contact Kit Spayd at 484-995-3274 or kspayd@comcast.net.

Hoyt Leaving Library Board After Six Years

His love of books and reading brought him to the Library Board, and now Bob Hoyt is leaving after giving six years of service. "We did not have a library where I was raised, but my mother always bought me a book for Christmas. I have loved to read all types of books and I taught high school for 30 years and realize the value of reading, research, etc," he said.

Hoyt said he felt one of his biggest accomplishments was the inroads made by informing Aston, Brookhaven, and Parkside of the services the library provides and the need of funding for them. "I have followed the progress of the library since its inception. I believe a library is one of the most important assets to any community and I think the residents of Aston are very fortunate to have such an institution," Hoyt said.

"My favorite memories come from the people I have met locally, county-wide, and throughout the state. They have to be the most unselfish people I have met in my life," stated Hoyt. As far as advice to new incoming board members, he offered "Good board members are hard to find. If you would like to be a board member, be prepared to support the library financially, with your time and talents."

Aston Diner Now Open

The Aston Diner, located at 3601 Concord Road, is now open for business. The restaurant officially opened on Tuesday, January 15. The diner has been busy serving delicious meals to the residents of Aston. Stop by and try the new diner today!



CRC Watersheds & Penn State Brandywine to Host Lecture

Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association and Penn State Brandywine will host Tom Brightman, land steward at Longwood Gardens on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Brightman's lecture, "Restoring Habitat, Landscape Structure and Health in our Watersheds," will focus on restoring biodiversity and habitat structure, landscape aesthetics and stormwater runoff challenges and solutions in residential and institutional settings.

The lecture will be held in the Tomezsko Building Auditorium on the Penn State Brandywine Campus and is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact crc@nni.com or 610-359-1440 for more information or visit www.crcwatersheds.org.

Tips for Community Stormwater Management

TEST YOUR SOIL

Healthy soil grows healthy turf which can absorb more rain water. Purchase a soil test kit from Penn State and submit soil samples from your lawn to determine the nutrients that may be lacking. Go to www.aasl.psu.edu for more information.

Cut down stalks of ornamental and native warm season grasses left over the winter for bird habitat.

Sunoco Logistics Project

Sunoco Logistics is in the process of completing their project of replacement of the pipe line crossing the West Branch of the Chester Creek.

The project is anticipated to begin in the 1st quarter of 2013. The road closures are expected to be brief and intermittent affecting primarily Mount, Crozerville, Aston Mills and Red Hill Roads. These closures will be mainly to place equipment and detour routes will be clearly marked.

This **WILL NOT** affect the small dam that is already in place, or the stocking of fish in the Spring.

Recycling Sets Another Record



Aston Township set another single-stream recycling record with a total of **111.19 tons** of commingled recycling for the month of December 2012. Other materials recycled include 10.09 tons of newspaper, 126 lbs of cans collected by the Aston Lions Club and .81 tons of scrap metal collected. "I want to applaud all residents of the township for their efforts. The more we recycle, the more our trash cost is reduced. It is evident everyone is trying their best," said Commissioner Gary Robinson.

Sunoco Logistics has expressed its intention to try to fulfill this project with very little disruption and inconvenience as possible.

Any questions please feel free to contact 2nd Ward Commissioner Carol Graham at (610) 459-8557 or cgraham@astontownship.net.

Reporting Lost or Found Dogs in Delaware County

As of January 1, the following tips will help reunite a lost or found dog with its owner.

Having a current dog license is the best way to ensure a dog is returned to its owner. For details, visit the county website: www.co.delaware.pa.us.

If you find a lost dog with a license, visit the county website and click on Return a Lost Dog. Enter the license type and number to find the owner's phone number. You can also call the Treasurer's Office at 610-891-4276 during regular business hours to get the owner's information.

To report or reclaim a lost dog, call the Chester County SPCA at 610-692-6113, ext. 12, and provide detailed information. Stray animals that cannot be returned to their owner will be transported to the Chester County SPCA by the local animal control officer in participating municipalities. Citizen drop off of stray animals will not be accepted.

Other websites where people can post photos and information on lost dogs include www.PALostdogs.com or www.petfinder.com.

Sun Valley to Host Craft Fair March 16th

Sun Valley High School will be holding its Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. The National Art Honor Society will be selling food and doing face painting. It's a great way to support our local crafters and vendors!

Items for sale include raffles, a large selection of homemade crafts and spring gifts, jewelry, silk scarves, cake pops, Easter goodies, fudge, bows, and more! Proceeds benefit the Sun Valley Parent Teacher League.

AARP to Meet on Monday, Feb. 25

The Aston Chichester Chapter #3614 of AARP Inc. will hold its next general meeting on Monday, February 25, at the St. James Episcopal Church at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 3210 Concord Road in Aston.

New members and guests are welcome. For more information or membership information, please call president Ruth Brusstar at 610-494-1534.

Aston Public Library News

The library set another record for annual book checkout in 2012, circulating more than 95,000 items. Patrons also logged more than 17,000 sessions on the public computers, another record for 2012.

There is now a "train table" for kids to play with in the children's area thanks to a Preschool Connections grant from the state. The children's area also features other education toys



(L. to R.) 7th graders: Katie McGonigle, Mary Arena, Allison Farrell and 6th grader Sydney Nui.

Holy Family Students Give Back

Students at Holy Family Regional Catholic School rallied in December to assist those in need by sharing their time, talent and treasures.

Families from Holy Family School collected 128 turkeys and dinner “fixins” for the Missionary of Charity Sisters and St. Katherine Drexel Food Cupboard in Chester, to be distributed to families in the area. Students from each class in grades 5 through 8 went to Chester to deliver the food, knowing that they were helping to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to people in need.

Kindergarten Class Raises Most for Dimes for Sandy!

The school participated in Dimes for Sandy where Holy Family students, generously collected and then very patiently, lined up \$2,360 in dimes across the gym floor! The kindergarten class had the longest line - up and down the length of the gym almost three times! These funds supported the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

Holy Family School represents the parishes of Holy Savior, Immaculate Conception, St. John Fisher, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Charity. If you are interested in learning more about Holy Family Regional Catholic School for the upcoming academic year please call 610-494-0147.

for young children. Come enjoy them with your child!

The *Book Page* newspaper, containing book reviews and interviews with authors, is now available again. Pick up your free copy at the start of each month at the library service desk.

The deadline for the annual Book-mark Design Contest for kids is February 11. An entry form can be picked up at the library.

The library will host free Federal and State Income Tax preparation services again from PathwaysPA on Wednesday, February 13. Families or single persons with income below \$50,000 per year are eligible for the free assistance and e-filing. Fast refunds are available through direct deposit to bank or prepaid debit cards. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.** Call 610-494-5877 to make an appointment.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with work including calling patrons, putting books in order and delivering flyers and posters. Pick up an application at the library or visit <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 February 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's available.

Are you on Facebook? Follow Aston

Library to stay up on what's happening. Click www.facebook.com/astonlibrary to become a fan!

St. Francis De Sales School Kindergarten Registration to be held Feb. 10

Kindergarten registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on February 10, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the school cafeteria located in the lower lever of St. Francis de Sales School at 39 New Road. St. Francis de Sales School provides a full day kindergarten and also offers an after care program.

In order to register, parents/guardians must present the following information:

- Copy of Birth Certificate (kindergartners must be 5 years old by 9/1/12)
- Copy of Record of Immunization (child's name and birth date must be on record)
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Child's social security number
- Registration form and fee

Registration forms can be downloaded or completed online at www.sfdchurch.org. St. Francis de Sales School is also accepting registrations for grades one through eight. An open house is held every third Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Addi-

tional questions regarding registration can be directed to Sr. Mary Farrell at 610-459-0799.

Final Fundraiser for Sun Valley, Band heads to Disney this Month

The Marching Vanguard's will be proudly representing Sun Valley High School by performing in the pre-Parade for the “Celebrate a Dream Come True” Parade in Disney World on February 25.

The Band Parents Association wish to announce the last fundraiser before Disney, which is a Pancake Breakfast to be held at Applebee's on Sunday, February 17, 8 to 10 a.m. Even if you don't know a band member, please feel free to come out and enjoy having breakfast made for you! Tickets available through any band member and will also be available at the door.

This will cap off the Marching Vanguard's own dream season where they recorded six first place wins in their division during the regular season and an impressive second place finish at the Cavalcade of Bands Championships held on November 10, 2012 in Hershey, PA.

You can still view its performance on Channel 11 or you can search our YouTube channel, SunValleyHSBand.

How Things Work: Road Repaving

Each year one of the larger projects the Township takes on is the repaving of its roads. The behind the scenes work on this project actually starts during the previous year's paving, when a preliminary list of roads that would be up for paving is identified by the township's engineer. The engineer takes into account age and condition of the black top, and any potential issues when compiling the list.

As the year winds up the township manager, finance committee and finance manager are hard at work preparing a budget that includes a yearly paving project. Typically the allocation for this project is determined by the amount of monies the Township is projected to receive from the state and county liquid fuels funds. After the budget is passed and the New Year has begun the administrators and the township commissioners work on securing the monies needed to fund the project. Once the funds have been secured the engineer gets back to work checking the roads. This happens in the early spring and by then they are able to inspect for damage that may have occurred over the winter.

The commissioners then do the same and drive the streets verifying the list. Once this is complete the engineer gets to work preparing to bid out the project. This year the Township hopes to complete the paving in early to mid summer. Keep an eye out as more information will become available. We hope you enjoyed this little insight into how things work here at Aston Township.



Coloring contest-winner Jessica Yohey shows off her award winning drawing at the Aston Library.



The new "train table" for kids to play with in the children's area in the Library, thanks to a Preschool Connections grant from the state.

Historical Society to Meet Feb. 11

The Aston Township Historical Society's quarterly meeting and talk will take place on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Community Center at 3270 Concord Rd.

March is Women's History Month and we are honoring two local women who have made history in helping women with breast cancer. Kristin Dudley, a graduate of Sun Valley High School and Drexel University, has created fashion friendly compression sleeves to relieve lymph-edema. This has led Dudley to start a business called LympaDIVA.

Also speaking is local businesswoman (co-owner of IceWorks), Olympic Figure Skating Coach and motivational speaker, Uschi Keszler. Keszler's own bouts with cancer led her to found Pennies In Action. It is a charitable organization that raises money to fund the research and development of a cancer vaccine. The vaccine is in its second set of trials and has been hugely successful.

February Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19

Aston Township Community Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20

Ordinance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26

Zoning Hearing Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28

A Friendly Reminder from:

SWDCMA

(Southwest Delaware County
Municipal Authority)

Quarterly sewer service invoices are in the mail as of January 31 and are **due by February 28.**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2466, Aston, PA 19014

Office Address: 1 Gamble Lane, Aston, PA 19014

Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Office Phone: 610-494-1335