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Aston Beverage and the Kramer Family Honored

The Kramer family was honored at the May Commissioners Meeting for its involvement with the Aston Business Association. The Kramer family helps and chairs many events, including golf outings, which benefit the local Fire Companies and Police. The family also donates and participates in the annual Aston Township Community Day. They give generously to many school activities and also sponsor local baseball teams as well as the annual curling event.

Arthur Kramer and Peggy Kramer purchased the Aston Beverage Outlet on Marianville Road and Art operated the business from 1983-1994. Donna Kramer and Paul Kramer, son and daughter of Art, purchased the business in 1994 and operated it until 2005.

Mark Kramer, Art's son, and Drew Kramer, Paul's son, bought the business in 2005 and are currently the operators.

Aston Beverage Outlet is a family owned business and a friendly place where you can see residents of Aston and friends enjoying a conversation with the owners and employees.



Fisher Park Streams Clean Up a Success

More than 30 people turned out to help clean up Fisher Park on Saturday, May 4. Volunteers from the Calvary Episcopal Church, Aston Beechwood Fire Company and the local community came out to clean Fisher Park as part of the sixteenth annual CRC Streams Clean Up.

"This is the cleanest I've seen this park in my lifetime," said Commissioner Graham. She

also gave credit to the Lenni Athletic Club, for cleaning before and after the Fishing Derby the previous weekend.

Hometown Concert Series Kicks off June 3

The Hometown Outdoor Concert Series will kick off with performances by Joe Ward and Tim Carroll at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 3 at the Aston Community Center. These concerts are fun for the entire family!

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy an evening of great music and fun for free. Rain date for this event is June 4.

Stay in Town to Celebrate Independence Day with Us!

Staying in town this Independence Day? Aston Township will celebrate the Fourth like we have in previous years. While many municipalities have had to cancel Fireworks displays, Aston Township has been fortunate enough to be able to keep this event in the budget.

Starting at dusk on Thursday, July 4, the sky above Buggy Field will be filled with the magnificent colors and sounds of a first class fireworks display. The fireworks can be seen from many different locations throughout the township including on the hill at Neumann University, and of course, right in the action at Sun Valley High School. Come out and enjoy the celebration!

Summer second trash pick-up will begin the week of June 3 through August 30.

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

Aston Resident Celebrates 100th Birthday

Aston resident Anne Monaghan will celebrate her 100th birthday on Friday, July 26.

Come out to Hennessey's on Saturday, July 20 to celebrate Anne's birthday!

June's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

REPLACE SOME TURF WITH MULCHED BEDS, A RAIN GARDEN, OR POCKET MEADOW

Create new areas in the yard that will absorb roof water from downspouts, runoff from paved areas, and puddles in compacted soil areas. Start a flower or vegetable patch, build a bog or rain garden, or establish a pocket meadow to absorb rainwater. Mulch all bare soil in planted beds and under trees and shrubs with composted leaf mulch from your municipal leaf composting operation.

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 Library to Host Best Selling Children's Author

The New York Times No. 1 best selling children's author/illustrator, Judy Schachner, will do a book reading and presentation in Degnan Hall, at St. Joseph Church, 3255 Concord Road, Aston, PA, on Saturday, June 1 at 1 p.m.

Degnan Hall is across the street from the Aston Library. Schachner's Skippyjon Jones' books tell the story of a Siamese cat who thinks he is a Chihuahua. His character has delighted children for nearly a decade.

Following the reading, Schachner will be available for book signings and copies of her books will be available for purchase. Also after the reading, children's activities highlighting cats and dogs will include face painting and animal balloons, and other games.

Admission to the event is free. Tickets will be sold for cookies and some games. There will also be raffles featuring a family basket, pet basket as well as other fun items donated by local businesses. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide children's programs and



Recycling Rebounds for April

The monthly recycling total for April was 119.58 tons. There were 6.05 tons of newspaper collected and 98 lbs of aluminum cans collected by the Aston Lions Club.

Recycling has come a long way since 2012. As of April, the total collected for 2013 was 414.08 tons compared to a 2012 total of 272.12 tons from January to April. Commissioner Higgins reminded everyone there are things you use every day that are recyclable from shampoo bottles to junk mail to cereal boxes. Remember, recycling can help reduce the township trash fees!

to enhance the children's section of the Aston library. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Aston Library.

Camp Rainbow Registration Begins this Month

Camp Rainbow registration begins the first week in June. Camp Rainbow is a half-day program for children entering first through fifth grade. The camp runs from June 24 through Friday, August 2.

Camp Rainbow is open to Aston Township children only, at a cost of \$25 per week. For the week of July 1, the cost will be \$15 for the three day week.

Children attending camp enjoy a variety of activities including sports and crafts and each week is dedicated to a special theme including red, white and blue week, Halloween week, and the always popular Philadelphia sports team week.

All registration must be made in person at the Township office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

AARP 30th Anniversary Meeting June 17

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP Inc. is holding its annual June meeting on Monday, June 17 at noon. This special annual and 30th anniversary meeting will be held "Off-Site," at Lima Estates at 411 North Middletown Road, in Media.

For more info, please call President Ruth Brusstar on 610-566-2632.

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

Poore Park Dedication Set for June 23

On Sunday, June 23 at 3 p.m. the park located on the corner of Mount and New Roads will formally be dedicated as Poore Park.

The park will be dedicated in the memory of former Aston Township Commissioner Robert Poore Jr. Land owner, William Swan, has graciously allowed the Township to construct a park on the property and now has extended his generosity to allow the Township to formally dedicate the park. Light refreshments will be served at the dedication.

Summer Theatre Camps Are Back at Neumann June 24

As the curtain rises on summer for the Delaware Valley, camps of all shapes and sizes gear up. At Neumann University, Center Stage Productions (CSP) is no different in its preparations for another season of theatre camp.

CSP theatre camp offers three different programs: Workshop I for kindergarten through grade 3; Workshop II for grades 4 and 5; and Workshop III for grades 6 through 9. Workshops begin on June 24.

In the final weeks, campers experience performing first-hand with each workshop producing its own individual show. Through this experience, they not only learn confidence in public speaking and teamwork but also make lasting friendships with campers as they continue year after year.

Center Stage Productions is pre-

pared for another year of fun, friends and exciting performances. For more information, please call 610-558-5626 or email Nicholas DiMarino at *dimarinn@neumann.edu*.

Take Advantage of Single Stream Recycling

Are you taking advantage of single stream recycling? You can combine all of your recyclables in one can, no need to separate. Recycling benefits the environment, sends less waste to the landfill, and helps reduce trash fees!

Items approved for single stream recycling include aluminum soda and beer cans, cat food cans, etc.

Flint (clear), amber (brown), emerald (green) and blue glass food and beverage containers are approved as well as all ferrous cans including soup, coffee cans, empty aerosol cans, etc.

Any plastic containers marked with symbol 2 including milk or water jugs, detergent, shampoo, and bleach bottles without caps (narrow neck containers).

LDPE plastic food and beverage containers with symbol #4 such as butter and margarine tubs. Polypropylene plastic food and beverage containers with symbol #5 like yogurt containers. Other plastic food and beverage containers with symbol #7 such as mixed plastic containers.

Cartons and aseptic packaging juice boxes, gable top milk and juice containers, soup and soy milk cartons.

Old newspaper (ONP) and Sunday inserts are acceptable paper. Kraft paper bags are acceptable. Old Corrugated Containers (OCC) are acceptable as long as they are not wax coated. Fiber board such as cereal boxes are acceptable.

Materials **NOT** accepted include plastic bagging material.

Mirrors, window or auto glass, light bulbs, ceramics, any plastic containers with #3 or #6 or no # at all, paint, oil or antifreeze containers, coat hangers, fabrics and clothing, bio-hazardous

waste, electronic waste, food waste, or any household items (such as toasters, cooking pots or pans, VHS/VCR tapes, etc.).

Summer Safety Tips for Kids

As summer approaches it's important to stay aware of potential dangerous situations for you and your children.

Bites & Stings: Planning to spend time outside means planning to spray yourself and your kids with insect repellent -- repellents don't kill insects, but they can help reduce bites from mosquitoes, ticks, fleas and other bothersome bugs.

Ticks: Outdoorsy types aren't the only ones who need to worry about ticks -- you could pick one up in your own yard while gardening or playing outside. Prevent tick bites and tick-borne illnesses with these four steps: protective clothing, repellent, know your enemy (ticks like to hang out in grassy or wooded areas, and they are especially fond of places that are moist or humid), and be vigilant with tick checks.

Pool Safety: Never leave kids alone near the pool, no matter what their ages or swim capabilities are. Parents can and should take precautions around home pools, in addition to closely supervising kids while they swim. Installing fencing around pools, at least 5-feet high, all the way around and with a self-closing, self-latching gate, can prevent 50 to 90 percent of accidental drowning incidents. Pool and gate alarms alert you when the pool water becomes agitated and when the gate is opened and add another layer of protection.

Playground Safety: Check the playground equipment before letting kids play on it. For example, surfaces that are too hot can cause burns, and loose ropes that aren't secured on both ends can cause accidental strangulation. The ground should be covered in a protective surface such as rubber mats, wood or rubber mulch or wood chips, never grass, asphalt or concrete. The right surface materials could reduce the

June Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, June 6

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, June 10

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, June 10

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, June 10

Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 18

Aston Township Community Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19

Ordinance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, June 27

risk of head injury or other severe injury in the event of a fall.

Also, be sure that your child's clothing is playground-friendly: Remove any strings, such as those on hoodies, only let them wear closed-toed shoes at play and avoid clothing that is loose enough to catch on equipment.

Bicycle Safety: Wearing a helmet can help reduce your child's risk of a head injury. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) sets standards for helmets, so be sure to choose one with its safety seal on it.

Keeping kids safe on their bikes also means sending them out on bikes that fit. Checking that your child hasn't outgrown last year's ride is easy: Have your child straddle the top bar of his or her bike with both feet flat on the

ground. A 1 to 3-inch gap between the bar and your child's body means it's still the correct size.

Poison Ivy: Symptoms of a poison ivy rash may include itchy skin, redness or red streaks, small bumps or hives or blisters that drain fluid when popped.

The only way to avoid developing the rash is to avoid contact with these poisonous plants, but wearing clothing that covers a good amount of skin will help reduce your risk. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends home treatment for mild cases, including cool showers and oatmeal baths. If itching and swelling become moderate to severe, prescription medications can be used to reduce symptoms.

Food Poisoning: One of the best ways to avoid food poisoning during the summertime is to be sure food items that contain mayonnaise, milk, eggs, meat, poultry and seafood aren't kept at room temperature for more than an hour or two (one hour max if it's 90 degrees F outside). And remember, meat and eggs aren't the only culprits; raw fruits and vegetables can cause problems if not properly washed and stored. If you're traveling with food, be sure to pack any raw meat separately from ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.

Heat-related Illness: Staying hydrated in hot weather can help reduce the risk of heat-related illness. Keep water or sports drinks (with electrolytes) on hand to maintain hydration, and try to stay in a shady or air-conditioned location during the hottest parts of the afternoon.

Mild symptoms of heat exhaustion may include feeling thirsty, fatigue and cramps (legs or abdominal). If left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to heatstroke.

Aston Public Library News, Dig into Reading Summer Program Begins



The Summer Reading Program and rewards will be held again for the kids this summer. This year's theme is "Dig into Reading!" The big performances will be on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the gym. The first performance will be dramatic storyteller Mr. Malcolm on June 19. For the second performance on June 26, Didgeridoo Down Under will do their "high-energy, Australia-themed show."

If your child logs his or her reading at www.tinyurl.com/AstonSRP13 and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book!

Your child can expand his or her confidence reading by practicing with a trained therapy dog. Pals for Life will be visiting the Aston Library again this June on Wednesday evenings. Reading to animals helps shy children and children having trouble learning to read build confidence in their literacy skills. Register through the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

Free chair yoga classes are returning to the Library for six Tuesday evenings starting June 4 at 6:30 p.m. 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. Chair yoga is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is holding a coloring contest for kids of all ages. The coloring sheet can be picked up at the library or at astonlibrary.org. Just bring your child's entry (with the child's information on the back) to the library's service desk by July 1 to be considered. Winners of the contest will have their entries displayed at the Library.

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 June 18. 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!"



Library Director Stephen Sarazin accepts a \$500 donation from American Legion Post 926. Pictured (left to right)- First Vice Commander Jack Kowal, Sarazin, Post Commander Cy Yost, and Agitant Don Jenkins.



First grader Devin Warner's Art Contest winning entry