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Gia DeAngelo Recognized for 1,000th point

Gia DeAngelo was recognized at the February commissioners meeting for scoring her 1,000th career point on January 29 for the Sun Valley High School girls varsity basketball team.

She has been playing basketball since she was five and was leading the county with 22.3 points per game after 16 games this season. DeAngelo can score from all areas of the court, run the point, push the ball up the court, and play defense. Commissioners congratulated her on her accomplishment and wished her good luck with the rest of her season.



Engineers Week Recognized

Commissioner Gary Robinson announced Engineers Week with a proclamation at the February commissioners meeting.

Engineers have used their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creating innovative ways to fulfill society's needs and face the major technical challenges of our time. February 17-23 was recognized as National Engineers Week and celebrated "Engineers Make it Work."

Appointments

Pennoni Associates was appointed as the township's new building code official. Ray Church and Arthur Burkau were reappointed to the Zoning Board for five year terms.

Edward Finn was appointed to the Planning Commission for a four year term and Thomas Flanigan was reappointed to the Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority Board for a five year term.

Delaware County Symphony to host Free Pre-Concert Conversation March 3



Kelly

The Delaware County Symphony (DCS) will host *Lesser Lights Can Still Shine Brightly*, a free pre-concert conversation led by Dr. C. Michael Kelly. This program will be on Sunday March 3, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the McNichol Room of the Fred P. Meagher Theatre at Neumann University.

These lively and informative pre-concert conversations offer audience members historical and musical insights to enhance the appreciation of each symphonic concert. The March 3 concert,

Images of Eastern Europe, will feature guest soloist Blanka Bednarz performing Szymanowski's *Violin Concerto No. 1*. Included in this program will be Dvorak's *Carnival Overture* and Kalinnikov's *Symphony No.1 in G Minor*.

The DCS performs four symphonic concerts and four chamber concerts each season in the 300 seat Meagher Theatre. For additional information on these concerts please call 610-879-7059 or visit us at www.dcsmusic.org.

No Trash Collection March 29

In observance of Good Friday, no trash or recycling will be collected on Friday, March 29.

Aston Sports Hall of Fame March 21

14th annual Aston Sports Hall of Fame Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m. at Kings Mill.

Tickets \$30, contact Bob Harron at 610 485- 7377 or Chuck Taylor at 610 494-3827.

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

PLANT A LARGE STATURE TREE

Large trees are great stormwater control. At maturity, they intercept more than 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year. Their foliage and bark reduce runoff by intercepting rainfall, and their broad-leaf canopies also reduce the force of rain hitting the soil, reducing erosion. Where possible, plant a large stature broad-leaf tree such as an oak, maple, or black gum. Avoid pruning their crowns to allow full canopies to develop. This spring or fall explore converting a corner of your property to native warm season grasses. Their extensive roots of 3 to 7 feet deep enrich the soil and absorb many times the amount of rainwater that turf grass does.

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!

Recycling Continues to Set Records



Aston Township has done it again! The monthly recycling total for January was 117.37 tons, another record. There were 6.6 tons of newspaper collected and 2.32 tons of covered electronics picked up by e-force collections.

Remember! Recycling is single stream, you can include clear glass, aluminum cans, plastic #1, #2, #4, #5, and #7, green glass, bi-metal cans, newspaper (placed next to recycling can), brown glass, cardboard boxes, cardboard containers.

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.

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 and enjoying a farm community of eaters.

Payment plans available, email redhillfarm@osfphila.org or call (610)558-6799 to register. Red Hill Farm is an environmental initiative of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia. For more information please visit our website www.redhillfarm.org.

Free OSHA Training March 6

Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association and Environmental Risk Services are teaming up to offer a training session on the new OSHA Hazard Communication and Environmental Compliance Training. The workshop will be offered Wednesday, March 6,

from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Mansion Ballroom at Ridley Creek State Park off S. Sandy Flash Drive at Gradyville Road. Mike Lukas, Environmental Risk Services Manager, will be presenting.

Topics to be covered include review of waste stream regulations, new hazard identification, record keeping, accidental release and spills, and pollution prevention tips.

Certificates will be issued to comply with the December 1, 2013 training deadline. Pre-register by March 4 with Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association at crc@nni.com or call 610-359-1440.

AARP Sponsoring AC Bus Trip Mar. 27 Monthly Meeting March 25

The AARP Chapter will sponsor a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Wed. March 27, to see comedians "Andre & Cirell." Cost is \$24 which covers transportation and a \$10 slot voucher.

The bus will leave from Furey Road at 10:30 a.m. Call Margo at 610-358-0704 to reserve a seat.

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP Inc., is holding its next monthly meeting on March 25.

Meetings are held at the St. James Episcopal Church on Concord Road at 10:45 a.m. Speaker will be Bonnie Russo of Aetna, on the "ABC's of Medicare."

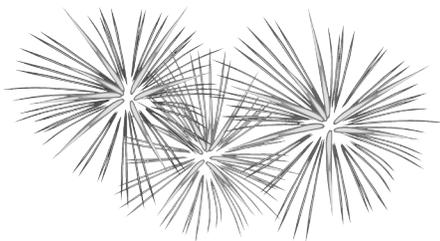
New members are welcome, call president Ruth Brusstar at 610-494-1534 for more info.

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.



Summer Fireworks Approved

It's never too early in the year to think about the summer. The Aston Township Board of Commissioners reminded us of that at the February meeting when they approved the contract with Starfire Corporation for the annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration.

This annual celebration has been a staple in the Township for more than 10 years and the breathtaking display can be seen from many of the neighboring municipalities. So the next time you are looking out your window and thinking will this winter ever end, think about the light at the end of the tunnel, the smell of barbecues, the splashing at the pools, the feel of the leather of a new baseball glove and most of all sights and sounds of the Aston Township fireworks display.

Women's Republican Club of Aston to host St. Patrick's Day Party

The women's Republican Club of Aston will host a St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 15 at the American Legion Post 926 on Concord Road in Aston from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For ticket info, contact Alma Carroll at 610-459-2277.

PECO Urges Customers to Beware of Utility Scam

PECO is urging customers to be aware of a scam that continues to target customers in the Philadelphia area. The scam, which has been reportedly taking place throughout the country, claims that customers are behind on their account and must make immediate payment to avoid service termination.

Customers are being asked to purchase a pre-paid debit card, in random amounts, from local pharmacies or convenience stores. The customer is then directed to contact a number to utilize the card for immediate payment to their account. Once the information is provided to the scammer, the funds on the card are removed.

"We want to make our customers aware of this scam so they can protect themselves from becoming victims of this and other fraudulent activities," said Mark Alden, PECO vice president of Customer Operations. "We will not tolerate anyone taking advantage of our customers. We are working closely with local police to investigate any instances of scamming in our service territory so that these individuals can be caught and brought to justice." PECO offers these tips for customers to help avoid being scammed:

If customers receive a call from someone who says they are calling to collect a bill payment for PECO, the caller should be able to provide information specific to the customer's account. This includes the following information:

- Account Name
- Account Address
- Account Number
- Amount of Current Balance

If the caller cannot provide this information, it is likely the call is not coming from PECO. In this case, customers should not provide any type of payment or financial information, and call the company immediately at 1-800-494-4000 to report the situation.

Never provide your social security number, or banking or credit card information over the phone unless you have initiated the call.

Never provide anyone access to your home who claims to be from PECO, or a contractor working for PECO, unless the person has proper identification. Customers can always contact the company at 1-800-494-4000 to confirm an official visit.



Neumann University offers Bus Trip to Songs for Sinatra Lovers March 31

Neumann University is sponsoring a bus trip to Doolan's in Spring Lake, New Jersey, for an Italian celebration with great food and starring number one Sinatra stylist Steven Maglio, direct from Manhattan's Carnegie Club on March 31. The show also features Italian American comedian Chris Monty and the Bill Trimarco and the Gondolier Show Band.

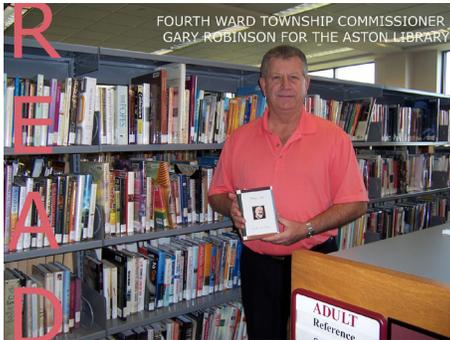
Bus leaves Neumann at 9 a.m. from the lower parking lot of the Rocco A. Abessinio building and returns at 6 p.m. Cost is \$80 per person and includes one-hour open bar plus luncheon and the stage show. Contact Nick DiMarino at 610-558-5626 to reserve your space.

All proceeds benefit the Dr. Margaret Mary Kearney Scholarship Fund at Neumann.

Northley Middle School Land Development Plan Approved

The final plan for a 56.369 acre parcel containing Sun Valley High School and Northley Middle School as well as recreational fields and related facilities has been approved for renovations. The plan will include three building additions, reconfiguration and expansion of the parking areas, and the installation of a geothermal field.

The building additions will include eight new classrooms, expansion of the administration areas, stairways and a connector as well as reconfiguration of the parking lot. All stormwater issues will be revised and addressed according to Township engineers. The entire middle school will also have fire sprinklers incorporated into the renovation and the project will be completed in phases starting with the additions and then interior renovations.



Aston Public Library News

The Library now has more shelving space to contain all the easy-reader books, adult paperbacks, audiobooks, and young adult novels that have been getting checked out. Come have a look at those areas to see our new space (soon to be filled with new books)!

A special storytime for toddlers ages 2-3 will be coming to the Aston Public Library on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in March, courtesy of the Delaware County Library System. Go to www.tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents for more info and to sign your child up!

We are carrying IRS and Pennsylvania tax forms again this year. These are available in the "Reference" area of the library.

Our annual fund drive letter will be out shortly. If you received a letter, please return it with a check. If you did not receive a letter, we have donation forms available at the library!

With your library card, you can now download hundreds of complete magazines to your computer or tablet device for free with a service called Zinio. Titles available include: *Consumer Reports*, *Newsweek*, *O*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Esquire* and *National Geographic*. Go to www.delcolibraries.org to access Zinio.

We are now getting the *Book Page* newspaper again, containing book reviews and interviews with authors. Pick up your free copy at the start of each month while they last at the library service desk.

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.

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.

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March Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, March. 7

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, March 11

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, March 11

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19
Aston Township Community Center

Board of Commissioners Meeting

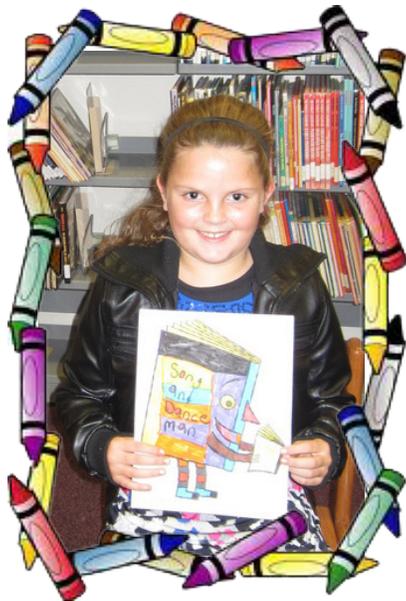
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20

Ordinance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, March. 28



Coloring contest winner
Melana Timmes.



Local children participate in
Ms. Joanne's holiday story time
at the library.