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Commissioner Firlein presents James McKelvey and his wife Dot with a proclamation celebrating McKelvey being named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.



Volunteers stand with some of the trash that was pulled out of the creek as part of the CRC's annual stream clean-up. This annual event helps keep our streams clean!

Hometown Concerts Return

Hometown Concerts are back this summer! Come out for a night of music at the Aston Community Center. The first performance will be held Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m. Local artist Tim Carroll will perform.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is always looking for talented local acts. If you or someone you know would like to perform at a concert series, contact the Township.

These concerts are free and open to the public, don't miss the fun for the entire family. Concerts will be held on Monday, July 7 and Monday, August 4. Check www.astontownship.net for more information.

James L. McKelvey Honored as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor

James L. McKelvey was recognized as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor at a special ceremony held March 26 at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. A Chevalier of the Legion of Honor is the highest honor bestowed to a U.S. soldier who fought in France.

McKelvey began his U.S. service when he was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1943 where he attended boot camp in Sampson, New York. He was assigned aboard the USS Nitro, an ammunition ship. He served as a boatman aboard the USS Melville and participated in the Normandy Invasion where he was seriously injured when a hot shell casing hit his wrist, ending his service.

McKelvey has also been awarded two Bronze Stars, the American Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, American Campaign, Middle Eastern Campaign, World War II Victory Medal, and World War II Veterans Medal. He also celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, May 24.

Township Statement on DCIU

The residents of Aston Township, especially the adjacent neighbors, have expressed their views on the proposed expansion at the Delaware County Technical School. Your comments have come across loud and clear. We respect your views, comments and concerns and take them very seriously.

Our job as Commissioners is to serve the residents and make decisions that are beneficial to them and Aston Township. We have to weigh the perceived benefit versus the estimated expense when making decisions on what is best for our community. Sometimes the best course of action is to hire a professional with a specialized background for consultation when making these decisions.

The situation involving the proposed expansion at the Delaware County Technical School site in Aston has gotten out of control before even being formally presented to the Board. The residents were given an opportunity by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit to hear about their plans. Many issues were raised about traffic, safety, size of buildings, geothermal energy and the overall impact on adjacent residents. The issues and concerns brought to the attention of the DCIU by our residents need to be answered clearly and accurately. However, the Aston Board of Commissioners still have not been formally presented with the final plans for the expansion of the Aston Campus.

In order for the Board to be better prepared to make an informed decision on the zoning and other issues raised by the expansion plans we have hired Donaghue & Labrum, LLP, experienced land use attorneys, to review all the details of the plan and advise the Board.

Based upon the findings of our attorneys and comments we receive from our residents, we will be better prepared to resolve the many issues presented by the proposed expansion. We understand the impact our decision will have on the residents, the Township, the children and the teachers employed by the IU alike. We are prepared to do what is best for our residents and Aston Township. This will include legal avenues available to the Township, namely, litigation in the Court of Common Pleas and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. We will educate ourselves, and will not hesitate to pursue the course of action necessary to ensure that all concerned parties are well served by our decision.

June's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

RAISE MOWER HEIGHT; JUDICIOUSLY CONTROL WEEDS AND PESTS

Raise your mower height to 3 inches for summer months. Taller grass grows deeper roots, shades and protects the soil, is less prone to disease, pests, and weeds, and captures more excess rainwater on the property.

Leave an unmowed edge (three feet or more in width) along streams, ponds, and drainage channels to prevent erosion.

Late May or early June is a good time to spread biological controls on your lawn or garden, such as beneficial nematodes to control Japanese beetle grubs. Avoid use of chemical pesticides and herbicides if possible, they damage beneficial insects and soil structures. If weed problems develop, spot treat specific weed patches rather than treating the entire lawn or garden.

Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: www.crc-watersheds.org/resources/view/96.

Check out Swarthmore College's sustainability web site: www.scottarboretum.org/sustainability/our-practices.html

Aston Seniors to Meet June 12

The Aston Senior Citizens' "40th Anniversary" luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 12 p.m., at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn.

The cost for members is \$25 and \$32 for guests. Deadline for reservations is June 2. Seniors in Penn-Delco School District, age 55 and older are welcome to join the Aston Seniors anytime throughout the year.

Several trips are planned in the next few months. Aston seniors and non-members are always welcome to join us. For trip information call Alice at 610-494-3534.

Red Hill Farm

2014 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 to its members.

Once each week for 24 weeks, members pick up their share of vegetables at the farm. Members of Red Hill Farm are also given access to the farms large "You-Pick" section which includes cut flowers, herbs, cherry tomatoes and beans.

A variety of payment plans are available. Call 610-558-6799, e-mail redhillfarm@osfphila.org, or visit www.redhillfarm.org for more information.

Support your local farm, and experience the joy of eating with the seasons!

Sun Valley to Host

Coach Bingo June 3

The Sun Valley Class of 2017 will host a Coach Bag bingo on Tuesday, June 3 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door, if available. Tickets include 10 games with cards. Door prizes, 50/50 and raffle baskets will also be available. Contact Shelly Carstensen or Amy Grady for tickets at rcarstensen@pdsd.org or agrady@pdsd.org.

Aston Police to Collect Old Meds

The Aston Police Department recently had a medicine collection box installed in the lobby on the first floor of the municipal building. The purpose being, to provide Township residents along with the general public a safe manner in which to dispose of prescription medication(s). This project is supported by Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan, with the intent to equip all police departments/municipalities in Delaware County with a medicine collection box.

Items which are accepted for collec-

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.

tion are as follows: prescription medications, over the counter medications, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications, ointments, lotions, and liquid medications in leak proof containers.

Items **NOT** accepted for collection: loose pills, needles, thermometers, bloody or infectious waste, medications from businesses, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, and inhalers.

Hours for collection will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Medications will not be collected after normal business hours, or during weekends.

Camp Rainbow

Registration Underway

Camp Rainbow 2014 registration is now underway. Registration forms are available at the Township offices, Aston Community Center and online at astontownship.net.

The camp runs from Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 1. Contact the Township offices at 610-494-1635 for more information.

Second Week Trash Pickup

Second week trash pickup is scheduled to begin on June 23 and run through September 5.

Public Works Working

Around Aston

The Department has picked up 511 tons of refuse, 133 tons of recycled material and 7 tons of leaves.

The amount of refuse collected for the first four months of 2014 is 21% less than the amount of trash collected in 2012. The amount of recycling material has increased by 78% in the same time frame. "Congratulations to everyone who is doing their part to make the planet cleaner," said Commissioner Fulginiti.

The department has filled more than 756 potholes and used more than 16 tons of asphalt to date to get the roads back in shape after the harsh winter.

Residents are reminded not to sweep or blow clippings into the street. Homeowners can be fined even if a hired landscaper does this.

What is Single Stream Recycling?

Single stream recycling is a system that takes two recycling “streams,” newspaper and commingled containers, and puts them together in one bin.

All items that are acceptable for recycling can now be put together in one trash can that you can place at the curb for your assigned pickup. These commingled materials will then be hauled to a processing plant specifically designed to mechanically separate the mixed materials so they may be sold and reprocessed.

StreetScape Initiative

Aston Township is planning to construct streetscape improvements along a 0.8-mile stretch of Pennell Road (SR 0452) between Concord Road (SR 3007) and Duttons Mill Road (SR 3020). The work will include sidewalk and curb ramp installation/improvements, pedestrian level lighting, landscaping, and landscaped center medians. The improvements will contribute to increased mass transit ridership and economic development by creating a pedestrian-friendly environment and connecting a variety of land uses including residential, commercial, office, institutional and recreational. The improvements implemented along Pennell Road will serve as guidelines to implement similar improvements along Concord Road and Duttons Mill Road as future projects.

The Township is requesting funding for this project through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The estimated cost for the project is \$960,000, which includes a 20% match from the Township (\$192,000).

AARP to Meet June 16

The Aston Chichester Chapter # 3614 of AARP Inc., is holding its next special meeting on Monday, June 16 at noon.

The special event will be held at Lima Estates in lieu of Cavalry Church. There will be no meeting during July and August.

For additional info on the June 16 or future meetings call President Ruth Brusstar at 610-566-2632.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection June 7

There will be a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, June 7 at Marple Transfer Station in Broomall. No electronics will be accepted. For more information visit www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html.

Shredding Event Rescheduled

The shredding event scheduled for last month has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Aston Community Center.

Low or No Cost Vaccinations Available

If you are uninsured or underinsured the Department of Health can help you receive all of your vaccinations!

The Department of Health offers LOW or NO COST vaccines. (\$5 cost for those above WIC income guidelines – payable by check or money order).

Vaccinations will be given:

June 11 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

July 16 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Vaccinations will be given at Anna's Place, 248 Long Lane, Upper Darby, PA 19082.

Please call the Pa. Dept. of Health at 610-447-3250 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

In Need of a Smoke Detector?

The Green Ridge Fire Company has received a supply of Kiddie brand

June Public Meetings and Special Events

Strategic Plan Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, June 4

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, June 5

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, June 9

Work Session Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, June 11

Vision Plan Study

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 24

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, June 26

smoke detectors and has offered to provide them to any Aston resident at no cost. To ensure proper installation and function, a Green Ridge volunteer will even show up and install the detector for FREE!

To request a smoke detector, contact the Green Ridge Fire Company at 610-494-6771 or fireprevention63@gmail.com.

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

Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Launches at the Library this Month

The library is offering its Summer Reading Program and rewards again for the kids this summer. This year's theme is "FIZZ BOOM READ!" The big performances will be on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the gym. The first performance will be the Piccirillo Scienctellers on June 18. They tell stories using science experiments. For the second performance on June 25, Turtle Dance Music will present their "Science Dance."

If your child logs his or her reading at www.tinyurl.com/AstonSRP14 and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book. The Friends of the Aston Public Library are doing a raffle of barbecue items next month. Stop by the desk after June 1 to pick up a \$2 chance and support the library!

Infant Storytime is returning again in June. The popular lap-sit storytime for babies up to 2 years old will be on Mondays at 10 a.m, and will feature Ms. Dee, a new storyteller!

Get your child's Penn-Delco required summer reading books for free this summer at the library. Stop by today to request the books before the waiting lists build up.

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 15 to be considered. Winners of the contest will have their entries displayed at the Library.

The Friends of the Library are looking for members who can attend monthly meetings and participate in fundraising activities. People who love the library and are ready to work hard for it are needed. 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 Tuesday, June 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.



Fizz, Boom, Read is the theme for the summer 2014 reading program.



Students gather round for Pals For Reading (reading to dogs) program this month, sponsored by Glen Riddle Rotary.



Avi Dhruva, 6th grade bookmark contest winner shows off his winning entry!

Happening Around Aston..



Aston-Beechwood Members Jim Long Sr., Mike Etting, Jim Long Jr. watch the Rockdale Memorial Day Parade.



Korean War Veteran and longtime Aston Resident Edward Powell at the Rockdale Memorial Day Parade.



Aston Valley Baseball League Slugfest players gather round after the game. The event was a big success and the managers, coaches, former players and former managers all played a great game!