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Commissioner Graham presents Judy Kirby with her Lifetime Achievement Award proclamation.

Pothole Patrol

Aston Township is on pothole alert! Residents will soon be able to e-mail the Township about any potholes or streetlights that may be out.

To report a streetlight issue, check for a little yellow tag on the light. These tags have a number starting with AT on them. This will help the road crews pinpoint the streetlight, enabling them to fix it faster.

Just a reminder- PennDot is responsible for state roads including Aston Mills Road, Birney Highway, Bodley Road, Bridgewater Road, Concord Road, Dutton Mill Road, Knowlton Road, Lenni Road and Pennell Road. State roads go from one town to another. For issues with state roads, you can contact PennDot at 610-566-0972.

Residents can also call Russ Palmore, Road Foreman at 610-494-8005 to report a pothole or streetlight issue. For potholes, be sure to mention the street address.

Kirby Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Judy Kirby was honored with the 2013 Delaware County Firemen's Association Harry Maitland Lifetime Achievement Award.

She began her career in 1974 with the Rose Tree Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary serving as Fire Police Lt. She began her fire career in the Chester Heights Fire Company in 1981, and since then has served in the Media, Rose Tree, S.M. Vauclain, Lima, Boothwyn, Aston-Beechwood and Rocky Run Fire Companies.

She has held numerous EMS, fire and administrative positions in both a professional and volunteer capacity. Kirby received the valor award with the Aston Beechwood Fire Company. She currently serves as the career EMS Supervisor for the Aston Beechwood Fire Company, a judge and a secretary for the Shamrock Judge's Association and has been elected as the first female president of the Delaware County Firemen's Association.

2014 Aston Sports Hall of Fame 15th Anniversary Banquet to be held March 20



The 15th Anniversary Aston Sports Hall of Fame banquet will be held on Thursday, March 20 at Kings Mill at 6000 Pennell Rd, Media, PA. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the banquet beginning at 7 p.m.

This years inductees include Alvo Pierdominico, promoter; Bill Maccall Sr. and John Kokol, baseball; Tom Brennan, basketball/baseball; Kevin O'Neill, Kyle O'Neill, and Bruce Stewart, football; Sheri Hihn, softball/volleyball; Denny Potts, John Lynch and Jerome Lewis, coaches; Sami Borcky and Ashley Montecchio, basketball.

Joseph Cirilli will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and TJ Mancini, Taylor Stigale and Jessica Schappelle will receive the 2014 Butch Ryan Distinguished Scholar/Athlete Award.

For tickets or more information, please contact Bob Harron at 610-485-7377; Chuck Taylor at 610-494-3827; or Joe Wassel at 610-494-2391.

Kane Receives Junior Firefighter Award



Kayla Kane received the 2013 Delaware County Firemen's Association Christopher Kangas Junior Firefighter of the Year Award.

She joined the Aston-Beechwood Volunteer Fire Company at the age of 14 and has been continually working to improve her knowledge and skills ever since. Kane obtained her EMT certificate at 16 and has been a top responder as both a firefighter and an EMT. The officers and members of Aston Beechwood are proud and honored to have Kayla.

March's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

PLANT A LARGE STATURE TREE

Large trees are 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.

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/ourpractices.html

General Federation Women's Club to Hold Fashion Show March 8

General Federation Women's Club will hold their 47th Annual Fashion Show on Saturday, March 8 at the Springhaven Club, Springhaven, Pa

Fashions are by Zinni's of Philadelphia and tickets are \$35. Please call 610-497-5234 for more information.

Mt. Hope Church to Host Walk Through Bible Live Event

Mt. Hope Church will host an interactive, fun walk through the Old Testament. The walk through will be held on Friday, March 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 29 from 9 am to noon. Cost is \$10/person or \$25/family.

A Message From Road Foreman Russ Palmore

As we get deeper into the winter months the removal of snow from our sidewalks and streets become more and more of a priority. Aston Township has prided itself for many years in having a top notch dedicated Public Works Department that goes out no matter what conditions are thrown in front of them. They are out working hard while most of us are sleeping.

It is during those waking hours, however, that we must do our part. It is imperative that individuals remove the snow and create a safe walkway on all sidewalks not later than thirty hours after snow or sleet has ceased to fall.

For best results individuals should shovel often and not let the snow pile up too high. If you live in a cul-de-sac please make sure your vehicles are not blocking the ability of the plow trucks to turn around. During a storm it is also important that you stay off of the road unless necessary.

Unnecessary road traffic creates a hazard for our drivers and you. Finally we ask that you please work together with your neighbors to assist the elderly and individuals who are not capable of shoveling.

Engineer Week Recognized

The week of February 16-22, 2014 was recognized as National Engineers Week with the theme, "Engineers-Let's make a Difference."

The week is celebrated to salute engineer volunteers who donate more than one million hours of service each year.

The Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers honored Elaine Elbich, PE, as Engineer of the Year; Christine Pace, PE, as Young Engineer of the Year; and honored John Pickett, PE, AICP posthumously with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

PennDot Awards ARLE Grant

PennDot has awarded \$82,500 under the ARLE Grant Program. The grant will improve the monitoring and communication at six traffic signals on Route 452. The grant includes engineering and construction costs with no local share.

New Committee Appointments

Donald Miller was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Michael Viscuso.

Eric Delellis, Mary Ann Bullen, and Jeffrey Brown were appointed to three year terms on the Aston Township Memorial Garden Foundation Committee.

Arthur Baur, Joseph McColgan, and John Bondrowski were appointed to the Electrical Board of Examiners for a two year term.

Frank Giorgini, Robert McLaughlin, and William Mason were appointed to the Plumbing Board of Examiners for a two year term.

DCIU Hearing Postponed

At the request of the Aston Township Board of Commissioners, the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (the "DCIU") held a public meeting on February 4 during which time they received a significant amount of constructive feedback that is currently being reviewed.

As a result, the DCIU has requested a continuance of the Conditional Use Hearing. This will allow the DCIU an opportunity to consider the information received from the residents before moving any further with the process.

Sun Valley High Craft Fair March 22

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Sun Valley High School Spring Craft

Fair! This is a great event to do some spring shopping and support our Parent Teacher League as well as local crafters and vendors. All profits go towards scholarships for our students as well as student events and donations.

There will be raffles and refreshments. **FREE ADMISSION!!**

Enjoy a wide variety of crafts including gift baskets, jewelry, wreaths, woodworking, silk scarves, glitter wine glasses, bows and headbands, cake pops, fudge, Easter goodies, and so much more!!

Celebrate St. Pat's at Neumann

Celtic Connection comes to the Neumann University stage on Thursday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m. for the Cultural Arts Forum.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with live traditional Irish music. Celtic Connection was formed in 1997. This four-man band includes Joe Mullin, Patrick Touey, Glen McCollum and Tom Neuhauser. They have experienced recent success with festivals in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Las Vegas. As very active members in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the band has participated in Philadelphia's St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years. The group has released three CD recordings entitled Celtic Connection (2002), New Horizon (2006) and Live from Finnegan's Wake in Philadelphia (2012).

General admission is \$8. The program is free for Cultural Arts Forum members and Neumann University students with ID. Performance will be held in the Fred P. Meagher Theatre in the campus Life Center. For more information please call 610-558-5626.

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:

March 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

April 17 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 15 9 a.m. – 3 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.

Neumann to Host Conference

Neumann University will host a conference on G.E.M. Anscombe's contributions to the Catholic intellectual tradition on March 14-15. Anscombe (1919-2001) is one of the twentieth century's most provocative and highly regarded philosophers.

Presentations will be made by faculty from the Catholic University of America, Niagara University, Seton Hall University, the University of Chicago, the University of Toronto, and many other institutions.

The conference fee is \$50 per person, \$25 per person for students, and free of charge for Neumann students, faculty and staff. For more information contact Dr. John Mizzoni at 610-558-5508.

Women's Republican Club to Host St. Patty's Day Party

Women's Republican Club of Aston will host a St Patrick's Day Party on Friday March 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion Post 926 Concord Road, Aston.

Tickets are \$25 per person. For ticket information contact at 610-566-9375.

March Public Meetings and Special Events

Strategic Plan Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, March 5

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, March 6

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10

Work Session Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, March 27

Snow Removal Reminder

Residents are asked to remove vehicles off the street and park your car in your driveway during any snow fall. This allows the Township to plow back to the curb.

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

Infant Storytime Returns to Aston Public Library

Infant Storytime is returning in March! The popular “lapsit” storytime for babies up to 2 years old with Ms. Theresa will be on Mondays at 10 a.m. You can register at our website www.astonlibrary.org.

Join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday at the Aston Public Library on Tuesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m! We will be reading *Fox in Socks* and *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. There will be songs and crafts for the kids. We will also be having a special visit from the Cat in the Hat!

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

We plan to continue Free Chair Yoga classes. Find updated information at www.astonlibrary.org.

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. Join up! 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, March 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.

Night Out in Aston Fundraiser March 27

The Aston Business Association and Sun Valley Post Prom 2014 Committee invite you to a Night Out in Aston.

We invite you to visit any of the local businesses listed below on Thursday, March 27. Proceeds from your meal will help fund activities that keep our children safe after prom. Please support this worthy cause. This year we are even getting our pets involved. Hope to see you out on 3/27!

Participating restaurants include Bruster’s, Capriotti’s, Coco’s, Dairy Queen, Hennessey’s, IceWorks Cafe, IceWorks Pub & Grill, Just Ice Cream, Mr. Softee, Petkrazie, Pretzel Boys, Taste Budz, and Viso’s Authentic Italian Desserts.



IceWorks hosted the 2012 Curling Nationals as well.

IceWorks to Host 2014 National Curling Championships

IceWorks Skating Complex will host the 2014 USA Curling National Championships March 1-8. It will once again partner with the Philadelphia Sports Congress and Brandywine Visitor’s Bureau to host a top-notch event featuring the top 20 U.S. men’s and women’s curling teams.

USA Curling’s site selection committee opted to

return to Aston again in 2014. In 2012, the event saw sold-out crowds on the closing weekend as well as strong event marketing. The 2014 Nationals will take place just six days after the close of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

“The 2012 Nationals organizing committee, led by IceWorks, significantly raised the bar for future championships, and I have no doubt they will ratchet it up even further come 2014,” said Rick Patzke, USA Curling chief operating officer.



Kim Perkins author of *The Adventures of Trefor the Curling Rock* reads her book at IceWorks last month.



A library patron plays with the toy trucks that are part of the educational toys in the kids area at the Library.

Knights of Columbus to Host Fundraiser April 12

The Fr. James A. Donnelly Council Knights of Columbus will host a fundraiser featuring the sounds of the Juliano Brothers on Saturday, April 12 from 8 p.m.-midnight in Degan Hall at St. Joseph’s Church, 3255 Concord Rd, Aston.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will help in the continuation of the Knights of Columbus’ charitable activities.

Admission is \$15 per person and all guests must be 21 or over to attend. A cash bar serving wine and beer will be available.

For more information, please contact Joe Zakorchemny at 610-888-4767 or jaz1030@aol.com

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV’s public access channels for updated postings on Comcast channel 10 and Verizon channel 45, as well as the township website.