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Pride in our Community

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Commissioner Carol Graham presents Danielle Albrecht and Sue Vaughan with a proclamation recognizing the AYSA program.



Lisa, Matt, Abby and Andrew Lammeert and George, Nicole, Georgie and Bella Needles enjoy the Bunny Lunch before heading out to grab some eggs!

Bunny Lunch Boasts Great Turnout

A beautiful sunny day brought out more than 400 residents to the Community Center for the Bunny Lunch and Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 5.

Patrons were treated to a delicious brunch with a hot dog and pretzel before heading out to round up Easter eggs. Volunteers were on hand to spread out the eggs including three special eggs shaped like baseballs per age group. Aston Beechwood and Green Ridge fire trucks sounded the alarm to let the kids know it was time to find the eggs.

The event was organized by the Aston Recreation Committee. "We appreciate everything our volunteers did to make today a success," said Commissioner Carol Graham. "We hope a great time was had by all," she added.

Autism Awareness Month Recognized

The Board of Commissioners recognized April as Autism Awareness month. The Board also recognized the Aston Youth Soccer Association Special Needs program (AYSA). Danielle Albrecht and Sue Vaughan started the program in the fall of 2011 for children with autism and disabilities. The program has grown from 13 registrants to more than 50 during the past three years.

The AYSA program provides a safe, educational and fun opportunity for children with special needs while giving them an opportunity to participate in the same type of activities as their siblings and peers.



Tyler DelVecchio stands with his parents Thomas and Lisa to accept his Eagle Scout Recognition from Commissioner Graham.

Tyler DelVecchio named Eagle Scout

Tyler DelVecchio passed his Eagle Board of Review on September 18, 2013 and was recognized at the Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, April 27 at Mount Hope Church. Tyler began as a Cub Scout with Pack 292 where he earned the Arrow of Light, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn.

Tyler crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 292 in 2007 and he embarked on the Trail to Eagle, learning many skills and earning 12 required merit badges along the way. During his scouting tenure, he has held several unit leadership positions including Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Den Chief.

His Eagle Scout project was the construction of a raised garden to be utilized by the Aston Presbyterian Church Day Care Learning Center students. This was part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Grow it, Try it, Like it" program to promote a healthy diet in children.



Taylor, Autumn, and Laci Brown and Logan Mancini pose with the Easter Bunny after the hunt.

Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. No recycling or trash will be collected. Monday's and Tuesday's recycling and trash will be collected on Tuesday, May 27.

May'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.crc-watersheds.org/resources/view/96.

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

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:

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.

Historical Society to Meet May 8

The Aston Township Historical Society will present: Part II – History of Aston: The Mills on Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. The lecture will be held at the Aston Township Municipal Building, Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Dr. Nancy Webster will discuss life in the Mill Districts of Aston. See photos

and memorabilia, hear and share stories of the Township's unique history.

Aston Seniors to Meet May 22

The May meeting of the Aston Seniors will take place on Thursday, May 22 at 10:45 a.m. in the Aston Community Center.

Entertainment will be the singing group, "The Artisans." Tickets for the Thursday, June 12 40TH Anniversary luncheon will be sold at the meeting.

Seniors in the Penn Delco School District, age 55 and older are welcome to join the Aston Seniors anytime throughout the year.

New members must submit an application, which can be obtained by calling Diane at 610-447-1599. Membership dues are \$10 a year.

Hazardous Waste Collection May 3

There will be a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, May 3 at the Emergency Training Center in Sharon Hill, PA. Visit <https://www.delcoestc.org> for more details.

AARP to Meet May 19

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP Inc., will meet for it's next meeting on Monday, May 19 at 10:45 a.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, located on Mount Road, in Aston.

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

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

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

'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!

Aston Native Bo Ryan Recognized at April Commissioners Meeting

The Aston Township Board of Commissioners recognized University of Wisconsin coach and Aston native Bo Ryan. He is well respected in college basketball and has been coaching since 1984. This year was the first time he has taken his team to the final four and he came within one point of being in the national championship game.

Ryan grew up in the Bridgewater section of Aston township. His father Butch Ryan and sister Nancy Sipple were founders of the Aston Township Sports Hall of Fame.

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 department's/municipalities in Delaware County with a medicine collection box.

Items which are accepted for collection 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 per-

Register for Science in the Summer at the Library this Month!

Science in the Summer, a free science education program, is coming to the Aston Public Library again this year. The theme this time will be genetics, Science in the Summer helps elementary school children “grow into science.” The program will be July 7-10 with both morning and afternoon options. You can apply for a spot from May 1 to May 31 at the library. For more about the program, go to: www.scienceinthefsummer.com!

Infant Storytime with Ms. Theresa will be Mondays at 10 a.m. again this month. This is a storytime for babies up to 24 months old, with rhymes, songs and board books. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents> to register.

The Senior Community Services book club will be discussing Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen on Wednesday, May 14 at 11 a.m at the Library. Please read the book before the discussion. The program is free, for more information, contact Farah Esfahani at 484-496-2143 .

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 on Wednesday evenings this month! Reading to animals helps shy children and children having trouble learning to read build confidence in their literacy skills. Register now at <http://www.tinyurl.com/AstonPals2014>.

Free chair yoga classes are continuing on Saturdays at 11 a.m. until May 17. Find out more and sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/astonadultevents> today 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.

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, May 20.

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.

oxide, 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.

Joseph Billie Named Assistant Fire Marshall

Joseph Billie was named Assistant Fire Marshal effective May 1. He has been involved with the Fire Services since 1988 and is employed with Kimberly Clark and serves as Deputy Chief of the Fire Brigade and Confined Space Rescue Team.

Billie replaces Nick Spayd, who resigned after several years. “We thank Nick for everything. He has been a valuable asset to the township,” said Commissioner Graham.

Aston Seniors 40th Anniversary Luncheon

The Aston Senior Citizens 40th Anniversary luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 12 at noon at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn. Cost for members is \$25 and \$32 for guests.

For more information, please con-

May Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, May 1

Strategic Plan Meeting

3:05 p.m. Wednesday, May 7

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, May 12

Work Session Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, May 14

Vision Plan Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, May 15

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 27

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 28

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, May 29

tact Liz Anderson at 610-565-5650 or Anne Sweeny at 610-494-0677.

Rabies Clinic May 14

A rabies clinic will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Aston Township Public Works Garage. Rabies shots will be available for pets at a cost of \$10 to Aston residents.

CRC Stream Cleanup May 3

Wade in and clean up the streams at the 17th annual CRC Streams Clean up at Lewis Fisher Memorial Park on Saturday, May 3 from 9-11 a.m.

In 2013, volunteers collected more than 22,300 pounds of trash among 27 sites. The complete list of streams to be cleaned can be viewed at www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/307.

Aston Middletown Little League Marks 64 Seasons

It was a beautiful April morning as parents and kids came out to celebrate Aston Middletown Opening Day and the 75th anniversary of Little League baseball. The 2014 season marks the 64th season that Aston Middletown Little League has been serving the community. More than 400 children gathered around the main field for Opening Day ceremonies. All the twelve year-olds were recognized since this will be their last year in the league. Commissioners Graham and Firlein were on hand to represent Aston and present a donation to the league. Ed Foy, a part of the league for 20 years, threw out the first pitch and helped judge the team banners.



Ed Foy helps select the banner winners from each division, as well as the overall winner.

Aston Valley Inducts New Members to Walk of Fame; Lehr Tosses First Pitch

Perfect baseball weather arrived just in time for Aston Valley opening day this April. The parade began with the teams arriving in trucks, tossing candy and waving to fans during the parade. Many special guests were on hand including Rep. Steve Barrar, Rep. Joe Hackett, as well as Commissioners Jon Firlein, Carol Graham and Jim McGinn.

The new Walk of Fame class included Hal Baker, who has been involved in the league since 1967, served as president as well as helped in building Weir Field; Joe Hart, who was a long-time field maintenance person and currently serves as Teener Commissioner; Dave Eastburn, a coach who kids enjoyed playing for as well as against and served many board positions; Norm Sakers, another pioneer of the league who began coaching in 1960; Dick Lehr, former Township Manager and recipient of free hot dogs for life at the field; Craig Maloney, who spent more than 18 years coaching; and Howard Petticord, also known as "Mr. Do Everything," including building dugouts and helping build the concession stand.

Lehr received the honor of throwing out the first pitch to kick off the 2014 season.

American Legion Parade

American Legion Post #946 will have their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26 at 10 a.m. and the ceremony immediately following.

Aston Shredding Event

Aston will host a shredding event on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Must be an Aston Resident. Maximum of 5 boxes or 5 bags allowed.



The 2014 Walk of Fame members, Mrs. Eastburn accepting on behalf of the late Dave Eastburn; Craig Maloney, Norm Sakers, Hal Baker, Howard Petticord and Dick Lehr and Joe Hart.



Dick Lehr takes the mound to throw out the first pitch to kick off the 2014 season.

Fifth Annual Lenni Fishing Derby

About 100 children and their families came out for the fifth annual trout fishing tournament for kids age 4-12. An overnight rain was not enough to spoil the event. Tournament coordinator Frank Wingerder was out at 4:30 a.m. to check on the condition of the stream, finding all the gates in tact and everything A-OK. The biggest fish of the day were separated by a mere half an inch. Bryan Ricciotti caught a 20 1/4 inch trout and Mikie Brabson, 5, reeled in a 20.5 in trout. Brabson's catch managed to take the hook with him the first time, but was caught again for keeps the next time, with the hook still in his mouth.



Mikie Brabson and his dad show off his 20.5 inch trout catch at the Fifth Annual Lenni Fishing Derby.

A Friendly Reminder from:

SWDCMA

(Southwest Delaware County
Municipal Authority)

Quarterly sewer service invoices
are in the mail as of **April 30**
and are due by **May 31**.

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