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Eric DeLellis Named Aston Township Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Eric DeLellis was recognized as Aston Township Outstanding Citizen of the Year for the time and service he has donated to making Aston a better community.

He is a 1985 graduate of Sun Valley High School and has lived in Aston since 2003. He currently serves as vice chairman of the Township's Zoning Hearing Board. DeLellis served our country with a deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009. He has served with the Army Reserves for 21 years and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in January.

DeLellis holds a bachelors degree in environmental engineering from Lock Haven University. When he's not working, DeLellis balances his time between his wife and three kids as well as volunteering on the Zoning Board and the Veteran's Memorial Committee.



Commissioner McGinn presents Eric DeLellis and his family with his proclamation recognizing him as Aston Township Citizen of the Year.

Township offices will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day. No recycling or trash will be collected. All Monday's recycling and trash will be collected on Tuesday, October 14.

DICU Hearing October 28

The Conditional Use Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road, Aston PA. beginning at 7 p.m.

Aston photos are on the web! Visit our Flickr account for photos from events around town. Visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/123767654@N05/> or search Aston_Township.

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



Commissioner Graham speaks at the Patriots Day Memorial Program on September 11.

Patriots Day Program Remembers Sept. 11

The Aston Township Boy Scout Troops 225 and 292, Girl Scout Troop 57075 and members of American Legion Post #926 came together to remember the lives we lost on September 11, 2001. The memorial ceremony, held at the Aston Township Memorial Garden at Five Points, was filled with speeches, songs, and thanks to all those who have served, or are currently serving our country.

Rachael McCullough from the Girl Scouts and Matt Gane from Boy Scouts Troop 225 hosted the ceremony. Speakers included Aston Commissioners Mike Higgins and Carol Graham; Bill Dondero representing U.S. Congressman Patrick Meehan; Kevin Andrews representing Pa. State Rep. Joe Hackett, and American Legion 2014 National Eagle Scout of the Year Joseph Blaisse.

The Green Ridge, Aston Beechwood, and Rocky Run Fire Departments were also thanked for their never ending dedication.



Gianni Palmarini sings the National Anthem.

October's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

PLANT TREES IN YOUR YARD AND COMMUNITY

Fall is the best time for planting most trees and shrubs. The more trees and shrubs on your property, the more stormwater is controlled in your community. Consider volunteering to plant trees in your community with your tree commission, watershed association, or other conservation organization.

Leave faded blossoms on perennials to mature into seedheads to support birds and other wildlife over the winter. Spread lime if the soil test indicates soil is too acidic for turf grass.

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

Aston Township Vision Plan

At the March 19, 2014 Aston Township Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board voted in favor of contracting Simone Collins, PC to develop a Vision Plan For Aston.

The proposed Aston Township Vision Plan includes a market assessment of the opportunities that exist in the community; an assessment of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan goals – which have been accomplished and which have not; and a development of a community vision for both tangible and intangible assets toward enhanced economic development and quality of life in the community.

The plan includes a series of community outreach events including multiple public meetings to solicit ideas from residents and business owners in the community.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the meetings so their voice is heard.

Greaseband to Play Oct. 18

The Greaseband is coming to Saint Joseph's Parish in Aston on Saturday, October 18.

The Greaseband is a seven member nostalgic dance party band and concert attraction. It features outstanding male and female lead vocals in a front trio, backed by a gifted group of instrumentalists. Their highly entertaining and energetic delivery of some of the greatest songs ever written has kept the group on top for well over 30 years.

Remember to mark your calendars for October 18 to attend the Greaseband concert at Degnan Hall at Saint Joseph's Church, 3255 Concord Road, in Aston.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$17.50 per person. There will be a cash bar and bar food will be available for purchase.

For reservation, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email him at: jaz1030@aol.com.

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:

Oct. 16 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.

Sun Valley Craft Fair to be held October 25

Sun Valley High School will hold its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. What a great time to support our local crafters and vendors. Raffles,

large selection of homemade crafts and holiday gifts, jewelry, and more!

Aston AARP Chapter to Meet Oct. 27

The Aston Chichester Chapter #3614 of AARP Inc., meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 10:45 a.m, at the Calvary Episcopal Church, on Mount Road, in Aston Pa.

The October meeting will be on October 27. New members are always welcome. For more info, please call Michael Scott, Membership Chairman, at 267-259-2836.

Sun Valley Bag Bingo Nov. 5

Sun Valley Class of 2017 will host Coach Bag Bingo at the Aston Community Center on Wednesday, November 5, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Doors open at 6. Cost is \$30/pp in advance \$35/pp at door (if available).

Ticket includes 10 games, door prizes by Vera Bradley, 50/50, raffle baskets, and concession stand. Extra game cards will also be available for purchase. Contact Kirsten Connolly 610-485-5950 for advance tickets.

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Nov. 2

The Aston Township Lions Club will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 2 from 7:30 a.m. until noon at the Aston Community Center at 3270 Concord Road. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under and children under 2 years are free.

Meal includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, potato puffs, coffee, juice, and milk for children. Ask for seconds.

This is a very important fund raiser for the club. The Lions recently donated excess medical equipment to those in desperate need in Africa. The club provides medical equipment (at

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no charge) to members of the public, scholarships, supports local teams, and provides numerous eye exams each year.

There are other donations to Beacon Lodge Blind Camp and Camp Kirby for the Deaf.

If anyone in the community has light weight wheel chairs in operating condition, that they are willing to donate to the Lions Club, please call Anthony at 610-368-3435.

St. Francis Clothing Consignment Sale Oct. 24-25

St. Francis de Sales School will host its annual clothing consignment sale Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. Items for re-sale will include gently used children's and maternity clothing as well as shoes, equipment, baby furniture, nursery and maternity items, books, videos, toys, and sports gear.

The sale will take place 9 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5–8 p.m. on Friday as well as 9 a.m.–noon on Saturday at the St. Francis de Sales School Field house at 39 New Road in Aston. Saturday is half price day!

The children's clothing sale is a great way to clean out your no longer needed items and earn money at the same time. Consigners are still welcome. This is a 50/50 profit sharing event with proceeds going to the school. Consigners get early shopping privileges. For further information please contact Elaine McKay at 610-637-8166 or mckayvelocity7@aol.com.

Proceeds from the sale support St. Francis de Sales Parish School. To benefit the community, items not sold will be donated to a local mission.

Uff is Tough Race Oct. 26

On Sunday, 26, the family and friends of Joe Uff will hold the eighth annual, "Uff is Tough" Run/Walk at Sun Valley High School and through the streets of Aston. To benefit the Joe Uff Cancer Foundation for local families who have been stricken by cancer.

To register visit uffistough.com.

Fall Bingo Slated at the Library

The Friends of the Aston Public Library is hosting "Fall Bingo" on Saturday, October 18 at the Aston Community Center on Concord Road. Doors open at 2 p.m. and bingo will start at 3 p.m. There will be all CASH PRIZES! All proceeds will go to supporting the Aston Library. Admission for this event is \$25.

The Friend's Bingo will offer special games. Reasonable extra cards and Bingo supplies will be available for purchase. There will be food, drinks and delicious desserts. In addition, we will sell tickets for wonderful raffle items and 50-50 chances. The raffle baskets include fall art, a fall wreath, wine, lotto tree and many more. Chances cost \$2 or 3 for \$5. No underage children will be allowed. Please come and bring family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon. If you have any Questions please call Marianne Leagans at 610-4859963 or e-mail at mleagans1@verizon.net.

Delaware County Senior Medical Advisor Warns of Enterovirus

Hundreds of children across the country have been hospitalized by a respiratory illness identified as Enterovirus 68 (EV-D68), a virus that has made headlines over the past several weeks.

Delaware County Council and the Department of Intercommunity Health want to provide information to residents regarding the signs and symptoms of EV-D68 with the goal of increased vigilance and a focus on preventing the rapid spread of this disease should it become a local concern.

Dr. George Avetian, Delaware County Senior Medical Advisor, said EV-D68 was first identified in California in 1962. It has been reported to cause symptoms ranging from mild to severe respiratory illness. According to the CDC, EV-D68 is similar to the rhinovirus that causes the common cold. The primary difference is that infec-

October Public Meetings and Special Events

Work Session Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, October 8

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, October 14

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, October 15

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 21

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 22

tion with EV-D68 has the potential to lead to more severe respiratory symptoms. Typical symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat. Individuals (especially children) with underlying respiratory problems or compromised immune systems are at greatest risk for hospitalization, pneumonia and other complications.

"This outbreak of EV-D68 is not the first to cause concern in the United States," Dr. Avetian said. "As a matter of fact in September 2009 we had clusters of this virus in Pennsylvania. Studies on EV-D68 are limited, and so is knowledge about how the virus spreads."

The virus has been isolated in respiratory secretions such as saliva, nasal mucus, and sputum. Like influenza, the virus most likely spreads from person to person when an infected individual coughs, sneezes or touches contaminated surfaces. With this in mind the following measures are strongly encouraged: thorough washing of your hands frequently with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers. Hand sanitizers are not effective against this virus.

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

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Fall Bingo Benefit October 18; Chair Yoga back October 11

The Friends of the Aston Public Library will host a fall bingo on Saturday October 18 from 3-7 p.m. at the Library. Admission is \$2 and all bingo prizes will be in cash. Food and refreshments will be sold as well as bingo supplies. There will also be special raffle and all proceeds will benefit the library.

Our next free Chair Yoga class is starting October 11 on Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga, using a chair for support. Sign up for chair yoga at <http://www.tinyurl.com/astonadultevents>.

Storytime is continuing this month with our storyteller Ms. Alicia and will feature books, music, movement and crafts. Storytime is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for kids 2-5. Sign up for storytime at <http://www.tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

Ed Schmitt will entertain the kids with a spooky magic show Tuesday, October 21. The program will be in the gym at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join the fun. Schmitt is an award-winning children's magician from the Delaware Valley and his Halloween Magic Show is designed for Boys and Ghouls of all ages. Themed around Halloween, the show includes ghosts, vampires, Frankenstein and special appearances by "Jacko, the Jack-o-Lantern of Mystery." The show uses music, magic, comedy, live animals and lots of audience participation to create an enjoyable experience for the whole family.

Come support the library and find a bargain at the Friends of the Aston Library Book Sale! Hours: Friday, October 3 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, October 4 (during Community Day) 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Most items are \$2 or less!

You can now purchase Friends of the Library T-shirts and bags to show your support of the library! These are available at the service desk at the library.

Go to the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org to get more information about activities offered at the library this fall! 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.

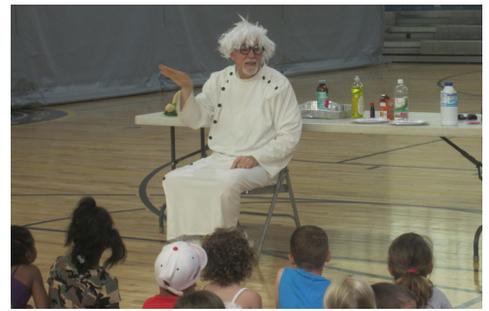
The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the library at 7 p.m. on the 14.

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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection October 18

There will be a Delco Household Hazardous waste collection on Saturday, October 18 at Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building, 8500 Furey Road Upper Chichester. This event runs from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. and offers computer and portable TV recycling as well as small electronics (excluding items that contain Freon). If you've ever participated in an event, you leave with a good feeling knowing you've disposed of your hazardous items in a responsible fashion.

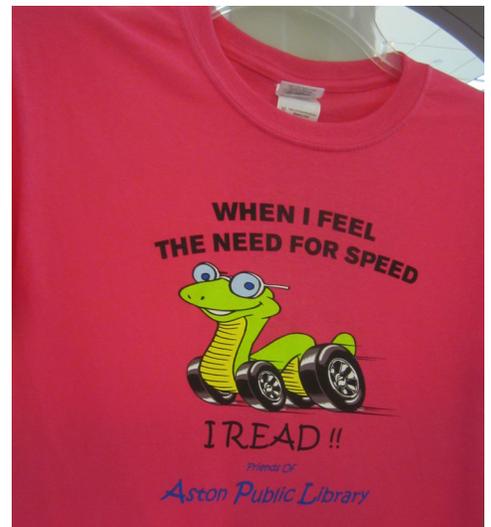
For more information, visit <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/bhw.html>.



Mr. Malcolm entertaining the kids at his summer program performance.



Mrs. Amy from Jitterbugs Music, who did several storytimes this month.



The Friends of the Library are selling t-shirts! Stop by the Library so you can show your love of reading to everyone!

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-Avoid kissing, hugging and sharing cups and utensils with

people who are sick.

-Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs.

-Stay home from work or school if you are sick.

"Anyone, especially children with asthma, who begin wheezing along with cold symptoms, should immediately seek medical attention," Dr. Avetian cautioned.