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Community Day Slated for October 4; New Rides this Year!

The 13th Annual Aston Township Community Day will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. Rain date for the event is Sunday, October 5 from 1-6 p.m.

The day will begin with a parade starting at Neumann University and ending at the Community Center. Anyone interested in participating in the parade please contact Nancy Bowden at 610-494-5490 or email: nbowden@comcast.net.

The Business Expo will be held inside the Community Center immediately following the parade and opening ceremonies. This is a great way for local businesses to get their name out and advertise to the community. Anyone interested in the Business Expo please contact Chairperson Terry Yanuzzi at terry@rickssheds.com.

Throughout the day, there will be a number of different events, games and activities. The newest feature this year will be an inflatable carnival game booth and two new rides; uproar ride and trackless royal race cars. The regular favorites, Mickey Mouse Learning Center, mechanical bull, photo booth and the famous dangling climbing rock wall will be back and are all featured by BETTE'S BOUNCE. Iron Workers Bank, Aston Branch, will be sponsoring a magician thanks to Morte Smithham. A professional clown will also be on hand to paint faces and tattoos. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks and entertainment from our local musicians in Aston.

Local non-profit organizations are welcome to set up a table outside with information about their organization and hand out literature, advertise upcoming events, and have activities at their table. This is a great opportunity to recruit additional members.

Aston restaurants or eateries are invited to join the famous food court and use the opportunity to promote their facility by handing out samples of food, menus and coupons that invite residents to visit your business throughout the year. Selling of any goods, raffle tickets or sales of any type are not permitted on the outside grounds of the Community Center, during this event. We are asking all community businesses



Kids take advantage of the rock climbing wall and bouncy slides at last year's Community Day.



and organizations to help make this a wonderful event that will bring our community together and convey an awareness of the many businesses and opportunities in Aston, and most importantly a fun filled day for our residents!

Again this year we will have the young children's bike parade and contest organized by Maureen Dillon and a bike rodeo hosted by Karen May from Neumann University. More information will follow. Please check our township web site and TV Channel for registration. For bike parade information and registration please contact: Maureen Dillon at astonbikecontest@gmail.com.

Advanced wrist bands are now available at the Community Center. Your donation of \$2 each or 6 for \$10 which are required for Community Day Festivities. Wristband donation will be \$3 each the day of the event. Proof of Aston residency must be provided at time of donation.

Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. No recycling or trash will be collected. All Monday's recycling and trash will be collected on Tuesday, September 2.

For more information on this event or to volunteer your help during the event, please contact Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337, e-mail mimibull@comcast.net.

September's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

**RENOVATE OR OVERSEED YOUR LAWN;
USE SLOW-RELEASE FERTILIZER**

Labor Day signals the best time of year to renovate your lawn. Core aerate, then overseed a closely mowed lawn with a fine fescue grass seed mixture and spread a slow-acting, organic fertilizer. Fine fescues require less fertilizer and water. Slow-release fertilizers are less water soluble and therefore less polluting to streams. Less compacted soils absorb more rainwater. Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/96.

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

Second Week Trash Pickup

Second week trash pickup is scheduled to run through September 5.

Public Works Working Hard

The Public Works Department has picked up 527 tons of refuse and 87 tons of recycled material for June. They have also filled more than 1,000 potholes using more than 22 tons of asphalt to date.

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 commu-

nity 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. The next Vision Plan meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m.

ABA Golf Outing Sept. 10

The ABA 13th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at the Brandywine Country Club. The event commemorates the events of 9-11-2001 and proceeds benefit the Aston Fire and Police Departments. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A new exciting feature this year - "Win a Car with a Hole in One".

Pre-Registration, participation, and invitation forms can be found on the ABA website, astonBA.org, or contact chairman Ron Temple at 610-364-9400 or ron@petkrazz.com; or Drew Kramer at 215-593-7014 or akadru411@comcast.net; or Rick Yannuzzi at 610-497-4019 or sales@ricksheds.com.

Boy Scouts of America to Hold September 11th Ceremony

The Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops of Aston Township will host a September 11 Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Memorial Gardens. The ceremony will recognize the 13th anniversary of September 11. If there is rain, the event will be held at the Aston Community Center.

For more information, contact Barry Pinkowicz at 610-494-5294.

Aston Seniors to Meet Sept. 24, Trip October 15

Penn Delco Aston Seniors' memberships can now be renewed by sending a check for \$10, made out to Aston Senior Citizens. Please send checks to

Mr. Stanley J. Wileczek, 123 Edgar Avenue, Aston, PA 19014. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

Also, Penn Delco seniors, who wish to join, please call Stanley Wileczek at 610-494-5434 to obtain a membership application. The first meeting of the new season will be on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 10:45 a.m.

The Penn Delco Aston Seniors is sponsoring a trip to Penns Peak in the Pocono's to see the licensed Four Freshman on their world tour on October 15. The cost is \$83 for dinner, show and transportation. Reservation and money is due by Sept. 25. Call Alice at 610-494-3534 for any questions.

Aston seniors and non-members are always welcome to participate.

Valley View Park Restoration Project

Aston Township has made application for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreational Program (GTRP) Grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for restoration of Valley View Park. Valley View Park (aka Vinsmith Park) located in the Township's Seventh Ward comprises 3.024 acres of open space land, most of which is grassy area. The park is completely surrounded by predominantly ranch homes on Vinsmith, Edgar and Raymond Avenues, and Stella Lane, with the main entrance at Vinsmith and Bonsall Avenues.

The Valley View Park Playground Committee was formed in the spring of 2014 to address concerns raised by local residents that the existing recreation equipment was unsafe and unusable due to vandalism and deterioration. The primary focus of the committee was to make recommendations for restoration of the park, including new playground equipment and other recreational needs.

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

The committee also wanted to address community concerns for providing a playground that will sustain long-term functionality, and at the same time, remain a safe venue for all our residents, children and adults alike.

Renovation of the park is contingent upon receiving the GTRP Grant and would include the following renovations:

Freestanding Events – These components add fun and excitement in the playground, while at the same time, improve cognitive skills, challenge agility and inspire interactive play experiences.

Surface Material – A rubber bond safety surfacing material has been recommended by the committee. This surface material requires very little maintenance, and at the same time, provides safety for the children using the equipment while meeting the critical fall height of the recreation components.

Walking Trail – A walking trail for use by all age groups, but primarily for adult recreation will be constructed. The proposed trail will run along the perimeter of the park, at a distance of approximately 1,000 feet (333 yards), being approximately 7 feet wide and constructed of asphalt or macadam material.

Sledding Venue – The hilly area along the northern and western end of the park will continue to be used as a sledding venue. However, we are considering the addition of large rocks and shrubs to create a landscaped view for walkers while creating a sledding venue that contains an irregular line for sledding, thus a challenge for sledding participants.

Baseball Field – Renovations will include repainting of the backstop and sideline fencing, as well as, cutting out the home plate area, base lines and building up the pitcher's mound.

Basketball Court – The playing surface will be relined and remarked.

Signage – Proposed signage includes welcome signs at the entrances, eye level park regulations, destruction warnings and other appropriate signage.

Proposed playground equipment upgrades include: Grasshopper Ridge Play System (Ages 2-5); Winter Haven Custom Design Play System (Ages 5-12); swing sets; 4-Seat-Buck-A-Bout; see-saw; merry-go-all; and a sky runner.

Other furnishings include park benches, picnic tables, bike racks and adequate trash receptacles.

The estimated cost for the park renovations is \$225,000, with the GTRP grant funding 85% or \$191,250, and the Aston Township 15% or \$33,750. Images of the park, recreation equipment and the proposed walking trail are available at www.astontownship.net.

It is important that the Township maximize effective use of existing recreational land and facilities in order to preserve and enhance the livability of the community. Investing in new recreation systems for Valley View Park is an investment in the future of the Township.

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

September Public Meetings and Special Events

Board of Health Meeting

3 p.m. Tuesday, September 2

Strategic Plan Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, September 3

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Thursday, September 4

New Construction Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, September 8

Vision Study Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, September 8

Work Session Meeting

3 p.m. Wednesday, September 10

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, September 16

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, September 17

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 23

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 24

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.

PECO Smart Ideas Meeting

As a service to the community, the Aston Business Association invites ALL Aston businesses and residents to our special 'Open Door' meeting Monday, September 1 at 6 p.m., at the Aston Township Municipal Building. Representatives from PECO will provide their "Smart Ideas" information about ways to conserve energy and save on your bill. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Library Seeking Children's Program Coordinator

The Aston Public Library is seeking an enthusiastic, organized and creative person to coordinate and perform story hour and other programs for the children at our small community library on a part-time basis. Duties include preparing and delivering several story hours each week for children 0 – 9 years of age. Qualifications: prior children's programming or teaching experience, ability to work independently and responsibly, strong verbal and written communication skills and a love for libraries. \$15 per hour, approximately 20 hours per week. Submit letter of interest, resume and references to Stephen Sarazin, director@astonlibrary.org. Job description details are at www.astonlibrary.org.

The Aston Public Library is having special storytimes in September with Amy of Jitterbugs Music and Movement. During the story time the children will listen to stories and participate in movement activities such as: singing, dancing, experimenting with instruments, and playing bean bag & parachute games. Come join the fun! The programs will be Thursday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. each day.

On Thursday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a special "Dance Me A Story" Storytime. This program with formally trained dancer Lisa Oster will teach the kids some basic dance moves. Sign up for storytime at <http://www.tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

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 starting September 8th! 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>. The Pals for Reading program is sponsored by Glen Riddle Rotary Club.

Free Chair Yoga is returning for six Tuesdays through September 30 at 2 p.m. each day. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga, using a chair for support. Chair Yoga will be back on Saturdays in October.

Go to the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org to sign up and get more information about these and the other activities offered at the library! 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 Tuesday, September 16.

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 Sept. 14

There will be a Delco Household Hazardous waste collection on Sunday, September 14 at Penn State University Brandywine Campus. 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/hhw.html>.



Mr. Don of Classroom Adventures blasting the kids during his summer program.



Storyteller Vicky Town performing during her summer program.



Kids meeting animals during the party we had to celebrate our Summer Reading Club participants.

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:

Sept. 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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.