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An Aston resident scoops up Easter Eggs!



Volunteers in the Easter spirit pass out snacks in the Community Center.

Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Good Friday, April 3. All trash and recycling pick up will be picked up Thursday April 2.

More than Ten Thousand Eggs Found in Easter Egg Hunt

The chilly late March weather didn't stop more than 500 citizens from coming out for the annual Aston Township Easter Egg Hunt. Bundled up children ran for the eggs and snatched up more than 10,000 that were stuffed by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Aston Township Fire Department was on hand to sound the alarm when it was time to make a run for the eggs.

Once the eggs were collected, children and families gathered inside the Aston Township Community Center for delicious treats, songs, and the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny.

April 12-18 is National Library Week

The Board of Commissioners recognized the week of April 12-18 as National Library Week. Libraries are the heart of their communities, campuses and schools. Librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls as well as bringing community members together to enrich and shape the community. Join the Aston Township Library in celebrating National Library Week with libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America!



Commissioner Graham presents Stephen Sarazin, Director of the Aston Township Library, with a proclamation for National Library Week.

Aston Sports Hall of Fame Recognizes Commissioners

Kevin Talbot and Rob Locklear, Aston Sports Hall of Fame Committee Members, took the time to recognize the Board of Commissioners during the March meeting. They presented the Board of Commissioners with a certificate of appreciation for its generosity and support. The most recent banquet was held on March 11 where more than 250 people gathered to honor the Hall of Fame inductees and scholarship recipients.

The Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1999 by longtime township resident William "Butch" Ryan and his daughter Nancy Sipple, a former Aston Commissioner. The Aston Township Sports Hall of Fame has raised more than \$50,000 in scholarships awarded to deserving Sun Valley High School Student Athletes.



Aston 5th Ward Commissioner Jim McGinn, on behalf of the board of commissioners, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Aston Township Sports Hall of Fame committee members Kevin Talbot and Rob Locklear.



Fourth Ward residents braved the snow for their Easter Egg Hunt! A little snow couldn't stop these residents from coming out.

Sister of St. Francis Open Doors to Public

The Sisters of St. Francis invite you to tour the OLAC facility and chapel on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Join us for a short historical presentation and a tour of the first floor buildings and chapel, followed by light refreshments and time for questions and answers. Your hosts will be Sr. Kathleen Parisi, OSE, and several other sisters who live at the motherhouse.

In order to prepare for our guests, we ask that you call the receptionist at (610) 459-4125 to provide your name, phone number in case we have to cancel, and the number of family or friends who will attend. If this is not a good day for you, you can call Sr. Kathleen Parisi at (610) 558-7714 to select a date and time for a group tour for at least six people. Tours may be scheduled Monday through Friday.

Pothole Patrol

Thank you for being a concerned citizen! Help us help you by reporting a roadway maintenance request at www.astontownship.net.

The Aston Township Public Works Department is committed to providing a timely response to your request. Our goal is to remedy the situation within 24 to 48 hours then follow up with an email when the repair has been completed.

Please note that following certain weather events and extended periods of extreme temperature, reporting volume is likely to be very high. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please complete the form online and enter as much detail as possible, especially for the location.

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.

Smoke Detectors Available

The Aston Township Fire Department has smoke detectors available, just call the station. Fire Department members will come out and ensure proper installation of the smoke detector.

Local Tax Return Due April 15

It's that time of year again. Your 2014 local earned income tax return is due on April 15.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at www.keystonecollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2014 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

Please note that the forms changed this year. If you will be claiming an out-of-state tax credit or if you work in Philadelphia, you may be eligible for a local earned income tax credit up to the amount you owe to your resident municipality. The worksheet on the back of the form will help you calculate your out-of-state tax credit (attach a copy of your out-of-state filing).

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, call Keystone's Taxpayer

Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions to "Taxpayer Support" at www.keystonecollects.com.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2014 are required to file a tax return by Wednesday, April 15.

Public Works, Working for You

The Public Works department is working to ensure avoiding potholes comes to an end this Spring. It has filled 124 potholes with 1.34 tons of asphalt.

In addition to this, it has also picked up 288 tons of refuse and 105 tons of recycled material. Public Works has also started cleaning the parks in preparation for Spring!

Coach Bag Bingo

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

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.

Aston Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Aston Lions will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 12 at the Aston Community Center from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and children under 2 eat free.

Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, tater tots, juice, coffee, tea and chocolate milk for children.

All of this for one low price, and yes you may have seconds!

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

Flea Market Vendors Wanted

The GFWC-Aston Women's Club is looking for vendors for a Flea Market on Sunday, April 26 in the Planet Fitness Parking lot located at Marianville and Pennell Roads. Contact Norma Locke at 610-497-5234 for more information.

Nancy Webster Lecture April 9

The Bethel Township Preservation Society and Concord Township Historical Society present *The Delaware River: A History, a Highway for Native American, the Fur Trade, and Invasions*, by Nancy Webster. The lecture will take place on Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Rachel Kohl Library, 687 Smithbridge Rd, Glen Mills.

New Business

John Savdarg was appointed to a five year term to the Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority.

Sun Valley Clothing Drive to Benefit Post Prom

Sun Valley will host a clothing drive to benefit post-prom. Drop off dates are April 7-20 and drop off location is the Sun Valley Lobby. Accepted items include: clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, purses & backpacks, hats, gloves, scarves & belts, household items, pillows, blankets, quilts & sheets, curtains & table linens, toys & bicycles.

St. Francis De Sales Ladies Club Penny Party & Basket Bonanza

The St. Francis De Sales Ladies Club will host a Penny Party and Basket Bonanza on Monday, April 13 at 6-9:30pm at the St. Francis De Sales Field House, 35 New Road. Admission is \$3. Games will include Penny Party, "Quarter in The Can," and Rapid Fire Games. Dinner specials, refreshment and food available with free cake and coffee at intermission.

Get ready to win great prizes, eat

and enjoy an evening of friends and lots of fun! So bring your cash and checkbook. All proceeds benefit the St. Francis De Sales Parish.

Street Cleaning Underway in First Ward

Please keep the curb sides clear of vehicles. After the long and fierce winter of 2014-15 our Public Works Department is hard at work cleaning the remains of our roadway treatments. As the township street sweeping truck makes it's way through the township, we ask that residents make every effort to keep the curb sides clear of vehicles so that our crews can do a thorough job.



Aston Township Public Works Department Supervisor Russell Palmore displays one of the new street signs bearing the township logo.

New Street Signs Around Aston

The Aston Township Vision Plan is being implemented as members of the public works department have been working hard replacing old, worn street signs with updated signs that feature the new township insignia.

Public Works Supervisor Russell Palmore said the new signs, which are constructed of heavy duty aluminum and larger lettering, will be easier for residents to see, especially at night.

"The plan is to eventually replace all of the street signs in the township," Palmore said. "We have already received many compliments on the new signs."

The following township streets have been completed: Roberta Drive/Ashbrooke Lane; Erb Drive/Caroline Drive; Maple Lane; Mount Pleasant Drive/Crozerville Road; Team Road/Snyder Lane/Schick Road; Scott Lane/

April Public Meetings and Special Events

Strategic Plan Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 1

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, April 2

New Construction Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, April 6

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, April 15

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 21

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 21

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, April 22

Cathy Lane; Surry Lane/Heatherton Drive; and Clearview Lane/Crestview Lane.

The following streets are next on the list to be completed: Rosalie Lane/Seward Lane; Valley Green Drive/Sherwood Lane; Hearthside Road; Hall Drive/Butt Lane; Lee Lane/Chester Drive; Mercer Place/Norman Street; Herald Place; Scarlet Ave./Pancoast Ave.; Hurford Place/Harrison Ave.; and Florence Ave./Hurford Place.

Aston Lioness Club to Host Fashion Show April 19

The Aston Township Lioness Club will host a fashion show on Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn.

The show will feature fashions by Christopher and Banks in the Concord Mall as well as catering by Lia's.

Tickets are \$35. Please call Frieda Barnes at 610-494-1133 for tickets.

Celebrate National Library Week April 12-18

Celebrate National Library Week April 12 - April 18! Visit our library, say hello to the staff, and see all the services, materials and programs we offer.

Come check out the Friends of the Library's great Mother's Day raffle basket in the Library display case. Chances are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Lots of stuff to pamper Mom.

The Friends of the Library will have their next Book Sale April 10 and 11. Get a bargain and support the library, most books cost \$2 or less.

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 April 29. 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/AstonPals15>. The Pals for Reading program is sponsored by Glen Riddle Rotary Club.

Wednesday, April 29 at 3:45 p.m., come celebrate reading at Aston Library's One Book, Every Young Child Party! Party will be held in the large community room next to the library in the Aston Community Center. Each family will receive the featured book: *Number One Sam* by Greg Pizolli. There will be games, songs, read aloud, snacks, and crafts and all ages are welcome. Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child Program Goal is to increase awareness of the importance of reading and engaging children in stories among adults with preschoolers in their lives. How can we reach our goal? By asking adults with preschool children in their lives to read and talk about *Number One Sam* during April 2015. Visit www.paonebook.org for more information about the program. Register for the program at <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

Wednesday April 15 at 2 p.m., Senior Community Services will be presenting Medicare 101 at the library. This presentation explains the basics of Medicare A, B, C and D. In addition, the presentation explains Medicare Terminology such as copays, coinsurance, deductible, medicare HMO/Advantage plans, and medical and preventive services offered to Medicare consumers for 2014. Medicare cost savings programs and supplemental plans will also be discussed. This program is FREE and open to the public.

Do you have a child who is too young for school? Come to one of Ms. Nancy's storytimes at the library. The storytime for toddlers and preschoolers is Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The storytime for babies up to 24 months is on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Register through the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org. 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.

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/APLVoApp> to submit one online.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the library at 7 p.m. on April 21.

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.



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



Stop by the Library for a chance to win the Easter Raffle basket!



Tyler Arboretum visited the kids at the Library.

ATFD Carnival April 14-18

The Aston Township Fire Department will hold a carnival April 14- 18 at the ATFD "East" Station (Dutton Mill Rd - former Green Ridge FC Property). Carnival will be held from 6-10 p.m. each night. Family nights are April 14 and 15 featuring \$20 per night for unlimited rides.

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