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Save the Date for Community Day 2015!



The Aston Business Association will host the 14th Annual Aston Township Community Day on Saturday, October 3 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday October 4, from 1 - 6 p.m. Community Day will begin with a parade from Neumann University starting at 9:30 a.m. The parade will proceed along Concord Road to the Aston Township Community Center and feature local community groups and organizations, as well as musical entertainment.



The Annual Business Expo will be held inside the Community Center for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services. Outside will feature free rides sponsored by Bette's Bounces, games, food, drinks and contests for everyone to enjoy.

There will be a Bike Parade contest for kids ages 0-12. Participants decorate their bikes, wagons and strollers and ride along the parade route for all to see and prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. There will also be a bike rodeo contest prior to the parade, sponsored by the Neumann University Nursing Program. Registration forms will need to be filled out so your kids can join in the fun and contest rules are included. For information and registration, contact Maureen Dillon at: astonbikecontest@gmail.com.

Wrist bands can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$2 each or 6 for \$10 at the Community Center, beginning Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, October 2. Wristbands purchased during the day of the event will be \$3 each. Proof of Aston residency is needed at the time of purchase. Information about Community Day can be found on Aston Public Access TV (Comcast Channel 10 or Verizon Channel 45), www.astontownship.net, Community Bulletin Board and the ABA web site.

Anyone interested in participating in Community Day, the Community Day Parade or volunteering your services for Community Day, please contact the appropriate person below: For Community Day participation contact: Maryann Bullen: 610-494-2337 or e-mail mimibull@comcast.net; For Parade participation contact: Nancy Bowden: 610-494-5490 or e-mail nbowden@comcast.net; For Business Expo contact: Terry Yannuzzi or e-mail terry@ricksheds.com.

Aston Resident Celebrates 90th Birthday August 22



Joseph Owsley, Jr. will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, August 22. Commissioners celebrated this occasion at the July Commissioners Meeting. Joe moved to Aston with his family in 1955, and he and his wife Mabel have resided on Seward Lane for more than 60 years. They raised their seven children in the township, and six still live in Aston.

Joe was a basketball coach for the Aston AA organization, loved to play softball, enjoyed a good game of golf, and was an avid bowler. He was a member of the Green Ridge Fire Company and he and his wife are members of Mount Hope United Methodist Church.

"This gives me great honor to read this proclamation to a gentleman that I knew when he was called The Colonel," said 5th ward Commissioner Jim McGinn.

Owsley was on-hand at the meeting with his children, grandchildren and many other family members.

Final Summer Concert August 10



The Aston Township Parks & Recreation Committee Hometown Concert Series ends this month!

Tim Carroll will perform at the Aston Township Community Center starting at 7 p.m. (no rain-dates). this is an outdoor concert, so lawn chairs are welcome.

Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, September 7. All trash and recycling will be picked up Tuesday, September 8.

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, OSF, 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 and 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.

Public Works, Working for You

The Public Works Department picked up 614 tons of refuse and 146 tons of recycled material in June.

Together Again... Danny Murtaugh & Mickey Vernon

A museum exhibit will be held in the Delaware County Historical Society Museum and Research Library, 408 Avenue of The States, Chester, PA. Open Wednesday through Saturday, call for times, 610-872-0502. The exhibit runs through October 31. Additional information can be found on the Mickey Vernon Museum's website www.mickeyvernonssportsmuseum.com. Exhibit curator Jim Vankoski, vankoski21@comcast.net or 610-909-4919.

Rockdale Art Center Now Open In Aston

Rockdale Arts Center in Aston is now open for classes. They will offer a variety of youth, adult and BYOB classes. For more information visit: www.rockdaleartcenter.com/.

Aston residents get a 10% discount on classes with the code ASTON10 when they register online.

Grants Helping to Beautify Aston

The Township is applying for several grants to offset, or cover the cost of improving public areas around Aston.

A grant application was submitted to the DCED for the Newsom Pond Park project.

A grant application was submitted to the DEP for repairs/improvements to storm water basins in the township.

Another grant application was submitted to PENNDOT for the construction of roundabouts at Concord Road and Donnelly Ave and Concord Road and McIntyre Drive.

If these grant applications are approved, these projects will begin construction in 2016.

Stormwater Basin Restoration

Over the years, stormwater management basins have been constructed throughout the Township as neighborhood developments occurred. In the intervening years, little, if any maintenance on the basins has been done. As engineers, planners and environmentalists studied the impact that stormwater basins had on the environment, a body of knowledge developed. This work has led to a better understanding of the functioning of these basins and the water courses they flow into.

The Board of Commissioners believes that the residents of Aston would best be served if the stormwater basins could be enhanced to take advantage of this knowledge and directed the Township Engineer to prepare a study of each basin to determine what type of work would be required to enhance each basin. The engineer completed the report and presented it to the Board of Commissioners. The stormwater basin report is available on the Aston website.

The enhancements will improve the

quality of the basins in order to sustain suitable control of stormwater runoff. The improvements will reduce future flooding and mitigate potential pollutants from impervious and altered land surfaces from entering water courses. Properly functioning basins will help sustain stream base flow and prevent increased frequency of streambank erosion.

The Board of Commissioners authorized a Growing Greener grant application administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to implement all of the proposed improvements to the stormwater management basins within the Township. The grant application will be in the amount of \$750,000. If the grant is funded by DEP, the work will be designed and implemented in 2016.

Public Works Recognized for Great Job in Storm Aftermath

President Stigale praised the Public Works Department, Team Rubicon, Aston Township Police, Aston Township Fire Department, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

The storm, unlike any other, hit without warning and the Police, Fire, and Public Works department did an outstanding job in handling this crisis. Volunteers from Team Rubicon, a national volunteer group comprised mainly of military vets, was brought in to assist residents. They provided many services in times of disaster including incident management, situation assessment, and cleaning and debris management.

June 28-July 4 was named "Operation Five Points." They provided chainsaw operations, debris management, and damage assessment in Delaware County. Aston was provided 23 volunteers, 27 work orders completed, 744 volunteer hours logged, and a to-

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tal savings cost of \$20,489 to the residents of Aston Township.

The Public Works Department has collected more than 400 tons of debris from the storm and will continue to do so. Residents are asked to limit the size of branches to six inches and to stack the branches with the bigger end facing the street.

West Nile Virus Update

West Nile Virus season continues through October and Aston residents can take a number of measures around the house to eliminate mosquito breeding.

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers that have collected on your property.
- Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor recycling containers.
- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned every year, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug drains. Roof gutters can produce millions of mosquitos each season.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use. Stagnant water in a wading pool becomes a place for mosquitos to breed.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools.

Bridge Outage Won't Affect Emergency Services for Residents

Aston Township Fire Marshal Tom Morgan and AFD Chief Michael Evans would like to notify all residents regarding the bridge outage on Aston Mills Road.

ATFD was made aware of the planned traffic interruption related to the reconstruction of the roadway bridge on Aston Mills Road that spans the Chester Creek. PennDot has informed us that the bridge will be out

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

and traffic will be detoured through Valley Brook, Bodley, Concord and Mount Roads. At this time the outage is expected to extend from July 6th through the fall of 2015.

A plan to address the emergency service needs of all residents in the effected areas has been in place for several months and has been reviewed with all of the mutual aide companies that respond to emergencies in this area of Aston.

All effected emergency services organizations including the County 911 Center have been notified by the State and County regarding the traffic interruptions as it relates to the Aston Mills Road bridge repair. There will be NO INTERRUPTION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES to our residents as a result of the planned bridge outage.

Stay Cool During Heat Waves

The weather forecast for the summer of 2015 is calling for more 90-degree days than last summer and residents have already experienced several hot, muggy days.

With that in mind, Delaware County Council wants residents to know that the county's Heat Plan is in place. Both the Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) and Office of Adult Services offer assistance to elderly and vulnerable residents throughout the summer months.

County Council alerts residents to take extra precautions during a heat wave, and to check in with elderly and disabled family members and neighbors who are at greater risk for heat-related illnesses.

The National Weather Service describes a heat wave as three or more days when the temperature is 90 degrees or higher.

"The main thing is for people to be prepared," said County Council Chairman Tom McGarrigle.

The County Office of Services of the Aging (COSA) has a Heat Plan for the county that includes a Heat Informa-

August Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, August 6

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, August 25

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, August 26

tion Line, extended hours at Senior Centers, and educational information on heat safety tips, dehydration, and safe use of fans.

The Heat Information Line at (610) 872-1558 is a recorded 24-hour phone service that typically runs June 1 through Sept. 30, providing residents with heat advisory updates and information. People who need additional assistance can contact a COSA staff member by calling the Information and Assistance service at (610) 490-1300.

"When the weather service issues an excessive heat warning, it's important for our elderly and vulnerable residents to take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses," said Chairman McGarrigle. "People who are 65 and older are vulnerable to heat-related illnesses and we ask that residents check on their elderly family members and neighbors."

McGarrigle said the Delaware County Heat Plan calls for senior centers and adult day care centers to extend their hours, to offer water and non-caffeinated beverages throughout the day, and to reinforce with service-provider drivers to check on consumers.

COSA has a limited number of fans available for senior residents in need of assistance.

Care managers are asked to identify "at risk" consumers who are homebound, living alone or have a prior history of inadequate cooling in their home.

Summer Reading Continues; New Classes this August

Our summer reading club "Every Hero Has a Story" is continuing. You can register your child online through our website www.astonlibrary.org or at the desk at the library. If you bring the log of books your child reads to the library each week, you can collect their weekly prize.

The free 1 p.m. Wednesday kids shows will continue this month:

August 5: Mr. Don from Classroom Adventures will feature the kids in his exciting stories, including special effects.

August 12: Makin' Music will be playing fun songs for the kids to sing along with.

August 17: There will be a special party for readers only. There will be many attractions and games for the kids.

August 24: Mrs. Moni will be teaching the kids the Zumba dance.

There are many other programs coming up as well:

World Map Heroes will be at the Library on Thursday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. Lisa Corrado takes children ages 3-6 on a world tour. Be a Hero by hopping oceans, skipping continents and jumping into world cultures. See the world map come alive with puppets, landmarks and music. Each child will participate in a passport activity. More information about the program is at <http://worldmapheroes.com/>.

Joseph Keppel's Magical Reading Program will be at the Library on Tuesday, August 11 at 1 p.m. "Turn Off the TV and Read" Magic Show - be amazed as a full-sized TV and stereo instantly, at the snap of a finger, change into a book shelf complete with real books. The show goes on from there as Keppel does tricks with a math book, a history book, a science book, and more--all interspersed with fun and unusual facts about reading and literacy. More information about the program is at <http://readingassemblies.net/flash.html>.

The Library is offering a craft time for ages 9-12. The program will be on each Friday in August at 1 p.m. The group will do a different craft each time. For more information, contact Ms. Debbie at debbie@astonlibrary.org or 610-494-5877.

Come check out the Friends of the Library's Crayola Raffle. The prize is a variety of coloring items for your child. Chances are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds benefit the library. The winner will be drawn August 27.

You can now purchase Friends of the Library T-shirts and bags at the library service desk to show your support of the library. Join the Friends of the Library. Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info.

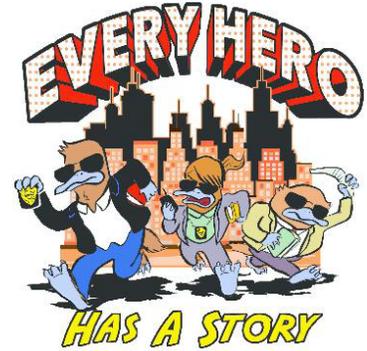
The library is still looking for volunteers to help with work like calling patrons, putting books in order, and delivering flyers and posters. Pick up an application at the library or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/APLVolApp> to submit one online.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will not meet in August.

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.



Ms. Lisa of World Map Heroes who is visiting on the 6.



The logo for this year's Summer Reading Theme; Every Hero Has a Story!



Joseph Keppel, who will be visiting on the 11.

A Friendly Reminder from:

SWDCMA

(Southwest Delaware County
Municipal Authority)

Quarterly sewer service invoices
are in the mail as of **July 31**
and are due by **August 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