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Community Day October 3

Save the date for Community Day, Saturday, October 3. More details inside!



14th Annual September 11th Memorial Ceremony

The Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troop of Aston Township will host the 14th Anniversary September 11th Memorial Ceremony on Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Memorial Garden at 5 Points, Concord and Pennell Roads.

If there is rain, the alternate site will be the Aston Community Center.

For more information, contact Barry Pinkowicz at 610-714-1598.

Now Accepting Applications for Aston Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone extraordinary here in Aston? Do you know anyone that has done something great for the township in the past year? If so, Aston Township is now accepting nominations for Aston's 2015 Outstanding Citizen Award. You can find the application at astontownship.net/citizen-of-the-year/. Visit the website to nominate the resident you think deserves this award. All applications must be turned in by Friday, September 4th and nominees must be Aston citizens.

DEP Small Business Advantage Grants Available

The Small Business Advantage Grant (SBAG) is a grant program providing 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$9,500 to enable a Pennsylvania small business to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.

Eligible projects will save the small business a minimum of \$500 and at least 25 percent annually in energy consumption or pollution related expenses.

Eligible Applicants must be a for-profit business and be taxed as a for-profit business in Pennsylvania. Companies must have 100 or fewer employees for the entire company. This includes all employees worldwide for parent companies, subsidiaries, branch offices, and businesses under management in common.

Only project costs incurred on or after July 27, 2015 will be eligible with the exception of a deposit to hold a project price or contractor's commitment. Grants will be awarded based on the application post marked date, date stamp for hand delivered applications, or date *deficiency documents are received, WHICHEVER IS LATER. *If an application is missing any required information, it will be deemed deficient, and the application will be routed through the "Deficiency Process." The applicant will have a one-time 15-day period in which to submit corrected documentation.

The application package and associated program forms are available in both word (doc) or portable document format (pdf) on the Department of Environmental Protection Website here: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/small_business_ombudsman/10493 or by calling the Grants Center at 717-705-5400 to have an application mailed to you.

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.

Sisters 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.

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.

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 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 inter-

ruptions 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.

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 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. 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 con-

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tact 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@rickssbeds.com.

St. Joseph's Parish to Host The Greaseband

St Joseph's Parish Stewardship Committee will host the Greaseband on Saturday, October 17.

The Greaseband is a seven member, nostalgic dance party band and concert attraction featuring 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.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$18 per person and there will be a cash bar and bar food available for purchase. Must be 21 or older to attend.

For reservations, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or jaz1030@aol.com.

Be Safe! All Peddlers Must be Licensed in Aston

Aston Township Police would like to remind residents that all peddlers, door-to-door salesmen or service representatives are required to have a peddler's license issued by Aston Township. Note that each individual who works for a company that is doing this work is required to have a copy of their license. If you are approached or solicited by any individual that is unable

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

to produce this license, please contact Aston Police Department at 610-497-2633. For emergencies dial 911.

Senior Luncheon September 24

There will be a Senior luncheon at the Community Center from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Contact Gladys Moore for more information, at 610-485-4621.

Aston Senior Citizens to meet September 24

Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community Center. Membership is open to Penn Delco residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven). Dues are \$10.

All are welcome to come and join the next meeting or contact Stanley Wilczek, 123 Edgar Ave., Aston, Pa. 19014 or by phone 610-494-5434.

Bob Bardsley is Back at Aston Township Historical Society

Back by popular demand is Bob Bardsley! He will join Aston Township Historical Society (ATHS) on Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Municipal Building (rear entrance) located just south of 5 Points on Pennell Road next to TD Bank. There will also be a brief quarterly Society meeting.

The Civil War has been over for 150 years. Local popular historian and reenactor, Bob Bardsley, will regale us with interesting stories of the conflict and his family's involvement in the war. Learn what a soldier's life was like. Please join us for a fascinating evening to commemorate the end of the Civil War. There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers.

What a great opportunity for home schoolers and students looking for extra credit and extra insight into our history!

This special event is free and open to the public, although donations are always appreciated. ATHS has lots of

September Public Meetings and Special Events

Strategic Planning Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, September 2

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, September 3

Board of Health Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 8

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, September 9

Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 16

Comprehensive Plan Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, September 17

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, September 22

volunteer opportunities available, too.

The Society is always looking for donations of pictures and artifacts. So please join ATHS and Mr. Bardsley for an enlightening and entertaining evening.

Bulk Trash and Appliance Collection

The Township Public Works Department provides curbside pickup service September 8-11, for residents seeking to dispose of bulk trash items or old appliances. The fee for this service is \$20 per item and is due in advance of pickup. Residents must call the Township Building in advance to schedule pickup and arrange payment.

ALL items for bulk trash and appliance collection MUST be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of your regular trash collection.

PALS is Back; eBook, Laptop and Tablet Classes Start

The Amazing Magi, Michael Reist, will be visiting the Library for a free magic show on Tuesday September 22 at 6:30 p.m. See his mind-blowing illusions, his amazing sleight-of-hand, his story-telling as well as his abilities as a balloon twister and his entertaining and mystifying puppets. More information about the Amazing Magi is at www.theamazingmagi.com.

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 30. 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/AstonPals2015>. The Pals for Reading program is sponsored by Glen Riddle Rotary Club.

Every Friday in September at 11 a.m. the library will have eBook help time. Bring your eBook reader or tablet, and learn how to use it with Stephen.

Every Tuesday in September at 11 a.m. the library will have a laptop/tablet basics class. Stephen will help you learn how to use your laptop or tablet.

Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Library, you can meet Local Author Jennell Williams and purchase a signed copy of her book, *Older Adults Should Not Be Left Behind*. It is a book about technology skills for seniors.

Free Chair Yoga is returning to the library on Tuesday afternoons starting September 15. Go to the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org for more information and a schedule.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting September 16, we will have a Crochet/Knit Class. Yarn and crochet books will be provided for you to learn with. Register through the the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org. 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 meet at 7 p.m. in the Library on Tuesday, September 15.

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.

Aston Rebels Looking for Host Families; Season Tickets on Sale



The Aston Rebels, the new North American Hockey league team playing out of IceWorks Skating Complex, is in need of host families for the 2015-16 inaugural season. These highly skilled and dedicated players are in need of a "home away from home" as they train daily and pursue their dream of playing collegiate hockey and beyond.

The team will need families to provide a clean, comfortable family environment. Each family will receive a monthly compensation package, and each player must follow stringent team and household guidelines.

To find out how you can become a host family, earn additional monthly income and establish life-long friendships, please contact Jenny Guetens at billetcoordinator@yahoo.com

or visit astonrebels.com.

If you are looking for an action-packed family sporting event that you can afford, The Aston Rebels are the ticket! Individual game tickets are just \$9 for Adults and \$7 for Seniors/Students/Active Military, and Children 4 and under are FREE!

A season ticket plan consists of 29 home games. The regular season adult price is \$199 while a senior, active military and students' regular season price is \$150.



Mr. Don's bubble effects from his Classroom Adventures story this summer



The Amazing Magi, who is visiting this month



Ms. Lisa teaching the storytime kids some geography in her World Map Heroes program this summer