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# TOWNSHIP TIMES

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## Ronald "Hair" Cross Honored for 41 Years of Service

The Board of Commissioners honored Ronald Cross for 41 years of service to the Township. Along with his many duties in the spring he would clean up the parks and fix potholes. In the summer he would cut grass and in the fall he would rake and do leaf pickup. He was a 15 year member of the Workplace Safety Committee where he gave expert advice helping with information on snow plowing, leaf pick up, or heavy trash.

Cross is a member of the Aston Township Lions Club and has helped organize and plan the horseshoes tournaments during Aston Township Community Day and the 300 years Tri-Centennial Celebration. "I just want to thank everybody for the good times and the support," Cross said.



Russ Palomare, Dick Lehr, and Commissioner Higgins present Ron Cross with a proclamation honoring his more than 40 years of service to the Township.

## Two Eagle Scouts Recognized

Darren J. Sereikis and Stephen F. Taylor were both recognized at the April Commissioners meeting for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sereikis is a senior at Sun Valley High School where he is a varsity player for the Ice Hockey Club and also plays golf and tennis. During his time in scouting, he has participated in many community service projects such as Cleanup of the Chester Creek, cleanup of the Delaware County Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children's Memorial Park and Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremonies. Sereikis has also assisted other scouts with their Eagle projects. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout on January 28.

Taylor is the son of Frank and Lori Taylor and is a senior at Sun Valley High School where he is a varsity athlete in football, cross country, indoor/outdoor track and ultimate frisbee. He began his scouting career as a member of Cub Pack 77 and has earned the Arrow of Light Award, the highest in Cub Scouting.

Taylor bridged over to Boy Scout Troop 292 where he earned 13 required merit badges and 15 non-required merit badges. He has served in a number of leadership positions including senior patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, troop guide, and the Order of the Arrow Representative, the highest honor in scouting.

## Aston Cleanup Day May 2

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, May 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. for the annual Aston Township Clean Up Day! Volunteers will be assembling at 10 official Aston Clean Up Day sites throughout town. Each Clean Up Day site will be supplied with trash bags and gloves for the volunteers. Just show up to a site near you, locate one of our Sun Valley clean up day volunteers wearing the Aston Beautiful tee shirt and sign in. Feel free to bring rakes and other tools that might be useful for your location. Visit [www.astontownship.net](http://www.astontownship.net) for locations and more information.



Commissioner Osborne presents Darren Sereikis with a proclamation recognizing his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.



Commissioner Osborne presents Stephen Taylor with a proclamation recognizing his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, May 25. All trash and recycling pick up will be picked up Tuesday, May 26.**

### **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.

### **Pothole Patrol**

Thank you for being a concerned citizen! Help us help you by reporting a roadway maintenance request at [www.astontownship.net](http://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.

### **Public Works, Working for You**

The Public Works department is working to ensure avoiding potholes comes to an end this Spring. In March, it filled 303 potholes with 10.5 tons of asphalt.

In addition to this, it has also picked up 353 tons of refuse and 126 tons of recycled material.

### **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/Cathy Lane; Surry Lane/Heather-ton 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/Sherwood Lane; Hearthside Road/Lamp Post Lane; 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.

### **Organique Soap and Herb Boutique Open**

Darzel Powell opened a retail soap and herb shop at 4752 Pennell Road. Organique sells assorted teas, spices, herbs, shea butter creams, lotions and soaps.

### **Rabies Clinic May 6**

There will be a rabies clinic on Wednesday, May 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Aston Township Public Works Garage. Cost is \$10 per shot and this event is open to Aston residents only.

### **Shredding Event May 9**

There will be a community shredding event on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Aston Community Center. Come shred junk mail, papers, and documents. This event is open to Aston residents only and there is a limit of five boxes per person.

### **St Francis de Sales Bulldog Classic Golf Outing May 11**

The St. Francis de Sales Home and School Association is hosting its annual SFDS Bulldog Classic Golf Outing on Monday, May 11, at Rock Manor Golf Club in Wilmington, DE with a shotgun start at 12 p.m.

The event, held in memory of Susan Kutys, is the largest fundraiser for the school. One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to St. Francis de Sales Parish School.

All golfers are welcome. Individual golfers will be assigned to a team. The cost is \$120 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome, which includes driving range, cart, greens fees, prizes and dinner. Dinner and prizes will immediately follow the tournament at the club house.

For more information or to register, contact the Home and School Association at [homeandschool@sfdchurch.org](mailto:homeandschool@sfdchurch.org).

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net).

org or call the school office at 610-459-0799.

### Bo Ryan Recognized

The Aston Township Board of Commissioners took time to recognize former Aston resident Bo Ryan on his achievements as this year's NCAA National Champion runner-up with the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team.

Ryan is a well respected college basketball coach and has been coaching since 1984. A member of five hall of fames, Ryan has been enshrined in the Wilkes College Athletic Hall of Fame, the Delaware County Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.

Ryan grew up in Aston Township in the Bridgewater section. His father was Butch Ryan and his sister is Nancy Sipple, both founders of the Aston Township Sports Hall of Fame.

### 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 from April 11 through October 31. Additional information can be found on the Mickey Vernon Museum's website [www.mickeyvernonssportsmuseum.com](http://www.mickeyvernonssportsmuseum.com). Exhibit curator Jim Vankoski, [vankoski21@comcast.net](mailto:vankoski21@comcast.net) or 610-909-4919.

### Afternoon Tea with Miles Young

Miles Young will present *Tall Ship L'Hermione Lafayette's 1780 Voyage to America* on June 7, from 3-5 p.m. at the Kalmar Nickel's Copeland Maritime Center 1124 E. 7th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cost is \$35 per person. For

More Information Please e-mail [GeoWashingtonSoc@aol.com](mailto:GeoWashingtonSoc@aol.com).

### Concert Chorale at Neumann

The Neumann University Concert Chorale will present *Prayer Songs* on Friday, May 1 at 8 p.m. The program will feature many of your favorite musical selections including *Ave Maria* from Vespers, and *Op. 37* by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Cost is general \$8; seniors/students \$5; Neumann students with ID and free for children under 12. For more information contact the Neumann University Office of Cultural Programming at 610-558-5626.

### Center Stage Summer Theater Workshops

Summer Theatre Workshops are registering now. Dates are: Primary school workshops: June 22 – July 10; Middle School Workshops: June 22 – July 18; High School Workshops: July 7 – August 1.

Visit [www.neumann.edu](http://www.neumann.edu) or call 610-558-5626 for more information.

### Little League Kicks off in April

Aston Middletown and Aston Valley Little Leagues both kicked off their seasons last month.

AMLL celebrated opening day on Saturday, April 11. More than 1,000 people came out to watch the T-ballers ride in the paint and celebrate on the moon bounces. This year there are 48 teams for about 450 kids. Billy Fisher was on hand to sing the national anthem and the 10 year old state championship district team was announced and recognized.

"This is my last season so is a little bitter-sweet. I always look forward to the same thing. Every summer at AMLL I get to spend time with my baseball family. Over the 10 years I have been here I have made some amazing friendships. We disperse after the season, but every March they are back and we never miss a beat," said President Brian Cairy.

## May Public Meetings and Special Events

### Strategic Plan Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 6

### Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, May 7

### Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13

### DCIU Conditional Use Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, May 20

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, May 19

### Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, May 26

### Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, May 27



Weir Park has undergone lots of renovations this offseason, but it didn't stop Aston Valley Little League from having a great opening day.

The day kicked off with a parade featuring teams arriving in trucks, tossing candy and waving to fans during the parade.

The new field was dedicated in honor of Roy Dempsey as a memorial to his spirit of giving to the youth of Aston Valley. A new Walk of Fame class was inducted as well.

## Enter to Win in the Crayola Raffle; Chair Yoga is Back May 26

Come check out the Friends of the Library's Crayola Raffle. The prize is a variety of coloring items for your child and chances are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds benefit the library!

Wednesday May 27 at 3:45 p.m, you and your child can get a preview of our Summer Reading Club for the kids. This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story" and the program starts June 17. Come find out how to earn books and prizes during the summer. The party is for all ages, pre-readers are welcome. There will be games, songs, crafts, read aloud and snacks. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

Free Tuesday afternoon chair yoga will be back at 2 p.m. for six weeks starting May 26. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing, using a chair for support. It is appropriate for adults of all shapes, sizes, ages and genders. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/astonadultevents>.

Saturday May 23 at 1 p.m. we will have a very special solar astronomy program at our library! Our Sun, Our Star will include:

- Safe solar viewing and STEM related activities for all ages.
- Safely view the surface of the sun. Our solar telescopes have special filters so you will see exciting solar activity and not harm your eyes.
- Browse the educational poster boards with current scientific information.
- Ask the solar expert your questions about the Sun.
- Test your Sun knowledge at the Our Magnetic Sun and Health Effects tables.
- Learn about albedo and energy transformations at the Importance of Color table.

This FREE multigenerational program is presented by the Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) in collaboration with the Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project (CBSAP).

Wednesday May 6 at 1 p.m, Senior Community Services will be presenting a special free program at the Library: "Practical Legal Steps to Take After the Death of a Spouse or Family Member." Whom must you contact after the death of a spouse/family member? Where do you turn? Is there any time limit? Do you need to probate? What taxes do you have to pay? Presenters Robert and Dana Breslin, Esq. will help you with all those questions.

Do you have a child who is too young for school? Come to one of Ms. Nancy's storytimes at the library for toddlers and preschoolers on 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](http://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](http://www.astonlibrary.org) and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info!

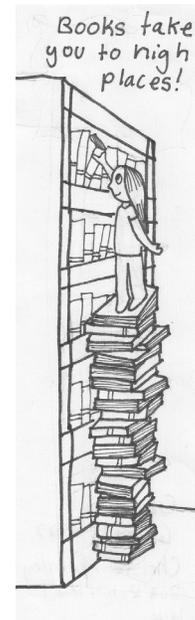
The library is still looking for volunteers to help with work like calling patrons, putting books in order, and delivering flyers and posters. Pick up an application at the library or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/APLVolApp> to submit one online.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the library at 7 p.m. on the 19.

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!



The winning entry from our bookmark contest by Christa Murphy of Holy Family School!



Library volunteers at their appreciation ceremony last month

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

The Friends of the Aston Public Library would like to thank the community for making our recent book sales a huge success. We also appreciate your support of the continuous sale in the Community Center lobby and library sale bookcases. The sales proceeds are used by the library to obtain library items, equipment, and programs.