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## Fran Miles named Aston Township 2015 Citizen of the Year



The Commissioners stand with Aston Township Citizen of the Year Fran Miles as he accepts his proclamation.

Fran Miles was named the Aston Township 2015 Citizen of the Year at the September Commissioner's meeting. Miles will be front and center in the Aston Township Community Day parade and will be recognized at a special ceremony at the event.

Miles has been involved with the Aston Valley Baseball League (AVBL) for 27 years, where he started coaching his son Frank in the T-Ball division. His fellow coaches have become his close friends. When one of his close friends, Jim Buggy, had a dream to have a teener/senior AVBL field because the current fields were overused, it became Fran's dream as well. In 1996, Miles led the search for land in Aston to fulfill their dream. In 1999, when Buggy died of a massive heart attack, the AVBL Executive Board voted unanimously to name the future field "Jim Buggy Memorial Field."

After much negotiation, the land was leased from the Penn Delco School District and ground was broken in 2001. When the field was ready on May 11,

2002, it was dedicated to Jim Buggy. In the years following, Miles was among many who placed countless bricks to create the press box, concession stand, sunk-in dug outs, and rest rooms.

Miles is a 30-year Aston resident and has also coached CYO soccer (St. Joseph's), Sun Valley Field Hockey (winter league), and was on Aston Township's Parks and Recreation Committee at various times. He has provided community service hours for some of the youth of the Aston Township Community. Miles currently volunteers at Mount Hope Children's Center and Pennell Elementary School.

Miles has received much recognition throughout the years, including induction into the Aston Hall of Fame in March 2003; the AVBL Hall of Fame on April 14, 2012; PA Babe Ruth Hall of Fame on April 6, 2013; and received a proclamation from the Township of Aston on April 17, 2013.

## Aston Township Fire Department Recognized; Fire Prevention Week Announced



Members of each of the Units involved in the emergency situation accept the recognition from Commissioner Graham.

The Board of Commissioners recognized the Aston Township Fire and Police departments, the Chester Heights Fire Department, and Medic 100-A and Medic 100 from Crozer-Keystone Health Systems for their response to an emergency situation in Aston.

On July 29, at 10:41 a.m. emergency responders from Aston Township were called to an industrial complex in Aston Township for a medical emergency. The call was quickly upgraded to a victim in cardiac arrest.

Aston Township Police Officers were first on the scene to continue the CPR that had already been started. The Aston Township Fire Department EMS crew was on scene

within 8 minutes of dispatch and a life-saving shock was delivered by crews at 10:51 a.m. with the newly purchased Heart Sine AED. The patient was shocked out of a lethal heart rhythm and sudden cardiac arrest. The patient survived the initial life threatening event and was transported to Riddle Memorial Hospital.

October 4-10 was declared Fire Prevention Week and Aston Township residents are urged to test their smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button. There will also be many public safety activities and efforts to support Fire Prevention Week.

### **UPDATE: Community Day Postponed to Oct. 10**

Due to expected inclement weather the weekend of October 3, Community Day has been postponed.

The new date will be Saturday, October 10. All other information is the same.

## **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](http://www.mickeyvernonssportsmuseum.com). Exhibit curator Jim Vankoski, [vankoski21@comcast.net](mailto: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/](http://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.

## **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](mailto: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 to produce this license, please contact Aston Police Department at 610-497-2633. For emergencies dial 911.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Uff is Tough Race**

On Sunday, October 25, the family and friends of Joe Uff will hold the eighth annual, "Uff is Tough" Run/Walk at Sun Valley High School and through the streets of Aston. The run benefits the Joe Uff Cancer Foundation for local families who have been stricken by cancer.

Joey was diagnosed with colon cancer in June 2004 at the age of 27. He bravely battled the disease for four years and left us on his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday, April 12, 2008. Joey's family and friends are inviting you to help us celebrate his memory by participating in this memorial fundraiser.

Joey loved sports, especially running. He started running in 2nd grade for St. Joseph's of Aston and continued in high school at Sun Valley. He then ran in college at Cabrini College and Arizona State University. After college, he coached track teams at Sun Valley and West Chester University.

If you would like to promote your business or organization, we offer corporate and individual sponsorships. Each sponsor will be listed on the back of the official "Uff is Tough" T-shirt, given to all runners and walkers. Also, we welcome gift certificates and merchandise donations for use in our post race raffle.

Donations can be made payable to the Joe Uff Cancer Foundation, a not-

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for-profit corporation with 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status pending.

### **Fall Festival at Collen Brook Farm**

There will be a Fall Festival at Collen Brook Farm on Sunday, October 18 at Marvine and Mansion Roads, Drexel Hill, Pa. from 1 to 4 p.m.

Guests can take a photo on the antique fire truck, feed the chicken in a farm life setting. Also, paint a pumpkin, make a scarecrow (please bring a child's small size shirt, pants, hat etc. if possible), bob for an apple, try colonial crafts and games and have your face painted.

Tour the mansion, have lunch and stroll the path along the "Collen Brook" while enjoying the music by the PA Irish 69<sup>th</sup> Volunteers.

This event is free and open to the public.

### **Meals on Wheels Looking for Volunteers**

Aston Meals on Wheels serves Aston, Brookhaven, and Parkside five days a week. Meals on Wheels needs your help for just 1-2 hours a month or a week to assist with delivery of meals to our home bound seniors.

If you are interested in this worthy cause, please call Joan Hanlon at 610-485-2729.

### **Native American Drum and Dance Troupe**

The Red Storm Drum and Dance Troupe will perform at Neumann University on Thursday, October 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Bruder Life Center. Red Storm is a Native American educational and community outreach group that includes storytellers, historians, musicians and dancers from various Native American heritages.

General admission is \$8. To reserve seats, call 610-558-5626.

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

### **Delco Symphony in Concert at Neumann**

The Delaware County Symphony will perform in concert at Neumann University on Sunday, October 18, at 3 p.m. in the Bruder Life Center. Guest conductor Joseph Caminiti will lead the orchestra in selections from Samuel Barber, Wolfgang Mozart, Frederick Delius, and Jean Sibelius.

General admission is \$18 (\$15 for seniors and students). For tickets, call 610-879-7059 or visit [www.dcsmusic.org](http://www.dcsmusic.org).

### **Sun Valley Craft Fair Oct. 17**

Sun Valley High School will be holding its annual Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. This is a great event to do some holiday shopping and support our Parent Teacher League as well as local crafters and vendors. All profits go towards scholarships for our students as well as student events and donations.

Enjoy a wide variety of crafts including glitter wine glasses, woodworking, gift baskets, salsa, vinyl decorations, personalized blankets, tutus, bows, jewelry, cake pops, fudge, and so much more! There will be raffles and refreshments. This event is free and open to the public.

### **Sun East To Host Community Financial Wellness Fair**

Sun East Federal Credit Union is hosting a free Community Financial Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sun East's Aston branch at 4500 Pennell Road, and the Nottingham branch at 198 Baltimore Pike, Nottingham, PA.

The event will be open to both current Sun East members, as well as the general public, and is designed to provide information to help them maximize and protect their personal finances. There will be seminars on identity theft, insurance coverage, and investing in a volatile marketplace. There

## **October Public Meetings and Special Events**

### **Parks and Rec Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Monday, October 5

### **Strategic Planning Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 7

### **New Construction Committee**

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 13

### **Special Meeting**

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 14

### **Work Session Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 14

### **Commissioners Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 21

### **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting**

7 p.m., Tuesday, October 27

will also be experts available to discuss your current borrowing strategies, provide on-the-spot insurance quotes, and offer retirement planning solutions.

Attendees will have an opportunity to take advantage of free activities such as secure document shredding from 9 to 11 a.m. Limit of two bags of documents to shred per person. No cardboard, plastic, binders, binder clips, X-rays, cd's, and no businesses please.

"It's a great way for us to connect and interact with the community, provide financial guidance, and give back to our members. Credit unions share a mantra of 'people helping people,' and at Sun East we truly believe in that," said Michael Kaczynski, President/CEO of Sun East.

Go to [www.suneast.org/wellness](http://www.suneast.org/wellness) for complete information on what's happening at each location and the schedule.

## Raffle and Book Sale to Benefit the Library this Month

Saturday, October 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Friends of the Aston Public Library will host a Fall Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 and all prizes will be in cash. Food and refreshments will be sold as well as bingo supplies. There will also be a special raffle with all proceeds benefitting the library.

Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Halloween Safety Magic Show with Magician Ed Schmidt. Ed will perform humorous magic tricks as well as covering basic Halloween safety matters such as using a flashlight, stranger danger, costume safety, staying with your group, and safe candy.

Wednesday, October 28 at 4 p.m, there will be a “Building STEM Skills Using Legos” program for families. Learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (and maybe some Art) using Legos. Children in grades K-4 will experiment with Legos to complete assigned activities during the hour. Children will be working in groups, but will have their own Legos to use to complete the projects. All Legos are property of the library, so no need to bring your own!

Wednesday, October 21 at 2 p.m, Senior Community Services will present a Medicare Annual Enrollment Presentation. Medicare Annual Enrollment Presentations are classroom style presentations that explain new and updated information for the forthcoming Medicare year. These presentations consist of explanation of the upcoming year’s information concerning original medicare premiums, deductibles, copays, and new plans. Presenter: Glenda Radical, MHS, BS, APPRISE Program Coordinator.

Wednesday, October 7 at 1 p.m, Senior Community Services will present How to Minimize your Taxes and Prevent Tax Problems for your Heirs. What can you do so that you don’t pay more in income or other taxes and make sure your heirs are not hit with a large tax bill when you die? If you hold onto assets, what taxes do your heirs pay? Can you and should you set up your accounts and other assets to avoid probate? Will annuities solve the problem of taxes and what about the EE saving bonds you have owned for 20 years? Presenters: Robert & Dana Breslin, Esq.

Tuesday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m, we will have Tuesday Tunes with Jill. Ms. Nancy will have a special guest for several upcoming Tuesday storytimes-- Musician and Story Teller Jill Savitz will get us movin’ and groovin’ with her singular style of fun. There will be time for play after her 30 minute presentation for kids age 3-8.

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 through October 21. 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!

You can stop by the library through October 15 to get help using your laptop, tablet or eBook Reader. For laptops or tablets, stop by Tuesdays at 11 a.m. For eBooks, stop by Fridays at 11 a.m. We are offering two crochet groups for folks learning the craft at any level. One is running Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and another is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Stop by this month to join the group.

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](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 7 p.m. in the Library on Tuesday, October 20.

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.



Pals for Reading from last year's visit



The Amazing Magi's show at our library this month



Bingo at the Community Center last month.