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## More than 800 Turn out for Egg-ceptional Easter Egg Hunt!



Bryan, Brooke, and Ava McDonald pose with the Easter Bunny after the egg hunt.



Mia Giancroce, 1, picks up some Easter eggs at the hunt!

The annual Township Easter Egg Hunt brought out more than 800 Township residents to hunt for 13,000 eggs. Organized by the Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee, the egg hunt also featured a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny, a free photo with him, hot dogs, prizes, individual balloons and more.

"I'd like to give a big thank you to Co-Chairs Kit Spayd and Nancy Bowden, committee members Alma Carroll, Florence Fisher, Judy Kirby, and Mike Reimer and our wonderful volunteers, Dan and Gina Ruggieri, Bob Herre, Dave Kelso, Phyllis Bradley, Judy Persing, Maureen Dillon, Helen Morgan, Kadie Kelso and Judge Holefelder," said Commissioner Carol Graham.

The Aston Township Fire and Public Works departments were on hand to help the event run smoothly. Sun Valley Honor Society volunteers, led by Elaine Kaskela, Girl Scout Troop 55 with troop leader Colleen Penzone, and Justin Malone, manager of the local Wawa and his team helped to make the day a success.

"We couldn't have pulled this off without our volunteers and support from local businesses including Wawa, Chester Water Company and Pretzel Boyz. It takes a lot of input and ideas by the Parks and Recreation Committee to pull off this event," said Graham. "Thanks again to everyone who helps make this event the success it has become for the residents of Aston."

## Casey Berardi Achieves Eagle Scout Rank



Casey Berardi (center) stands with Troop Leader Glen Clark and President Jim Stigale as he was recognized for achieving Eagle Scout rank.

Casey Berardi was recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the son of Leslie and Charles Berardi and a 2014 graduate of Sun Valley High School. He attends Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina. He is currently a double major in political science and global studies with a minor in Spanish.

Casey's Eagle Scout project involved planning, organizing, and communicating with various health organizations to create the Aston Community Health Fair. Held in April 2014, the fair supplied information to the community from Main Line Health Facilities and hosted a Red Cross blood drive. Casey surpassed his goal, collecting 41 units of blood.

He began Scouting in second grade with Cub Pack 292 as a Wolf Cub. He has earned the Arrow of Light Award and crossed over to the Boy Scouts with Troop 225 in 2007.

Casey's interests go beyond scouting, in high school, he was actively involved in the band and choir and a committee member for the class of 2014. At college, he is co-convenor of Student Caucus, the governing body of the college. He also participated in the World Climate March and HKonJ March for environmental justice and social equality.



Commissioner Graham presents Stephen Sarazin, Library Director, with a proclamation recognizing National Library Week in April,

## Library Week Recognized

The Board of Commissioners recognized the week of April 10-16 as National Library Week. Libraries are the heart of their communities, campuses and schools. Librarians work hard to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing service outside of library walls.

Libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing technology training and access to downloadable content. The Commissioners thanked Stephen Sarazin, Library Director, for his hard work making the library a great resource for Aston residents.

## New Aston Fire Department Station Location Announced

The Board of Commissioners announced the location of the new Aston Township Fire Department after listening to the public comments, reviewing the statistics, including run times and manning at fire calls. The new fire house will be located at 2900 Dutton Mill Road.

The Board of Commissioners will form a committee with the fire department to begin discussions on all aspects of financing the new fire station.

### **Friends of the Library to Host Bingo, Book Sale in April**

The Friends of the Aston Library are sponsoring two major fundraising events in the month of April. Spring Bingo will be held at the Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord Road, on Saturday, April 2. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo will be from 7-9 p.m. This is an all cash prize event with plenty of delicious home baked goods, raffles and other food items available for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Aston Library.

The second event is a large book sale to be held in the Aston library, 3270 Concord Road, April 14-16. Sale will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Items include paperbacks, hardbacks, romance novels, history and other specialty books. Logo T-shirts and backpacks will also be available. Proceeds will be used to benefit the library.

The Friends of the Aston Library has contributed over \$11,000 in 2016 to the library for various special projects, programs and book purchases. The organization is always looking for new members who are community oriented and are willing to give a few hours each month to fundraising projects. Contact the library for more information or go to their website [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org).

### **British Invasion at Knights of Columbus in April**

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. James A. Donnelly Council, is bringing the British Invasion Tribute to St. Joseph's Parish in Aston on Saturday, April 23.

The performance will include classic songs by iconic British groups such as The Zombies, Moody Blues, Dave Clark Five and Herman's Hermits. The American musical "responses" follows with memorable hits by The Monkees, The Turtles, The Mamas and the Papas and Tommy James and the Shondells. The retrospective concludes with an extraordinary finale paying tribute to the four lads from Liverpool who started it all, The Beatles.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$20 per person. There will be a cash bar and bar food available for purchase. For reservations, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email [jaz1030@aol.com](mailto:jaz1030@aol.com). The program benefits the Fr. James A. Donnelly Council Knights of Columbus Charities.

### **Local Taxes Due April 15**

It's that time of year again. Your 2015 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](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2015 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](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

Taxpayers with earned income in 2015 are required to file a tax return by Friday, April 15.

### **Sun Valley Craft Fair**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for Sun Valley High School Spring Craft Fair! This is a great event to do some spring 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.

There will be raffles and refreshments and admission is free. The National Art Honor Society will be offering crafts with the kids and babysitting for \$5/hr!

Enjoy a wide variety of crafts including woodworking, gift baskets, salsas, vinyl decorations, stained glass, alphabet photography, personalized blankets, bows and various children's items, jewelry, cake pops, candy and chocolates, and so much more.

### **AVBL Opening Day April 9**

Aston Valley Baseball League Opening Day will be on Saturday, April 9.

Following tradition, the day will start with a parade at 8:30 a.m. from the Community Center down to Weir Park. Following the parade, the Opening Day Ceremony on our Major League Field at approximately 9:30 a.m. The community is invited to join as our coaches, volunteers, parents and young players kick off another season of baseball.

Thank you for your continued support to our league and all of our players.

### **Senior Citizens to Meet April 28**

Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community Center. Membership is open to Penn Delco residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven.) Dues are \$10. You are welcome to come and join at our next meeting or contact Stanley Wilczek, 123 Edgar Avenue, Aston, Pa 19014 or call 610-494-5434.

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net).  
Deadline for next issue is April 25.

### **Public Works.. Around Aston**

The Public Works Department prepped and painted the ramps in the community center, saving the Township \$2,300! It also repaired the collapsed inlet on Weir Road and Belview, installed "Welcome to Aston" sign on Concord Road at Tank Farm, and repaired a damaged guardrail

### **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.

### **Aston Police Looking for Crossing Guards**

The Aston Police Department is currently accepting applications for substitute crossing guards with a starting hourly rate of \$13.34/hr.

Applications may be picked up at the Aston Police Department Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All applicants are required to submit to a criminal background check along with a child abuse clearance check.

Contact the Aston Police Department 610-497-2633.

### **Data Destruction Event**

Commonwealth Computer Recycling (CCR) is offering area businesses and residents a chance to destroy data and protect their privacy. This event will be held at our secure location at Elwyn Industries Warehouse, 1 Judy Way, Aston, PA. 19014 on April 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring in your desktop computer, laptop or cell phone. CCR will have staff available to remove the hard drive. Watch Cybercrunch™ SHRED your data. You can leave your device behind for proper recycling! The cost is \$10 per hard drive/cellphone.

Questions? Please call 866-925-2354, email us at [info@ccrcyber.com](mailto:info@ccrcyber.com), chat with us on line at [www.ccyber.com](http://www.ccyber.com).

### **A Day in New York City May 14**

Join us for a Day in NYC on Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person. Payment reserves your seat.

The bus will leave from the Valley View Shopping Center in Aston headed to Bryant Park, NYC at 8 a.m. and will depart at 6 p.m. from Bryant Park to return to Aston. To reserve a seat, call 484-433-9137.

### **Using Video to Grow Your Business**

A representative from Avanti Vision will deliver a presentation to share insight into how a small business owner can use video and the internet to grow your business. The event will take place at the IceWorks Pub & Grill, located between rinks 3&4 at the IceWorks Skating Complex, 3100 Dutton Mill Rd. on Monday, April 18 starting at 6 p.m. This is an open event, all Aston Businesses are invited. Sponsored by Aston Business Association

### **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

## **April Public Meetings and Special Events**

### **Fire Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5

### **Strategic Plan Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

### **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

### **New Construction Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Monday, April 11

### **Public Works Meeting**

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12

### **Work Session Meeting**

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13

### **Library Board Meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19

### **Commissioners Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20

### **Ordinance Committee Meeting**

2 p.m. Monday, April 25

### **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26

### **Planning Commission Meeting**

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27

our home bound seniors.

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

## Chair Yoga, Adult Coloring and More Classes!

On Saturday, April 2 from 7-9 p.m. the Friends of the Aston Public Library will present Spring Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and admission is \$20. All prizes will be in cash. Food and refreshments will be sold as well as bingo supplies. There will also be special raffles. All proceeds benefit the library!

We will be offering a special storytime for children with kids with autism and/or physical, emotional or mental challenges for three Wednesdays starting April 13. Matt Mazur of Turtle Dance Music will be the performer. Matt's slogan is: "We Help Kids Come Out of Their Shells!"

Come support the library and find a bargain at the Aston Library Book Sale. The sale will be held April 14-16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Most items are \$2 or less and all proceeds benefit Friends of Aston Public Library!

Join us for a free Family Movie and snack on Saturday, April 30 at 1 p.m.

We are holding a coloring contest for our young patrons. Kids of all ages are eligible. An entry form can be obtained at the Library or at [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org) on the web. Just bring your child's entry (with the child's information on the back) to the library's service desk by June 10 to be considered.

We are offering Free Chair Yoga on Saturdays at 11 a.m. starting April 30.

AARP will be offering free federal and state income tax preparation on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Preparation is first-come, first-served and no appointment required; Bring the following documents: Social Security year-end statement, W-2s, 1099-Rs, stock broker statements, mortgage statements, property tax receipts, any other tax documents, form 1095 if one was mailed to you, a copy of last year's tax return.

Visiting Angels will host a free presentation on Talking to your Loved Ones About Care. Tuesday, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. at our library.

The discussion will cover: how to approach the difficult subject that your loved one may need care; various options of care;

how to organize a plan to present; guidelines for coping; and much, much more!

We will be open for discussion and any questions that you may have and there will be a free blood pressure screening as well!

The Friends of the Library are raffling a basket full of Disney items. You can get one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, or seven for \$10. Have a look at the basket at the library.

Adult Coloring Group will be on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in April. Bring your friends and family and have a great time relaxing and having fun. Materials will be provided.

Board Game Night will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in April. Games will be provided.

The Library Lego Kids Club is on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. It's a great way for your child to learn about science and making things, while having fun.

Stop by Tuesdays at 11 a.m. to learn the art of Crochet with our diverse group with many levels of experience. Stop by Thursdays at 6 p.m. to participate in a wide variety of crafts with an even more diverse group.

Tuesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. we will be having a Family Block Party. A Block Party is a 45 minute to an hour long free play session with a set of universal blocks, people, vehicles, animals, scarves and other materials where families with young children have the freedom to build and play as they wish. This program was funded through a grant from the State Library.

More information and registration for all our programs is available via 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 Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Library on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.



"Eyes of the Wild," a traveling zoo, came to the library last month!



### Spring Dine & Buy April 14

On Thursday, April 14 the ABA will hold a Spring Dine & Buy In Aston event to benefit the Sun Valley Post Prom. The Sun Valley Post Prom happens at the high school each year immediately following the Sun Valley High School Senior Prom. The event is a long standing tradition at Sun Valley designed to provide a safe and fun environment for our local young adults to celebrate after the prom. The Aston Business Association supports this event because it feels that keeping children safe should be a top priority in any community.

When you participate in Dine & Buy in Aston by patronizing one of our Aston Business Association contributing members, they will contribute a portion of the proceeds from your purchases to benefit the event. This spring the 2016 Sun Valley Post Prom Committee and the Aston Business Association are helping to keep our children safe after prom! Check the ABA website for participating businesses.

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