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## Sun Valley Honored for Winning Cavalcade of Bands

The Sun Valley Marching Vanguard, under the direction of Tim Pry, won first place in the American Division at the Cavalcade of Bands in Hershey, PA on November 14, 2015. The band has placed in the top three for the last four years at the Cavalcade of Bands State Championships.

The Marching Vanguard's season starts before the start of the school year. The band practices outside Sun Valley in the final days of summer to have their routines in place for the start of football season and competition season. The hard work paid off this year, as the band came in first place in every competition they entered this season.

In the Cavalcade of Bands, the group drew the unfortunate first spot, but they didn't let that deter them. The band's performance "Witch and Famous," earned them special awards for the High Score in High Visual and High Overall Effect. The Marching Vanguard scored a 96.1, the highest score ever for a Sun Valley band. The last time Sun Valley won a state championship for marching bands was in 1981.

Commissioner Jim McGinn presented Pry and the members of the Marching Vanguard with a proclamation honoring their first place win.



The Sun Valley Band and director Tim Pry accept the proclamation for winning the Cavalcade of Bands from Commissioner Graham and Commissioner McGinn.



With dear friend Jackie Quercetti holding the Bible, 5th Ward Commissioner James McGinn was sworn into office for an unprecedented 10th term by Delaware County Common Pleas Judge Patricia Jenkins.

## Stigale and Higgins Continue to Lead Board; McGinn Serving Tenth Term

James Stigale and Michael Higgins were unanimously re-elected president and vice president of the Township Board of Commissioners at a special reorganization meeting held on Monday, January 4.

Re-elected Commissioners Michael Higgins (Seventh Ward); Mark Osborn (Third Ward); and new First Ward Commissioner Michael Link were sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Diane Holefelder.

Fifth Ward Commissioner James McGinn, serving an unprecedented tenth term as Town-

ship Commissioner, was sworn in by Superior Court of Pennsylvania Senior Judge Patricia H. Jenkins.

The following appointments and reappointments were also approved by the board: Richard D. Lehr, secretary; Elizabeth Naughton-Beck, Solicitor; Hugh Donaghue, Alternate Solicitor; Joe Viscuso, Engineer; Nicholas Cirilli, Alternate Engineer; Robert Ellis, Building Code Officer; Thomas Morgan, Fire Marshal; Sean Joyce and Joseph Billie, Assistant Fire Marshals; and Joseph DeVuono, Treasurer.

Commissioners also adopted a resolution setting the time of the board's general monthly meeting at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the township municipal building, 5021 Pennell Road.

## New Fire Department Location Meeting February 4

The Board of Commissioners has scheduled the first in a series of public meetings on Thursday, February 4 to solicit public comments with respect to the proposed location for the new Aston Township Fire Department. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 3270 Concord Rd, at 7 p.m.

There are currently three locations under consideration, the current Green Ridge Fire Company site on Dutton's Mill Road; the Municipal Building site; and the intersection of Red Hill Road and Concord Road. There will be a presentation on all three locations at this meeting.

The Board considers the location of the proposed fire station to be an important decision affecting all residents of Aston and is seeking your comments before a site is selected.

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV's public access channels for updated postings on Comcast channel 5 and Verizon channel 45, as well as the township website.

## Township Brine Truck Makes Debut to Prep for Winter Storm Jonas



The Public Works Department used a little ingenuity to make their own brine truck for the winter season. A brine maker is similar to what PennDOT has and uses a mix of salt and water to prep the roads before a winter storm. The Public Works employees went online and found the instructions before constructing it with about \$400 in materials. The truck uses a 300 gallon tank and covered more than expected in its first trip around the Township.

It took about three days to make and it was first used to prep the Township for winter storm Jonas. Crews treated the roads 24-48 hours before the storm. The brine helps snow not stick for awhile and helps it come up easier when it's plowed.

"The brine truck seems to be working really well," said Russ Palmore. "There might be some upgrades to the truck in the future. We are lucky to have a lot of skilled people," he said.

## Robyn Young to Speak at Aston Township Historical Society Meeting

Dynamic Robyn Young, a Delaware County Heritage Commission winner, will be the featured speaker at Aston Township Historical Society's (ATHS) quarterly meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Please note there is a change in location to the Aston Township Community Center on South Concord Road, just south of 5 Points and across from St. Joseph's Church. Please come early so you may tour the new and improved Aston Township History Museum and Research Center at 6:30 p.m. Handicapped parking is plentiful.

Robyn Young, known as the Marker Lady for her work in installing historical roadside markers for women's history, has recently published a 200-page book, "Women in Penn's Woods: A History of Women in Pennsylvania." The book was written to introduce readers to 175 women who made a difference in Pennsylvania's history and includes a summary of the 1852 Women's Rights Convention held in Pennsylvania as well as color photographs of historical markers installed by Young. Young will speak about women in our state's history focusing especially on women in Delaware County. Come learn about women's history, an exciting subject for study in all the months of the year, not just March! Books will be available for purchase.

## New Business

There were several new appointments to start the new year off. Frank Giorgini, William Mason, and Robert McLaughlin were named to two year appointments to the Plumbing Board of Examiners. Arthur Baur, John Bondowski, and Joe McColgan were named to two year appointments on the Electrical Board of Examiners. James Kelly and Ronald Goryl were named to six year appointments on the Civil Service Commission.

Eric DeLellis and John Mancinelli were named to five year appointments on the Zoning Hearing Board. Thomas D'Alonzo, Kenneth Novotni and Edward Finn were named to four year appointments on the Aston Planning Commission. Joseph Ahearn and James Graham were named to three year appointments on the Memorial Garden Foundation Committee. Kristine Leary was named to a three year appointment on the Library Board of Trustees. Nancy Bowden and Thomas Cozza were named to five year appointments on the Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority.

## Carbon Monoxide Reminder

The Aston Township Fire Department reminds you, as the colder months approach, please have your heaters and fire places cleaned and serviced. Chimney fires and carbon monoxide incidents increase during this time of year.

## 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.

## Public Works.. Around Aston

The Public Works Department maintained and worked on Township and police vehicles, prepared augers and spreaders for winter, picked up bagged leaves through the Township, and cleaned creeks at N. Lamp Post Park and Mount Road.

## Aston Mills Bridge Re-Opening Delayed

On Friday, November 13 the Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation presented an update on the progress of Aston Mills Bridge.

Due to the unforeseen replacement of the water line that passes through the bridge the completion of the project has been delayed.

Estimated date of completion has been moved from early January to late January or early February.

## 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).

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net). Deadline for next issue is February 22.

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.

### **St. Joseph's Parish to Host Tea & Theology During Lent**

Come join us during Lent for evenings of Tea & Theology. Journey with Mary, Our Mother, through this "Year of Mercy" as we look to Our Father for help.

Theology discussions will be held on Thursday evenings during Lent, 7 to 8:30 p.m. with the following speakers/topics:

- Feb. 18 Kellianne Miley: "Mercy-Woven & Received"
- Feb. 25 Sr. Suzanne Mayer: "No Wave too High for God"
- Mar. 3 - Sr. J. Sheila Galligan: "Mary, Star of Evangelization"
- Mar. 10 Dr. Louis DeAngelo: "Dusty Shoes: Walking the Works of Mercy"
- Mar. 17 - Paul Haggerty: "Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy"

St. Joseph's Parish, 3255 Concord Rd, Aston, PA 19014, Lower Church Hall. For more information, contact Cathy Maugeri [c.maugeri@comcast.net](mailto:c.maugeri@comcast.net).

### **Kindergarten Registration Open at St. Francis de Sales**

St. Francis de Sales School is accepting registrations beginning February 1, for incoming grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade for the upcoming

2016-2017 academic year. An open house is held every third Friday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. for interested families. St. Francis de Sales School provides a full day kindergarten and also offers an aftercare program. Registration can be completed by downloading the forms at [www.sfdsaston.org](http://www.sfdsaston.org). The completed registration documents can be mailed or dropped off at St. Francis de Sales School at 39 New Road, Aston, Pennsylvania, 19014.

St. Francis de Sales School is a Catholic parish school educating children in the surrounding communities of Aston, Pennsylvania since 1895.

In order to register, parents/guardians must present the following information:

- Copy of Birth Certificate (kindergarteners must be 5 years old by September 1)
- Copy of Record of Immunization (child's name and birth date must be on record)
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Child's social security number
- Registration form and fee

To schedule an appointment for a personal tour of St. Francis de Sales Parish School or if there are any questions regarding registration, please contact the principal, Mrs. Maryrose Hall, at 610-459-0799.

### **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 the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dates are February 6, March 5, and April 2. 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/cell phone. A very small price to pay to keep your identity secure and not with identity thieves!

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

## **February Public Meetings and Special Events**

**Fire Committee Meeting**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, February 2

**Strategic Plan Meeting**  
2 p.m. Wednesday, February 3

**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**  
2 p.m. Wednesday, February 3

**Public Works Meeting**  
2 p.m. Monday, February 8

**New Construction Committee Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. Monday, February 8

**Work Session Meeting**  
2 p.m. Wednesday, February 10

**Library Board Meeting**  
2 p.m. Tuesday, February 16

**Commissioners Meeting**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, February 17

**Ordinance Committee Meeting**  
3 p.m. Monday, February 22

**Zoning Hearing Board Meeting**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, February 23

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, February 24

us on line at [www.ccyber.com](http://www.ccyber.com).

### **St. Joseph's Parish to Host Tuesday Morning Tea & Theology**

Come join us during Lent for Tea & Theology: The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters!

Theology discussions will be held on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11 a.m. on February 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at St. Joseph's Parish, 3255 Concord Rd, Aston, PA 19014 in the Neumann Room.

Come out and enjoy a warm cup of tea (and coffee too) with some interesting theology! All are welcome!

**Easter Basket Raffle; Lego Kids Club Every Wednesday!**

The Friends of the Library are raffling a great Easter Basket to enjoy or gift to a friend. You can get one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, or seven for \$10. Have a look at the basket at the library.

We are now holding our annual Bookmark Design Contest for kids in grade K-8. An entry form can be picked up at the library. The deadline is February 22.

We will have another free Chair Yoga class on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. starting February 23. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga using a chair for support. It is appropriate for adults of all ages.

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.

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

We are now checking out "Nabi" tablets loaded with children's educational games. You can check out a tablet for a week for free.

Tuesday, February 9 at 4:30 p.m. there will be a Mardi Gras party for teen and pre-teens. Ms. Debbie will show them how to make their own

Mardi Gras masks.

Saturday, February 20 at 11 a.m. there will be a 3D Glasses workshop for teens and pre-teens. Ms. Debbie will show them how they can make a virtual reality headset from their smartphone and some cardboard.

Tuesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. there will be 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. With the materials provided to Aston Library by a grant through the Pennsylvania State Library, families with young children will build and experiment, manipulate objects, work with others, count and measure, and build vocabulary.

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, February 16 at 7 p.m.



Volunteer Sue Hauer and Bubba Bear posing with one of the "Nabi" kids tablets we are offering for families to check out



Mentalist Chris Fabiano performing at the library last month

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

**A Friendly Reminder from:**

**SWDCMA**

(Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority)

Quarterly sewer service invoices are in the mail as of **January 31** and are due by **February 29**.

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

**ASTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
CONNECT with other Aston business owners  
  
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annual membership just \$50

All Aston businesses are invited to join us on Monday, February 15 at 6 p.m. at IceWorks for a presentation by Metro Merchant Services. MMS will deliver an in-depth presentation and answer your questions regarding current credit card processing technology and compliance challenges for small businesses.