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New Fire Department Location Meeting March 3

The Board of Commissioners has scheduled the second in a series of public meetings for Thursday, March 3 to solicit public comments with respect to the proposed location for the new Aston Township Fire Department Station. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 3270 Concord Road., beginning 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 (3) 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.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 19



Come out for the annual Easter Egg Hunt presented by the Aston Parks and Recreation Committee on Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Aston Township Community Center. The hunt will feature areas for children for three age groups, 0-3; 4-7; and 8-12. More than 10,000 eggs will be up for grabs.

No registration is required and the Easter Bunny will be available for hugs and pictures after the hunt! Rain

date for this event is Saturday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Steetscape Project gets Underway this Summer

The Aston Township StreetScape Project is about to get underway this month along a 0.8-mile stretch of Pennell Road (SR 0452) between Concord Road (SR 3007) and Duttons Mill Road (SR 3020). The work will include sidewalk and curb ramp installation/improvements, pedestrian level lighting, landscaping, and landscaped center medians.

The first step will be for PennDot to spot the pole location for the new traffic signals and then the new poles will be installed.

The new poles have been ordered and will be delivered around summertime. Street trees will be installed after that. The construction plans for the landscape islands and new handicapped ramps have been submitted to PennDot. Once its approved, that work will be contracted out.

It's anticipated that all of the work will be completed by late fall.

The Board of Commissioners would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Rick's Tree Service for the donation of all the street trees and to Joe Ahern for the donation of more than 2,000 ornamental plants and shrubs.

The Township was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which it received last fall.



Commissioner Link presents Kate Lannon with a certificate honoring her for scoring 1,000 points in basketball. Lannon is a junior at Sun Valley High School.

Sun Valley Junior Reaches 1,000 Point Mark

Kate Lannon, a junior at Sun Valley High School, was recognized for scoring her 1,000 point at the February Commissioners meeting.

Lannon is just the second player in Sun Valley High School history to score 1,000 points before her senior year. She reached the mark on January 9 when the Van-guards defeated Chester, 52-41.

Lannon is the daughter of Terri and Mike Lannon and the granddaughter of Frank Marcello. She and her sister Libby have lived in Aston all their lives.

She has played youth basketball in Aston Township, St. Joseph's CYO team and Northley Middle School. Over the past two years, Lannon has been a second team All-Delco selection and she was selected to the All Ches-Mont first team.

Lannon leads the Ches-Mont league in scoring and plays basketball all year round including for the AAU Comets.

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. 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.

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.

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

Aston Sports Hall of Fame March 24



We are proud to announce the 17th Annual Aston Sports Hall of Fame Awards Banquet honoring the outstanding athletes both past and present from Aston Township.

The banquet will be held on Thursday, March 24 at Kings Mill Banquet Facility, 6000 Pennell Rd., Media, PA 19063. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the banquet will start promptly at 7 p.m.

The 2016 Aston Sports Hall of Fame inductees include: American Legion Post 926, Promotor; Sam Greenhalgh, Megan Phillips, Softball; Tom Phillips, Frank Garrett, Jim Merkins, Norm Sakers, Coaching; Michael Honicker Jr., Triathlete; Alexa Talbot, Soccer; Jeff Owsley Jr., Football; Bud Pruitt, Official; Fred Corradetti, Basketball; and Zep Greto, Track.

Fran Miles will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. This year's Student Athlete Award winners will be announced at a later date.

Ticket Cost is \$35 per person. For banquet ticket sales contact Rob Locklear 610.675.6674 or email 19lock57@gmail.com, or Bob Harron 610.485.7377 or email buckharron@gmail.com.

Holy Family Regional Catholic School Now Accepting Registrations

Holy Family Regional Catholic School is now registering students entering Pre-K through eighth grade for the 2016-17 academic year. Please call the school office to schedule a tour or visit the school's website for more information. 610-494-0147, www.holyfamilyaston.org.

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 replaced and repaired street signs throughout the Township, removed and stored all holiday decorations, completed the revised street light list, and prepped, primed and painted fencing for Easter and Christmas display.

Aston Seniors to Meet March 24

Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, at the Aston Community Center. Membership is open to Penn Delco residents, (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven.) Dues are \$10. Seniors are welcome to come and join at our next meeting or contact

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net. Deadline for next issue is March 23.

Stanley Wilczek, 123 Edgar Avenue, Aston, Pa. 19014, or call 610-494-5434.

GFWC Fashion Show March 12

GFWC of Aston presents the 49th Annual Fashion Show – “All About You” featuring fashions by Chico’s. The event will take place on Saturday, March 12 at the Spring Haven Country Club, cocktails begin at noon. Lunch options are baked salmon or chicken marsala. Tickets are \$38. For information and tickets contact: Norma Locke at 610-497-5234.

Pothole Patrol

Thank you for being a concerned citizen! Help us help you by reporting a roadway maintenance request at 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 guard with a starting hourly rate of \$13.34/hr.

Application 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 child abuse clearance check.

Contact Aston Police Department 610-497-2633.

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:

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.

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 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/cellphone. 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, chat with us on line at www.ccyber.com.

March Public Meetings and Special Events

Fire Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

Board of Health Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

Strategic Plan Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2

New Construction Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Monday, March 7

Public Works Meeting
2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8

Work Session Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9

Library Board Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15

Commissioners Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Ordinance Committee Meeting
2 p.m. Monday, March 21

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22

Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23

Comprehensive Plan Meeting
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30

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.

Family Block Party March 1; Ongoing Easter Basket Raffle

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 are hosting the Pals for Reading reading to dogs program again starting March 2 at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Glen Riddle Rotary Club. This program helps shy children gain comfort reading aloud by practicing with trained therapy dogs. Register your child today!

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. The prize will be drawn March 24.

Do you have some gently used books published in the last 10 years? Donate them to the Friends of the Library for their upcoming sale. There will be special drop-off events on March 5 and 12 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring your donations then to the Library Service Desk, or the Friends can help you moving large boxes from your car.

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.

Tuesday, March 15 at 5 p.m, Hampstead Stage presents "The Ancient Gods: Greek Mythology for Kids." Your child can learn about the ideas and culture that

2016 Road Program to Kick Off this Spring

The 2016 Road program will consist of milling and paving roads around Aston. Roads include Red Hill Road; Concord Road to cut line at bottom of hill; Hillcrest Lane from half circle cut line to Edward Lane; One Way Red Hill Road (Mount Rd to cut line); Sunnybank Lane; Worth Hill Lane; Blackthorne Lane (from Glenn Road to Woodbrook Way cut line); Old Pennel Road from Mount Alverno Road to 500 South of Mount Alverno Road; Park Lane from Lee Lane cut line to Springhouse Lane; Lee Lane from Park Lane past first driveway on left; Sheivert Avenue (from Tillman Lane to Shubook Lane); Sheivert Avenue (from Tillman Lane to Stella Lane); Gerald Drive (from Wickersham Lane to Richard Rd).

shaped western civilization as we know it today, including the adventures of the Greek Gods and ancient superheroes such as Agamemnon and Hercules.

You can now check out a Kindle Fire from the Library for a week's free use. They come pre-loaded with free books, and you can use them to get online, listen to the library's collection of digital music and watch the library's collection of digital movies.

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, March 1 at 5 p.m. the library will be having a Family Block Party, a 45 minute to an hour long free play session with a set of universal blocks, people, vehicles, animals, scarves and other materials. 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. 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 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, March 15 at 7 p.m.



The Friends of the Library presenting their \$11,100 check to Stephen Sarazin, Director for this year's budget. Friends President Gina Ruggieri is sitting. Standing behind (left to right) are Marianne Leagans, Charlotte Foster, Tammy McDonald, Carol Cannon, Madelyn Bush, Jackie Meier, Monica Wyant and Donna Herre.

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annual membership just \$50

ABA Conducts Mock Interviews

The Aston Business Association will conduct mock interviews at Sun Valley High School this month. Mock Interview Day gives the senior class at Sun Valley the opportunity to experience a 'real-world' interview conducted by members from the ABA.

Seniors bring a resume and job interview application letter. They bring these to one-on-one interviews with businesses and professional people. These interviews give the students a realistic learning experience that helps prepare them for college or job interviews. After the interview, the interviewer completes a brief evaluation and the teacher later reviews these with their student.

Aston Receives Grant to Update Vinsmith Park

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded a \$164,000 grant to renovate Vinsmith Park. The Township match is 50%, which will be provided in part from cash and in part from volunteer efforts of Boy Scout Troop 225 and donations from local businesses.

It is anticipated that construction will occur in late summer/early fall and be completed by the end of the year.