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Now Accepting Aston Citizen of the Year Nominations

Do you know someone extraordinary here in Aston? Do you know anyone that has done something great for the township in the past year? If so, Aston Township is now accepting nominations for Aston's 2016 Outstanding Citizen Award.

You can find the application at <http://astontownship.net/community-news/aston-township-citizen-of-the-year-nomination/>. Visit the website to nominate the resident you think deserves this award. All applications must be turned in by Thursday, September 1 and nominees must be Aston citizens.

Summer Concert Series Final Performance August 8

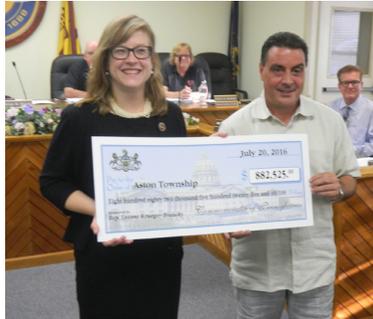


Come out for the final performance of the Summer Concert Series on Monday, August 8 featuring Archie Lane/

Big Band.

There is no rain date for the outdoor concert and residents are welcome to bring lawn chairs. All concert events are dollar dog nights!

Township Receives more than \$800k in Grant Money



President Stigale accepts a check for more than \$800k in grant money from State Rep Leanne Krueger-Braneky.

State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky was on hand at the July Commissioners meeting to present the Township with \$882,525 in grant money. The state budget was finalized in July and the grant funding for Aston Township was approved. The money will go towards traffic calming initiatives and a watershed restoration project at Newsom Park.

The breakdown is \$315,000 for multimodal work at Aston Concord Road and Donnelly Avenue; \$332,500 for multimodal work at Aston Concord Road and MacIntyre Drive; and \$235,025 for a watershed restoration project at Aston Newsom Property Park. "I look forward to seeing the improvements and the economic and environmental benefits they will provide for our community," said Krueger-Braneky.

Community Day Set for October 1



The Aston Business Association will host the 15th Annual Aston Township Community Day on Saturday, October 1 from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. (with a rain date of Saturday October 8).

Community Day will begin with a parade featuring local community groups and organizations, as well as musical entertainment from Neumann

University (Neumann Drive) starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Business Expo will be held inside the Community Center for Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services. Other community festivities will be held outside including rides sponsored by Betty's Bounces, games, food, drinks and contests for everyone to enjoy.

Wrist bands can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$3 each at the Community Center, beginning September 1 through Friday, September 30. Wristbands purchased during the day of the event will be \$4 each. Proof of Aston residency is needed at the time of purchase.

Aston Fire Station to be Decommissioned after more than 50 Years of Service

The West Aston Township Fire Department on Mount Road will be decommissioned on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. The former Aston Beechwood bell will be rung one final time and stored until the new Fire Department is constructed. The ringing of the bell symbolizes the "last alarm" and the building will be locked after the last official company meeting at this location. The Aston Fire Department will be based out of the East Fire Station on Dutton Mill Road until the new station is built at that location.

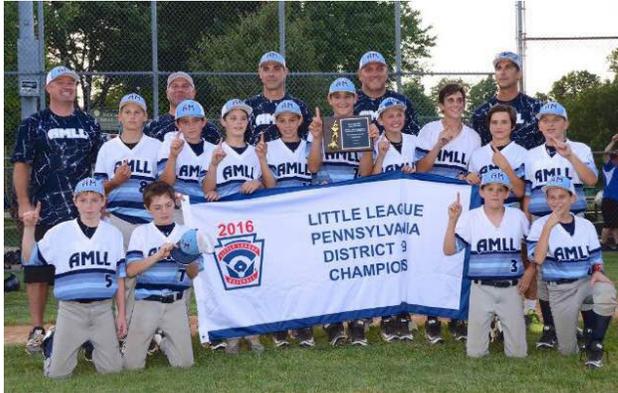
This ceremony is free and open to the public. Former members of Aston Beechwood are welcome to come back and take pictures and see it open for the last time. "We are very grateful for the support of the community for the Fire Department. We always thank them for their support," said Sean Joyce, President of the Aston Fire Department.

Boy Scouts to Hold Fifteenth Anniversary September 11 Ceremony



The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of Aston Township would like to cordially invite the local residents to our Patriot Day Ceremony on Sunday, September 11 at 3 p.m. at the Aston Veterans Memorial at Concord and Pennell Road at Five Points. If it rains that day, it will be held at the Aston Community Center located at 3270 Concord Road.

For more information, please contact Barry Pinkowicz at 610-714-1598.



Aston Middletown Little League 12u Team Wins District 19 Championship

The Aston Middletown Little League 12u Team won the District 19 Championship for the third year in a row! Players include Roman Tozzi, Brett Bonebrake, Christian Reed, Sam Benvignati, Quinten Perilli, Nikko Partsanakis, Jim Hallinan, Nick Chelo, Shane Holefelder, Brendan Duffy, Colin Flaherty, Jake Moule, and Nick Mchugh. The team is managed by Chris Chelo and coached by Cliff Reed, Mike Perilli, Mike Flaherty, Dave Tozzi, Ed Mchugh, and Jim McConnell.

Max Much Medals in Two Competitions



Aston teen Max Much became the first Amkor Black Belt to medal in two National competitions in the same day (AAU Tae Kwon Do National Championships and AAU Karate National Championships.) Both tournaments featured the best competitors from around the country to compete in each style, and featured different rules, judging, and athletes.

To be competitive with the best of both styles was no small feat, and Max brought home the Silver medal in AAU Tae Kwon Do Forms and the Silver Medal in Karate Kumite (fighting.) The AAU is now confirming that this was a “first” for the Ama-

teur Athletic Union as well. Max will also be competing at AAU Nationals for Basketball in August.

Calling All Sun Valley Grads

Those Sun Valley years were filled with football games, cramming for exams, parties, and special friends. You’ve moved on, but continue to wonder, “Whatever happened to those people who made my high school years so special?” Well, a number of them have gotten together and are working hard to make the Sun Valley High School Alumni Association a reality. A website is under construction, and 501C3 certification is being finalized. So if you’re an “SV GRAD”, please join us.

For more information, contact us at, sunvalley alumni@gmail.com.

Greaseband to Perform at St. Joseph’s Parish

Greaseband is coming to St. Joseph’s Parish on October 15. The Greaseband is a seven member, nostalgic dance party band and concert attraction. The band features outstanding male and female lead vocals in a front trio, backed by a gifted group of instrumentalists. The highly entertaining and energetic delivery of some of the greatest songs ever written has kept the group on top for more than 30 years.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$20 per person and there will be a cash bar and bar food available for purchase. No outside food/beverages are permitted.

For reservations or more information, contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email jaz1030@aol.com.

Second Day Trash Pick Up

Corresponding Days:

Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.
Deadline for next issue is August 22.

All garbage and trash must be properly wrapped or bagged for collection.

All cans or bags shall be placed at the curb prior to 6 a.m. on your scheduled day.

All shrubbery and clippings must be tied in bundles and no longer than three feet (3') in length.

Trash and Single Stream Recycling will be collected EVERY WEEK on your normal trash day as indicated in the "Daily Trash & Single Stream Recycling Collection Route."

Summer Classes at Rockdale Arts Center

Rockdale Arts Center is offering classes for youth classes, adult classes, and bottle and brush adult paint nights. Visit www.rockdaleartcenter.com/ for more information.

Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament

Please Note: The incorrect date was published last month. The correct date is Monday, September 12. The 2016 Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 12 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be held at the Concord Country Club and feature awards for the longest drive, closest to pin, and three top teams. The event starts off with a boxed lunch and dinner will be served immediately after the end of play. For more information, contact Jeff Stang at 302-750-9380 or Brad Feldman at 610-299-7834.

Stay Cool with the 2016 Heat Plan

With summer's heat upon us, Delaware County Council wants residents to know that the county's Heat Plan is in place. Both the Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) and Office of Adult Services offer assistance to elderly and vulnerable residents throughout the summer months.

COSA's Heat Plan includes a Heat

Information Line, extended hours at Senior Centers, and educational information on heat safety tips, dehydration, and safe use of fans.

The Heat Information Line at (610) 872-1558 is a recorded 24-hour phone service that typically runs through Sept. 30, providing residents with heat advisory updates and information. People who need additional assistance can contact a COSA staff member by calling the Information and Assistance service at (610) 490-1300.

COSA has a limited number of fans available for senior residents in need of assistance.

Some tips for staying cool and healthy in the summer heat are:

- Drink plenty of liquids.
- Remain indoors in a cool place.
- Wear light-weight, light-colored loose-fitting clothing.
- Eat lightly and avoid heavy foods.
- Protect yourself with an umbrella, wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Splash yourself with cold water. Take frequent cool baths or showers.
- Find a buddy who will check in on you frequently during a heat wave.

Heat stress warning signs include: increased sweating; heat cramps; prickly heat; irritability; weakness and fatigue; loss of appetite; faintness; light headedness; nausea; unconscious or unresponsive; rapid heartbeat; throbbing headache; dry skin (no sweating); chest pains; mental confusion; irritability/combativeness; vomiting; difficulty breathing; and staggering.

If someone you know is experiencing serious symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately.

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

August Public Meetings and Special Events

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, August 23

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, August 24



Aston Karate Students Compete in AAU National Championship

Nine students from the AmKor Karate's Junior National Team made history by competing in two separate AAU National Championships (Karate and Tae Kwon Do) simultaneously in Fort Lauderdale, Florida the weekend of July 9. In order to represent Pennsylvania at the national level for the Amateur Athletic Union, the teens had to qualify in the top eight of the Mid-Atlantic region (PA, NY, NJ, DE, and MD) for the categories of Forms and Fighting.

It was by luck that the two national events were being held in the same convention center on the same weekend, which meant the Amkor students were literally changing uniforms and equipment running from one end of the building to another. There were over 3,000 martial arts students competing that weekend, and Amkor students were the only competitors taking on the feat of both tournaments. Their hard work paid off: they brought home four Gold medals, three Silver medals, and three Bronze medals.

The team, led by Instructor Master Erica Tierney and Coach Andy Leonard, is now looking ahead to several International tournaments in the coming months. Members of the team will be representing the United States in competition in South Africa, Memphis, and Wales.

Stop by Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Checkout Wifi!

You can now check out free library internet access and take it home! The Aston Public Library is offering 4G internet hotspots for free checkout with your library card. Reserve yours by going to <http://www.tinyurl.com/aston4g16>.

Our summer reading club "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!" is continuing. You can still register your child online through our website www.astonlibrary.org or at the desk at the library. Bring the log of books your child reads to the library each week to collect their weekly prize.

The "Wednesdays at 1" programs this month will be:

August 3: Hampstead Stage will be presenting a live action play of *Aladdin*.

August 10: Silly Joe will be entertaining the kids with his high-energy music.

August 17: Turtle Dance Music will get the kids moving and we will be holding a party for all the summer's big readers.

Bring your child at 1 p.m. every Wednesday!

The American Swedish Museum will present "For the Love of Sports: The Athletic Side of Sweden" for the kids at our library Tuesday, August 16 at 3 p.m. Learn about everything from the Viking game of Kupp to orienteering. Families will get a chance to play versions of tennis, hockey and even sky-jumping. Kids will even get an opportunity to create their own games!

We are calling on all Pokemon Go trainers to join us each Saturday at Noon for our Pokemon Go club. Come and trade,

battle, or just discuss Pokemon Go. For ages 10-18. Card games are also welcome.

On Tuesdays at 3 p.m. this summer, we have a Lego, Blocks and Marbles Club. The library will provide Legos, wooden unit blocks and a marble master (to teach us all how to play)!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Mahjongg? Now is your chance. Join Ms. Debbie on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. to learn the Chinese game. It is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation and involves a degree of chance.

The Friends of the Library are raffling a great Summer Fun Basket to enjoy or gift to a friend. You can get one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, or seven for \$10. The prize will be drawn at the end of the month.

Need help with an e-book reader, laptop or tablet computer? Stop by for our drop-in help time on Friday mornings. 10 a.m. for ebook readers and 11 a.m. for laptops and tablets.

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.

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 information.

Fifteenth Annual Aston Business Association Golf Outing

The 15th Annual ABA Golf Outing will be held on Monday, September 26 at the Downingtown Country Club. The tournament was started to remember and commemorate the events of September 11th and to honor and acknowledge the local emergency response teams. All proceeds from the tournament are donated to the Aston Fire Company and the Aston Police Department. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available now.

Registration and lunch open at 11 a.m. with a noon shotgun start. Cocktails and dinner will follow tournament play in the evening. There will be awards for the longest drive, closest to pin, and best foursome. Raffles, 50/50 drawing and door prize drawings will also be available.

Advertising sponsorships are available. For costs and more information, visit www.astontownship.net.



Silly Joe performs at the Library August 10.



The summer reading program continues through August!



The kids participating in this year's Science in the Summer class.

Stop by the Farmers Market Every Tuesday

Come out to the new Aston Township Farmers Market at the Valley View Shopping Center every Tuesday, from 3-7 p.m. through September.

The Farmers Market features fruit, vegetables, baked goods, BBQ and more!