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John C. Ford Honored for 96th Birthday



Commissioner Higgins presents John Ford with a Proclamation celebrating his 96th birthday.

Aston resident John C. Ford celebrated his 96 birthday on Saturday, April 30. He was born in Mount Carmel, PA in 1920 and moved to Chester in 1943 where he was a seaman in the Navy during World War II. When the war was over, he got a job at BP Oil working in the Machine Shop where he worked for 34 years. He moved to Aston Township in 1961 and married his wife Elizabeth in 1970.

He has been a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church since its inception in 1947. John was interested in sports all his life and volunteered as an umpire for the Aston Valley Baseball League for the minors, majors, and teener leagues. He has held a number of officer positions with

the Aston Township Senior Citizens Association and is currently the Vice President of the BP Retiree Club. John has been attending the Aston Township Board of Commissioners monthly meetings for more than 40 years as an interested and concerned citizen.

Herre's Gang Honored for Contributions to Autism



Commissioner Graham presents the Herre family with a proclamation honoring Herre's Gang.

Herre's Gang was honored for its dedication to funding the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for Autism. Herre's Gang was started by Robert and Donna Herre after their youngest son Stephen was diagnosed with Autism.

Some of their fund raising efforts include an annual Autism Awareness night at Rita's in May, Autism Awareness night at Zac's Hamburgers and an Autism Awareness pancake breakfast at Applebee's. To date, Herre's Gang has raised more than \$25,000 for Autism Awareness. Robert and Donna realize none of this would be possible without the love and support of their friends and family.

Aston Township Cleanup Day May 7

The Parks and Recreation Committee has planned the second annual Aston Clean Up Day for Saturday, May 7 from 9-11 a.m. The official Clean Up Day Sites are Aston Valley View Park, Bridgewater Farms Park, Collins Park, Concord Square Park, Lewis H. Fisher Park, North Lamp Post Lane Park, Poore Park, Savage Park, Township Community Center Lawn, and Woodbrook Park.

Last year more than 100 volunteers gathered in May for the first annual Clean Up Day. For many years, Aston joined with the Chester Ridley Creek Watershed (CRC) and a few volunteers to clean the west branch of the Chester Creek, As the number of volunteers increased, so did the sites. The Parks and Recreation Committee decided to extend the clean up day to the entire township and Commissioner Carol Graham proposed the idea to her fellow commissioners, who supported the effort. Come out on May 7 and help make Aston beautiful!



President Stigale presents Dennis and Carol Cannon with a proclamation recognizing their 50th wedding anniversary.

Aston Couple Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dennis and Carol Cannon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 16. They were married at Holy Savior Church in Linwood and immediately moved to their current residence in Aston. They raised three children, Dennis, Paul and Karron and all three attended St. Francis de Sales School.

They have three grandchildren who they love to watch play baseball. Dennis is a retired bricklayer with Local #1 of PA and Carol has been a member of the Penn Delco School Board and was their Treasurer for four years and Chairperson for the Local Tax Study Commission.

Currently, Carol is the President of the Aston Friends of the Aston Public Library and Treasurer for Aston Township Historical Society and the Secretary at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Monday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 31.

Neumann Knights Roller Hockey Team wins Roller Hockey Championship



Commissioner Graham presents Coach Strofe and the Knights Roller Hockey Team with a proclamation celebrating their win.

The Neumann Knights Roller Hockey Team was honored for winning its second consecutive roller hockey championship in April. The National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA) invited 24 teams to participate in the tournament. When the field narrowed to 16, Neumann drubbed the University of Rhode Island 15-0, and defeated Farmingdale State College 6-1 to reach the Final Four.

The Knights defeated the University of Nevada at Las Vegas 4-1 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to capture the crown. Neumann is 69-2 playing against much larger colleges across the country.

Dr. Rosalie Miranda, Neumann's president, sent her congratulations to Coach Lee Strofe and the team.

Family Strong Foundation for ALS to Host an Evening of Hope June 4

The Family Strong Foundation presents an Evening of Hope: Standing Strong 4 a Cure, on Saturday, June 4 at the Ballroom at the Phoenix in Upper Chichester from 6-11 p.m.

The event promises to be a true celebration of the community support in V. Michael Fulginiti's and many others' fight against ALS. Dinner will be provided by Marino's catering and music by the band Mike Davis and the Bullets.

Be prepared to purchase keys to unlock HOPE in an ultimate gift card jackpot, purchase a glow stick for a silly game of heads and tails, and bid on many amazing auction items such as a one hour flight in your own private plane! We look forward to making a difference in the lives of PALS as we raise both awareness and funding to cure this devastating disease.

Dinner will be provided by Marino's Catering with music by Mike Davis and the Bullets. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.astontownship.net or www.familystrong4ALS.org.

2016 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service May 30

The parade will begin at the Village Green Shopping Center on Concord Road between 9:15-9:45 a.m. It will officially step off at 10 a.m. The parade will march East on Concord Road to the American Legion Post 926 building.

Memorial services will be held at the front of the Post building shortly after the arrival of all parade participants.

Camp Rainbow Pre-Registration Opens June 8

Camp Rainbow is a wonderful summer opportunity for boys & girls. It is open to all Aston Township Residents who will enter first thru fifth grade in the fall. Camp Rainbow is held every Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 12 noon beginning the week of June 20 and running through July 29 for a total of 6 weeks.

Pre-registration is June 8 and 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Registrations will be accepted until Friday, June 17. All registrations must be presented at the Township Office. There will be no camp on Monday, July 4.

Proof of residency must be provided at time of registration. Cost is \$25 per child, per week. Drop off at 8:45 a.m. and you must enter through main gym doors only & must sign in upon arrival. Children need to be picked up by 12:15 p.m. ONLY person/s listed on information form will be permitted to pick up children & MUST show ID. Sign Out Sheet must be signed prior to removing child/children from premises.

Senior Citizens to Meet May 26

Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 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 Wileczek, 123 Edgar Avenue, Aston, Pa. 19014 or call 610-494-5434.

Public Works.. Around Aston

The Public Works Department is getting Aston ready for Spring. They have worked on cleaning up all the parks, prepared the mowers, installed picnic tables at Weir Park, Community Center, Poore Park, Fisher Park, Woodbrook Park and Bridgewater Park. They also mulched playgrounds at several parks in Aston.

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.

Township Shredding Event

There will be a Township shredding event on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Aston Township Community Center.

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

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



Aston Valley Little League Opens Season

While a little snow (in April!) postponed opening day, it didn't stop many Aston Valley Little Leaguers from having a great opening day the following weekend.

Jim O'Sullivan was the honoree for the Walk of Fame this year. He coached in the league for 12 years, starting in the Rookie League as a manager and moving through the Minor and Major leagues. He was the manager of the 1996 10 year old and 1997 11 year old PA State Champs in the Babe Ruth League and the 1999 10 year

old and 2000 11 year old PA State Champs in the Cal Ripken League.

O'Sullivan advised the kids to just have fun and be the best teammate they can be to one another. He threw out the first pitch to open baseball season at Weir Park!

Aston Middletown Inducts Inaugural HOF Class



Opening day at Aston Middletown featured the induction of the first class of the Aston Middletown Hall of Fame. Inductees include Fred Racine Jr, Nancy Bowden, James McConnell and William Wright Sr. The opening pitch was thrown about by McConnell. There were many distinguished guests present from both Aston & Middletown townships as well

as State Representative Thomas Killion. Aston Middletown has approximately 360 registered players for this season.

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.

Murder Mystery Dinner May 14

There will be a Murder at the Malt Shop mystery dinner on Saturday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at St. Timothy's Church Rec. Hall. Tickets are \$40 per person.

For more information call the office at 610-494-2444 or Darla at 610-565-0217.

New Farmers Market to Start in June

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

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



Hometown Concerts are Back in June!

Aston Parks and Recreation Committee are bringing

back the Hometown Concert Series this Summer! The series kicks off with Northley Steel Drum Ensemble and Jazz Band on Monday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m. at the Aston Township Community Center.

There is no rain date for the outdoor concert and residents are welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Historical Society Lecture May 12

Aston Township Historical Society (ATHS) will be joined by Mr. Clarence Hickey at their quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Please note the change in venue to the Aston Township Community Center located south of 5 Points on Concord Road across from St. Joseph's Church. This free event is open to the public but donations are always appreciated! Hickey, formerly of

May Public Meetings and Special Events

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3

Strategic Plan Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 4

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4

Comprehensive Plan Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4

New Construction Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, May 9

Public Works Meeting

12:30 p.m. Monday, May 9

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 11

Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18

Ordinance Committee Meeting

2 p.m. Monday, May 23

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25

Fisher's Corner, Aston, will be speaking on The Life and Times a Country Doctor in the 1800s. This first person portrayal reflects the life and historic times of country doctor Edward Stone-street and his colleagues when Stones-treet practiced medicine in Rockville, MD, from 1852-1903.

Science in the Summer is back!

Disney Raffle Going on Now

Your child can “Discover Japanese Culture Through Anime with Kebiru Sketch” at the Library. Keville Bowen (Kebiru Sketch) takes a look into the common themes seen in Japanese Anime and explains the connection to Japanese culture to deepen our understanding of the medium. This program runs every Wednesday in May (4, 11, 18, 25) from 4-5 p.m. This program is suitable for children ages 8-14. Families are welcome with older and/or younger children. Younger children are required to have an adult 18+ with them at all times.

Learn approaches to recover from grief on Monday, May 23 at 6 p.m. Ellen Monsees is a grief recovery specialist who will come and talk about how to move on from loss. Her presentation addresses myths about coping with grief including “time heals all wounds.”

Science in the Summer is coming to the Aston Public Library again this year! The theme this time will be Chemistry. Science in the Summer is a free science education program that helps elementary school children “grow into science.” The program will be July 11-14 with both morning and afternoon options. Registration begins May 4 at Noon. Spots will fill up quickly. Register your child at: www.scienceinthesummer.com.

Peter Moses Kicks Off Summer Reading Activities Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. For more than 20 years, Peter Moses has performed for groups of children, festivals, libraries, schools and major children’s music venues. Peter’s concerts are highly participatory, funny and upbeat. Performances combine interactive singalongs with original folk & pop-rock for children. He accompanies himself on guitar, keyboards and harmonica. Peter has produced ten original music and song titles since 1990. The concert is held in the Community Center Gym and is FREE for everyone.

Learn to decoupage (decorate) clay pots with Penn State Master Gardeners Thursday, May 5 at 6 p.m. Materials are provided space is limited so please register!

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 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.

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. The drawing will be held May 26.

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.

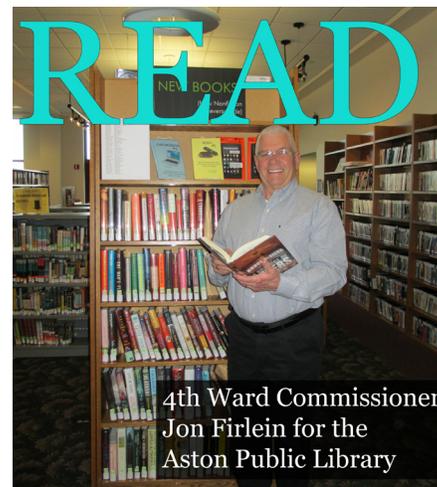
Tuesday, May 3 at 5 p.m. We will be having a Family Block Party, a 45 minute to an hour long free play session with a set of universal blocks, people, vehicles, animals, scarves and other materials. Families with young children have the freedom to build and play as they wish. This program was funded 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 information. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Library on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.



The winners of our annual bookmark design contest. On the left is Ms. Nancy, our Childrens Program Coordinator. On the right is David Burnshaw. In the front row are (left to right) Maria Burnshaw, Charli Chapman, Shawn White and Robert Slesceki. In the back row are (left to right) Angellana Mullen, Alexandra Jordan, McKenzie Korenkiewicz, Cecilia Sacharok and John Peters.



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and are due by **May 31**.

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Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Office Phone: 610-494-1335