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Aston Presbyterian Church Celebrates 150th Anniversary



President Stigale presents members of the Aston Presbyterian Church with a proclamation recognizing their history in Aston.

Aston Presbyterian Church celebrated its 150th anniversary of the existence of their congregation. The church's long cherished history began with Thomas Reaney, owner of the shipyard in Chester. His vision of having a Sabbath School for the children of his workers came true when he and his two sons purchased land and erected a church building and gave it to the "Third Presbytery of Philadelphia" to organize a congregation. For almost 90 years, the church was located in Chester until a tragic fire destroyed the church building in 1956.

On Pal Sunday, March 22, 1959, the congregation moved to its present location in Aston Township. The church building and its congregation grew and in 1984, it became known as Aston Presbyterian Church. The church has provided a Christian Day Care/Learning Center since 1978. In 2005, the Salisbury Labyrinth was constructed on the Concord Road side of the Church. The Labyrinth is used as a walking path for meditation and prayer for people of all faiths, no skills or experience is required. The congregation has never forgotten their roots in the Chester Community and continues serving those in need with donations of food, clothing, and spiritual love.

Summer Concert Series Kicks Off June 6



Aston Parks and Recreation Committee are bringing back the Hometown Concert Series this Summer! The

Northley Steel Drum Ensemble and Jazz Band led by Darren Hazlett will kick off the 2016 Hometown Concert Summer Series Event on Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. More performances include June 20: South Philadelphia String Band (placed first in Mummers Parade 2016); July 11: Rockdale Boys; July 25: Tim Carroll; and August 8: Archie Lane/Big Band.

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

Summer Movie Nights

Sponsored by the Aston Township Parks and Recreation Committee, Family Movie Nights will be held on Wednesday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 27 at the Aston Township Community Center.

All Movie Night Events are free and will begin at dusk. There will also be food and soft drinks available for purchase. Anyone wishing to make a donation to help fund future movie nights may do so at the event or by contacting the Parks and Rec Committee Chairperson, Commissioner Carol Graham cgraham@astontownship.net

Aston Township Cleanup Day a Hit



Commissioner Graham stands with members of the Aston Parks and Recreation Committee and volunteers who came out for Aston Township Cleanup Day.

Dreary skies and a little rain didn't stop nearly 30 people from coming out to help make Aston shine. The Parks and Recreation Committee held the second annual Aston Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7. Fisher and Poore Parks had Boy Scout Troop #292, CRC and residents picking up trash throughout the trails and the Kelso family generously cleaned up Savage Park.

The group at Fisher Park actually ran out of supplies for the volunteer. Each volunteer received a shirt, gloves, and bags. "This was awesome to me, I didn't think anybody would show up," said Alma Carroll, Parks and Recreation committee member. Many bags of trash were collected and the rain didn't stop the effort. "I'd like to thank all those who braved the weather to come out and help keep Aston beautiful," said Commissioner Graham.

Farmers Market Opens June 7

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!

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. 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.

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.

St. Francis de Sales Students Win Big at Computer Science Fair

The students of St. Francis de Sales School mastered the various fields of computer science as the school participated in the Pennsylvania Middle School Computer Fair sponsored by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. The Regional Fair was held on Tuesday, April 26 at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit in Morton, Pennsylvania.

Sixteen of the 19 St. Francis de Sales students that participated received awards for their projects in the Regional Competition. First place winners included 8th graders Cailey McDermott and Julia Kasper in Graphic Design and 6th graders, Bernard Seasock and Robert Smith in Programming. Second place was awarded to 8th graders, Caroline Lynch in Web Design; Jessica Kasper and Katie Lee in Computer Fair Logo; and 6th graders, Jasmyne McCarthy, Alexa Hewitt and Kelly Garvey in Graphic Design. Third Place winners included 7th graders, Madeline Tonn, Victoria Salvadore and Missy Koita in Digital Movie and 6th graders, Claire Campbell, Erin Lynch and Carrie Sappington in Graphic Design. All first place winners advanced to compete in the Statewide Computer Fair on May 25 at Dickinson University in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The successful St. Francis de Sales students were monitored by Miss Amanda Derrickson, who incorporates the use of technology as she teaches ELA and Social Studies to the fifth through eighth grade students at St. Francis de Sales School.

Independence Day Celebration

Aston Township Board of Commissioners is happy to announce that they will be hosting the 2016 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks display on Monday, July 4 behind Sun Valley High School.

The party will start at 7 p.m. with a DJ, so if you would like to get there early and get a good seat, there will be entertainment. The fireworks show will begin at dusk, around 9:15 p.m. and refreshments will be served in the Green Ridge Fire Company's parking lot.

Please bring lawn chairs due to the wet conditions of the Sun Valley fields. Come out and join the Aston community in celebrating the 4th of July and the beautiful firework display that comes with it!

Senior Citizens to Meet June 9

Aston Senior Citizens annual June luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 9 at noon at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn. All members and guests are welcome to attend. Tickets are now available for \$25,

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.

Public Works.. Around Aston

Public Works has installed picnic tables and benches around Aston. They have also completed Chipper Week, mulched all parks, started cutting grass for Spring season. Potholes are still being filled, so if you see one, please fill out the form online to let Public Works know.

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

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 Receives Storm Relief Grant

The Township received a grant from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management agency to reimburse the Township 50% of the expenses related to the April 2015 storm.

Second Day Trash Pick Up Starts June 20

Corresponding Days:

Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

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."

Rockdale Arts Center to Host Free Childrens Class Preview

Rockdale Arts Center is holding a free preview of our summer classes for stu-

dents Grades K-5 on Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Summer classes offered are summer young artists (Grades K-2); summer junior artists (Grades 3-5); summer artists (Grades 6-8); summer studio (Grades 9-12).

Chadds Ford Tavern Talk June 9

Chadds Ford will host a Tavern Talk on Thursday, June 9 on Herbs and Potions.

Plants are a staple part of survival during any time period. This month we will be exploring the many uses of herbs, such as ones you can eat with food, ones you can use to ward off sickness and ones you can mix in your cocktail!

Guests will have the opportunity to "brew" their own potion, sip on "herby" cocktails by the Mix Specialists, discover herbal remedies from Poseidon Ponds & Gardens, taste some edible flowers, unearth the hidden meanings of plants and more!

Tavern Talk takes place at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns Brinton House, a historic 1714 tavern, located next to the Chaddsford Winery at 630 Baltimore Pike. Admission is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. Tickets must be purchased in advance over the phone, in person or online as space is limited. All attendees must be 21 and older.

For more info on the CFHS or to purchase tickets, call (610) 388-7376, email us at info@chaddsfordhistory.org or visit www.chaddsfordhistory.org.



Holy Family Computer Fair Winners

Holy Family Regional School participated in the 2016 Regional Computer Fair on April 26 at the DCIU. Twenty-six Holy Family students participated in various categories. The students did a wonderful job, Holy Family students

June Public Meetings and Special Events

Strategic Plan Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, June 1

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
6 p.m. Wednesday, June 1

New Construction Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Monday, June 6

Public Works Meeting
12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

Fire Committee Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

Work Session Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, June 8

Board of Health Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14

Commissioners Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15

Ordinance Committee Meeting
2 p.m. Monday, June 20

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, June 21

Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22

placed as follows:

1st Place Digital Movie - Cassandra P., Kerrigan C., Keyshla V.

1st Place Animation - Emma R., Nolan A.

2nd Place - Digital Movie - Grace S.

3rd Place - Logo Design - Brendan C., Tommy P., Daniel C.

3rd Place - Graphic Design - Kaitlyn D., Maria S., Samantha C.

Summer Reading Program Returns; Art Classes and More

The library is offering its Summer Reading Program and rewards again for the kids this summer. This year's theme is "On your mark, get set, READ!" The big performances will be on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the gym. The first performance will be the Piccirillo Scienctellers on June 22. They tell stories using science experiments. For the second performance on the 25, Puppets Pizzazz will present their musical puppet show. If your child logs his or her reading at www.tinyurl.com/Aston-SRP16 and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book!

Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m., the Library will be hosting a class in the art of decoupage for teens 12-17. Decoupage is the art or craft of decorating objects with paper cut-outs. Ms. Debbie will show the group how to do this with clay pots and how to make a flower pot holder. Please register through the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

Tuesday, June 28 at 3 p.m. Marshall Steam Museum presents "I've Been Working on the Railroad" at the Library. In this program, the kids will get up and move while learning about what life was like on the railroad. We will read Jingle the Brass by Patricia Newman to learn all the proper railroad lingo you needed on a steam train. Then, we'll get up and move and learn



Bill McConville, new Aston Township Manager.

the different sounds a train makes. We'll find out how the Conductor is the boss on the train through a game of "Conductor Says...!" Make-and-take craft included!

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. is the time for ebook readers. 11 a.m. is the time for laptops and tablets.

The Friends of the Library are raffling a basket full of Summer Fun 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 in August.

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.

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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, June 21 at 7 p.m.

New Township Manager Named

Bill McConville was named the new Aston Township Manager at the May Commissioners Meeting. McConville will be subject to a 90 day probationary period effective June 1.



A picture of the Scienctellers, who will be visiting the library on the 22nd



The new summer reading program logo

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Neumann University Center Stage Summer Theater Camp

Neumann University Center Stage Theater Camp will be going on this Summer. Camp is held weekdays, with no camp on July 1 and 4. For more information, contact the office of Cultural Programming at Neumann at 610-558-5626 or dimarinn@neumann.edu.

Workshop I	K-3rd graders	June 27-July 15	10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	\$370
Workshop II	4th/5th graders	June 27-July 15	10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	\$370
Showcase Workshop	6th/9th grades	June 27-July 23	10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	\$500
High School Workshop	9th -young adult	July 5-July 30	1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.	\$200