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Egg-stra Special Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch!

More than 700 Township residents turned out to make a run for Easter eggs at the annual Township Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch. The weather held out and residents made the most of it- grabbing up all the eggs in less than ten minutes!

Planned by Kit Spayd with the help of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the event featured thousands of eggs stuffed by volunteers. The ATFD was on hand to sound the alarm to let the children know it was time to grab the eggs.

Inside the Community Center there were goody bags for the kids, pictures (and free hugs) with the Easter Bunny. Wawa was on hand to provide coffee for the parents and there was a balloon show for the children.

Ragean and James Bowden get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny!



Children grab Easter Eggs as fast as they can!

Aston Library Recognized for National Library Week

The Aston Township Library is a great resource for our community. It offers residents many valuable programs from chair yoga to help with taxes and even allows them to rent wi-fi hotspots and passes to local museums. For all the good the Library does, it was recognized for National Library Week, held April 10-16 this year. Commissioner Graham presented Library Director Stephen Sarazin with a proclamation recognizing the Aston Library.

The Library brings together community members to enrich and shape the community. It also offers programs to meet the community needs and provides training and access to downloadable content like e-books. Libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities, and for that Aston thanks them!

Northley Middle Wins Best in State for Mobile App Concept

Congratulations to a team of sixth to eighth grade students from Northley Middle School in Aston Township who have been named Best in State winners in the fifth annual Verizon Innovative Learning App challenge for their mobile app concept Garden Aid.



Northley Middle School is one of two winners from Pennsylvania. The students' winning app idea

was selected from more than 1,800 submissions nationwide and aims to address problems that can keep people from successfully growing a garden. The Garden Aid app would provide insights on how to grow a thriving garden, from plant identification to tips and tricks for healthy plants.

The students earned a \$5,000 award from the Verizon Foundation for their school and tablets for each team member.

The Township Offices and Public Works Department are closed on Friday, April 14 for Good Friday. All Friday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Thursday, April 13.

Help Keep Aston Beautiful April 22



Help keep Aston Beautiful by joining your neighbors and cleaning up your local common areas and parks on Saturday,

April 22 from 9 a.m. -11 a.m.

Park Clean Up Sites are as follows: 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 and Woodbrook Park.

Those interested or that are in need of more information are asked to contact Dave Kelso at: pastexp@Comcast.net.

Friends of the Library Upcoming Fundraising Events

Support the Friends of the Library at one of their upcoming fundraisers this month. The Friends will host a book sale on Thursday, April 6- Saturday, April 8, at the library. There will be a spaghetti supper at the Community Center on Saturday, April 29.

The Friends of the Aston Library have contributed more than \$11,000 in 2016 and in January 2017 donated another \$10,000 to the library for various special projects, programs and book purchases. The organization is always looking for new members who are community oriented and are willing to give a few hours each month to fundraising projects. Contact the library for more information or go to their website www.astonlibrary.org.

Local Taxes Due April 15

It's that time of year again. Your 2016 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 2016 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).

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 2016 are required to file a tax return by Friday, April 15.

Sisters of St. Francis to host Franciscan Night May 6

The Sisters of St. Francis will be conducting their second Annual Franciscan Night on Saturday, May 6 at Our Lady of Angels Convent, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston. Join us for an evening mingling with the Sisters of St. Francis while sampling delicious food from Caff  Gelato or sit at one of our nine gaming tables to try your hand at blackjack, poker, craps, or roulette. As part of the entry fee, each guest will be given \$50 in chips. While no cash prizes will be awarded to our guests, there are fabulous prize baskets to be won.

Not interested in gaming? No problem! You can take a chance on more than 40 gorgeous raffle baskets as well as our mystery Big Card Draw! Winning can be fun whether through a game or a raffle.

Individual tickets are priced at \$100 each and sponsorships are also available. To purchase a ticket or to sponsor the event, go to <http://osfphila.org/support-us/foundation-event/>. Questions should be directed to Sr. Deborah Krist, OSF at (610) 558-7713 or by email at foundation@osfphila.org. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit our retired sisters in Assisi House in Aston, and St. Ann's Convent in Tacoma, Washington.

8th Annual Fishing Derby Apr. 29

Come out and join The Lenni Athletic Club as they present the 8th Annual Fishing Derby. The Derby will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m.

The Derby will be held at Lewis Fisher Park, located on Mount Road in Aston and is open to children ages 4 to 12. It is requested LIVE BAIT ONLY be used. There will be food, fun, prizes and trophies handed out!

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

Come join us during Lent for evenings of Tea & Theology. This year's topic is Prayer: the Faith Proposal.

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

Apr. 6 - Dr. Lou Diangelo: "Praying with Eyes Wide Open"

St. Joseph's Parish, 3255 Concord Rd, Lower Church Hall. Come out and enjoy a warm cup of tea (and coffee too) with some interesting theology! All are welcome. For more information, contact Cathy Maugeri c.maugeri@comcast.net.

Aston Lioness' Fashion Show

Aston Lioness' present "Fashion Fun" on Sunday, April 2 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. See it; charge it; cash; carry. The fashions being displayed are by Taylor Marie. Join them at the Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord Road. The cost is \$10 per person and light refreshments will be included. Please contact Lovada Marino at 610-476-0584 for tickets.

Senior Citizens to Meet April 27

The Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 10:45

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.
Deadline for next issue is April 21.

a.m. in the Aston Community Center. Membership is open to Penn Delco residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven) and dues are \$10.

You are welcome to come and join at our next meeting or contact Stanley Wileczek, 123 Edgar Avenue or call 610-494-5434.

ATFD Helps With Fire Alarms

Proper installation of smoke detectors can help save lives. If any residents need help installing their smoke detectors or have any questions, please contact the Aston Township Fire Department to arrange for an installation.

Baseball Season Begins

The start of April means baseball season kick off! Aston Valley Baseball League Opening Day Parade is Saturday, April 8 at Weir Park.

Following tradition, the day will start with a parade at 8:30 a.m. from the Community Center down to Weir Park. Following the parade, the Opening Day Ceremony on our Major League Field at approximately 9:30 a.m. The community is invited to join as our coaches, volunteers, parents and young players kick off another season of baseball.

Aston Middletown Little League Opening Day Parade is Saturday, April 22 at the AMLL field on Pennell Road.

2017 AVBL Golf Outing

The Aston Valley Baseball League will host a golf outing on Monday, May 1 at Paxon Hollow Golf Club.

The entrance fee includes golf, prizes, golf shirts, and golf balls. A buffet dinner and open bar will be served from 7-10 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Aston Valley Baseball League.

Entrance fee is \$125. Contact Bob Weeks at 484-432-4598 to register or for more information. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Bulk Trash and Appliance Collection April 3-7

The Township Public Works Department provides curbside pickup service for residents seeking to dispose of bulk trash items or old appliances. The fee for this service is \$20 per item and is due in advance of pickup.

Residents must call the Township Building at 610-494-1636 in advance to schedule pickup and arrange payment. The cost **MUST** be paid in advance. All items for bulk trash and appliance collection must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of your regular trash collection.

Curbside Tree Branch Pickup

The Aston Township Public Works department will offer curbside collection of tree branches (no larger than four inches (4"). They will not pick up large tree limbs or trunks. Collection of tree branches must be scheduled by calling the Public Works department 610-494-8005 and will be offered April 17-21.

A&A Enterprises, LLC (484-356-7100) accepts yard waste for a nominal fee Monday to Saturday at their location: 2043 Bridgewater Road. You must call ahead, clean tree chips accepted free.

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

April Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

12:30 Wednesday, April 5

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, April 10

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26

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.

Library Marks 40 Years; Greeting card exchange starts

Did you know this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Library's founding in 1977? Keep your eyes peeled for celebration events this summer!

Ask Debbie or Stephen at the desk to find out how you can get your first small 3D printed item for free. Check out the designs the staff have made for ideas in our display case.

Your young child can learn basic literacy skills while having fun. Join Ms. Debbie for toddler time (ages 2-3) on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., infant time (up to 24 months) on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., and preschool time (ages 3-5) on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Free Chair Yoga will be on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. starting Tuesday, April 11. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga, using a chair for support. We have the gym for the Tuesday sessions, so there will be plenty of room for all!

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss the Oscar nominated film *Fences* on Monday, April 24 at 11 a.m. Light lunch will be provided.

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Ari Paul Felber's children's magic show will visit the library. The show is fun, funny, entertaining and interactive. Tricks and humor go hand in hand when Ari

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 Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-noon.

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

is around. The show will be held in the large community room next to the library. No registration needed and the show is FREE!

Do you need a greeting card? Do you have extra greeting cards you won't use? The Aston Public Library has an exchange for greeting cards. Visit the library's Research Books area to see the cards that are available. If you have some cards you would like to donate, give them to the staff at the Customer Service desk. There are many interesting type of cards available, and every card should find a good home!

Kids' Lego Club is at the Library on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Your child can learn to build things using the library's Lego collection. Wooden blocks are also available for building and all ages are welcome.

Explore some of the Delaware Valley's most exciting places by checking out museum passes for free from the Library. Admission passes to these places are available for a free 7 day loan: Academy of Natural Sciences, Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, Elmwood Park Zoo, and Morris Arboretum.

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.

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 e-book readers and 11 a.m. is the time for laptops and tablets.

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 meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

You can access books for your Kindle, Nook, or other e-book reader with your library card. Go to <http://digitallibrary.delcolibraries.org/> to see what is available.

Are you on Facebook? Follow the Aston Library there! Go to <http://www.facebook.com/astonlibrary> and "like" us! Join the Friends of the Library. Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your information.

ABA Networking Event April 17

The Aston Business Association will host a Wine and Cheese Networking Event on Monday, April 17 at the IceWorks Pub and Grill Banquet room, located between rink's 3 & 4. This will be an open event for member and non-member Aston business owners and representatives. We have also invited members from the Middletown and Brookhaven Business Associations.



The former "Free Library of Aston" building
(also former Sun Riding School)



The Greeting Card Exchange at the Library!

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