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Summer Events in the Park



As summer winds down, so do the Hometown Concerts and Family Movie nights. Be sure to make it out this month to check out a concert or movie night while you can!

Hometown Concerts are Mondays at 7 p.m. Monthly Movie night is held on Wednesdays with pre-movie entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m. and the movie beginning at dusk.

All events are free and open to the public, just bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Dollar dog night will also be available for both events.

Hometown Concert Schedule:

August 7 Archie Lane & The Band
August 21 David Stone Ryan Presents: Johnny Cash

Family Movie Night:

August 16 Beauty & The Beast (Live Action)

Community Day 2017: Save the Date!



The 16th Annual Community Day will be held Saturday, October 7 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Center. Rain date is Saturday, October 14.

Community Day will begin with a parade from Neumann University at 9:30 a.m. The parade will proceed along Concord Road to the Aston Township Community Center and feature local community groups and organizations as well as musical entertainment.

Inside the Community Center, the Aston Business Association will host the annual Business Expo for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services. Other community festivities will be held outside including rides sponsored by Bette's Bounces, games, food, drinks, and contests for everyone to enjoy.

The Bike Rodeo is open to kids ages 0-12. They can decorate their bikes, wagons or strollers and ride along the parade route for all to see. Prizes will be awarded for best decorations and there will be a rodeo contest prior to the parade. For information and registration, contact Maureen Dillon at astonbikecontest@gmail.com.

Wrist bands can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$4 each at the Community Center beginning September 1-October 7. Wristbands purchased during the day of the event will be \$5 each. Proof of Aston residency is needed at the time of purchase.

For Community Day participation contact Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337. For parade participation, contact Nancy Bowden at 610-464-5490 or nbowden@comcast.net. For Business Expo contact Terry Yannuzzi at 610-497-4019 or terry@ricksheds.com.

Aston Lioness Club

Donates to Township

The Board of Commissioners thanked the Aston Lioness Club for its generous donation of \$750. The donation will be spent to help purchase new furniture for the library lobby.

Volunteer for Community Day

Community Day planning has begun!! All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Aston Township Community Center in the small meeting room. The dates for meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday August 8
- Tuesday August 22
- Tuesday September 12
- Tuesday September 19
- Tuesday September 26
- Tuesday October 3
- Tuesday October 6

We hope to see some of our wonderful residents there that are willing to volunteer for Community Day.

Aston Township Historical Society Upcoming Events

Aston Township Historical Society has several exciting events coming up this fall. All events will be held at the ACC.

On Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. local historian Nancy Webster will tell the unbelievable story of the Battle of Brandywine and its effects on the residents of Aston. The Battle was held September 11, 1777 and the huge British encampment covered all the land from Route 1, Baltimore Pike to Village Green. Both armies traveled through Aston down Concord road to Chester.

Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. there will be Meet the Authors event, book sale, and book signing for *Living in Fisher's Corner, Aston, PA in the 1950s*. John Macfarland, Mac, Lee Smitham, Mort, Clarence Hickey, and Corky have put their photos, stories, and so many memories into a fun look back to the simpler times of our town. Come meet them, share a story or two, buy a book and get their signatures. All costs were covered by the authors and all proceeds will go to the ATHS.

Saturday, October 7 is Aston Community Day and the ATHS will be remembering those who fought in the Revolutionary War and the people of Aston who tried to help the soldiers as they streamed through our town, hungry, tired, and war-weary. If you are interested in portraying a soldier or some of the townspeople, e-mail Sheila Withelder at withelder@comcast.net.

On Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m. the ATHS will host Al Eelman from the Concord Township Historical Society with his interpretation of Benedict Arnold, the infamous traitor of the Revolutionary War. Al has portrayed Arnold several times and captures the essence of the man whose name is reviled in American history.

Convent Road Bridge Reopens

Delaware County Council joined township officials from Aston and Middletown Townships on July 18 to reopen the Convent Road Bridge in Aston which extends over the Chester Creek into Middletown Township's Parkmount Road.

Construction on the bridge began in June 2016 and final inspections were completed on July 18. The new bridge is a 168-foot single span steel beam concrete structure.

During the reopening, Delaware County Councilman Dave White, council's liaison to the Department of Public Works said Delaware County takes a proactive approach to bridge inspection and maintenance.

"Bridges and their safety are a critical component of our transportation system," said Delaware County Councilman Dave White. "They are critical to our residents, to our school districts who transport children, to our police, firefighters and emergency responders who need to respond quickly to an emergency and to our businesses. Delaware County Council is committed to inspecting, maintaining and rebuilding these bridges when necessary in order to ensure the safety of our residents."

The cost to reconstruct the Convent Road Bridge was 3.2-million-dollars, a cost shared by the Federal Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and county funds coming from the liquid fuels tax fund. No general funds from the county budget were used.

"Delaware County is the only county in the state which shares its liquid fuels tax fund with municipalities," said White. "Council works with the county's Department of Public Works to secure the funding to ensure public safety by maintaining the county's infrastructures and we are able to do so without using money from the general fund."

There are more than 250,000 bridges in Pennsylvania, which represents the third largest number of state bridges in the nation.

Public Works... Around Aston

As usual, Public Works has been busy keeping Aston beautiful. Last month they installed handicapped signs on Marie Circle and Valley Green Drive; poured new concrete sidewalk at the Community Center; mulched Gordonville Park; installed temporary speed humps on Village Drive; prepared Sun Valley for the annual 4th of July fireworks display; repaired sprinkler system at Five Points; and installed three residential parking signs on Maple.

American Legion Recruitment

The American Legion Post 926 of Aston is a part of America's largest veteran's service organization and is looking for new members.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington.

The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

You can sign up to join at American Legion Post 926, find them on Twitter at: Veteransall and email: Post926@comcast.net.

Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament

The 2017 Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 18 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be held at the

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.
Deadline for next issue is August 24.

Concord County Club and features 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.

Formed in the aftermath of the 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina disasters, the Sheriff's Reserve unit, staffed by volunteers, is trained to provide traffic and crowd control assistance to the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies in Delaware County as requested.

For more information, contact Jeff Stang at 302-750-9380 or Brad Feldman at 610-299-7834.

Aston Pollution Reduction Plan

Aston Township is preparing a 5-year Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) for the Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit application. Currently there are large amounts of sediment and pollutants within the township stream system (Baldwin Run, Marcus Hook Creek, Chester Creek, Dutton Run and West Branch Chester Creek). As part of this process the Township is required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to reduce the amount of sediment and pollutants entering the stream systems by installing various stormwater improvements. Some of these improvements include basin retrofits, wet ponds, stream restoration and bioswales. The plan will be available to review at the township building and must be officially submitted to DEP in September.

Double Trash Pickup Ends

Double Trash Pickup ends on Friday, September 1.

Recycling Reminder!



Remember! Recycling is single stream, you can include clear glass, aluminum cans, all plastic containers, green glass, bi-metal cans, newspaper (placed next to recycling

can), brown glass, cardboard boxes, cardboard containers.

Village Green Schoolhouse to get New Roof

The Aston Township Historical Society was thrilled the new roof for the Village Green Schoolhouse was approved at the July Commissioners meeting.

The school opened in 1867 and is 150 years old. After the roof is completed and interior repaired, cleaned, and deemed safe for occupation, The ATHS is hoping to use it to start an elementary school program for students who study Pennsylvania history.

It has been used for Christmas teas in past years and has hosted many former students of the school, which reopened for a few years when Green Ridge School was being built in the 40s.

The school was featured on a bus tour last year in September and had quite a few visitors. For a tour or more information, contact Sheila Withelder at *withelder@comcast.net* or call Pat Smith at 610-494-4707.

Escape Brandywine this August

Escape Brandywine is a new historical-immersive escape room presented by Chadds Ford Historical Society. These events take place most Friday and Saturdays in August. Your experience is set inside John Chads House, c.1725 historic home located along the site of the Battle of Brandywine. This escape room program is unlike any other, since it places you directly inside an authentic historical space with a Revolutionary War mission!

Escape Brandywine places participants into roles of spies on the eve of the Battle of Brandywine, and charges them with finding General Howe's battle plans that have been hidden inside the Chads House for safe keeping. Using real Revolutionary War spy techniques, codes and cyphers, players will have 60 minutes to solve puzzles that will allow them to locate the plans and escape the house to deliver the plans to George Washington!

August Public Meetings and Special Events

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, August 23

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, August 29

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 610-388-7376 to check availability.

Stormwater Runoff Information for Homeowners and Residents

Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. As the runoff flows over the land or impervious surfaces (paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops), it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality if the runoff is discharged untreated.

The primary method to control stormwater discharges is the use of best management practices (BMPs).

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors! Visit <http://astontownship.net/government/related-agencies/storm-water-epa-dep/> to learn more.

**Summer Reading Continues;
Hidden Figures Movie Discussion**

The library "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program and rewards for kids are continuing. The big performances are on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the gym. Upcoming performances:

- August 9 Brian Richards Magic
- August 16 Silly Joe Sings!
- August 23 Franklin Institute Weather Traveling Science Show (and Party with Reading Prizes)
- August 30 Robin Bady, Storyteller

If your child logs his or her reading at www.tinyurl.com/AstonSRP17 and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book!

Your child can learn to play Chess! Join Chess Club every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - materials and training will be provided.

3D Printing Services Available. 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 in our display case for inspiration.

Your young child can learn basic literacy skills while having fun during Storytime. The Aston Public Library offers story times every week, open to everyone! 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 classes will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays starting August 8. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga using a chair for

Delaware County 4H Summer Fair August 10-12

Come out and join the Delaware County 4-H Club at the 4-H Cooperative Farm at Garrett-Williamson, 395 Bishop Hollow Road, Newtown Square. This is a rain or shine event, and a free family-fun opportunity to explore Delco 4-H and agriculture! The schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, August 10: 6 p.m. Observe Poultry Judging.
- Friday, August 11: 5-9 p.m. Sheep, Hog and Cattle Showmanship & Judging.
- Saturday, August 12: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. View 4-H exhibits and livestock shows, hayrides and pony rides.

For more information follow them on their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/delco4h/

support.

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss *Hidden Figures* on Monday, August 28 at 11 a.m. Light lunch will be provided.

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.

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, July 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.



Our 40th library birthday celebration, including (L. to R.) Trustee Bonnie Zeleznick, President Harry Hill, State Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky, Stephen Sarazin, Twp. Commissioner Fred Prendergast, Trustees Gina Ruggieri and Marianne Leagans.



Kids participating in this month's GSK Science in the Summer class



Brian Richards, magician, will perform at the library August 9.

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

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