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Dr. Rosalie Mirenda Recognized for her Many Years of Service

Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda served as President of Neumann University for the past 21 years and officially retired on June 30. During her time as Neumann's President, she was responsible for more than tripling enrollment at the school, from 900 to more than 2,900 students. Annual capital giving increased by more than 30 percent, the campus has expanded from 14 to 68 acres, and new academic programs were added, including three doctorates.

Neumann was named a University in 2009 and opened the Mirenda Center for Sport, Spirituality, and Character Development, a 72,000 square foot facility named in honor of Dr. Mirenda and her husband Tony. Dr. Mirenda is committed to the Catholic Franciscan mission of the University, based on the belief that knowledge, while valuable in itself, is best used in the service of others. She participated and spoke at the Rally for Freedom: Relevance to Higher Education- Stand up for Religious Freedom in 2012. Dr. Mirenda has conferences on the Role of Mission and Student Experience, Optimizing the Role of Collaboration in Meeting Institutional Challenges, and Ensuring Student Success: Getting the Right Fit.

She has been recognized by a number of organizations for her steadfast faith, distinguished character and numerous accomplishments. She received the Gary Papa Award in 2013 from the Delaware County Community Foundation, the Sons of Italy Distinguished Achievement Award in 2013, the Sourin Award in 2012 from the Catholic Philopatrian Society, the Catholic Graduate Hall of Fame Award in 2011 from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the Woman on the Move Award in 2011 from Main Line Times.

Dr. Mirenda has served on many boards, including the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the PA Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Seton Hall University, Archmere Academy, Holy Child Academy and the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Dr. Mirenda recently served on the board of the World Meeting of Families 2015, Inc.

Dr. Mirenda earned her Ph.D. from Widener University, her MSN from the University of Pennsylvania, and her B.S. in Nursing from Villanova University. She has been married to Anthony D. Mirenda for more than fifty years and they have three children and five grandchildren. Dr. Mirenda prayerfully reached her decision to retire on June 30, 2017 at the completion of the 2016/2017 academic year.

Dr. Mirenda thanks Aston Township for everything. "Aston Township has been an incredible force in helping Neumann grow to be successful," she said.



The Aston Township Board of Commissioners recognized Dr. Rosalie Mirenda for her 21 years of service to Neumann University.

Summer Events in the Park



Hometown Concerts and Family Movie Nights are back this summer!

Hometown Concerts will be held every Monday at 7 p.m. Monthly Movie nights are 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:

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| July 10 | Tim Carroll |
| July 17 | South Philly String Band |
| July 24 | Rockdale Boys |
| August 7 | Save the Date! |
| August 21 | Save the Date! |

Family Movie Night Schedule:

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| July 26 | The Secret Life of Pets |
| August 16 | Lego Batman Movie |

The Township Offices and Public Works Department are closed on Tuesday, July 4. All Monday and Tuesday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Monday, July 3. There will not be a second pick up for residents who have their second pick up on Monday.

2017 Independence Day Celebration



Aston Township Board of Commissioners is happy to announce that they will be hosting the 2017 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks display on Tuesday, 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 available.

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!

Mariner Pipeline Emergency Plan Online

The Aston Township Board of Commissioners is committed to providing accurate and timely communication regarding the proposed Sunoco Logistics Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project as it relates to the project's impact on Aston Township and its residents and communities.

The Township has established a section of the township website so that all official communication regarding the project can be arranged for easy access. The Aston Township Board of Commissioners is working diligently to ensure that all available information is made known through this venue or via official statements at these public venues.

What should citizens do if they have a question regarding a pipeline on their property? Residents should contact the Sunoco Logistics Non-emergency Hotline: 855-430-4491. Visit astontownship.net/government/committees-boards-commissions/sunoco-pipeline-mariner-east-2-project/ for more information.

You can also find a link to the May 23, 2017 presentation provided by Aston Township Fire Marshal Tom Morgan. View the slides from the presentation here: <http://astontownship.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/PIPELINE-AWARENESS-AND-PREPAREDNESS-For-The-General-Public-170427.pdf>

2017 Freedom Medal Recipients



The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association announced the recipients of the Freedom Medal Awards during a Flag Day ceremony on June 14 at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square. Recipients will be honored during the 4th annual Freedom Medal Gala held in November to honor veterans and those in the community who have shown support and dedication to veterans.

This year's military honorees are, from front left, U.S. Marine Veteran Sean Swee-

ney, U.S. Army Veteran Jennifer Jones, U.S. Navy Veteran Martin Costello, U.S. Marine Veteran Jerry Sweeney and U.S. Marine Veteran Bill Kinney. Honorees are, from back left, Dr. Tina Kane, principal of Coopertown Elementary School, recipient of the dedication to Education Award; Delaware County Councilman Dave White, recipient of the President's Award; and David Videon, Lynn Videon, Steve Videon, Vicki Kline and Steve Kline, all recipients of the Dedication to the Community award.

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.

Public Works... Around Aston

Public Works has been busy maintaining all the parks throughout the Township, picking up branches, trash, leaves etc. It also chipped branches, repaired 120 pot-holes throughout the Township using 2 tons of asphalt; repaired fencing; planted approximately 200 trees in Township retention ponds; and mulched flower beds at "Welcome to Aston" signs, Community Center, and islands throughout the Township.

Parking Restricted on Maple Lane

Commissioners passed an ordinance to amend Chapter 460 of the Aston Township Codified Ordinances, entitled Parking, to restrict parking on the 800 block of Maple Lane to residential parking only. The Township believes that limiting street parking at this location of Maple Lane is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Aston Township.

Bulk Trash and Appliance Collection

Bulk Trash and Appliance Collection will take place July 10-14. 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 in advance to schedule pickup and arrange payment.

Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament

The 2017 Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament will be

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held on Monday, September 18 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be held at the Concord County 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.

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.

Stay Safe this Fourth of July Recommended Safety Tips

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting

them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

- FAA regulations PROHIBIT the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

Escape Brandywine July 8 & 15

Escape Brandywine is a new historically immersive escape room presented by Chadds Ford Historical Society. 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!

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

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 re-

July Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5

Ordinance Committee Meeting

1 p.m. Monday, July 10

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, July 10

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, July 12

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26

duce 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 for review and must be officially submitted to DEP in September.

Community Day 2017:

Save the Date!

Community Day 2017 will be held Saturday, October 7 at the Community Center. Rain date is Saturday, October 14. Look for more details in the August Township Times!

Summer Reading Continues; Stop by for Patron Appreciation Day and Birthday Cookout!

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:

- July 5 Mr. Malcolm Story Teller
- July 12 Ed Schmitt Magic
- July 19 Puppets Pizzazz
- July 26 Peter Moses Music
- August 2 Science Tellers

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!

Other upcoming kids' special programs:

John Hadfield's Original Wholesome One-Man (and Dog) Comedy Variety show on Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Bonk! Expressive Drum & Percussion Workshop for Kids! by Steve Brown on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, July 6 is Patron Appreciation Day at the Library. Free goodies will be provided all day by Wawa!

Friday, July 7 we have free showings of the movie *Sing* at 11 a.m. and *Rogue One* at 1 p.m. Free popcorn too!

Saturday, July 8, join us for our Birthday Picnic from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Hot dogs, popcorn and bottled water provided!

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!](http://www.tinyurl.com/aston4g16)

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 for ideas. They are on display in our display case.

Storytime is back! Your young child can learn basic literacy skills while having fun. The Aston Public Library offers story times every week in the morning, open to everyone! Join Ms. Debbie for toddler time (ages 2-3) on Tuesdays at 10:30, infant time (up to 24 months) on Wednesdays at 10:30, and preschool time (ages 3-5) on Thursdays at 10:30!

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss *Hacksaw Ridge* on Monday, July 24 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



This year's Summer Reading Program theme!



Science Tellers amaze a young library patron. Check them out at the Library August 2!



Magician Ed Schmitt will be at the library July 12.

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.

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