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Pride in our Community

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Commissioner McGinn presents Jim Talbot and his family with a proclamation celebrating his 90th birthday.

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:

June 5	Northley Middle School
June 19	South Philly String Band
July 10	Save the Date!
July 24	Save the Date!
August 7	Save the Date!
August 21	Save the Date!

Family Movie Night Schedule:

June 28	<i>It's a Pets Life</i>
July 26	Save the Date!
August 16	Save the Date!

James Talbot Celebrates 90th Birthday

Aston resident James Talbot celebrated his 90th birthday on June 3. Talbot was born in Chester and went to Chester High School. At Chester High, Talbot was a standout athlete where he played catcher for the championship Chester Baseball Squad and was the starting quarterback for the Chester Clippers football team. His future wife Eleanor, who he has known since second grade and dated all through high school, would cheer him on as captain of the cheerleading squad.

Jim and Eleanor married in 1947 and had three sons, Jim, Ron, and Kevin. They moved to Aston in 1952 and Jim was employed with Sun Oil and also sold screen doors and windows after his day-time job. While working, Jim put himself through The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania at night. Jim retired after 39 years with Sun Oil. Aston Township was very lucky to have Jim take the position of Deputy Health Officer post-retirement.

Jim and Eleanor will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this year and are very active in the Church of St. Joseph community. Jim enjoys playing a good game of golf and was inducted into the Delaware County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016 and Aston Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

The Township and its residents have been very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and well-respected gentlemen serve the community since 1996. "This entire Township is one of the best places in the world to live," said Talbot. "I'd like to thank Dick, Carol and all of the wonderful people in the Township," he said.



New Fourth Ward Commissioner Sworn in

Frederick Prendergast was sworn in as the new Fourth Ward Commissioner at the May Commissioner's meeting. Judge Diane Holefelder swore him in and was assisted by his wife.

American Legion Donates to Aston Police and Library

Jack Colwell from the Aston American Legion Post 926 presented Aston Police Chief Dan Ruggieri with a check to support the Aston K-9 unit.

They also presented Stephen Sarazin, director of the Aston Library, with a check to support the Library.

"The American Legion has been a huge support for the Library and has given us so much help. They are wonderful neighbors," said Sarazin.

Camp Rainbow Registration Open

Camp Rainbow is a wonderful summer opportunity brought to you by the Commissioners of Aston Township. It is open to all Aston Township residents who will enter 1st-5th grade in the fall.

Camp Rainbow is held every Monday -Friday from 9 a.m.-noon beginning the week of June 26 and running through August 4. Pre-registration for Camp Rainbow will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7 from 4:30- 6:30 p.m.

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. More information is available at the Township building and on the website.

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!

Second Day Trash Pick Up Begins June 19

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."

Vacation Bible School

Come join the fun at St. Joseph's Parish for VBS 2017: Maker Fun Factory! VBS will run June 26-30, from 9 a.m. -noon. Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to attend at a cost of \$40 per child. To register, go to the St. Joseph VBS registration site at <https://vbspro.events/p/stjosephastonvbs>.

Need an afternoon option for your children? Consider one of these camps that St. Joe's is offering during VBS week:

Camp #1: Discover Your Palette for Kids Summer Art Camp, June 26 -June 30 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Camp #2: Art from the Heart Summer Camp, June 26-June 30 from 1 -4:30 p.m.

The parish will supervise lunch from 12-1 p.m. for children enrolled in either of these activities.

For more information regarding VBS 2017 or the afternoon camps, contact Cathy Maugeri at c.maugeri@Comcast.net, or visit the St. Joseph Prep VBS webpage at <https://stjosephaston.org>.

Youth Summer Art Classes

The Rockdale Art Center will offer summer youth classes for grades K-12. Classes include family painting, exploring art, summer drawing, and summer young artists.

For more information, visit <http://www.rockdaleartcenter.com/youth-classes>.

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 getting Aston ready for summer! They have replaced and repaired street signs through-

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out Township; maintained all parks throughout Township (picking up branches, trash, etc.); installed vehicle safety mirror on Mount Road; mulched Bridgewater Park, Poore Park, Indian Rock Playground, ValleyBrook Chase, Concord Square Park, Woodbrook Park, N. Lamp Post Park and Savage Park; repaired light fixtures on snack stand at Weir Park; installed new street signs throughout Township; Replaced two (2) inlets (top only) in Highgrove; Repaired 75 pot holes using 1.5 tons of asphalt throughout Township; and Constructed new retaining wall around new “Welcome to Aston” sign on Pennell Rd

The Public Works Dept. also planted approximately 200 new trees and shrubs in retention ponds throughout the Township.

Art is Alive in Delco

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is sharing its art with Delco. Media was chosen as one of the locations for the Museum’s “Inside Out” art program.

From May 15 to Nov. 20, sixty high-quality replicas of the Museum’s masterpieces will be showcased in four communities around the region. Media will feature ten artworks throughout the town, including a Paul Cezanne which is displayed in front of the Delaware County Courthouse. A detailed map of the ten locations in Media can be found here: http://www.philamuseum.org/doc_downloads/exhibitions/collection/InsideOut/Summer_2017/Media.pdf

Staying Safe in Excessive Heat

During periods of prolonged heat, the elderly, the very young and persons with chronic health conditions are usually the first to be affected by the heat. The following are some preventative tips that can help you cope with the heat:

- Dress appropriately by wearing lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothing.
- Stay indoors in air-conditioned areas as much as possible. If they do not have air conditioning, they can seek relief for some part of the day at a local senior center, a mall, a library, and a movie theater,

of visit family who have air conditioning.

- If using a fan to keep cool, a window should be kept open to allow the hot air to escape. Keep blinds and curtains drawn and spend as much time as possible on the first floor of their home.

- Some medications cause an adverse reaction in hot weather, while others actually deteriorate in the heat and may not have the usual beneficial effect.

- Avoid exposure to the sun and heat and refrain from outdoor activities. Protect skin and eyes by using sunscreen, wearing a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoors.

- Slow down and avoid strenuous activities, especially outdoor activities, during the hottest part of the day (noon – 4 p.m.). If they must be active, they should take frequent rests in a cool place and drink plenty of fluids.

- Drink plenty of water, even if they do not feel thirsty, to prevent dehydration. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages.

- Take cool baths or showers. Cool water temperature cools your body 25 times faster than cool air.

- If the following signs are experienced, they should call a doctor or seek medical help immediately: fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, dry skin, rapid heartbeat and cramps.

- Pets are also subject to stress from the heat so keep your pets hydrated and in a cool environment.

Remember that the very young and the elderly are most vulnerable to the dangers of excessive heat. Check on friends and neighbors frequently and notify authorities of any potential concerns!

Chadds Ford Tavern Talk Scheduled for June 15

Chadds Ford will host a Tavern Talk on Thursday, June 15 from 7-9 p.m. The Tavern Talk will explore various aspects of 18th Century medicine, health, and hygiene through hands-on activities, living historian demonstrations, food tasting, and more. The special guest demonstrators for the evening include Clarissa Dillon, Ph.D., and historian

June Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

12:30 Wednesday, June 7

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, June 12

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, June 28

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28

Nancy Webster.

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 \$20 for non-members and \$15 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.

Aston Library Celebrates 40 Years; Summer Reading Program Starts

There will be a 40th Library Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser at Aston Barnaby's on Wednesday, June 28 from 6-9 p.m. The celebration will include open bar, a buffet, and raffles. Admission is \$25 per person and tickets are on sale at the Library!

Visit the library between July 5 and July 9 for a special program every day celebrating 40 years of the Aston Public Library. There will be a tea party, cake and ice cream, crafts, a visit from a *Star Wars* character, a kids comedy show, a picnic and more. Check our web site and Facebook for details.

The library is offering its Summer Reading Program and rewards again for the kids this summer. This year's theme is "Build a Better World". The big performances will be on Wednesdays at 1PM in the gym. The first performances will be:

- June 21: Tom Crowl Ventriloquist
- June 28: David Darwin's One Man Sideshow
- July 5: Mr. Malcolm Story Teller

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!

Dave Fiebert of Segal Puppets brings another great show to the library. Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. your child can enjoy the magic of puppetry for free!

Learn to play Chess! Join Chess Club every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Materials and training will be provided.

3D Printing service are now 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.

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

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

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss 20th Century Women on Monday, June 26 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.

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, June 20th 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.



This year's Summer Reading Program theme!



David Darwin will bring his one man sideshow to the Library June 28.

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