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Two Aston residents run for the eggs at last year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch Slated for March 25

The Township will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. sharp at the Community Center. The Bunny Brunch will follow with light refreshments in the Community Center Gym.

The rain date for this event is Saturday, April 1. There is no registration required and the Easter Bunny will be available for free hugs and pictures.

Fire Department Fundraiser

Come out to Texas Roadhouse located at 1051 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, on Tuesday, March 28 to help support your Aston Township Fire Department. Ten percent of your total food purchase will go towards the fundraiser. Please bring a copy of the flyer with you. Flyers are available in the lobby of the Township Building on the second floor.



Aston Dine and Buy March 16

The Spring Dine and Buy In Aston will be held on Thursday, March 16 to benefit the Sun Valley Post Prom. The Sun Valley Post Prom happens at the high school each year immediately following the Sun Valley High School Senior Prom. The event is a long standing tradition at Sun Valley designed to provide a safe and fun environment for our local young adults to celebrate after the prom. The Aston Business Association feels that keeping our children safe should be a top priority in any community.

When you participate in Dine and Buy In Aston by patronizing one of our Aston Business Association contributing members, the restaurant contributes a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to the cause. This spring the 2017 Sun Valley Post Prom Committee and the Aston Business Association are helping to keep our children safe after prom!

Visit AstonBA.com to see the full list of participating restaurants.

Township Approves Medical Marijuana Facility

Last month, Township Commissioners approved an ordinance change to allow for medical marijuana to be grown in indoor facilities in the Township. The ordinance states that no marijuana shall be established, developed, or operated within 1000 feet of the property line of a public, private, or parochial school or a day-care center. The facility also must be fully enclosed and not accessible by minors. The facility will not distribute, sell, dispense, or administer marijuana from the facility to the public.

The state defines "medical marijuana" as using the whole unprocessed marijuana plant or its basic extracts to treat a disease or symptom. Medical marijuana can help treat illnesses such as autism, cancer, Crohn's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's and ALS. Governor Wolf signed the bill approving medical marijuana in Pennsylvania last April, there will be about 50 dispensaries eventually be located in 67 counties.

Reaction to the ordinance was positive at the Township's special hearing. Residents are looking forward to the various cancer and medical benefits medical marijuana provides.

Friends of the Library Upcoming Fundraising Events

Support the Friends of the Library at one of their upcoming fundraisers in March and April. The Friends of the Aston Library will hold a Spring Bingo at the Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord Road, on Saturday, March 18. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo will be from 7-9 p.m. This is an all cash prize event with plenty of delicious home-baked goods, raffles and other food items available for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Aston Library.

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.

British Invasion at Knights of Columbus March 25

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. James A. Donnelly Council, are bringing back the "British Invasion Years" to St. Joseph's Parish in Aston on Saturday, March 25 at 8 p.m. The performance is three shows in one!

First, you may hear classic songs by iconic British Groups such as the Zombies, the Moody Blues, Dave Clark Five, and Herman's Hermits. The American musical "responses" will follow with memorable hits by The Monkees, The Turtles, the Mamas and the Papas, and Tommy James and the Shondells to name a few!

This retrospective concludes with an extraordinary finale paying tribute to the four lads from Liverpool who started it all, The Beatles. Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, March 25 in Degnan Hall, Church of St. Joseph, 3255 Concord Rd.

Doors Open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$20 per person and there will be a cash bar as well as bar food available for purchase. For reservations, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email jaz1030@aol.com. This program benefits the Fr. James A. Donnelly Council Knights of Columbus Charities.

Lions to Host Pancake Breakfast

The Aston Township Lions will be having their Spring Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 26 at the Aston Community Center from 7 a.m.-noon. The menu includes: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, tater tots, orange juice, hot tea, coffee and chocolate milk for the children. Seconds are included!

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and children under 2 eat free. The proceeds from this breakfast support the many Lions projects.

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/topics:

Mar. 2 - Father Pawelko: "Praying the Stations of the Cross"

Mar. 9 Sr. Suzanne Mayer: "We are the Anawim: the Prayer of Waiting"

Mar. 23 - Kellianne Miley: "Prayer Alive"

Mar. 30 - Sr. Lynn Marie Ralph: "Start a Fire: Make a Difference"

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

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

refreshments will be included. Please contact Lovada Marino at 610-476-0584 for tickets.

New Business

Cathy Jones Shortlidge was elected to a four year term on the Aston Planning Commission.

Leonard Balestrieri was elected to a five year term on the Sewer Authority.

Gina Ruggieri, Harry Hill, and Maryanne Leagans were elected to three year terms on the Library Board.

John McKenna was elected to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission.

New Part-time Police Officer

Howard Marquette was appointed as a part-time police officer in Aston. He starts March 1.

Senior Citizens to Meet March 23

The Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 10:45 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.

Carbon Monoxide Reminder

The Aston Township Fire Department reminds you as the colder months approach, please have your heaters and fire places cleaned and serviced. Chimney fires and carbon monoxide incidents increase during this time of year.

Meals on Wheels Needs Your Help!

Aston Meals on Wheels needs your help for just an hour or two, twice a month to assist with delivery of meals to our home bound seniors in Aston and Brookhaven.

If you are interested in this worthy cause, please call Joan Hanlon at 610-485-2729.

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 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.

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.

2017 Aston Sports Hall of Fame



The 2017 Aston Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 23. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the banquet and awards presentation will be held from 7-9 p.m.

This year's inductees include: Softball: Christine Camac Mansi; Football: Rudy Cerami; Basketball: Dawn McGonagle Hornibrook; Field Hockey: Maria Corradetti Dwyer; Multiple Sports: Jack Starkey; Bowling: Jules Falcone;

March Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

12:30 Wednesday, March 1

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 6

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, March 8

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28

Golf: Joseph Reilly; Rugby: David Niu-maituwalu; Football/Basketball: Tom Hauer; Soccer: 1982 Sun Valley Team.

The Lifetime Achievement Award Winner is Jim Vankoski.

The 2017 Butch Ryan Distinguished Student Scholar/Athlete Award recipients are Erin Daly, Christian Bateman, and Kristen Daly

The event will be held at King's Mill. For tickets and more information, contact Nancy Sipple at 610-494-1705 or siphoops56@hotmail.com; Rob Locklear at 610-675-6674 or 19lock57@gmail.com; or Bob Weeks at 484-432-

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV's public access channels for updated postings on Comcast channel 5 and Verizon channel 45, as well as the township website.

Spring Bingo March 18; Traveling Zoo visits!

Saturday, March 18 from 7-9 p.m. the Friends of the Aston Public Library will present Spring Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$20. All prizes will be in cash. Food, refreshments, and bingo supplies will be available. The event will be operated by our Friends of the Library volunteers and proceeds will support the Library!

Come learn about Eleanor Roosevelt from her biographer Ann Atkins. Ms. Atkins will discuss the "First Lady of the World" and sign copies of her book *Eleanor Roosevelt Unleashed* at the Library on Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m., Aston Public Library will be visited by the Wallaby Tales Traveling Zoo. They will present an educational, comical and entertaining program for kids of all ages. Come see at least five unusual animals and learn about their habitats and food sources.

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. 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

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 the 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.

are available for a free seven day loan: Academy of Natural Sciences; Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation; Elmwood Park Zoo; and Morris Arboretum.

You can now look back on the old days of Sun Valley High School just by going online. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SVHSYearbooks17> to see scans of the Sun Valley Yearbooks from 1963 to the present day. Not only can you see your old friends, but it is also an amazing snapshot of times gone by in Aston and Delco. This Aston Public Library project was made possible by the free services of Oklahoma Correctional Industries.

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, March 21 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 Mock Interview Day at Sun Valley

The Aston Business Association will hold Mock Interview Day on Thursday, March 16 from 7:10-10:45 a.m. Mock Interview Day gives the senior class at Sun Valley the opportunity to experience a "real-world" interview conducted by members of the ABA and friends of the ABA.

The seniors prepare a resume and job interview application letter and bring them to their one-on-one interview that lasts about 10-15 minutes. The faculty tries to pair the student's interest with an interviewer's background as closely as possible and the students look forward to this event.

The mock interview gives the students realistic learning experience that helps to prepare them for college or job interviews. The interviewer completes a brief one-page evaluation to help the student improve their technique or encourage them. Sun Valley teachers will review the feedback with the students.

Learn more about participating in this event at astonba.com/contact-us/ and select Sun Valley Mock Interviews as the subject.



A Lego Club Creation.



The last Wallaby Tales visit

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