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## Aston Police Officers Recognized for Heroic Acts



Commissioner Higgins presents Officer Colleen Joyce, Officer William Mack and Good Samaritan Ed Young with a proclamation recognizing their heroic acts to save a woman in a house fire.

In the early hours of March 24, a building fire with entrapment call came in and Aston Police Officers Colleen Joyce and William Mack were first on the scene.

There was heavy smoke and fire and officers became aware that there was a special needs resident trapped inside the home. Officers scaled the six foot fence around the property with assistance from neighbor Ed Young, who came out to help. Young tossed his ladder over the fence to the officers so they could reach the house windows.

Officer Mack broke the window to let the smoke out and cleared out the window frame and went in to retrieve the resident. He brought her out to Officer Joyce, who was waiting on the ladder. AFD was on scene and had opened a hole in the fence to transport the resident out. "Officers Mack and Joyce selflessly

chose to act without hesitation," said Aston Police Chief Dan Ruggieri. "This is a great example of first responders and community members working together to save a life," he said.

## Northley Middle School Honored for Autism Awareness

Five years ago, Northley Middle School started its Partnership Program to foster an inclusive atmosphere for regular education students and those with cognitive, physical and/or emotional disabilities. The "peer buddies" are educated about multiple disabilities and work to understand the unique qualities of their peers. As students understand and empathize with one another, positive relationships have developed.

The Partnership Program celebrates all students and their contributions to their school. Students in the program also meet to do activities that promote social skill development in school and the community. Activities include cooking, crafts, games, and volunteer work. Students participate in activities to education the student population and raise funds for charitable organizations that support Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome. The seventh grade program has expanded to include partnerships with elementary students.



Commissioner Graham presents teachers and students in the Partnership Program a proclamation recognizing their contribution to the community.

## Sunoco Pipeline Meeting

The Township will hold a meeting on the Sunoco Pipeline on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

The meeting will address concerns about the safety of the pipeline and all residents from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> wards are encouraged to attend.

## Position Open for Fourth Ward Commissioner

Aston Township is currently accepting applications for the position of 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner, any resident living in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward may apply. We ask that anyone interested please visit the Township Building during regular business hours to complete an application.

Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

**The Township Offices and Public Works Department are closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. All Monday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30.**

## Project Stop Hunger Now Packages Food for Donation



Project Stop Hunger Now volunteers from ages 4-90+ came together last month to package more than 26,500 bags of dried rice, soy, and dried vegetables for individual consumption. Volunteers from Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, Aston Presbyterian Church, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Parish, and the Sisters of St. Francis came together at the Aston

Community Center to work on the event.

The volunteers worked in groups of six or more to package the ingredients in a special sequence. The runners carried the bags to a station where they were weighed and sealed. Finally, a group boxed them and they were placed in the carrier van.

When 3,000 bags were completed, a gong sounded three times for the completion of each 1,000 bags. The first phase of the project began during Advent with the collection of more than \$3,000 for the Advent venture. The money came from the congregational services, the sisters in the Assisi House, a private donation, and regular collections at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

"The feeling of being able to strike out in a tangible way at world hunger gave a great sense of fulfillment. There was a sense of prayer that those packages were also praying for the recipients," said Carmella Fox.

## Volunteers Help Keep Aston Beautiful



The Sakers/Gusler family came out to help clean up Aston.

Volunteers came out to help make Aston shine last month. Twenty residents and members of the Sun Valley Swim Team came out to help clean the parks. The volunteers also worked in conjunction with CRC Watersheds division of the EPA who worked on the creek by Poore and Fisher Parks.

## 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 Caffé 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](mailto: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.

## First Annual Scott Jones 5K/1K

Come out and join the Aston Township Fire Department as they host the First Annual Scott Jones Memorial Scholarship 5K/1K Run/Walk. Funds raised from the event will be used to create a scholarship fund for all eligible junior members of the fire company beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

This event is being named after Scott Jones, a dedicated member to the Fire Department and Community. Scott ran and biked many charitable events and enjoyed working with the Junior Members of the Fire Department.

The event will take place on Sunday, May 21 from 1-5 p.m. beginning at Neumann University and ending at the Aston Township Fire Department located at 2900 Dutton Mill Road. Directly following the run/walk there will be a health fair held at the firehouse.

To register please visit: [www.runcrs.com](http://www.runcrs.com).

## 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 4-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net). Deadline for next issue is May 21.

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

### Senior Citizens to Meet May 25

The Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25 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.

### Aston Township Historical Society to Meet May 11

The Aston Township Historical Society regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11 at the Aston Township Community Center.

The Museum will be open from 6:15-7 p.m. and the meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m.

This month's meeting features local historian, genealogist and a Neumann University librarian, Barbara Selletti. She will paint a vivid picture of Dr. Cornelius C. V. A. Crawford's life. Doctor Crawford was an Astonian who was a Civil War Army Surgeon. He just happened to take a bullet meant for President Abraham Lincoln in 1864 at the Battle of Fort Stevens! This long awaited lecture was originally scheduled for February.

### 2017 AVBL Beef and Beer

Aston Valley Baseball League will hold a Beef & Beer Fundraiser to benefit field improvements on Saturday, May 20 from 7-11 p.m. at the Neumann University Bruder Gymnasium.

Cost is \$30 per person, \$50 per couple and includes food and beer.

There will be 50/50, Raffles and a 50/50 Cornhole Tournament, double elimination, \$20 per team.

Come out and support your favorite baseball league! Email [AVBLbnb@gmail.com](mailto:AVBLbnb@gmail.com) to reserve Beef & Beer tickets and to reserve your spot for Cornhole Tournament! Must be 21 or older.

### St. Timothy's Flea Market May 6

Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church will be holding a flea market and yard sale on Saturday, May 6 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Vendor spaces are still available which include 2 parking spaces and 1 large table for \$20.

If interested in participating please call Dave at 610-639-3822 for more details.

### Aston Valley Baseball League Opening Day

Aston Valley Baseball League Opening Day was held Saturday, April 8. Mark Lynch and Paul Micun were inducted into the Walk of Fame.

Lynch served as a past President of the league in 1995-96. He was a Commissioner and responsible for starting the Rookie league. He served as Rookie League Commissioner in 1994 and was on the Board in 1997.

Paul Micun started with the league in 1990 and he and Lynch were known as Frick and Frack. He was a t-ball coach from 1990-91; Minor League coach from 93-95; a Major League coach from 96-98. Micun was involved in the Teener league from 99-2004. He passed away in 2015.

Micun's grandson, Nate Micun, threw out this year's first pitch in honor of Paul. Nate plays in the Aston Valley Rookie League.

## May Public Meetings and Special Events

### Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

12:30 Wednesday, May 3

### New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, May 8

### Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 10

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17

### Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23

### Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 24

### Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24



### New Police Officer Sworn In

Chad Osborn was sworn in by Judge Diane Holefelder with his parents by his side. Osborn officially starts work on May 1 and will undergo a one-year probationary period.

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

## Magician to Perform May 18; Library Movie Discussions Continue

Magician and Mentalist Chris Fabiano will perform his new show “Box of Wonders” Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. Watch as he reads minds and performs miracles with an ordinary pack of playing cards. He may even pass these unusual abilities on to audience members.

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

Your teen can learn to make a calming glitter jar Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m. This is for ages 13-17 and materials will be supplied.

At the same time, Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m., your young child can learn about endangered species. Author-Illustrator Allison Sevillano will read her book “Endangered Faces” and the kids will do a craft. Signed books will be available for purchase.

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!

Registration for “Science in the Summer” begins May 3 at noon. Register your school-aged child for this great program, which will occur in mid-July. Registration is first-come first-served.

### 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](mailto:info@ccrcyber.com), chat with us on line at [www.ccyber.com](http://www.ccyber.com).

Storytime. Your young child can learn basic literacy skills while having fun. 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.

Join us every Thursday at 2 p.m. from May 25-June 29 for Chair Tai Chi. “T’ai Chi Ch’uan” is easy to learn and doesn’t require athletic talent and is a great source of relaxation and fitness

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss “The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” on Monday, May 22 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](http://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, May 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](http://www.astonlibrary.org) and click on “Join Our Friends” to send in your information.

### Support the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce May 17

Come out to see the Philadelphia Union on Wednesday, May 17 as they take on the Houston Dynamo and support the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce! The event will kick off with a tailgate at 4:30 p.m. across from the training fields. Tickets are available at the discounted rate of \$22 per ticket, a portion of which will support Delaware County Chamber Initiatives.

Groups of 10+ will receive 1 autographed item, video board recognition and the change to win game day experiences! For groups of 10+, please call 610-497-9909 or email [groups@philadelphiaunion.com](mailto:groups@philadelphiaunion.com).



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3D Print making at the Library.