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Commissioner Graham presents Harry Hill with a Proclamation recognizing the Library's 40 years of service to the community.

Library Celebrates 40 Year Anniversary

The Library was recognized for its 40 years of service to the community at the September Commissioners meeting. It was formed in 1967 at the Aston Township Building when five school libraries, several local libraries, and residents donated books to be used by the public.

The Aston Library serves more than 95,000 visitors per year and offers thousands of books, magazines, audio books, electronic books, and DVDs. The library hosts more than 500 programs during the year for residents of all ages.

Members of the Library Board thanks President Harry Hill III for leading the effort for the Penn Delco Library plan. Madelyn Bush, Board Vice President, presented a plaque to Hill recognizing his leadership and dedication. "Thank you for being you," she told him. The Library Board also thanked the Township Commissioners for their continued support and attendance at library events. Members also recognized Library Director Stephen Sarazin for his hard work at the library.

Barry Pinkowicz Named Aston Township 2017 Citizen of the Year



Barry Pinkowicz was named Aston Township 2017 Citizen of the Year. He accepted the award surrounded by his family.

Barry Pinkowicz was recognized as the 2017 Aston Township Citizen of the Year. Barry has been a member of The Friends of the Chester Creek Branch since 1996 and currently serves as President. He previously served as Vice President from 2001-2015. For more than 21 years, he has worked to implement the conversion of the Chester Creek Rail Line into a rail trail along the Chester Creek. Middletown Phase I is a multi-purpose handicapped accessible trail

and a jewel for Delaware County. Barry is currently working with Delaware County and Aston Township on Phase II of the trail.

Barry is also actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America and has held many positions throughout the 49 years he has been involved. He is currently a committee member/leader for St. Joseph's Church Boy Scouts of America Troop 225 and a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Barry has facilitated, coordinated, and planned the annual 9/11 Ceremony for the past 13 years. Barry is a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 926, Aston and volunteers with the Lions Club to help with fundraising. He also volunteers each year at the National Fallen Volunteer Firefighters Memorial Foundation in Emmetsburg, MD where he helps grief stricken families cope with the loss of their loved ones.

Throughout his personal and professional life, Barry has won many awards including the Jimmy Stewart Award for Outstanding Citizenship in the Community; Distinguished Commissioners Award & Distinguished Leaders Award; the Hometown Hero Award, presented by the Philadelphia Eagles and PECO; and the Sun Valley High School Distinguished Hall of Fame Award.

Barry is a graduate of Sun Valley High School and the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York. He and his wife Janilyn have been married for 23 years and together have their son Ryan, and Barry has two stepchildren Katie and Tommy.



Cliff and Carol Thompson accept their proclamation from Township Manager Bill McConville and Commissioner Osborn.

Carol and Cliff Thompson Celebrate 50 Years

Cliff and Carol Thompson celebrated their 50 year anniversary on September 16. Carol grew up in Media, and Cliff in Parkside. They married at Nativity BVM in Media and moved to Aston in 1973, where they both became very active community members.

Cliff was a long-time coach with Aston Valley Baseball and Carol was president of the Aston PTL and has worked for Aston Township for 34 years. They enjoy spending their weekends down the shore and barbecuing with their family.

They have a son, Clifford, and daughter Denise and are blessed with six grandchildren: Zach, Jared, Alex, Hunter, Chase and Eva.

Halloween Movie Night October 13!

The Aston Township Parks and Recreation has decided to hold one more movie night of the season at the Aston Township Community Center. Come out and enjoy viewing *Hocus Pocus* on Friday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. There will be goodies and giveaways available, and you are encouraged to come dressed for Halloween!

The event will be outdoors, weather permitting with the option of using the Community Center Gymnasium in the event of inclement weather.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Tripler Family Thanks Officers Who Saved Sister

The Tripler Family wanted to take the time to thank Aston Police Officers William Mack and Colleen Joyce for helping to save Mrs. Tripler's sister from an early morning fire that broke out at their house in March.

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.

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.

Greaseband is Back at St. Joe's

The fabulous Greaseband is returning to Saint Joseph's Parish in Aston on Saturday, October 14. Greaseband is a seven member, nostalgic dance party band and concert attraction, featuring outstanding male and female lead vocals in a front trio, backed by a group of instrumentalists.

The highly entertaining and energetic delivery of some of the greatest songs ever written has kept the group on top for well over 30 years. Remember to mark your calendars to attend the Greaseband concert at Degnan Hall at the Church of Saint Joseph, 3255 Concord Rd.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band will take the stage at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$21 per person. There will be a cash bar and bar food will be available for purchase (no outside food or beverages are permitted).

For reservations, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email at jaz1030@aol.com.

Lions to Host Bingo for Hurricane Relief October 17

The Aston Township Lions club will be holding a bingo night to help those affected by the hurricanes. It will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and bingo will begin at 6 p.m. The cost for the event is \$20 and there will also be cash and door prizes. Refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. No alcohol will be permitted and those attending must be 18 years of age.

Sun Valley High School Fall Craft Fair October 21

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Sun Valley High School Fall Craft Fair! This is a great event to do some holiday shopping and support our Parent Teacher League as well as local crafters and vendors. All profits go towards scholarships for our students as well as student events and donations.

There will be raffles and refreshments. Admission is free.

Enjoy a wide variety of crafts including fall and holiday treats, pottery, woodworking, country décor, glitter wine glasses, gift baskets, vinyl decorations, photography, personalized blankets, tutus, bows, doll clothes and various children's items, jewelry, salsa, baked goodies, candy and chocolates, and so much more.

Aston Township Beef and Beer

The Aston Township Fire Department will be holding their annual Halloween Beef and Beer on Friday, October 27 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. The event will be located at Barnaby's of Aston. The cost is \$30 per person (21 to enter) which includes: food, domestic drafts, wine, well drinks and as always a good time! Raffles, door prizes and costume

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prizes will also be available!

Come out and have a spooky good time while supporting the great members of the Aston Township Fire Department!

Aston Senior Citizens to Meet Oct. 26

Aston Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, October 26, at 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community Center, with lunch served at noon. Cost is \$12 for members. Entertainment by Elizabeth Gordon, guitar and vocals.

Membership is open to Penn Delco residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven.) that are 55 years of age or older, residing within the Penn Delco School District.

You are welcome to come and join at the next meeting, or contact Stanley Wileczek, 123 Edgar Avenue, Aston, Pa. or call 619-494-5434.

SVHS Post Prom Bingo Nov. 11

Sun Valley Post Prom 2018 is hosting a Designer Bag Bingo on Saturday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Ticket price includes 10 games with 4 cards per game. Each ticket includes a door prize entry. Extra games, bonus game card, and daubers will be available for purchase. There will also be 50/50 chances, basket raffles, and food and drinks.

Cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. To purchase in advance call/text Laura Lambert at 484-645-4482; email: svpostprom2018@gmail.com. Further info is available on Facebook at "SV Class of 2018 Post Prom. Info/Fundraising."

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 October 3

Tuesday October 6

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

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will host a book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 5, 6 and 7. Paperback and hard back, adult and children, fiction and non-fiction will be available.

Aston Valley Intermediate EDCO Team Wins Title

The Board of Commissioners wanted to give a congratulatory shout out to the Aston Valley Intermediate EDCO team for winning the Intermediate EDCO title over Media.

This win was particularly special for a player on the team, Avery Frank and his father Ron. Avery made a few big catches in the outfield to stop plays that would typically result in base hits. Georgeann "Gigi" Frank, Avery's mom and Ron's wife of 25 years, passed away in May following a six-year fight with cancer. She passed away May 17, just two days before the tournament. The team had decided to dedicate the season to Gigi, so head coach Todd Kirk had Gigi's name stitched on the side of all of the team's hats.

Aston Valley capped off its season of remembrance for Avery's mom by winning the EDCO title with a 4-1 victory over Media at Springton Lake Middle School. Aston Valley overcame a 1-0 series deficit to win the championship in three games.

Rockdale Arts District Created; Celebration Planned

A collective of Rockdale's current residential working artists have joined together to form the Rockdale Arts District (RAD). It is their hope to bring new commerce, family, cultural, and creative activities, as well as host crafts and Fine Art gallery shows in the historic landscape of Rockdale.

A celebration is planned on Saturday, November 18. The Big Bad Wolf Barbecue and Coco's will set up in the front parking lot of Heron Studios, 3100 Mount Road for 3-5 hours be-

October Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks & Recreation Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, October 5

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 10

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 11

Ordinance Committee Meeting

1 p.m. Thursday, October 12

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 18

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 24

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 25

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 25

ginning at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Mary Gordon, Heron Studios or Veronica Batter, Rockdale Arts Center at 484-843-1278.

The Township Offices and Public Works Department are closed for Columbus Day on Monday, October 9. Monday and Tuesdays trash and recycling will be collected on Tuesday, October 10.

Big Book Sale Oct 5-7; Read to Pets is Back!

The Big Book Sale will be Thursday, October 5 - Saturday, October 7 from 10 to 2 each day. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Library, most books are \$2 or less!

Your child can enjoy the Read to Pet Pals Program on Thursdays from October 26 - November 16 at 6:30 p.m. The program benefits children of all reading abilities. Children are divided into small groups for more intimate reading and interaction with the pets, and are rotated so that they get a chance to read to a variety of animals. Time is set aside at the end of each literacy program for general fun and interaction with the animals as well. Pals For Life pets make the best listeners.

Join us at the Library as Magician Ed Schmitt presents his Halloween Safety Magic Show on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Ed will teach the kids how to Trick or Treat safely using Humor and Magic. This is fun for all ages!

Taylor Hospice will be visiting the library to present Navigating Aging on Tuesday, October 10 at 11 a.m. You can talk with them about the many different important topics related to the preparation of aging. They will be covering various issues such as the importance of wills, designating a Power of Attorney, knowing the many organizations available to reach out to for support, and many more

Aston Business Association at Community Day

The Aston Business Association will host the annual Business Expo for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services on Saturday, October 7 at Community Day. The expo will be held from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. inside the Community Center. Stop by to see many local businesses and services and learn more about them!



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essential learning tools. There will be a PowerPoint presentation to provide information and to discuss concerns and questions in a relaxed and open forum. Presented by Rebecca Smith-Wallace MSW and Marilee Ciarmella RN.

We now have a 3D printer at the Library and will print small items free for the public. We also have a demonstration of the printer on Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Come see how this machine works!

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

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 the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss *Jackie* on Monday, October 30 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. All ages are welcome.

Stop by Tuesdays at 11 a.m. to learn the art of crochet with our diverse group



Magician Ed Schmitt performs October 19 at the Library.



Children reading to pets at a previous Read to Pet Pals program. It starts October 26.

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.

More information and registration for all our programs is available via the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

Join the Friends of the Library! Go to www.astonlibrary.org and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info. SPECIAL DATE-Due to the Pennsylvania Library Association conference, the October 2017 Aston Public Library Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 24 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.

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