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DCIU Hearing Oct. 13

The last Conditional Use Hearing to consider a request by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) for Conditional Use Approval to allow the DCIU to expand the current use at the Delaware County Technical School property at 100 Crozerville Road was held on November 9, 2015.

There will be an update and informational Meeting on Monday, October 3. At the meeting, the Township Engineer will review a proposed roundabout at Birney Highway and Crozerville Road and other changes to traffic patterns in and around the Delaware County Technical School (DCTS). These are expected to improve traffic flow in the area. Additionally, our Special Counsel Hugh Donaghue will provide an update to the proposed programs at the DCTS Campus, as well as discuss zoning, permitted uses and conditional use at the DCTS campus. There will be time for questions.

There will be a Conditional Use Hearing on Thursday, October 13 to consider a request by the DCIU for conditional use approval at the DCTS Campus.

Both the informational meeting and the next conditional use hearing will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room starting at 7 p.m. Both will be advertised on the township website and the public access channel, as well as, the Delaware County Daily Times. As in the past, residents in the area of the DCTC campus will receive notification.

Aston Police Department Recognized as 2016 “Citizens of the Year”



The entire Aston Police Department was recognized as Citizen of the Year. The Aston Township Police Department provide excellent professional service each and every day, along with great concern for the safety and well being of the Aston Township Community. These dedicated police officers

respond to emergencies. They are able to evaluate the situation quickly, with regard and respect for all involved. The dangers they encounter can change in a matter of seconds.

These brave police officers give Aston Township residents their protection, understanding, and strength when it is truly needed. Our police officers help our community to feel safe no matter what unbelievable situation may have occurred.

Aston Police Department personnel consists of police officers, sergeants, detectives, secretaries, K-9 officers, and the Chief of Police. Under the direction of Chief Dan Ruggieri, the Aston Township Police Department provides first class service for Aston Township. Currently Chief Ruggieri serves as President of the Delaware County Chiefs of Police Association.

The Aston Township Board of Commissioners and the residents of Aston Township are extremely proud of the entire Aston Township Police Department and we thank and respect them for all they do, often going above and beyond in the line of duty.

McGinn Recognized for 36 Years



Commissioner McGinn accepts his award for 36 years of service from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners. McGinn is currently serving his 37th year on the Board.

Halloween Curfew

Just a reminder, there will be a Halloween curfew for all residents under 18 years of age from 9 p.m. to dawn starting October 30 through November 1.

Holiday Save the Dates!

The Christmas Tree Lighting/Winter Fun Festival is Friday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The second annual Holiday Decorating Contest will be judged the weekend of December 16.

The Aston Township offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, October 10, in observance of Columbus Day. Monday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, October 11, along with Tuesday's regular trash and recycling.

Aston Township Historical Society to Meet to Save Village Green School House

Aston Township Historical Society's (ATHS) quarterly meeting on Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m. will be devoted to saving the endangered Historic 1866 Village Green School House (VGSB). Please note the change in venue to the Aston Township Community Center located south of 5 Points on Concord Road across from St Joseph's Church. This is a free event and open to the public.

The VGSB's roots date back to the Revolutionary War and has served the community well into the 1940's. Many former students stop by the school's frequent open houses.....even one of the last teachers stopped by a few years ago!

There will be a power point presentation about the school house along with a lively talk about the history of the school house by a costumed 1866 teacher. Also, some former students will share some of their stories about attending the school.

Sadly, the school house is in need of a roof and other repairs. Winter is coming and the HVAC is not working. The school has been an integral part of the Aston Community over the centuries. The ATHS would love it if everyone could step in to help save this treasured historic site. This is an SOS to the community and all history lovers to attend this important meeting to learn about the VGSB and rally round to help protect and save the school and let one's voice be heard.

As an added bonus, ATHS will also have their newly updated history museum and research center open prior to the meeting from 6:30-7 p.m. There will be additional handicap parking available. Please bring your old pictures for ATHS to scan for their archives.

Aston Native Recognized at NYU

Hailing from Aston, Pennsylvania, NYU Tandon School of Engineering doctoral student and NYU WIRELESS researcher George MacCartney, Jr. was recently awarded a 2016 Paul Baran Young Scholar Award for his work on millimeter-wave radio propagation. He is one of four 2016 Young Scholars, and is the first researcher from NYU to win this prestigious award.

The Marconi Society said it chose MacCartney on the strength of his scholarship and the role he has played in the advance of millimeter-wave (mmWave) wireless knowledge for mobile communication systems at NYU WIRELESS, which is at the forefront of fifth-generation (5G) research.

"George MacCartney is a remarkable young man with a very bright future, and his accomplishments, impact and influence on the future of the wireless communications field while serving as a graduate student are remarkable," said Professor Theodore (Ted) Rappaport, the NYU Tandon David Lee/Ernst Weber Professor of Electrical Engineering and founding director of NYU WIRELESS. Rappaport, MacCartney's academic advisor, nominated him for the award.

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

Sun Valley Post Prom Designer Bag Bingo

The Sun Valley Class of 2017 will host a post prom Designer Bag Bingo on Saturday, November 5 at the Parkside Fire Hall, 107 W. Roland Rd., Brookhaven, Pa.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Contact SVHSProm2017@gmail.com or Kirsten Connolly at 610-485-5950.

Aston Seniors Meet Oct. 27

Aston Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 10:45 a.m. at 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, Aston, or call 610-494-5434.

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.

Sun Valley High School Fall Craft Fair Oct. 22

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 from 9 a.m. - 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 and admission is free. Enjoy a wide variety of crafts including fall and holiday

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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!

Calling All Sun Valley Grads

Those Sun Valley years were filled with football games, cramming for exams, parties, and special friends. You've moved on, but continue to wonder, "Whatever happened to those people who made my high school years so special?" Well, a number of them have gotten together and are working hard to make the Sun Valley High School Alumni Association a reality. A website is under construction, and 501c3 certification is being finalized. So if you're an "SV GRAD", please join us.

For more information, contact us at, sunvalleyaalumni@gmail.com.

Greaseband to Perform at St. Joseph's Parish

Greaseband is coming to St. Joseph's Parish on October 15. The Greaseband is a seven member, nostalgic dance party band and concert attraction. The band features outstanding male and female lead vocals in a front trio, backed by a gifted group of instrumentalists. The highly entertaining and energetic delivery of some of the greatest songs ever written has kept the group on top for more than 30 years.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$20 per person and there will be a cash bar and bar food available for purchase. No outside food/beverages are permitted.

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

Sun Valley Alumni News

The next general meeting of the Sun Valley High School Alumni Association will

be held at the Aston Township Community Center, on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The Sun Valley Alumni Association will be sponsoring a "Meet & Greet" prior to the Sun Valley Homecoming game, on Friday, October 7, at 4 p.m. in the parking lot. Admittance will be with your membership card.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

If you're expecting trick or treaters, follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

October Public Meetings and Special Events

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 4

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

12:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 5

Public Works Committee Meeting

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 11

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, October 12

DCIU Conditional Use Hearing

7 p.m. Thursday, October 13

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19

Ordinance Committee Meeting

2 p.m. Monday, October 24

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, October 25

Planing Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For guests, offer a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could cause someone to fall.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Kids Magic Show Oct. 24; Chair Yoga is Back!

Did you know you can print, copy and fax at the library. Faxing is only \$1 per page. Printing and copying is 15c per page black and white and 25c per page color. Our new copier will do color copies and also provides free scanning to your flash drive!

The Joy of Wordplay will be held on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Would you like to learn to improve your word game skills? Scrabble, Words with Friends, crossword puzzles and more will be covered in this presentation. Join Doug Landman and he will teach you the skills to be a better player. Doug will also demonstrate the game he invented.

Free Chair Yoga classes will be back on Saturdays starting October 15. Space is limited, so please register if you would like to attend.

An Evening of Music with Keep Music Alive will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 6 p.m. Come enjoy some of your favorite Broadway show tunes, Country music songs and love songs with artists Brooke Falls, Jeff Twardzik, Vincent James and Valerie West. Local authors Vincent James and Joann Pierdomenico will also present stories from their book "88+ Ways to Keep Music Alive."

Mentalist Christopher Crow visits the Library Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. In this show, "Strange Happenings", Christopher will explore the mysteries of paranormal phenomena. There will be a mind reading, ghostly stories, psychic phenomena, and maybe even some other worldly manifestations. Who knows what will happen when the spirits come out to play? If you are looking for something fun and spooky to do this Halloween season, this is the show you'll not want to miss!

Halloween Safety Kids Magic Show with Ed Schmitt will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Ed Schmitt is an Award Winning Children's magician from the Delaware Valley. His Halloween Magic Show is designed for boys and ghouls of all ages. His show will teach the kids important parts of Halloween safety while giving them a good time. The show uses music, magic, comedy, live animals and lots of audience participation to create an enjoyable

experience for the whole family.

Ghosts and Other Scary Creatures will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 6 p.m.

Fans of Stephen King, Edgar Allan Poe, Richard Matheson, and H.P. Lovecraft won't want to miss two-time author Dave Pierdomenico, who will discuss some of his favorite horror classics and what motivates him to write in the ghost/paranormal genres.

Spay and Save visits the Library on Saturday, October 29 from 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to come and read to the dogs and cats of Spay and Save and all of the animals will be available for adoption. Spay and Save Inc. is an organization devoted to the welfare of animals.

On Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., we have Kids' Lego Club. Your child can learn to build things using the library's Lego collection!

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)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Mahjongg? Now is your chance. Join Ms. Debbie Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. (2 separate groups) to learn the Chinese game. It is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation and involves a degree of chance.

The Friends of the Library are raffling a great Tailgating Basket to enjoy or gift to a friend. The prize is a great assortment of sports and game-day items, including Eagles and Phillies gear. You can get one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, or seven for \$10. The prize will be drawn October 27.

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. for laptops and tablets.

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.

More information and registration for all our programs is available via the Calendar at www.astonlibrary.org. You can now purchase Friends of the Library



The Wallaby Tails Traveling Zoo visited the Library last month.



Stop by and pick up some tickets for the Friends' Tailgating Basket!

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 information.



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