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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. The events are rain or shine with the option of using the Community Center Gymnasium in the event of inclement weather.

Hometown Concert Schedule:

July 16	Luke Farrell Band
July 23	Rockdale Boys
July 30	Tim Carroll

Family Movie Night Schedule:

July 25	TBD
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2018 Independence Day Celebration



Aston Township Board of Commissioners is happy to announce that they will be hosting the 2018 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks display on Wednesday, 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 and come out and join the Aston community in celebrating the 4th of July and the beautiful fireworks display that comes with it! Due to renovations being completed at Sun Valley High School this year, the stadium will not be available for residents to sit and watch the fireworks display.

ATHS Members win Preservation Awards



John MacFarland, Sheila Withelder, and Pat Smith represent the ATHS at the Commissioners Meeting.

The Delaware County Council and the Heritage Commission of Delaware County held the 40th Annual Preservation Awards on May 23. The Heritage Commission has been presenting these awards with County Council since 1978 to highlight National Preservation Month in May.

The Commission selects the awards recipients from nominations submitted by residents and organizations

throughout the County. They are selected for outstanding contributions for the preservation of our County's heritage.

Recognized and Acknowledged with Special Certificates:

Recognized for Publication: Morte Smitham, John Macfarland and Corkey Hickey for their book Growing Up at Fisher's Corner

Recognized for Youth: Rachael McCullough for Traveling Women's History Museum

Recognized for Site Preservation: Patricia Smith for her work on Chester Heights Camp Meeting after fire and repairs and building of new building.

Recognized for Special Programs/Projects: Karen Micka for her work on Western Delaware County Tour Last September.

The Board of Commissioners along with the Township Residents would like to thank the Aston Historical Committee and the recipients of the awards for their contributions towards Historical Preservation.

The Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. Tuesday and Wednesday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, July 3.

Summer Classes at Rockdale Arts Center

Rockdale Arts Center will host a variety of classes for children over the summer. Comic Book Club for ages 9-17, has students working together in teams of three to create a full color comic book. All of the team's collections of comics will be self published into one book, and each student receives a copy to keep. Additional copies must be ordered before the end of class. The class will run July 9-13 OR July 16-20, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$120.

Summer Young Artists (ages 4-9) are week-long art classes tailored for elementary students going into Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Each week students explore a theme through a variety of art projects while drawing, painting, and creating. Cost is \$105 per week, check the Rockdale Arts website for dates, times and weekly themes.

Summer Studio (ages 9-17) is a weekly art class for high school and middle school students to strengthen their artistic skills and creativity. Students can work on a given project or on a portfolio with guidance from our teaching artist. Students will create with a variety of materials including pencil, color pencil, oil pastel, charcoal, acrylic paint, watercolor, collage, and more. Cost is \$25 per class.

For more information about these events, visit: www.rockdaleartcenter.com/ or call or text 1-484-843-1278.

Sun Valley Alumni Awards First Scholarship

The Sun Valley High School Alumni Association, represented by President Anne Junkerman Sweeny, and the Class of 1968, represented by Anthony Georeno, awarded its first scholarship to senior Breanna Hulton. This is the first scholarship the Alumni Association has awarded since its formation in 2015. The Scholarship fund was established in 2016 with a donation from the class of 1964. The Alumni Association holds various fund raisers throughout the year to add to the scholarship fund. This past year it partnered with the Class of 1968 (celebrating its 50th anniversary) and were able to award the scholarship. Hulton will be attending the USciences this fall.

Save the Date for Community Day October 6

The Aston Business Association will host the 17th Annual Aston Township Community Day on Saturday, October 6 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (with a rain date of Saturday, October 13).

The event will feature a parade as well as the Aston Business Expo. Wrist bands can be purchased beginning Friday, August 27 through Friday, October 5 for a donation of \$3 each.

As the event moves closer, information about Community Day can be found on Aston Public Access TV (Comcast Channel 5 or Verizon Channel 45), Aston Township Web Site (www.astontownship.net), Aston Times, Community Bulletin Board, ABA Web Site, Neumann University Web and Penn Delco TV and Web Site.

Anyone interested in participating or volunteering in Community Day or the Community Day Parade, please contact: for Community Day Participation Contact: Maryann Bullen: 610-494-2337 or mimibull@comcast.net; for Parade Participation Contact: Nancy Bowden: 610-494-5490 or nbowden@comcast.net; for Business Expo Contact: Terry Yanuzzi: 610-497-4019 or terry@ricksheds.com.

St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School

St. Joseph's Church will hold its Vacation Bible School August 6 - August 10 from 9 a.m. - noon.

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Each day at Shipwrecked VBS, kids travel through faith-building rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures.

\$40 per child. Includes tee shirt; snacks; crafts & music CD (one for each family). To learn more or sign up, visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/st-josephaston>.

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 this summer.

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

Aston Resident Publishes Book

Mario written by Anthony Iacone, a resident of Aston for over 30 years, is now out. *Mario* is a fictional novel about a second generation Italian American raised in South Philadelphia. It is published by Page Publishing out of New York.

The book is available on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, iTunes and Google. You can order books at Barnes & Noble stores or contact the author at 2710 Concord Road, Aston, PA 19014 or by calling him at 610-497-4352. Books cost \$15.95 or can be downloaded for just \$9.95

Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament

The 2018 Delaware County Sheriff's Reserve Unit Golf Tournament will be

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held on Monday, September 10 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The tournament will be held at the Concord County Club and feature awards for the longest drive, closest to pin, and three top teams. The event starts off with a boxed lunch and dinner will be served immediately after the end of play.

Formed in the aftermath of the 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina disasters, the Sheriff's Reserve unit, staffed by volunteers, is trained to provide traffic and crowd control assistance to the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies in Delaware County as requested.

For more information, contact Jeff Stang at 302-750-9380 or Brad Feldman at 610-299-7834.

Delaware County's Heat Plan

Delaware County Council wants residents to know that the county's Heat Plan is in place. Both the Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) and the county Office of Adult and Family Services offer assistance to elderly and vulnerable residents throughout the summer.

Residents are urged to visit the county's website to read the 2018 Heat Plan and learn about the resources the county provides. Residents should take precautions during heat waves and high humidity, to check in with the elderly and disabled family members and neighbors who are at greater risk for heat-related illnesses.

COSA's Heat Plan includes a Heat Information Line, extended hours at Senior Centers, and educational information on heat safety tips, dehydration, and safe use of fans. COSA has purchased 250 cooling fans and 100 were donated by PECO, which will be delivered to the county's eight senior centers for distribution to seniors needing cooling assistance.

The Delaware County Heat Plan calls for senior centers and adult day care centers to extend their hours, to offer water and non-caffeinated beverages throughout the day, and to reinforce with service-

provider drivers to check on consumers. Care managers are asked to identify "at risk" consumers who are homebound, living alone or have a prior history of inadequate cooling in their home.

It is also important to remember the safety of pets during the warmer, more humid months as animals respond differently to heat. It's not just the ambient temperature but also the humidity that can affect your pet. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly. Please also remember to not leave anyone in a car, including your pets and make sure they have plenty of water and shade.

On any day when temperatures reach 90-degrees, it is especially important for young children and older adults, as well as people who have heart and breathing problems or are on certain medications, to pay close attention to what they are doing and how they feel during hot and humid weather.

People need to drink before they feel thirsty and if someone experiences signs of heat exhaustion, drinking water is not enough to reverse the symptoms. Individuals might need medical help.

COSA's Heat Information Line at (610) 872-1558 is a recorded 24-hour phone service that runs June 1 through Sept. 30, providing residents with heat advisory updates and information. People who need additional assistance can contact a COSA's Information and Assistance service at (610) 490-1300. For more information, and to read the county heat plan, visit www.co.delaware.pa.us.

Public Works, Working for You

Public Works filled 277 potholes with 5.75 tons of asphalt; chipped branches throughout the Township, collected bulk metal; power washed the playground equipment at Fisher Park; and cleaned and fixed the basketball court at Valley View Park.

ATFD Smoke Detector Assistance

Any resident needing smoke detectors,

July Public Meetings and Special Events

New Construction Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, July 11

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, July 25

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25

please contact the fire station at 610-494-6771 or email: fireprevention@atfd17.com.

Aston Seniors Luncheon

Aston Senior Citizens will be having its next luncheon Thursday, September 27 at the Ballroom at Boothwyn. Membership is open to Penn Delco School District residents (Aston, Parkside, Brookhaven).

You must be 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 at 610-494-5434.

Libraries Rock and the Events Roll this Month at the Library

The Library's Summer Reading Program "Libraries Rock" is continuing this month, with rewards for reading and fun performances.

This month's performances include--

Special Evening Programs at 6:30 p.m.:

Mr. Malcolm Dramatic Storytelling

Thursday, July 12

WINTERTHUR Museum Visit

Thursday, July 26

Wednesday Summer Programs at 1 p.m.:

Magician Ed Schmitt

July 11

Safari Parties Animal Show

July 18

The Franklin Institute Science Show

July 25

John Hadfields Comedy Show

August 1

Thursday Summer Program at 1 p.m.:

Peter Moses – Singer – July 5th

If your child logs his or her reading at www.tinyurl.com/AstonSRP18 and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book!

Join the Library Movie Discussion Group to view and discuss *The Greatest Showman* on Monday, July 30 at 11 a.m. Light lunch will be provided.

Free Chair Yoga classes will be on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. starting July 10. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of Yoga using a chair for support.

We have a two part Basic Genealogy class coming up Saturday, July 14 at 11 a.m. and Saturday, July 21 at 11 a.m. The free classes will be taught by local

expert Barbara Selletti.

Kids 8 & up can learn to play chess at the Aston Public Library. Every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Join Mr. Ed Finn as he teaches you the game of chess. Seating is limited...Register now!

You can now check out a pass to the Eastern State Penitentiary for free with your library card!

We are holding a Coloring Contest for our young patrons. Kids of all ages are eligible. An entry form can be obtained at the Library or at www.astonlibrary.org on the web. Just bring your child's entry (with the child's information on the back) to the library's service desk by August 1st to be considered.

The Kids Can Build Club is at the Library on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Your child can learn to build things using the library's Lego collection and other materials as well. All ages are welcome.

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 display case for designs made by the staff.

Are you looking for a book club? There are several options at our library. The group meeting on Thursday the 14 at 1:30 p.m. is discussing *The Cookbook Collector*. The group meeting on Wednesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. is discussing *The Beekeeper's Wife*.

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, infant time (up to 24 months)

ABA Golf Outing a Success

The ABA held the 17th annual Golf Outing last month. The event was a huge success and boasted great weather and an even better turnout.

The warm day was the perfect host for 80 foursomes. The Golf Tournament had 34 total sponsors and all proceeds went to the Aston Township Police and Fire Department.



Mr. Malcolm performs at the Library on Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.



Safari Parties Animal Show will arrive on Wednesday, July 18 at 1 p.m.

on Wednesdays at 10:30, and preschool time (ages 3-5) on Thursdays at 10:30.

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. 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. The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

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.

