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Pride in our Community

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Hometown Concerts and Movie Nights!



You're invited to come out and enjoy outdoor concerts and movie nights this summer at the Aston Township Community Center.

The events are rain or shine with the option of using the Community Center Gymnasium in the event of inclement weather. Lawn chairs are welcome and every concert is \$1 dog night!!

Concerts are every Monday and begin at 7 p.m. and Movie Nights begin at dusk. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Hometown Concert Schedule:

August 5 Blackbird Society Orchestra
August 19 Tim Carroll

Movie Nights:

Wed, August 21 *How to Train
Your Dragon:
The Hidden World*

The Aston Township offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, September 2. Monday and Tuesday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3.

Now Accepting 2019 Aston Citizen of the Year Nominations

Do you know someone extraordinary here in Aston? Do you know anyone that has done something great for the township in the past year? If so, Aston Township is now accepting nominations for Aston's 2019 Outstanding Citizen Award.

Visit the website to nominate the resident you think deserves this award. All applications must be turned in by September 3 and nominees must be Aston citizens.

Community Center Open for Severe Weather

When an excessive heat warning is in effect for the area you should plan for ways to keep yourself and your family members cool. Review the symptoms of heat illness, the appropriate responses and note the critical differences between heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Learn more on page 3.

Please remember the Aston Township Community Center is available to use as a cooling and charging location! Residents with emergencies or acute needs should call 911 and report power outages to PECO at 800-841-4141.

The Aston Township Community Center hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Sundays.

Smiles in the Playground

After discussions with various vendors, Aston Township has decided to accept the proposal from Kompan Fitness and Playground Solutions for section A of the Smiles in the Playground Project.

The Township is very happy with the design to date and will be accepting the proposal. The Township also wants to again thank Energy Transfer for its generous donation. Without that none of this would be possible.

"On behalf of myself, the BOC, Parks & Recreation and all of the selfless volunteers, thank you for your support and hard work in helping this project become a reality," said Commissioner Graham. Stay tuned to the Aston website for more information to come regarding ground breaking and dedication.

Save the Date for Community Day October 5!

The Aston Business Association will host the 18th Annual Aston Township Community Day on Saturday, October 5 from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (with a rain date of Saturday, October 12).

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, please contact: Maryann Bullen: 610-494-2337 or mimibull@comcast.net; for Parade Participation Contact: Nancy Bowden: 610-494-5490 or nbowden@comcast.net.

Sun Valley Alumni Association Meet and Greet August 12

Residents of Aston, Brookhaven and Parkside are you aware that the Sun Valley High School Community of new and previous graduates are celebrating two significant achievements with the graduation of the Class of 2019?

First of all, the Class of 2019 is the 56th consecutive class to graduate from Sun Valley since the school graduated its first class of Seniors back in 1963. Why is that so significant you ask? Well the second thing the Sun Valley High School Community is celebrating with this graduating class is the FIFTH Year of the existence of the Sun Valley High School Alumni Association (SVHSAA).

The SVHSAA was formed to continue the traditions that have long since been established by SV grads in the form of giving back to the school. SVHS has produced countless scholars, physicians, lawyers, artisans, engineers, business managers and business developers. They have been involved with many ground breaking achievements since that very first graduating class. The SVHSAA Association has brought together graduates from around the country to formulate ideas for fundraising to increase the ability to continue giving scholarships.

Now the SVHSAA is looking to expand. It is reaching out to fellow graduates to come join in and bring thoughts, ideas and concepts to help increase our ability to "give back." The SVHSAA is awarding scholarships to deserving students who are pursuing advanced degrees in technical trades and engineering.

The Alumni Association has planned a "Meet and Greet" get together for Monday, August 12 at 7 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Aston Public Library. This will be your opportunity to ask questions about the SVHSAA, our current plans and learn how your input can help move the group to new horizons. Please put this date on your calendar. Come out and see some old friends or bring some with you. You can make a difference in the life of future graduates by bringing your ideas on how to increase our current scholarships efforts beginning with the Class of 2020!

By the way, were you aware that the SVHSAA has already successfully awarded two scholarships to Sun Valley graduates? One each for the Class of 2018 and Class of 2019. Each of these awards had a cash value of \$1,850.

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	August 6	Tuesday	September 17
Tuesday	August 20	Tuesday	September 24
Tuesday	September 3	Tuesday	October 1
Tuesday	September 10	Friday	October 4 (all day till 8 p.m.)

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

ATHS Upcoming Events

2019 is the year of Historic Mills in Delaware County!

On Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the Aston Community Center, the ATHS will present *The Mills of Aston Township*, a free presentation and talk. We have completed more research and found more photographs and information as well as artifacts for a large display in the lobby. We encourage all to come and bring stories and photos of mills to the meeting.

On Saturday, September 28, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., we are part of the Chester Creek Mills Bus Tour. It will travel through Upland, Middletown, Aston, Chester Heights and Concord to the Pusey Plantation for a tour, and continue by the Blue Heron in Aston and the Ivy Mills in Concord, ending at the Newlin Grist Mill for a tour. Cost is \$10 per person, bring a bag lunch. For info and tickets visit kmicka4re@gmail.com.

Aston Lions Family Picnic

The Aston Lions will host a family picnic on Tuesday, August 20 at 6 p.m. at Redwood in Upland. All Lions, Lioness, Leos and family members are invited. Club will provide drink, hot dogs, hoagies, and corn. Come and socialize with our Lions family.

Cost is \$4 per person plus a covered dish per family.

Public Works, Working for You

Public Works cut and recycled old traffic light poles; installed flags on new street lights on Pennel Road; and built a new Water Dye System to trace and detect leaks in storm water pipes.

Double Trash Pickup Ends

Double Trash Pickup ends on Friday, August 30.

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net. Deadline for the next issue is August 23.

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2019 Aston Business & Community Expo

Saturday, October 5, 2019



Visit: AstonBA.com

Aston Senior Citizens Monthly Luncheons

Aston Township Seniors Association is open to residents of the Penn Delco School District (Aston, Brookhaven and Parkside) aged 52 plus. We meet once a month (usually the 4th Thursday of the month) from September - June.

Meetings start at 10:45 a.m., then an hour program/entertainment followed by a hot meal. We ask that those attending arrive between 10-10:30 a.m. so that everyone has time to check in, be seated, socialize, get your tickets for next month so we can start the meeting on time.

Our organization is open to both men and women so come join us and get to know some of your neighbors and make new friends. We plan day trips and week trips, we crochet/knit hats for babies, cancer patients and adult burn victims for Crozer Center as a service for our community.

Dues are \$10 per year. If you are interested in joining you may contact our membership chairperson Anne Sweeny at 610-494-0677 and leave a voice mail message, your call will be returned.

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, and cardboard containers.

Staying Safe in Excessive Heat

During periods of prolonged heat, the elderly, the very young and persons with chronic health conditions are usually the first to be affected by the heat. The following are some preventative tips that can help you cope with the heat:

- Dress appropriately by wearing lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothing.
- Stay indoors in air-conditioned areas as much as possible. If they do not have air conditioning, they can seek relief for some part of the day at a local senior center, a mall, a library, or a movie theater, or visit family who have air conditioning.
- If using a fan to keep cool, a window should be kept open to allow the hot

air to escape. Keep blinds and curtains drawn and spend as much time as possible on the first floor of their home.

- Some medications cause an adverse reaction in hot weather, while others actually deteriorate in the heat and may not have the usual beneficial effect.

- Avoid exposure to the sun and heat and refrain from outdoor activities. Protect skin and eyes by using sunscreen, wearing a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoors.

- Slow down and avoid strenuous activities, especially outdoor activities, during the hottest part of the day (noon – 4 p.m.). If they must be active, they should take frequent rests in a cool place and drink plenty of fluids.

- Drink plenty of water, even if they do not feel thirsty, to prevent dehydration. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages.

- Take cool baths or showers. Cool water temperature cools your body 25 times faster than cool air.

- If the following signs are experienced, they should call a doctor or seek medical help immediately: fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, dry skin, rapid heartbeat and cramps.

- Pets are also subject to stress from the heat so keep your pets hydrated and in a cool environment.

Remember that the very young and the elderly are most vulnerable to the dangers of excessive heat. Check on friends and neighbors frequently and notify authorities of any potential concerns!

Delaware County Summer Festival Series

The 45th annual Delaware County Summer Festival concert series in Rose Tree Park kicked off last month. Members of the symphony will help celebrate opening night with a variety of classical selections, including works by Wagner, Verdi, Schuman, and more.

The annual Summer Festival is a free outdoor concert series which runs five times a week for nine weeks over the summer, on Wednesdays through Sundays through August 11.

August Public Meetings and Special Events

Zoning Hearing Board
7 p.m. Tuesday, August 27

Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, August 28

This summer's concert series will feature an array of musical talent with performances by The Fabulous Greaseband, The Rose Tree Pops, Jimmy and the Parrots, The Sensational Soul Cruisers and many more. Fans of all styles of music will find a wide variety of genres throughout the summer, including Big Band, Cajun, jazz, blues, rock, pop, bluegrass, R&B, reggae and more.

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are advised to bring blankets and chairs for seating. Snacks and refreshments are available for purchase during the concerts. Outside food and drinks are also permitted. Alcohol is prohibited. Pets must remain outside the amphitheater. Smoking is prohibited in the amphitheater area. There are no rain dates in case of weather cancellations. Weather cancellations will be posted on the County's social media: www.facebook.com/DelawareCountyCouncil or www.twitter.com/delcopolks.

ATFD Smoke Detector Assistance

Any resident needing smoke detectors, please contact the fire station at 610-494-6771 or email: fireprevention@atfd17.com.

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

Traveling Zoo Visits August 15; Enter the Coloring Contest!

The Wednesday at 1 p.m. programs continue! If your child keeps a log of the books he or she reads, they can also receive a special prize every week for reading. Programs Include:

August 7 - David Darwin Juggling
August 14 - Peter Moses Music
August 21 - Andrew's Big Show
August 28 - Science Tellers

There will be a Three Little Pigs STEM activity for ages 6 -9 on Monday, August 5 at 11 a.m. Listen to "Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf" told from the Big Bad Wolf's point of view, then participate in a STEM challenge. Participants will develop lifelong character traits such as perseverance and resilience as they try to build a house that the Big Bad Wolf can't blow down.

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 the end of August to be considered.

On Friday, August 23 from 10 a.m. -4 p.m., the OverDrive Digital Bookmobile will be at our library. It's a great opportunity to learn about all the great

digital content that is available free with your library card, and how you can use it on your device.

Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m., the Elmwood Park Zoo is visiting our library. Bring your child to see a wide variety of animals. The program will be in the gym, so there should be space for all.

Join our Mah Jongg group. Learn to play the American version of Mah Jongg on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Library. Game pieces are provided.

On Monday, August 26 at 11 a.m., the Movie Group will be viewing and discussing the film *A Star is Born*. There will be a free light lunch provided.

Have you always wanted to be an artist? Get on the list for our free painting classes by emailing Debbie at debbie@astonlibrary.org.

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.

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



The Elmwood Park Traveling Zoo visits the Library on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. Stop by to see all the animals!

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 of 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 do not meet in August.

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.

2019 Aston Business and Community Expo

Join the ABA on Aston Township Community Day! The day will begin at 9 a.m. with the Aston Community Day Parade followed by the Business & Community Expo, which will take place from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. inside the Aston Community Center. The Expo will provide participating businesses the opportunity for direct contact with potential customers as well as the chance to display pertinent business information while residents browse the grounds of the Aston Community Center and participate in numerous Community Day activities. Here are some important points:

To register, please apply online or download the offline registration form. It is suggested that you register as soon as possible, since space is limited. Community Day with family entertainment and food will take place outside on the grounds of the Community Center. Announcements will be made throughout the event. Please take advantage of this.

Set Up Times: Friday Evening (from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.) There will be two wristbands given for those at each table. Additional wristbands may be purchased. You will need a wristband in order to get your food.

NOTE – All cars must be out of the driveway by 8:45 a.m.

Cost for the event, per table is as follows:

\$100 per table for members
\$150 for non-members
\$25 for non-profits

No tables are to be taken down before 3 p.m.

