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Pride in our Community

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Celebrate the 18th Annual 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. - 2:30 p.m. (with a rain date of Saturday, October 12).

Community Day will begin with a parade from Neumann University (Neumann Drive) starting at 9 a.m. The parade will proceed along Concord Road to the Aston Township Community Center. The parade will feature local community groups and organizations as well as musical entertainment.

Inside the Community Center, the Annual Business Expo will be held for all Aston businesses and organizations interested in displaying their products and services. Other community festivities will be held outside, where there will be rides sponsored by Bette's Bounces, games, food, drinks, pony rides and contests for everyone to enjoy.

Bike and Rodeo Contest: Kids up to age 12 can participate in the parade by decorating their bikes, wagons and strollers and riding along the parade route for all to see. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. There will also be a Rodeo Contest prior to the parade for bikes, sponsored by the Neumann University Nursing Program. Check the registration form for contest rules. Registration

forms will need to be filled out so your kids can join in the fun. For information and registration, contact Maureen Dillon at: astonbikecontest@gmail.com.

Wristbands can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$3 each at the Community Center through Friday, October 4. Wristbands purchased during the day of the event will be \$4 each. Proof of Aston residency is needed at the time of purchase.

Information about Community Day can be found on Aston Public Access TV (Comcast Channel 5 or Verizon Channel 45), Aston Township website (www.astontownship.net), Aston Times, Community Bulletin Board, ABA website, Neumann University website and Penn Delco TV and website.

Interested in participating or volunteering in Community Day or the Community Day Parade? 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: ABA Web Site: astonba.com or Ralph Shicatanò at ralph@corvusgroup.com.

September 11th Memorial Ceremony

The Aston Township Veterans Memorial Board will host a September 11th Memorial Ceremony to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the tragic event. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 6 p.m. at the Aston Township Memorial Garden at 5 points.

If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Aston Community Center. For more information, contact Jim Graham at 484-832-3197.

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 Citizen of the Year.

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.

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.

Sun Valley Alumni Association Alumni Meeting Sept. 9

The Sun Valley High School Alumni Association has begun it's yearly fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. We hope you will purchase a raffle ticket and help support our cause.

General meeting of all Alumni will be held at the Community Center Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. Final plans for Homecoming and upcoming community event will be discussed. We would appreciate all local alumni to attend & share your suggestions and ideas (non-local are also welcome).

If you are a 2018 or 2019 graduate and have not received your complimentary 5 year membership card, please stop by and see us,

Note, we will also be at Aston Community Day on Saturday, October 5 and Brookhaven and Parkside Family Day on Saturday, September 28.

Rockdale Arts District Open House Sept. 21-28

September 21 - September 28 is Delco Arts Week throughout Delaware County! Join the Rockdale Art District on Saturday, September 28 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. as we celebrate the arts at our Open House. Visit the artist studios at Heron and Heron Crest Studios to view and purchase fine art. Rockdale Music on Pennell Road and Rockdale Art Center on Mount Road will also be open for family activities. This event is free and open to the public.

Please visit www.rockdaleartsdistrict.com/ for more information.

Hill Avenue & Mount Road Property Demolitions

The demolition of the properties located at 779 Hill Avenue and 2231 Mount Road is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. The demolitions will begin with the home located on Hill Ave. Once completed, Mount Road will be completed. Demolition should take a week at each location, there will be no road closures for these projects.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Township Building at 610-494-1636.

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

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

Friends of the Library Bingo September 21

Come out to the Aston Township Community Center on Saturday, September 21 from 6 - 9 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 and the event features all cash prizes! In addition, there will be special games, food, bingo supplies and raffles.

All proceeds go to the Aston Township Library. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted into the event.

Aston Lioness Designer Bag Bingo

The Aston Township Lioness Club will hold a fall designer bag bingo on Sunday, September 29 at the Aston Township Community Center. Doors open at noon, with games beginning at 1 p.m.

Bingo will include: 20 games, raffle baskets chances available for purchase, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

All proceeds benefit the Aston Township Lioness Club. The Lioness Club is a service organization that benefits the blind, hearing impaired and the community by providing financial help to those in need. 100% of the proceeds help the people in our community.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. To purchase tickets, please contact Lovada Ott 484-343-0034 or Lovadaott@yahoo.com.

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 contact kmicka4re@gmail.com.

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

Please support the following proud members of the:

ASTON BUSINESS

A S S O C I A T I O N

To see your ad here, visit AstonBA.com

10 SEASONS PIZZA SALAD WINGS

ASTON STORE ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST | 11 AM - 2 PM
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND | 11 AM - 2 PM

STORE ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
\$1.00 LARGE CHEESE PIZZA
(11AM-2PM ONLY, 1 PER CUSTOMER, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, DINE-IN AND TAKE-OUT ONLY IN STORE ORDERS ONLY)

MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS, RAFFLE PRIZES AND MORE!

PHILLIE PHANATIC STOPPING BY FROM 12 - 1PM!

COMING SOON!

NEUMANN UNIVERSITY

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Now accepting reservations for:

2019 Aston Business & Community Expo

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Visit: AstonBA.com

Commercial Maintenance Inspections

As done in the past, Commercial Maintenance Inspections (formerly Commercial Life Safety Inspections) will be completed for businesses throughout the Township to make sure they are complying with various items for safety purposes, this is the responsibility of all business owners.

The forms used and items inspected can be found on the code department portion of the Township website under commercial forms. If you should have any questions regarding this process, please contact the code department at 610-494-0384

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.

Aston Senior Citizens Monthly Luncheons

The Aston Sr Citizens will open the 2019-2020 season with a Luncheon on Thursday, September 26. Doors open at 10 a.m., meeting begins at 10:45 a.m. followed by a presentation by the Delaware County DA office regarding Crimes impacting Senior Citizens. This will be followed by a complimentary lunch for PAID members. To obtain your ticket for lunch you will need to check in at the luncheon table prior to 10:30 a.m.

Membership is open to all residents of the Penn Delco School District age 55 plus. If you are not a member but would like to join, please contact Anne Sweeny, Membership Chair at 610-494-0677 and leave a message, your call will be returned.

Delco Arts Week

Delaware County Council joined members of the Delaware County Arts Consortium to announce the first annual Delco Arts Week will be held September 21- 28.

During the week more than 50 different performances, exhibits, workshops, concerts, tours, and other

events will be taking place at 35 venues throughout Delaware County.

The Delaware County Arts Consortium, formed in 2009 has representatives from ten different County organizations and the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance. They strive to advance the economic vitality of the nonprofit arts and culture community and promote the value of Delaware County's cultural resources to the local community and beyond.

The group has worked to create Delco Arts Week to showcase the arts in Delco and engage and introduce residents to the many unique artistic venues and experiences that Delaware County has to offer. Some of the events include guided tours of the Andrew Wyeth Studio and the Hedgerow Theatre, a Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at the Community Arts Center in Swarthmore, an art gallery exhibit at Harrah's Casino and a watercolor painting class to name just a few.

During their public council meeting, Delaware County Council presented a resolution to the members of the Delaware County Arts Consortium in recognition of the work they have done to promote the arts in Delaware County.

A complete list of the events planned during Delco Arts Week can be found here: <http://delcoarts.org/>.

Elevate and Create Women's Conference

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with the County Economics Development Agency to present: Elevate and Create Women's Conference on Monday, September 9 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Springfield Country Club.

This program focuses on elevating women who want to advance their careers, start their own businesses, or want to bring their business to the next level. It's a full day of insight, experience and peer to peer conversations.

Keynote speaker will be Jen Groover,

September Public Meetings and Special Events

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 3

New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, September 9

Board of Health Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, September 9

Public Works Meeting

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 10

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, September 11

Ordinance Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, September 16

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 18

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 24

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, September 25

author, inventor, and serial entrepreneur.

Visit www.delcochamber.org/elevate.html for more information and to purchase tickets.

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.

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

Read to Pet Pals is Back! Stop by for Movie Group Sept. 30!

Your child can gain confidence by reading to a dog or other pet! Read to Pet Pals is back at our Library on Thursdays starting September 19 at 6:30 p.m. Children of any reading level are invited to read to animals, and get some snuggling from the animals while they're at it.

Saturday, September 21 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. the Friends of the Aston Public Library will present Fall Bingo. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$25. All prizes will be in cash. All proceeds benefit the library. There will also be special games, food and bingo supplies sold.

Your child can gain familiarity with orchestra instruments when the Delco Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo visits Saturday, September 21 at 11 a.m. The players will show the kids a wide variety of instruments and then demonstrate them in action by playing several pieces.

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.

Storytime: Your young child can learn basic literacy skills while having fun. The Aston Public Library offers story-

times every week in the morning, open to everyone! Join Ms. Debbie for toddler time (ages 2-3) on Tuesdays at 10:30, infant time (up to 24 months) on Wednesdays at 10:30, and preschool time (ages 3-5) on Thursdays at 10:30.

On Monday, September 30 at 11 a.m., the Movie Group will be viewing and discussing their next film. 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 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



Read to Pet Pals returns to the Library every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. starting September 19. Help your children gain confidence reading out loud to pets!

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 will meet Tuesday September 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.

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 - 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.

