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Understanding Addiction and How to Prevent It March 24

The Partners for Success Coalition will be holding a free event on Saturday, March 24 from 1-4 p.m. at the Community Hall/Neumann University, 1 Neumann Drive.

The Partners for Success Coalition is a volunteer group that works along with the County's Heroin Task Force to address underage drinking and prescription drug use among youth, young adults and families. They work to reduce prescription drug abuse, diminish the amount of prescription medications available to youth and increase community awareness through health promotions, media campaigns, and awareness events.

For more information about this event, please visit www.astontownship.net.

The Aston Township offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Friday, March 30 for Good Friday. Friday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Thursday, March 29.

Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch March 17

Aston Township's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch will be held on Saturday, March 17 at 10 a.m. sharp at the Aston Township Community Center. The Bunny Brunch will follow with light refreshments in the gym. There is no registration required and the Easter Bunny will be available for free hugs and pictures.

There is a rain date scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. The rain date will be for the egg hunt only. This event is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Active Shooter Training Class May 8

The Car Show Team in conjunction with the Aston Township Police Department will hold an Active Shooter Response Training Class presented by the Pennsylvania State Police Intelligence Division, Domestic Security Section, on Tuesday, May 8 from 9-11 a.m.

The presentation is designed to cover all venues, including but not limited to, commerce, education, open spaces, places of worship, and public settings. By discussing the different mental strategies, as well as response tactics, individuals will be better prepared to not only ACT, but REACT during an active shooter event.

The discussion covers associated behaviors, thoughts, and feelings, which may be indicators that someone is disgruntled at their job, in their personal life, or with society. Triggering events that may cause individuals to become an active shooter are also discussed. Active shooter statistics, trends, and real incidents are discussed, along with why it is vitally important for individuals to have a plan. Audio and video clips are utilized to get everyone into the mindset of what may occur during an active shooter situation, and try to realistically have them feel involved. Cost is \$15 and proceeds benefit the Aston Township Police Dept. This is an Aston citizen organized event. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-shooter-response-training-class-astonpa-tickets-42672073320>.

2018 Aston Sports Hall of Fame



The 2018 Aston Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 22 at Kings Mill Banquet Facility. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the banquet and awards presentation will start at 7 p.m.

This year's inductees include: Softball: Allie Alkins; Football: Glen Walrath and Ken Novotni; Basketball: Sue Malloy and Jenna Crowley; Track & Field: Caitlin Yakas; Multiple Sports: Jim Buggy Jr; Baseball: Dickie Noles; Coach: Chris Lambert.

The Lifetime Achievement Award Winner is Nancy Sipple.

The 2018 Butch Ryan Distinguished Student Scholar/Athlete Award recipients are Blair Orr and Madison Gutowicz.

Ticket cost is \$35. For tickets and more information, contact Nancy Sipple at 610-494-1705 or siphoops56@hotmail.com; Rob Locklear at 610-675-6674 or 19lock57@gmail.com; or Bob Weeks at 484-432-4598 or bob.weeks@irggroup.com.

British Invasion at Knights of Columbus April 14

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. James A. Donnelly Council, are bringing back the “British Invasion Years” to St. Joseph’s Parish in Aston on Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m. The performance is three shows in one!

First, you may hear classic songs by iconic British Groups such as the Zombies, the Moody Blues, Dave Clark Five, and Herman’s Hermits. The American musical “responses” will follow with memorable hits by The Monkees, The Turtles, the Mamas and the Papas, and Tommy James and the Shondells to name a few!

This retrospective concludes with an extraordinary finale paying tribute to the four lads from Liverpool who started it all, The Beatles. Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 14 in Degnan Hall, Church of St. Joseph, 3255 Concord Rd.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the band starts playing at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$21 per person and there will be a cash bar as well as bar food available for purchase. For reservations, please contact Joe Zack at 610-888-4767 or email jaz1030@aol.com. This program benefits the Fr. James A. Donnelly Council Knights of Columbus Charities.

Friends of the Library Spring Bingo March 24

Support the Friends of the Library at Spring Bingo at the Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord Road, on Saturday, March 24. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and Bingo will be from 6-9 p.m. This is an all cash prize event with plenty of special games, delicious home-baked goods, raffles and other food items available for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Aston Library. Admission is \$20. No one under 18 years of age will be admitted.

The Friends of the Aston Library have contributed more than \$11,000 in 2016 and in January 2017 donated another \$10,000 to the library for various special projects, programs and book purchases. The organization is always looking for new members who are community oriented and are willing to give a few hours each month to fund-raising projects. Contact the library for more information or go to their website www.astonlibrary.org.

Local Taxes Due April 17

It’s that time of year again. Your 2017 local earned income tax return is due on April 17. Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator’s secure website, which is available 24/7 at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group’s e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2017 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

If you will be claiming an out-of-state tax credit or if you work in Philadelphia, you may be eligible for a local earned income tax credit up to the amount you owe to your resident municipality. The worksheet on the back of the form will help you calculate your out-of-state tax credit (attach a copy of your out-of-state filing).

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, call Keystone’s Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions to “Taxpayer Support” at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2017 are required to file a tax return by Tuesday, April 17.

Sun Valley Post Prom Bingo

The Sun Valley Post Prom 2018 Committee will be holding a cash bingo on Sunday, March 18. Doors will open at 3 p.m. with games beginning at 3:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road. Cost for tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door (if available). Come enjoy ten games of bingo with four cards per game and door prizes!

Checks for this event can be made payable to Sun Valley Post Prom. Groups of eight have the ability to have their own tables if reserved by March 4. Additional items available for purchase will be: extra cards, daubers, raffle baskets, 50/50, refreshments, soda and water.

For ticket information please contact Laura Lambert at (484) 645-4462 or by email: supostprom2018@gmail.com.

Senior Citizens to Meet March 22

Aston Senior Citizens will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 22, at 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community Center, with lunch served at 12 p.m. at the cost of \$10 for members. We will be having Jack Scott and Ingrid Rosenback of the Last Chance musical singing duo.

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, or call 619-494-5434.

Public Works, Working for You

Public Works repaired 115 potholes using four tons of asphalt last month. They also maintained and worked on Township and Police vehicles, delivered cal-

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Deadline for next issue is March 26.

enders throughout the Township, filled a sink hole on Thomas Road, picked up Christmas trees, and took down and stored all holiday decorations.

Bulk Trash and Appliance Collection

The Township Public Works Department provides curbside pickup service for residents seeking to dispose of bulk trash items or old appliances. The service runs March 5-9. The fee for this service is \$20 per item and is due in advance of pickup.

Residents must call the Township Building in advance to schedule pickup and arrange payment. The cost **MUST** be paid in advance. All items for bulk trash and appliance collection must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of your regular trash collection.

Pothole Patrol

Thank you for being a concerned citizen! Help us help you by reporting a roadway maintenance request at www.astontownship.net.

The Aston Township Public Works Department is committed to providing a timely response to your request. Our goal is to remedy the situation within 24 to 48 hours then follow up with an email when the repair has been completed.

Please note that following certain weather events and extended periods of extreme temperature, reporting volume is likely to be very high. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please complete the form online and enter as much detail as possible, especially for the location.

Just a reminder- PennDot is responsible for state roads including Aston Mills Road, Birney Highway, Bodley Road, Bridgewater Road, Concord Road, Dutton Mill Road, Knowlton Road, Lenni Road and Pennell Road.

Sun Valley Craft Fair April 7

Mark your calendars for Saturday,

April 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for Sun Valley High School Spring Craft Fair.

This is a great event to do some spring 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 many raffles and new this year – Plum Pit Food Trucks and free admission!

Enjoy a wide variety of crafts and including woodworking, gift baskets, salsas, vinyl decorations, photography, personalized blankets, children's items, bows, jewelry, cake pops, chocolate treats, and so much more.

Lions to Host Bingo

The Aston Township Lions will be host Bingo on Saturday, April 7 at 6 p.m. at the Aston Community Center.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6 p.m. Cash prizes and there will be food and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase. No alcohol allowed. Must be 18 years old to attend. Cost is \$20. Proceeds benefit the Lions Club of Aston Township Charitable Foundation.

Third Annual Franciscan Night April 21



The Sisters of St. Francis will hold the 3rd Annual Franciscan Night on Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

Spend the evening mingling with the Sisters of St. Francis while sampling delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshing drinks. or sit at one of our nine gaming tables to try your hand at blackjack, poker, craps, or roulette.

There will be more than 40 gorgeous raffle baskets as well as a 50/50 raffle for you to take a chance on!

Proceeds from this event will directly benefit our retired sisters in Assisi House in Aston, Pennsylvania, and St.

March Public Meetings and Special Events

**Special Meeting
Board of Commissioners**
7 p.m. Monday, March 5

Board of Health Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6

New Construction Committee
6:30 p.m. Monday, March 12

Work Session Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14

Board of Commissioners Meeting
7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27

Work Session Meeting
2 p.m. Wednesday, March 28

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

**Special Meeting
Board of Commissioners**
7 p.m. Thursday, March 29

Ann's Convent in Tacoma, Washington.

For more information, go to the sisters' website: <http://osfpghila.org/support-us/foundation-event/> or contact Terri Gamble at (610) 558-6143.

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

Dance Me a Story Visits; Chair Yoga is Back

Author Ann Atkins will visit the library to discuss her book *Golda Meir: True Grit* on Monday, March 5 at 11 a.m. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Dance Me a Story visits the library at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15 and Thursday, March 22. Dance Me a Story integrates training kids in dance movement (with a professional dancer) with a fun story.

Free Chair Yoga classes will be at 11 a.m. on Saturdays starting March 10. Chair Yoga is a very accessible form of Yoga using a chair for support.

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.

New admission passes to the following cultural institutions are available for a free 7 day loan: Independence Seaport Museum; Penn Museum; Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art; and Philadelphia's Magic Gardens. Reserve one through the Catalog at www.astonlibrary.org.

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 de-

Rockdale Arts Center Upcoming Events

Lego Animation Spring Break Class is a three week course where students learn to script and animate a short movie using Legos. We provide the Legos and expert instruction while students work in teams using their own tablets or smart phones and a free animation app creating an entertaining stop motion movie. Students learn to create smooth animations and edit their movies. Creativity and teamwork are encouraged in a fun and supportive environment.

Requirement: Students must bring their own tablet or smart phone with the animation app. Spring Break, March 27-29, 1-3 p.m. (3 classes). Cost is \$55.

To register or for more information, contact director@rockdaleartcenter.com or by calling or texting 1-484-843-1278.

signs the staff made in the display case for ideas.

Are you looking for a book club? There are several options at our library. The group meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m. is discussing *Luckiest Girl Alive*. The group meeting on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. is discussing *Dressmaker*. Stop by and try one out!

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) 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



Storytime kids with their Dog's Colorful Day craft



Infants Storytime with Ms. Theresa

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, March 20 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.

ABA Mock Interview Day at Sun Valley

The Aston Business Association will hold Mock Interview Day on Tuesday, March 20 from 7:30-10:45 a.m. Mock Interview Day gives the senior class at Sun Valley the opportunity to experience a "real-world" interview conducted by members of the ABA and friends of the ABA.

The seniors prepare a resume and job interview application letter and bring them to their one-on-one interview that lasts about 10-15 minutes. The faculty tries to pair the student's interest with an interviewer's background as closely as possible and the students look forward to this event.

The mock interview gives the students realistic learning experience that helps to prepare them for college or job interviews. The interviewer completes a brief one-page evaluation to help the student improve their technique or encourage them. Sun Valley teachers will review the feedback with the students.

Learn more about participating in this event at astonba.com/contact-us/ and select Sun Valley Mock Interviews as the subject. If you are interested in mock interviewing students please visit our website to register.