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Pride in our Community

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National Autism Awareness Month; New Handicapped Accessible Play- ground Initiative Announced

April was recognized as National Autism Awareness Month by the Board of Commissioners. Autism Awareness Month represents an excellent opportunity to promote autism awareness, autism acceptance and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year. Nearly a quarter of a century ago, the Autism Society launched a nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and to assure that each person with Autism Spectrum Disorder is provided the opportunity to achieve their highest possible quality of life.

Commissioner Carol Graham also announced the Smiles in the Playground initiative. The Township has obtained funding to build a new special needs playground they are lovingly calling Smiles in the Playground. The park will be located on the grounds of the Community Center.

“When you enter our town you are welcomed by a sign that reads ‘Aston Township, a Community that Cares’ and as we recognize Autism Awareness Month it gives me great pleasure to also announce and celebrate for all our children our Aston Township Project, Smiles in the Playground,” said Commissioner Graham.

Aston Township Wants to Hear from You May 21

The Board of Commissioners recently obtained funding to complete projects that we felt needed to be addressed in our Township. We are asking the residents for comments on the below projects. This is our community and all of us should have the chance to give input to move our Township forward. The following projects have a budget and preliminary design, but we would like ideas from the residents while going forward with them.

- Community Center: – \$ 650,000
 - New roof, HVAC System, Expansion, Lounge Area Improvements, Etc.
- Pennell Road Trestle – \$ 50,000
 - Painting of the Trestle
- Special Needs Playground (Smiles in the Playground) – \$ 200,000
 - Design, Play System, Components and Fall Area

A meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Township Building. We look forward to seeing you there!

Eagle Scout Recognized



Commissioner Prendergast presents Matthew Gane with a proclamation recognizing his Eagle Scout achievement.

Sun Valley senior Matthew Gane was recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on November 15, 2017. He is the son of Ed and Bonnie Gane and the brother of Eagle Scout Kevin and Life Scout Brian. He will graduate from Sun Valley in June and plans on a career in nursing.

He began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub in 2006, following in the footsteps of his older brothers. He advanced through the Cub Scout ranks of Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. Matthew crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 225 in February 2011 where he learned many skills along the trail to Eagle, earning 36 merit badges along the way. He was Den Chief at the local Cub Scout Day Camp, where he held many positions over the years. Matthew’s extensive background in theater and music naturally led him to be the Master of Ceremony at our Township 9/11 Memorial Services.

His Eagle Scout project was to install benches along the newly opened Chester Creek Trail in the Middletown Section. This project, with the help of a tireless crew of adult scout leaders, scouts, friends and family was completed with 517 service hours.

The Aston Township offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day. Monday’s trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 29.

2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service May 28

The Green Ridge Memorial American Legion Post #926 will hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28. The parade will begin at the Village Green Shopping Center on Concord Road at 10 a.m. and will proceed down Concord Road to the American Legion Post #926.

Memorial services will be held at the front of the Post building shortly after the arrival of all parade participants.

Sun Valley Alumni and the Class of 1968 to Present First Scholarship to 2018 Graduate

The Sun Valley Alumni Association is pleased to announce it is partnering with the Class of 1968 to offer a scholarship to a deserving student from the Sun Valley class of 2018. This collaboration has come together through the hard work of members of the Class 1968 and the Alumni Association's scholarship committee.

All Sun Valley Class of 2018 seniors, who are interested in applying, can visit the Counseling office and pick up an application.

Any members of the Sun Valley Class of 1968, who have an interest in helping us in this scholarship program, are encouraged to send their donation to the Sun Valley High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2087, Aston, Pa., 19014. Please mark your donation "2018 Scholarship Fund." Other graduates may also make donations to the fund. If you are from another graduation year and would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, it will be applied towards our ongoing scholarship program. Donations for the Class of 2018 need to be received no later than May 18.

Second Annual Scott Jones Memorial 5k May 20

Please join us for the Second Annual Scott Jones Memorial Junior Scholarship Fund 5k/1k, Health and Safety Fair!

The Health and Safety Fair will be held on Sunday, May 20 from noon-4 p.m. at the Aston Township Fire Department. The 5k/1k will start at 1 p.m. at Neumann University's Mirenda Building and end at the ATFD. This year's event features a new and improved race route and timing provided by the Chester County Running Store. There will be team options available for both ATFD members and public teams.

The event contributes to the scholarship fund for the junior members of Aston Township Fire Department in Scott's Memory. There will be a pre-race warm up sponsored by Plank'd Fitness as well as a free shuttle to and from Neumann University, compliments of Neumann University.

To register visit www.runcrs.com/race-calendar/ or view the Facebook event at www.facebook.com/events/175732253082154/.

Camp Rainbow Registration Opens June 4

Camp Rainbow is a wonderful summer opportunity for boys & girls. It is open to all Aston Township Residents who will enter first through fifth grade in the fall. Camp Rainbow is held every Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. until 12 noon beginning the week of Monday, June 25 and running through Friday, August 3 for a total of 6 weeks.

There will be no pre-registration this year. Registration will be held at the Township Office beginning June 3. All registrations must be presented at the Township Office. There will be no camp on Wednesday, July 4.

Proof of residency must be provided at time of registration. Drop off at 8:45 a.m. and you must enter through main gym doors only & must sign in upon arrival. Children need to be picked up by 12:15 p.m. ONLY person/s listed on information form will be permitted to pick up children & MUST show ID. Sign Out Sheet must be signed prior to removing child/children from premises.

Aston Seniors to Meet May 24

Aston Senior Citizens will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 24 at 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community Center, with lunch served at noon at the cost of \$10 for members. The Sun Valley Chamber Chorus will perform.

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 Wilczek at 610-494-5434.

Bingo Presented by the 1st & 11th

District Fire Police

Come out and join the 1st & 11th District Fire Police as they hold a cash prize Bingo night on Saturday, May 5. This event will be held at the Aston Township Community Center, doors will open at 5 p.m. games beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are available for \$30 per person if purchased in advance or \$35 per person if available for purchase at the door.

In addition there will be raffle baskets, 50/50, special games, extra cards, daubers and soda/water available for purchase. There is no alcohol permitted at this event.

For tickets please contact Lisa Pasquarello: call/text: 610-496-6531 or email: 1and11fp.lisap@gmail.com. You may also contact Elmer Guthrie - Call/Text: 610-496-2222 or Email: 1stand11thfp@gmail.com.

Tickets are also available for purchase at their website: www.1stand11thfp.com.

Friends of the Library

Bingo May 19

The Friends of the Aston Library will host Bingo on Saturday, May 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the Community Center.

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail newsletter@astontownship.net.
Deadline for next issue is May 22.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and admission is \$25.

Prizes will be awarded in cash and the event will feature special games, food, bingo supplies, and raffles. All proceeds will go to the Aston Library. No one under 18 years of age will be admitted.



The Aston Township Parks Clean Up Organizing group, including Commissioner Carol Graham, stands with members of the CRC Watershed Association at Fisher Park.

Parks Clean Up a Success!



There was a great turnout for this year's park clean up event. Many residents came to the Community

Center staging area this year and others went directly to their assigned parks. Twenty-two residents took part resulting in eight contractor-size bags of debris out of Aston's ten parks.

The township participants do a great job every year so there isn't usually a lot of trash for them to remove.

The CRC (Chester-Ridley-Crum) Watersheds Association also participated with their group cleaning Chester Creek from Fisher to Poore Parks.

Shredding Event May 5

Aston Township will be holding their annual shredding event on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.-noon. This event is held at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road.

The shredding event is for Aston Township Residents ONLY.

Aston Valley to Host Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser

Aston Valley Baseball League will host a Denim and Diamonds Cornhole

Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 19 from 7-10 p.m. at Neumann University Community Hall.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$60 a couple. Food and Beer will be provided, BYOB all other beverages.

April Recognized as PA 811 Safe Digging Month

Engineers, excavators, and homeowners work to keep pace with the Commonwealth's unprecedented economic development, by dialing 8-1-1 in advance of excavation to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and loss of utility service to Pennsylvania citizens.

This unique service provides easy, one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment.

All excavators and homeowners are encouraged to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days prior to an excavation project, even something as small as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post or replacing a driveway.

Public Works, Working for You

Public Works repaired 124 potholes using 3 tons of cold patch asphalt last month. They also installed "one way" sign at Aston Middletown Little League entrance; repaired a sink hole on Anvil Road; began a new playground installation at Valley View park; and removed a fallen tree on Mount Road and from Gettysburg Retention Pond.

ATFD Smoke Detector Assistance

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

May Public Meetings and Special Events

Work Session

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9

Public Works Meeting

3 p.m. Tuesday, May 15

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22

Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 23

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23



Aston Middletown Little League Opening Day

Aston Middletown Little League celebrated its opening day on Saturday, April 14. The league honored Dana Messick and Russ Carlson. Carlson could not attend, but Mark Kirchgasser accepted on his behalf. The national anthem was sung by Gavin Mogck, a graduating 12 year old while all the other graduating 12 year olds lined up on the base paths.

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

Coloring Contest this Month; Traveling Zoo to visit!

Saturday, March 19 will be a big BINGO event at the Aston Public Library from 6-9 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and admission is only \$25. All cash prizes. There will also be special games, food, and bingo supplies sold.

Performer Stephen Lee Rich presents "It's All Vaudeville" Monday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Library. Learn about and enjoy music from yesteryear. Mr. Rich has almost 50 years of experience as a musician.

We are holding a Coloring Contest for our young patrons and 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 June 1st to be considered.

Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m., Aston Public Library will be visited by the Wallaby Tales Traveling Zoo. They will present an educational, comical and entertaining program for kids of all ages. Come see at least 5 unusual animals and learn about their habitats and food sources. This is where animals, education, and fun collide!

Your child can get a preview of the exciting events and fun coming in this year's summer reading program "Libraries Rock." Visit our Preview Party on Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. for food, games and information!

We are hosting a "Walk With Ease"

ABA Golf Outing June 18

The ABA will host the 17th Annual ABA Golf Outing on Monday, June 18 at the Downingtown County Club. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available today. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m. and there is a shotgun start at noon. The event includes cocktails and dinner after the tournament, as well as awards for longest drive, closest to pin, and best foursome. There will also be raffles, 50/50 and door prize drawings.

The event was started after the events of September 11, 2001 as a way to remember and commemorate those events and find a way to acknowledge and honor our own local emergency response team. Proceeds from the event are donated to the Aston Township Fire Company and the Aston Police Department.

For more information, to register or learn about available sponsorships, visit <http://astonba.com/17th-annual-golf-outing/>.

program sponsored by COSA through May 23. The program is Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-noon. This is an evidence based program designed to change fitness habits and proven to reduce the pain of arthritis by increasing balance, strength, walking pace and confidence.

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!

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 Arts, 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 designs 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, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. is discussing *Blessings*. The group meeting on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. is discussing *Reliable Wife*. Stop by and try one out!

Storytime! Your young child can learn



Stephen Lee Rich will perform It's all Vaudeville on Monday, May 21 at the Library!



The Storytime kids with "caterpillars" they made

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 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, May 15 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.

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