

Community Spirit In Action

People, Places and Events in our region of Delaware County

Marcus Hook Halloween fun planned

Marcus Hook Borough is hosting a pumpkin carving activity for borough children five-12 years old from 6 – 7:30 P.M., tonight (Wednesday, Oct. 27th) at the pavilion at Market Square Memorial Park. Halloween Hayrides will be held 6-9 P.M. on Saturday, Oct. 30th commencing at the town's waterfront. A fee will be charged and cider and candy apples will be available.

Aston seniors to meet

The Aston Seniors will meet 10:45 A.M., Thursday, Oct. 28th at the Aston Community Center. New members residing in Aston, Brookhaven and Parkside may join at this meeting. All interested persons are reminded that membership applications must be received by Oct. 31st for the 2010-2011 year. Call Liz Anderson for an application at 610-565-5650.

Cow Pie Bingo event set for Aston

Aston AA Football and Cheerleading will be hosting "Cow Pie Bingo" on Saturday, Oct. 30th at 5 P.M. Tickets are on sale now. There will be music, concessions, games, moonbounces, face painting, vendors and more.

What is Cow Pie Bingo? A cow is turned loose in a fenced-in area which has been marked off with squares. All tickets sold will be randomly picked and placed in a square. The cow determines the winner by making the first "deposit" on one of the squares. The winner gets a percentage of the money raised with the rest benefitting the Aston AA Football/Cheerleading program. Interested? Call Anthony Marano at 610-447-8484 for details.

BMIM celebrates 15th anniversary

Black Men in Motion celebrates its 15th anniversary with a Halloween Cabaret on Saturday, Oct. 30th at the Wilson Center, 1150 Engle St., Chester Township, from 9 P.M.-2 A.M. Featured will be music by DJ Gordy, hors d'oeuvres, prizes for best costume (male and female) and more. BYOB. For more information, including ticket prices, call Walter at 484-410-6294. Proceeds benefit the group's Thanksgiving program.

Celebrating lead poisoning prevention

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is recognizing National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week this week to raise awareness of lead poisoning in children. Lead causes a variety of adverse health effects, including brain and nervous system disorders, high blood pressure and reproductive problems. For children, even low levels of exposure to lead can cause a host of developmental effects such as learning disabilities, decreased intelligence and speech, language, and behavioral problems, which can affect children for a lifetime.

Lead paint poisoning affects more than a million children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that nearly 250,000 children living in the United States

have blood lead levels high enough to require public health intervention, based on data from a 2003–2004 national survey. Major sources of lead exposure among children are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust found in deteriorating buildings. Despite the continued presence of lead in the environment, lead poisoning is entirely preventable.

This year's theme, Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future, underscores the importance of learning how to prevent lead poisoning's serious health effects. Simple steps include: getting your home tested if it was built before 1978; get your child tested. Even if your young children seem healthy, ask your doctor to test them for lead; and get more facts at <http://www.leadfreekids.org> or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

DEA celebrates Red Ribbon Week

The Philadelphia Division of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) invites the community to take a visible stand against drugs by celebrating Red Ribbon Week this week to raise awareness of drug use and the problems related to drugs facing the community. Parents, educators, business owners and community organizations are encouraged to promote drug-free lifestyles.

"Red Ribbon week is a time to remember those who have given everything in the fight against dangerous drugs," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele Leonhart. "We wear the Red Ribbon in tribute to their courage, and to ensure that their sacrifice was not made in vain (and to) symbolize our dedication to living healthy, drug-free lives."

This year marks the 25th anniversary and the red ribbon symbolizes a continuing commitment to reducing the demand for illicit drugs in communities. In 1985, DEA Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after his death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, CA began wearing red ribbons to remember him and commemorate his sacrifice. Congress established Red Ribbon Week in 1988.

Visit www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com or www.dea.gov for more information about Red Ribbon Week or contact the DEA at 215-861-3474.

Free fall festival scheduled

The Andrew L Hicks, Jr. Foundation along with Henderson High School of West Chester are hosting a free fall festival for children at the 9th Street Community and Youth Center, 2 West 9th St., Chester, on Saturday, October 30th from Noon-3 P.M. Admission and all food and activities are free. There will be two moonbounces, face painting, hot dogs, carnival games, balloon sculptors, pumpkin decorating and free books for all ages. The Philadelphia Union and Chester police and fire departments are participating. A hip-hop dance group and rap group will be performing behind the youth center on stage. Halloween goodie bags will be provided for the first 400 children under age 12.

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