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Public invited to hear Delco plans for Don Guanella site

Plus, American Helicopter Museum holds FamilyFest and complimentary classes for home sellers

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Delaware County Council and the Delaware County Planning Department invite residents to a public meeting, where community-inspired concepts for the county's largest park will be unveiled Monday, June 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the County Council Meeting Room at the Delaware County Government Center.

Derived from comprehensive survey results and community feedback garnered during prior open house and pop-up events, these concepts mark a significant milestone in the park's development.

The county's journey to transform the 213-acre site at the former Don Guanella School in Marple Township into a vibrant and accessible public space has reached the next phase.

The paster plan for the proposed park incorporates the diverse ecology of the site, now one of the largest forests in Delaware County, and aligns with the community's needs and interests to embody the vision of "Community, in Nature."

The park project is a testament to the collaborative spirit of Delaware County residents, whose voices have been instrumental in shaping its future. The park is an essential asset for the community's health, economic growth, and ecological resilience as we navigate a changing climate, population growth, and evolving recre-

ational needs, the county said.

The upcoming meeting will showcase the community-inspired concepts, giving residents an insight into the future of the park. This public event is not just a presentation, it's a celebration of the community's active participation and commitment to developing a park that cherishes the community's shared values and preserves natural resources, the county said.

Those unable to attend can participate via livestream at <http://delcopa.gov/park-meeting> and view a recording of the meeting shortly after the meeting's completion. To learn more about the park's draft master plan and to get details about the meeting, visit <http://delcopa.gov/park-master-plan>.

Helicopter Museum holds annual FamilyFest at 10 a.m. on June 24

The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center will offer a day of family fun during its FamilyFest, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. The annual event, loaded with activities, aims to delight visitors of all ages.

Highlighting FamilyFest will be a presentation and demonstration by Torque, a Belgian malinois who holds the world's record as the dog with the most flights in a Huey helicopter.

The hourlong talk by Torque's personal assistant will begin at noon and include the history of



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The former Don Guanella School on Sproul Road in Marple Township.

dogs in helicopters, information about Torque, Torque's world-record achievement, the training and equipment involved, and a book reading and signing of her new children's book.

Paul Kahan, the museum's executive director, will present Torque with a plaque honoring her accomplishments.

"We're thrilled to welcome this extraordinary animal to our museum. She flies with the Huey Vets in the San Francisco Bay Area and works with various charitable organizations, including the Tug McGraw Foundation," explained Kahan. "Additionally, she is a highly regarded crime fighter, so come and meet Torque and hear her incredible story."

FamilyFest will also feature food trucks like Mobile Mess Hall

and Shimpy's BBQ, desserts by Kona Ice and Sinfully Delicious, and adult beverages from Locust Lane Brewery and Grace Winery.

Vendors will include Craft Kate's Creations, Chester County Beekeepers Association, Operation Homefront, K-9 Partners for Life, Paws for People Therapy Dogs, Chester County Seeing Eye Puppies, Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue, the Goshen Fire Company, and many more will.

Music will be provided by Mark Shepperd Productions, and Kirk's Martial Arts will demonstrate their skills at 1 p.m. The museum will host its annual classic car and motorcycle show.

Helicopter rides will be available and cost an additional \$100 for nonmuseum members and

\$85 for museum members.

Rides will be first-come, first-served beginning at 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors must be on site and checked in to guarantee a flight.

Admission is \$20. Children under age 5 and museum members are free.

FamilyFest sponsors include A Storage Depot, Brandywine Aviation and Maintenance, Brandywine Regional Airport, Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning, First Bank, First Resource Bank, Fastener Systems, Inc., Greg A. Vietri, Inc., MBA Advisors, Metro Aviation, Pillar Real Estate Advisors, Team Toyota, and the Vertical Flight Society.

Contact the museum at 610-436-9600 or visit <https://americanhelicopter.museum>.

The American Helicopter Museum and Education Center at 1220 American Blvd. near West Chester is the nation's premier aviation museum devoted exclusively to helicopters.

Established in 1996, the nonprofit organization collects, restores, and displays rotary-wing aircraft, including over 35 civilian and military helicopters, autogyros and convertiplanes.

Free workshops offered to homeowners to maximize home sale profits

Brett Furman, real estate broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic, will host home-seller workshops.

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RADNOR TOWNSHIP POLICE

Blotter: Wallet stolen, bogus coupons, purse lifted

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Radnor Township police reported the following criminal activity:

MAY 28, BETWEEN 5 AND 7:30 P.M. » A victim reported that their wallet was stolen in a pizza shop in the 200 block of North Radnor Chester. Fraudulent activities on a credit card was reported to the victim on June 12.

JUNE 13, ABOUT 12:30 P.M. » Loss prevention employees from the T.J. Maxx Store, 550 E. Lancaster Ave., reported a retail theft. Two males stole \$133 in men's items. Store staff believe the same two

men were involved in a previous theft.

JUNE 13 » Both Wawa stores, 201 Bryn Mawr Ave. and 151 Sugartown Road, received fraudulent coupons for the sale

of cigarettes. Police said it is believed the same male used fake manufacturer's coupons to obtain cigarettes from both Wawa stores.

JUNE 15 » Police received

a report that a purse was stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the municipal lot at 200 S. Bellevue Ave. It is believed to have occurred between 6:45 and 10:45 p.m.