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News Around Town

Rain-barrel workshop Thursday

The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be hosting a free rain-barrel workshop on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The two-hour workshop will take place at the PRC office at 3606 Providence Road in Newtown Square. Part of the demonstration will be to show how and where to set up rain barrels. The first 25 attendees from Radnor Township will receive a voucher for a free 50-gallon rain barrel.

Call 610-353-1555 ext. 232 to register.

FLITE awards grants, announces fall campaign

The Foundation for Learning In Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) has announced the awarding of its first four grants to support important educational projects in the T/E area. FLITE also held its first annual meeting on Sept. 14, at which time the fall fund-raising campaign, "Help FLITE Take Flight," was introduced to Trustee and Advisory Board members.

FLITE's recent grants help to support Homework Oasis at Valley Forge Middle School, a transportation program at Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School, the T/E After School Club based at each of the five elementary schools and a program called Music In Our Schools.

Homework Oasis and the T/E After School Club are both after-school tutoring-support. It is a partnership involving the VFMS staff, VFMS PTO and FLITE.

The T/E After School Club will begin in all of the T/E elementary schools in early November. It is a partnership with the school district and FLITE. Participating students will get tutoring help and counseling support.

At TEMS, qualified students who want to stay after school for clubs or homework help will be offered transportation home. With the Music In Our Schools program, third- through 12th-grade students interested in participating in district bands or orchestras, but are unable to secure their own instruments, will be able to rent instruments at no cost with FLITE's support.

FLITE's board and all committees are composed entirely of volunteers. Because there are no paid employees, and much of its operational costs are donated by community members, all donations go directly to funding the programs for the kids.

Anyone interested in making a donation to FLITE can go to www.FLITE-pa.org for more information, or call 610-240-1860. FLITE is also a United Way Donor Choice Charity, ID Number 19698.

FLITE is a nonprofit community-based organization that secures funding and provides grants to support educational programs for the students of the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District. Its emphasis is on funding programs that reach groups and individual students who are unable to take full advantage of the educational opportunities in the district.