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Always call 911 in an emergency

Moon Township Police Department
412.262.5000
Moon Township Fire Department
412.262.5004 (non-emergency only)
Moon Parks and Recreation
412.262.1703
Moon Community Access Television
412.269.1191
Moon Township Municipal Authority
412.264.4300
Moon Township Public Library
412.269.0334
Elected Property Tax Collector: Catherine Tress
412.299.7446
Earned Income Tax Collector: Jordan Tax Service
724.731.2300

Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming 2017 holidays:

Labor Day, September 4
Veterans Day (observed), November 10
Thanksgiving, November 23 and 24

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Community Development



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The Cover

Our residents love having easy access to everything! If you're looking for a place to live ...
Make It Moon!

The Moon Township Messenger was arranged by Communications Director Christine Span and designed by Web & Graphic Designer Frank Vieira.

Read the Fall 2017 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.com.

A Letter from the Township Manager

Wow! What a wonderful and busy year so far. In the spring we presented the “new look” of Moon Township. The branding embraces our history, while looking eagerly to a future that’s even brighter. Make It Moon became the new slogan for great reasons. There is no better place to Live, Work, Play or Learn than Moon Township. As a resident or business owner, you probably already know why. Your friends, on the other hand, might be surprised by a few things. Share our new makeitmoon.com website with them so they can see for themselves.

You could also tell them about our four-day event to mark the 50th anniversary of Moon Park in July. The celebration included the Firecracker 5K Run/Walk, Community Day, Battle of the Bands and ended with an outstanding fireworks display. In fact, the Coraopolis Record named Moon Park’s July 4th the Best Celebration in the area. There were many vendors, a lot of music, a car cruise and an outpouring of support from businesses and community groups alike. We’ve received suggestions and taken notes on how to enhance the events to better serve all ages, and we look forward to continuing to give back to the community.

Some of you may not know that the township owns the facility at Mooncrest where the Felician Sisters run after-school and summer care programs for the neighborhood students, as well as other services for their families. Sister Rene Procopio has been involved since 2002. She has done an outstanding job, so in honor of her dedication, the township celebrated by declaring July 5th Sister Rene Day. The supervisors also announced a 30-day challenge to raise funds for Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs whereby Moon Township would match, dollar-for-dollar, the first \$5,000 donated. The challenge ended on July 5th with a total collection of \$15,145, but the really exciting news is that the donations didn’t stop. As of July 31, 2017 the total is \$20,145. This in itself is a powerful testament to what a wonderful place Moon Township is to live.

As the summer comes to an end and we head into fall, I need to give a great big thank you to the numerous sponsors, volunteers and staff that make all the “happenings” in Moon possible. Without this combination, the township alone would not be able to bring you the Family Fun Nights, the Halloween Spooktacular, the Bunny Trail, the Fourth of July celebration, countless miles of trails, the relocation of the Fleur de Lune garden or lunchtime concerts at Robin Hill, just to name a few.

Moon is a special place because government and community work together for the betterment of all.

Dawn Lane
Township Manager



Meet Our New Employees!

Moon Township welcomed its newest employee Mike Jakub in June. As Foreman of the Public Works Department, Mike oversees the daily operations of the Roads and Parks and Recreation departments. Previously, he was the Public Works Foreman for the Borough of Wilmerding. “Moon is a great community. The people are friendly and the crew is very supportive. I’m looking forward to learning more about the township and working on projects that will continue to make it a great place to live.”



Wendy Steffes joined Moon Township as the Community Development Administrative Assistant. A Moon Township resident for over 25 years, she and her husband Brian reside in the home where he grew up. The couple are parents of three children, all in college, and two beagles.

Before coming onboard, Wendy most recently worked as an administrative assistant at an engineering company for three years. “I enjoy learning all about Moon and the new developments in the township, and I’m enjoying getting to know and working with a new group of employees/friends,” she said. “I hope all will feel welcomed when calling the township.”

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Celebrating Sister Rene Day

July 5 was Sister Rene Day in Moon Township, as proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors. The day honored Sister Rene Procopio for all her work and dedication to the Mooncrest neighborhood. An ice cream celebration was held at Mooncrest, with supervisors John Hertzler and Jim Vitale, Rep. Mark Mustio, Township Manager Dawn Lane and Assistant Township Manager Scott Brillhart dishing out the treats.

At the board meeting, supervisors presented a check to Sister Rene for the funds raised by the Mooncrest Matching Donation Challenge. Thanks to generous individuals, businesses and organizations, Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs received \$20,145! That includes the township's \$5,000 match.

Sister Rene commented, "Thank you and God bless you for bestowing this honor on me in the name of the Felician Sisters. I am overwhelmed. When I became the initiator of this ministry in Mooncrest, I never thought of what will I gain from all of this. Every day it was truly for the glory of God and the betterment of his people."

If you'd like to donate, you can still do so by visiting mooncrest.org or by sending a check made payable to Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs to 347 Hemlock Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108.

Garbage Collection Reminders

The township reminds all residents of the following garbage collection regulations as described in Chapter 20, Section 104.3 of the Moon Township Code of Ordinances:

- Bags or containers of garbage should not be set at curbside by residents more than 12 hours prior to their expected collection time by the contractor.
- All municipal waste shall be drained free of liquids before being placed in approved containers.
- All garbage or other putrescible waste shall be securely wrapped in paper, plastic or similar material or placed in properly tied plastic bags.
- Food containers should be rinsed free of food particles and drained before being placed in approved containers.
- Garden clippings and tree trimmings shall be placed in approved containers or shall be cut and tied securely into bundles. Bundles shall be not more than four feet in length, not more than two feet in diameter and not more than 40 pounds in weight.

Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council, in partnership with JVS Environmental, hosts quarterly electronics collections to gather unused and unwanted electronic items. These events collect electronic items only, including printers, copiers, computers, laptops and televisions. Only one television per vehicle will be accepted. Electronics collections are open to Moon Township residents only. Proper ID is required.

The EAC held Moon's Annual Recycling Day on Saturday, June 3. A total of 978 cars came through this year's collection to help keep materials out of landfills. The EAC collected a total of 237 appliances, 594 tires, two large box trucks full of usable construction materials, and several large box trucks full of electronics. Thanks again to all the volunteers and community members who donated their time and effort to help make it all possible!

Antique Sale at Robin Hill

Saturday, November 4

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please join Moon Historical Society and area antiques vendors for an antique sale at historical Robin Hill Center on Saturday, November 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendance is free. A twilight pre-sale and wine and cheese reception will be held on Friday, November 3 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25, with all proceeds benefitting the Moon Township Historical Society. Visit moontownshiphistoricalsociety.com for more details and updates.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. In case you didn't know, historians credit Benjamin Franklin with the idea to reset clocks in the summer months as a way to conserve energy. However, Daylight Saving Time didn't officially begin until more than a century later in 1916 when Germany established it as a way to conserve fuel during World War I. The rest of Europe came on board shortly thereafter, with the United States adopting it in 1918. DST resurfaced during WWII but wasn't consistently deployed throughout the states until Congress enacted the Uniform Time Act in 1966.



Swimming Pool Water Discharge Guidelines

Water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contains high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated pool or spa water into streams, (irrigation canals or ponds, etc.) is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water, to any waters of the commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) does not require a permit for discharges from single residence pools, provided the guidelines outlined below are followed. Moon Township should be contacted concerning its local ordinances, such as stormwater ordinance §23-131.

These guidelines cannot be construed to waive or impair any rights of DEP to prosecute a property (pool) owner and/or pool company for any stream damage that occurs as a result of a discharge. Penalties would be assessed under the provisions of the Clean Streams Law.

Pool Guidelines:

A. Disposal of Water to Sanitary Sewer

1. If the municipal authority grants permission, pool backwash water, pool cleaning wastewater and standing water may be discharged to the sanitary sewer system. Neutralize water before discharge by following these steps:

a) Prior to disposal of pool water to a sanitary sewer, shut off the chlorination system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine.

b) Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for at least two weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

c) Measure the chlorine level in the pool or hot tub prior to discharging the water. The water should not show any detectable levels of chlorine. A longer holding period may be necessary if chlorine levels continue to remain at detectable levels at the end of two weeks. Chlorine measurements can be made with a chlorine test kit (colorimetric).

2. Plan discharge for low-use times of sewer flow such as afternoon or late night hours.

3. Use small volume pump and control

discharge so it does not spill out. (less than 10 gallons per minute)

4. Discharge with hose into access "cap" of the private property sewer cleanout. DO NOT use public manholes or cleanouts.

5. Care should be taken to make sure the discharge goes into a sanitary sewer **and not a storm sewer, which would discharge to a stream**. If sanitary sewers are not in the immediate area, the wastewater should be hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.

6. Water from backwashing pool filters should not be discharged to a stream, ditch or storm sewer. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank and drainfield system (if properly designed and adequately sized), or a seepage pit.

B. Discharge of Water

1. If the discharge to sanitary sewer is not feasible, then the following guidelines must be followed before discharging the water:

a) Prior to disposing or using the water for irrigation, shut off the chlorination system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine.

b) Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for two weeks to reduce the chlorine level.

c) Discharge or use the water for irrigation in an area where the water will not flow into a stream or storm sewer.

d) Discharge or use the water for irrigating the property and ensure that it does not flow off the property.

e) Discharge or use the water for irrigation in a manner that will prevent nuisance conditions (such as creation of odors, and fly and mosquito breeding conditions). Nuisance conditions occur when water is held in the pool for a prolonged period.

2. The discharge should be at a rate which prevents erosion and optimizes filtration.

In no event should pool water be directly discharged to waters of the commonwealth.

C. Pump Standing water

Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids. Solids on the pool bottom

should not be discharged. After the water has been pumped, solids should be cleaned out manually. The discharge should not raise stream temperatures by more than two degrees Fahrenheit in a one-hour period or a total of five degrees Fahrenheit. The pH should be between six and nine standard units and total chlorine residual should be 0.0 mg/l.

D. Clean Waste Waters

Cleaning wastewaters that contain muriatic acid or chlorine that is used in cleaning pool surfaces should be treated prior to discharge. Muriatic acid wastewater should be neutralized to a pH between six and nine standard units. Chlorine rinses should stand for a period of 10 days to allow chlorine degradation prior to discharge. Total chlorine residual of the wastewater discharge should be less than 0.5 mg/l. Temperature should be monitored as described above (standing water). Chlorine rinse water pH should be between six and nine standard units.

For more information, visit

dep.state.pa.us, keyword: wastewater.

10 Tips to Prevent Stormwater Runoff

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and roads.
2. Never dump anything down storm drains.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
7. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.





POLICE make it moon

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Officers Practice Real-World Situations with Simulated Firearms Training

Moon Township police officers participated in a virtual reality training program recently. The simulated firearms system allowed officers to practice the Use of Force Continuum, which is a standard that provides law enforcement officers with guidelines as to how much force may be used against a resisting subject in a given situation.

Officers were presented with several real-world scenarios they may encounter where use of force may be necessary, such as traffic stops, domestic disputes and patrol situations. The system operator manipulated the scenarios based on the officers' decisions.

Firearms and Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) instructors monitored each officer's performance and conducted a debriefing immediately afterward to discuss what the officer did right or what could have been done differently to resolve the scenario in the best possible way to have the most positive outcome.

"When we train and qualify with our firearms and other less-than-lethal tools, we practice tactics and proficiency," said Moon Township Police Captain Greg Seamon. "The simulator training allows officers to practice reacting to different high-stress situations that they may encounter in their everyday, real-world duties. They practice resolving scenarios by trying to de-escalate the situation, using non-lethal or less-than-lethal force, or using lethal force depending on the circumstances presented in the scenario. This translates into better decision making by the officers when faced with similar situations while on duty."

Halloween Safety Tips for Parents

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for kids, but it can be a little tricky for parents. Here are some safety tips to be sure it's a treat for everyone.

Evaluate Costume Hazards

- Make sure your child's costume fits properly and that he/she can see clearly.
- Apply makeup instead of having your child wear a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and they can obstruct a child's vision.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Be sure the costume is visible at night. If a costume is dark in color, add some reflective tape on the front and back.
- Purchase a costume that is flame retardant. Burning jack-o-lanterns can be dangerous.

Trick-or-Treat with Caution

- Arrange for an adult or responsible teenager to accompany younger children.
- Map out a route in advance. If you're not accompanying older children, you'll know where to find them.
- Make sure you know which friends are

trick-or-treating with your children.

- Never approach an unlit house, or enter a house of people you don't know very well.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Be aware of traffic. Use sidewalks when possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic.
- Do not accept rides from anyone but a family member.
- Avoid animals and pets which may become upset by masks and costumes.

Ensure a Safe Bounty

- Instruct all trick-or-treaters not to sample treats until they are home and the treats have been examined by an adult.
- Inspect treats at home in a well-lit area.
- Throw away anything opened, partially unwrapped or not in its original wrapper.
- Carefully check all wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Inspect homemade goodies for anything suspicious.
- Call the police if you find any suspicious treats.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Moon Township police encourage everyone who lives, works and plays in Moon Township to sign up for SwiftReach to receive emergency alerts and community notifications on their cell phones. All listed landline phone numbers have already been programmed into the system, but since many people no longer have a home phone or primarily use their mobile devices, residents are encouraged to register their cell phone number with SwiftReach. Subscribers can also sign up to receive text messages and/or emails. Registration is free and all alerts will be clearly identified as originating from Moon Township officials. Visit moontwp.com and look for the SwiftReach link on the left side of the home page.

EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency or to report an occurring crime or threat, always call Moon Township Police Department's Dispatch Center at **412.262.5000** or dial **911** for immediate assistance. Citizens may also call the Dispatch Center to speak with a Moon Police official regarding information related to a crime or victim of a crime and may choose to remain anonymous.

Moon Dispatch Center
412.262.5000

Emergency Services
911

Crime Tips Hotline
412.264.5202

Callers may remain anonymous.



Fire Prevention Week

October 8 - 14

According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health observance. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925. It is observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871, and did most of its damage October 9. The horrific fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

Fire Prevention Week serves as a yearly reminder to review home fire safety preparedness. As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) promotes a different theme each year. For 2017, the theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" Seconds can make a huge difference when escaping a fire. That's why everyone should have an escape plan. Here's what the NFPA recommends:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice a home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure your house number is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave as this may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

For more fire safety tips, visit nfpa.org.

Moon VFC Open House

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company will host a community open house during National Fire Prevention Week. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend to learn about fire safety, creating a fire escape plan, how to operate a fire extinguisher, and more. The exact date has not been determined at the time this newsletter was printed. Check the MTVFC website at moontwpfire.com for details, or follow the MTVFC on Facebook by searching for @MoonVFC.

Join the Moon VFC

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is always looking for new members to join them in serving and protecting the community. Interested residents are invited to learn more about becoming a volunteer firefighter by visiting one of the township's fire stations on Mondays at 7 p.m. when the department conducts its weekly meeting.

Public Safety Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road

Downes Station, at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road

Carnot Station, between Carnot Road and University Boulevard (behind McDonald's)

Boggs Run, Spring Run Road Extension across from Baker Fields



PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Yard Waste Collection

As residents clean up their yards before winter, the township's Public Works department provides the following services to assist residents with this task.

Compost Dropoff

Saturdays & Sundays
October 28 – December 10
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Downes Fire Station

Residents may drop off yard waste to be composted, including tree limbs, leaves, and plant matter. Tree limbs should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter, and should not be bundled or tied. The Downes Fire Station, located at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road, will accept yard waste between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Residents dropping off waste or picking up compost or wood chips outside of these hours are asked to notify Public Works by calling 412.262.1700.

Curbside Leaf Pickup

Monday – Friday
October 30 – December 1

The schedule follows residents' regular garbage collection. Simply place leaves at the curb by 8 a.m. on pickup day. Residents are reminded to put leaves in biodegradable paper bags. Loose leaves and leaves in plastic bags or boxes will not be picked up.

Curbside Tree Branch Pickup

Monday – Friday
October 30 – December 1

This program follows the resident's garbage pickup schedule. Please place branches at the curb no later than 8 a.m. on pickup day. Tree branches should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied.

As a reminder, there will be no curbside pickups on Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

THANK YOU

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company thanks the community for supporting the car cruise that was held in August.



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THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MOON TWP.



Miracle League Coming to Moon Park

Moon Park will soon be home to a Miracle League baseball field, which will provide individuals with special needs the opportunity to play America's pastime in a safe environment.

The Miracle League removes the barriers that cause children and adults with mental and physical disabilities to be excluded from conventional baseball leagues. Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

But for the athletes, it's more than playing a game. The Miracle League is about making new friends, building self-esteem and being treated just like other athletes. The league uses a "buddy" system which pairs each player with an able-bodied peer, resulting in an indescribable bond.

Luke Magulick is the inspiration for the field. The son of Mike and Christina Magulick of Moon, Luke has a genetic disorder known as 5P- Syndrome. The Magulick's, along with family and friends, formed The Miracle League of Moon Township, a 501c3 nonprofit, to begin raising funds for the project. They've received approval from the Miracle

League national organization and have partnered with Pirates Charities.

The field in Moon will be a first for Pittsburgh's western suburbs. Other Miracle Fields in the Pittsburgh area include Cranberry Township, Upper St. Clair and Murrysville. In addition to the field, facilities will include a 9,500-square-foot adaptive playground with a moon theme. The adaptive playground will allow kids with and without disabilities to play in the same areas of the playground. Pavilion seating and restrooms will provide a completely inclusive campus for families to enjoy.

To learn more about The Miracle League of Moon Township, please visit miraclesinmoon.org or contact miraclesinmoon@gmail.com.



Community Service Blooms at Fleur de Lune Garden at Robin Hill

The new garden at Robin Hill is called "Fleur de Lune" which translates as Flower of the Moon. Located on the north side of the park, the garden features native species landscaping with improved sustainability and accessibility. The design includes an herb garden, a hillside rock garden, a large pergola, benches, raised stone beds, a potting barn and sculptures. Visitors will also enjoy a sensory garden with olfactory, visual, auditory, tactile and even gustatory (tasting) stimuli. The previous site on the south side of the property will be repurposed into a natural area featuring a wild flower meadow and bee sanctuary that links to the Black Cherry Spur Trail.

The new garden is a total community project coordinated by the township's Community Engagement department. Students from ITT Technical Institute collaborated with Moon Garden Club President Ellen Northy and fellow Garden Club member Merrienne Cacali to create the final plan. Moon Township public works staff designed and built stone garden beds. Friends and family of the late Patricia Stilwell donated a large pergola, weeping cherry trees and benches in her honor. Eagle Scout Aaron Tilton, a Moon Area High School student, developed the hillside rock garden, and the West Hills Art League plans to integrate art features. To honor the old herb garden's historical past, Moon Historical Society President Earl Edwards is creating an interpretive sign with four panels depicting the history of the garden's use over time. Edwards, also designed four other interpretive historical signs located throughout the township.

A grand opening event is planned for Fall 2017. Look for details on the Moon Township Garden Club website at moontownshipgardenclub.com.

To support the garden through donation and /or stewardship, contact Amy Ottaviani, at 412.262.1703 ext 402.

Programs & Events



Sponsor the NEW Moon Park Playground

Moon Township is seeking community and corporate sponsors to partner with in building a new playground at Moon Park. The area will undergo a total overhaul, with a design that incorporates the area's topography. The plan calls for replacement of all existing equipment with new features including natural and adventure play areas, a 2- to 5-year-old play area, a 5- to 12-year-old play area, a splash pad, an obstacle course, and an adult exercise area all joined by an ADA accessible pathway.

The township secured a \$250,000 grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to rebuild the Moon Park playground, and the Board of Supervisors budgeted a matching \$250,000 for the project.

These funds will be used to build a majority of the playground, however additional funds are needed to complete this new park feature.

Opportunities exist to sponsor each recreation area, as well as amenities such as benches, a donor wall, landscaping and more. This is a great way to gain marketing exposure and recognition with a variety of benefits. Interested businesses, organizations and individuals should contact Amy Ottaviani, Community Engagement and Sponsorship Coordinator, at **412.262.1703 ext. 402** to learn more.

Construction is scheduled to begin this fall. Visit moonparks.org to view the conceptual plan.

Volunteers Help Make it Moon!

Volunteers enhance the quality of life in Moon Township by contributing their time, energy and talents to many community programs and events. Individuals, businesses and community groups alike provide a vital service while making a difference in the lives of friends, neighbors and the community. Without their help, it would be impossible for the municipal staff to deliver many of the services that make Moon Township a great place to live, learn, work and play.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Some opportunities to help include:

- Boards and Councils
- Parks and Recreation
- Volunteer Fire Company
- Public Library
- Community Access Television (MCA-TV)
- Mooncrest Knowledge Connection

To learn more about volunteer opportunities within Moon Township, please visit moontwp.com/volunteer.html.

Sand Volleyball Court

Moon Park will soon have a new sand volleyball court, located near the park entrance below the Falconi Pavilion. Public Works employees are currently working on site preparation, including laying the foundation and building a retaining wall. Barring any unforeseen delays, the court should be ready for use in September.



Programs & Events

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SPORTS

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Boys and girls ages 4-14
(age groups 4-6, 7-8, 9-10,11-12,13-14)
Saturdays, August 19, 26 and September 9
(evaluations and teaching)
Sundays, September 17 – November 5
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location to be Announced
\$45 (t-shirt included)

FUTURE STARS BASKETBALL

Saturdays, November 4 – January 27
9:00 a.m.
Rheema Christian Academy
\$40 Moon resident/\$45 non-resident

2017 / 2018 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Boys and girls grades 3 through 8
Girls only grades 1 through 2
Practices begin November 20 at various elementary
schools through the week
Games at Moon Area Middle School
gym on Saturdays
\$50 first child; \$40 second child; \$30 third child

BITTY BALLET CAMPS

Ages 3-6
Robin Hill Center
\$80 Moon resident, \$85 non-resident
Wednesdays, September 13 – October 18
5:15 – 5:55 p.m. (Level I / 2.5 – 3.5 years old)
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. (Level II / 3.5 – 5 years old)
Wednesdays, November 15 – December 20
5:15 – 5:55 p.m. (Level I / 2.5 – 3.5 years old)
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. (Level II / 3.5 – 5 years old)

SPECIAL EVENTS

P.A.L.S.

Fridays
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location to be Announced

P.A.L.S. PICNIC

Saturday, September 30
2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Moon Park, Rotary Shelter

CREATE A CANVAS

Mondays, September 11; October 9;
November 13; and December 11
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$45 Moon resident/\$50 non-resident

BBQ WITH A SIDE OF BLUES

Saturday, September 23
Noon – 10 p.m.
Moon Park Amphitheatre

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Friday, November 10
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Friday, November 10
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 2
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Location to be Announced

MOON TOWNSHIP LIGHT UP NIGHT

Saturday, December 2
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building

HEALTH & FITNESS

POUND – ADULTS AND TEENS 15+

Tuesdays, September 5 – October 17
(no class 9/19); October 24 – November 28
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$45 Moon resident/\$50 non-resident
(\$10 drop-in)

PILATES – ADULTS AND TEENS 15+

Wednesdays, October 4 – November 8; November
15 – December 20
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$45 Moon resident/\$50 non-resident (\$10 drop-in)
Judy Elias, Instructor

BEGINNER'S ZUMBA

Mondays, September 11 – October 23
(no class 10/9);
October 30 – December 11
(no class 11/27)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 Moon resident/\$50 non-resident
Catherine Hollien, Instructor

ZUMBA FITNESS – ADULTS AND TEENS 13+

Thursdays, September 7 – October 19
(no class 9/21);
October 26 – December 7
(no class 11/23)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$45 Moon resident/\$50 non-resident
(\$10 drop-in)
Paola Sanchez, Instructor

TOTALLY TONED – ADULTS AND TEENS 15+

Mondays, September 11 – October 23
(no class 10/9); October 30- December 11
(no class 11/27)
7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 Moon resident/\$50 non-resident Karlia Tobias,
Instructor

YOGA: BASICS AND MORE ADULTS AND TEENS 15+

Tuesdays, September 5-26: October 3-24;
November 7-28
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$40 Moon resident/\$45 non-resident per 4-week
session (\$12 drop-in)
Jen Stratakis, Instructor

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Thank you to the following fantastic sponsors who helped make Moon Park's 50th anniversary celebration a huge success:

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Chick-fil-A
Cycle Bar – Robinson
Robert Morris University

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

ART IN THE PARK

PRE K (AGES 4-6 W/PARENT)

Friday, September 1
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Moon Park – Apollo Pavilion
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

ART IN THE PARK

SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-12)

Wednesday, September 6
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Moon Park – Apollo Pavilion
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

TEEN INSTAHIKE (AGES 13-18)

Tuesday, September 12
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Moon Park – Saturn Pavilion
\$10 Moon resident; \$15 non-resident

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK! (AGES 5-12)

Friday, September 15
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Moon Park – Saturn Pavilion
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

Trick or Treat Tuesday, October 31

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Halloween Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 25
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Moon Park

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Health South	Airport Regional Office,
Chick-fil-A Robinson	Berkshire-Hathaway
Moe's Southwest Grill	Home Services
MedExpress	Moon Police Department

TRAILS & TALES (AGES 5-12)

Monday, September 18
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Moon Park - Saturn Pavilion
\$10 Moon resident, \$15 non-residents

TRAILS & TALES

PRE K (AGES 4-6 W/PARENT)

Wednesday, September 20
11 a.m. - Noon
Robin Hill - Coventry Log Cabin
\$10 Moon resident; \$15 non-resident

DRIVER'S EDUCATION/KENNEDY SCHOOL OF DRIVING

Tuesdays and Thursdays
September 26 - November 2
(10/31 class will move to 11/1)
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
Registration Fee - \$25 Moon resident/\$30 non-residents
Course Fee - \$375

ART IN THE PARK – SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-12)

Wednesday, October 4
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Moon Park – Saturn Pavilion
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

ART IN THE PARK

PRE K (AGES 4-6 W/PARENT)

Friday, October 6
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Moon Park – Saturn Pavilion
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

WIZARDING SCHOOL – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY (AGES 5-12)

Monday, October 9
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; early drop-off at 7 a.m./late pick-up by 6 p.m. (included)
Moon Park
\$35 Moon resident; \$45 non-resident

TRAILS & TALES – PRE K (AGES 4-6 W/PARENT)

Thursday, October 12
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Moon Park – Saturn Pavilion
\$10 Moon resident; \$15 non-resident

TRAILS & TALES (AGES 5-12)

Monday, October 23
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Moon Park – Saturn Pavilion
\$10 Moon resident; \$15 non-resident

TEEN BOARD GAME NIGHT W/CANDY BUFFET

Thursday, October 26
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

ART IN THE PARK – SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-12)

Wednesday, November 1
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

ART IN THE PARK – PRE K (AGES 4-6 W/PARENT)

Friday, November 3
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

HARVEST HANGOUT – TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY (AGES 5-12)

Tuesday, November 7
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; early drop-off at 7 a.m./late pick-up by 6 p.m. (included)
Robin Hill Center
\$35 Moon resident, \$45 non-resident

LOG CABIN TEEN UNPLUGGED (AGES 13-18)

Monday, November 13
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Robin Hill – Coventry Log Cabin
\$15 Moon resident, \$20 non-resident

ART IN THE PARK – PRE K (AGES 4-6 W/PARENT)

Friday, December 1
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

ART IN THE PARK

SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-12)

Wednesday, December 6
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$15 Moon resident; \$20 non-resident

SENIORS

55+ SENIOR CONNECTION SOCIAL

Every Wednesday
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Carriage House at Robin Hill

CHICKEN DINNER AND MUSIC BINGO

Tuesday, September 12
Robin Hill Center
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
\$7 per person
Register by Thursday, September 7

CARRIAGE HOUSE COFFEE STOP

Mondays, starting September 18
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Carriage House at Robin Hill

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND

PITT'S NATIONALITY ROOMS BUS TRIP

Tuesday, September 19
Depart from the Carriage House at Robin Hill at 9:30 a.m.;
Return approximately 4:00 p.m.
\$44 per person
Register by Monday, September 11

COUNTRY CONCERT

Wednesday, September 20
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Gazebo

ANGELS 101

Tuesday, September 26
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$5 per person, to be donated
to the West Hills Food Pantry.

CAREGIVER MEETING

Wednesday, September 27
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Robin Hill Center

AUTUMN BRUNCH AND MUSIC BINGO

Tuesday, October 10
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Robin Hill Center
\$5 per person
Register by Tuesday, October 3

CUYAHOGA RAILROAD BUS TRIP

Friday, October 20
Depart from the Carriage House at Robin Hill at 9:00 a.m.;
Return approximately 7:30 p.m.
\$45 per person
Register by Monday, October 9

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS – 4-HOUR REFRESHER

Thursday, October 26
8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
\$15 AARP members; \$20 non-members (payments by check
are due one week before class; payable to AARP)
Moon Township Municipal Building

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS – 8-HOUR SESSION (2 DAYS)

Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31
8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
\$15 AARP members; \$20 non-members (payments by check
are due one week before class; payable to AARP)
Moon Township Municipal Building

HALLOWEENFEST

Monday, October 30
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$7 per person
Register by Monday, October 23

GROVE CITY SHOPPING AND WENDELL AUGUST FORGE TOUR BUS TRIP

Monday, November 6
Depart from the Carriage House at Robin Hill at 10:00 a.m.;
Return approximately 4:30 p.m.
\$26 per person
Register by Monday, October 30

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE USO DANCE

Friday, November 10
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Elks Club, 1150 Stoops Ferry Road, Moon Township
\$7 per person
(\$2 discount for members of the Senior Connection)
Register by Thursday, November 2

GOOD NUTRITION MONTH LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 28
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
\$5 per person
Robin Hill Center
Register by Tuesday, November 21

HIGHMARK HOLIDAY POPS AT HEINZ HALL

Sunday, December 10
Depart from Moon Park at 1:00 p.m.; Show begins at 2:30 p.m.
\$55 includes ticket and transportation
Register by December 1

Visit moonparks.org
for more info!

TAX INFORMATION

1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 300 | 412.299.7446 | moontaxoffice.us
(Located on the lower level of the Community Service Center, next to the MCA-TV studio.)

“Hello! My name is Catherine Tress and I am the Property Tax Collector of our community.”

-Catherine Tress, PQMC



Tax Information

Township of Moon Property Tax

The Moon Township property tax office finalized the FACE period for the Township of Moon property tax collection period on July 31, 2017. We are now collecting the 10% penalty amount which runs from August 1 to December 31, 2017. Any Township of Moon property taxes that remain outstanding after December 31 will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector as appointed by the Township of Moon.

Moon Area School District Property Tax

The Moon Area School District property tax discount period runs from July 1 to August 31, 2017. If you choose to pay installments, the first installment must have been received by my office no later than August 31. All taxpayers paying installments receive a sheet with the remaining three coupons for September, October and November reflecting the face value. Installments are not eligible for the discount, nor are they able to be paid through the tax office website.

Helpful Reminders

- Regardless of school or property tax, if the mortgage company on record did not submit a payment by the end of the discount period, my office will send a duplicate statement to the last property owner at the address we have on file. Typically, all mortgage and escrow companies pay the discount amount. However, if the mortgage was paid off or refinanced with a new company, the only notification my office receives is from the property owner directly. Please contact my office with this updated information so we have the correct address on file for your tax statements.

- Once my office turns over any outstanding taxes to the appointed delinquent collector by the taxing authority, regardless if it's the municipality or the school district, I have no authority to handle these payments. I can answer general questions about the outstanding parcel but have no up-to-date information. The taxpayer must contact the agency that is listed on the notice they receive. If I can assist in any other way, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

- The tax office hours are listed at the bottom of your tax statement,

whether it's the Township of Moon or Moon Area School District property tax. You can also locate the office hours, including holiday closings at moontaxoffice.us. During busy tax collection periods, my office is open late on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Always check the bottom of your tax statement for days of the week and times the tax office is open.

\$30

in advance



\$35

at the door

Craft Beer & Wine Tasting: A Library Fundraiser

Saturday, October 21st

At the Moon Township Public Library

6:30 -9:00 PM

Tickets available at the library or at moonlibrary.org

Join us for an evening of beer & wine, food and fun. Enjoy live music, raffles, beer tasting, wine tasting, games, and a strolling dinner.

*Must be 21 to attend





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Get Your Local Sports Fix

Tune in to MCA-TV this fall to watch coverage of Moon Area High School Football and Robert Morris University athletics. Check air times online at mca-tv.org.

Free Television Production Training Class

Moon Community Access Television (MCA-TV) announced dates for its next television production training course. Classes are free and open to residents of any community.

The training course is a series of four hands-on classes providing the basics of camera operation, lighting, audio and editing. Successful completion of the course provides the opportunity to be an official MCA-TV volunteer, ready and able to assist with any MCA-TV production.

Moon Township residents who successfully complete the production training course may choose to become a community producer. Community producers provide the original and entertaining productions of MCA-TV's programming schedule. Non-residents wishing to create a show to air on MCA-TV must work with a community producer who actively participates in the program development.

Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays for four weeks beginning Wednesday, September 20 at the MCA-TV studio located at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 140, Moon Township, PA 15108. To register, contact MCA-TV Director Allison Eastham at aeastham@moontwp.us or call 412.269.1191. Space is limited.

MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television
Comcast channel 14
Verizon Fios channel 35
mca-tv.org

MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television
Comcast channel 18
Verizon Fios channel 37
moongovtv.us

MCA-TV Offers Free Bulletin Board Service

Is your organization or nonprofit looking to get the word out about an upcoming event? MCA-TV offers a bulletin board service for Moon Township residents to publicize their community program or event in-between regularly scheduled programming. The community bulletin board is an automated, computer-generated, video graphics message service provided free of charge to all Moon Township residents as well as nonprofit groups and organizations.

Visit mca-tv.org and click on "Bulletin Board" to read the guidelines and rules and to fill out the online submission form. Paper forms are available in the MCA-TV offices.



Rocky Bleier in Studio

Pittsburgh Steelers legend Rocky Bleier stopped by the MCA-TV studio recently. He joined Mike and Christina Magulick of the Miracle League of Moon Township for a segment on "Get Involved", an MCA-TV original program hosted by Allegheny County Councilman Tom Baker.



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WM At Your Door Program

Can't make it to one of our Recycling Days? Waste Management offers a residential curbside special materials pickup. The "At Your Door Special Collection" program allows Moon Township residents who have Waste Management services to easily and safely dispose of household materials.

After scheduling your collection date and time, a Waste Management representative will provide you with information and instructions for preparing your collection. More information on the program and a list of accepted materials can be found through the program's website at WMatYourDoor.com or by calling a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.



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Additional information about this program is available from the Moon Township Municipal Authority at moontma.com or by phone at 412.264.4300.
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Submit a Question or Concern Online

Submit a question, comment or concern to township officials through the Citizen Request System. This feature allows residents to submit a concern and track its resolution through ongoing updates ensuring a timely response from Moon Township staff. A link can be found at moontwp.com under Quick Links.

Tune in to Local Government

Watch Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area School Board public meetings on MAG-TV, Comcast channel 18 and Verizon channel 37. Schedule information is available at moongovtv.us. View the meetings and MCA-TV's community produced programming online at mca-tv.org.

Visit Moon Parks and Recreation

Get involved in the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. Find the most current schedule information at moonparks.org.

Stay Informed with SwiftReach

Sign up for SwiftReach at moonpolice.us. This system will call registered phone or cell phone numbers in the event of an emergency or to share important community information.

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- "Moon Township Police Department"

Sign Up for Moon's E-newsletter

Receive monthly updates on news and events going on in the township with Moon's free monthly email newsletter, **Moon Township Monthly**. Sign up today at moontwp.com (Quick Links).

