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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  
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412.269.0334  
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412.299.7446  
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724.731.2300

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

**Good Friday, March 30**  
**Memorial Day, May 28**

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## The Cover

Can you dig it? Moon plans Earth Day extravaganza!

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

Read the Spring 2018 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at [moontwp.com](http://moontwp.com).

## A Letter from the Township Manager

For all my years in municipal government, January has always been a month to review what took place in the previous year, take time to review the plan you have put in place for the current year and maybe clean out old files to start new ones. That all changed when I came to Moon. Every January has come in like a lion, and I don't see it changing anytime soon.

A few of the township's volunteer boards - like the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) - have met to discuss projects they wish to complete in 2018, and the Planning and Zoning boards have met to reorganize and begin the process of plan review for projects presented to them for approval.

The 13-member Comprehensive Plan Committee is continuing into a third year. This committee is charged with reviewing the township's comprehensive plan that the Board of Supervisors adopted in 2015. Their mission is to compare the comprehensive plan to the township's zoning ordinance to be sure they coordinate with each other in terms of development.

Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) is busy completing plans for the Thorn Run Interchange upgrades, with the bid process expected to begin sometime mid-year. MTA recently pledged support to the Allegheny County Airport Authority for upgrades to the Ewing Road intersection, and added to their agenda a review of possible roadway improvements along the Stevenson Mill Corridor.

The Middleton senior living community on Broadhead Road is well underway. The 175-unit facility will offer independent living, assisted living and memory care. We are working with several other developers that presented some exciting project ideas to the Board of Supervisors. Watch for more details as soon as things are official.

It is my honor to work with our newly appointed Chief of Police Greg Seamon and our new Captain Doug Ogden. Chief Seamon has been a member of the Moon Township Police Department for over 28

years, holding the ranks of Captain and Detective in the special investigation unit before his promotion to Chief. Captain Ogden served 21 years on the force, holding the rank of Sergeant prior to his promotion. I look forward to working with them. I know their abilities, training and prior accomplishments have given them the knowledge and confidence to carry out the responsibilities of these positions.

Finally, in December, the Board of Supervisors passed the 2018 General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Budget, setting the total at \$15,588,927. Approximately 63 percent of the revenues are collected through the real estate tax and local enabling taxes, which are comprised of per capita, real estate transfers, earned income, local service, admissions and mechanical devices taxes. The remaining 37 percent of revenues are made up of cable TV franchise fees, sales tax allocation, state shared revenues, and departmental earnings.

As for expenses, approximately 30 percent is budgeted for public safety including both police and fire, 13 percent for public works operations as a transfer to the Capital Project Fund, and the remaining 49 percent is evenly divided among the rest of the township operations.

The 2018 Township Capital Project Fund budget is \$7,752,239. The first \$3,631,310 of this balance are funds carried forward from 2017 which have been designated for the completion of projects started, and \$4,120,929 for new projects funded for 2018.

I am very happy to report that the approved budget allows us to continue with capital improvements, maintains our street program, allows for stormwater improvements, adds two new employees to the public works crew, and increases parks and recreation programs available to our residents ... all while holding our millage rate at 2.74.

The staff and I look forward to serving you in 2018. And don't forget to pass this along to your circle of friends, family, acquaintances, and associates: Make It Moon! There's no better place to Live, Learn, Work and Play!

## WM At Your Door Program

Can't make it to one of the electronics collections or our recycling day? 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](http://WMatYourDoor.com) or by calling a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.

The graphic features a green house icon at the top. Below it, the text reads: "MOON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REFUSE CUSTOMERS COLLECTION OF ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SIGN UP 3 EASY WAYS". The three easy ways are listed in yellow boxes: 1. ONLINE AT: [WMATYOURDOOR.COM](http://WMATYOURDOOR.COM), 2. CALL: 1.800.449.7587, and 3. EMAIL: [ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM](mailto:ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM). At the bottom, it says: "Additional information about this program is available from the Moon Township Municipal Authority at [moonmta.com](http://moonmta.com) or by phone at 412.264.1300. A message from the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council 2017 in partnership with..." and includes logos for "MOON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY", "WM WASTE MANAGEMENT", and "township of MOON".



## PUBLIC WORKS



## Santicola and Hertzzer Elected to Board of Supervisors

Moon Township welcomed Michele Santicola to the Board of Supervisors. She was sworn into office by Judge Anthony Saveikis on December 29.

Mrs. Santicola is an attorney at the law firm of Santicola, Steele & Fedeles, P.C., based in Beaver, Pa. A resident of Moon Township since 2004, she lives with her husband Mike and their children Sarah and Michael. In her free time, she enjoys running, reading and watching her children play sports.

Mrs. Santicola says she is honored to serve as a Moon Township supervisor adding, "I am looking forward to the many exciting projects on the horizon in our community. I can't wait to see the Moon Park playground and Miracle League Field projects come to fruition. I look forward to working closely with our community and business leaders to help Moon Township continue to grow and thrive and remain a wonderful place to live."

Mrs. Santicola's goals for the township include fostering relationships with local businesses to provide both employment and civic partnership opportunities for residents; attracting additional

businesses to increase the tax base; and working with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to prevent the growing opioid epidemic from coming to the township.

Supervisor John Hertzzer was also sworn in for his second term. Mr. Hertzzer is Vice President at Marsh & McLennan, a global professional services firm headquartered in New York City with businesses in insurance brokerage, risk management, reinsurance services, talent management, investment advisory, and management consulting. Mr. Hertzzer has lived in Moon Township since 1996. He is married to Helen and has two sons, John and Sam. When he finds some spare time, Mr. Hertzzer enjoys baseball, saltwater aquariums and reading.

Mr. Hertzzer's goals for the township include improving the look of the University Boulevard corridor; completing the refurbishment of Moon Park; improving township infrastructure, especially the parks and roads; and providing first-rate public safety through a strong police force and dedicated volunteer fire department.

### Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

*Monday – Friday*

**March 5 – 23**

Pickups follow residents' regular garbage collection. Simply place yard waste at the curb by 8 a.m. on pickup day. Residents are reminded to use biodegradable paper bags.

### Curbside Tree Branch Pickup

*Monday – Friday*

**March 5 – 23**

Pickups follow residents' regular garbage collection. 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.

### Compost Dropoff/Pickup

*Downes Fire Station*

Residents may drop off yard waste to be composted, including tree limbs, leaves, and plant matter. Please use biodegradable bags. Tree limbs should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter, and should not be bundled or tied. Trash or other materials are not permitted.

The Downes Fire Station is located at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road. Please notify Public Works prior to your arrival by calling 412.262.1700.

## 2018 Road Paving Program

Fern Hollow Road  
Shadow Lane  
Charlton Heights  
*(from Maple St. Ext. to Park Dr.)*  
Glengary Drive  
Emma Lane  
Lang Drive  
Rosedale Avenue  
Anderson Avenue  
Woodcrest Avenue  
Sharon Road



# GREEN INITIATIVES make it moon

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## Can You Dig It?

*Earth Day Celebration to Focus on Creating Local Gardens*

Sunday, April 22 • Robin Hill Park • 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Moon Township's Green Team and the Parks and Recreation Department have teamed up to create a unique community Earth Day. The environmental and sustainability event is designed to be educational and interactive in nature. A community favorite, Earth Day is a fun, well-attended family-friendly event for all ages.

Our Earth Day celebration was the brain-child of longtime resident and Moon Parks volunteer Dr. Beryl (Randy) Johnson, who has championed this event since 2001. A few years ago, Moon Parks dedicated a large landscape rock and plaque in her honor near the front circle at Robin Hill. This year the township and staff are honoring her for many years of dedication to making this an enjoyable environmental event.

This year's theme is *Gardens ... Can You Dig It?* It highlights the importance of creating a culture of growing and developing local

gardens, including vegetable gardens and native plant species.

The theme features a t-shirt design contest for all Moon Area elementary school students ages kindergarten through fourth grade. The Moon Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) board will select the winning design. Moon Township Supervisors and the EAC will present the winner with a certificate and award at the Earth Day celebration.

This year's sponsors are Chevron Corporation, Moon Township Municipal Authority, Clearview Federal Credit Union and the Moon Township Police Department.

Please join us for this annual community event celebrating Earth Day and the natural amenities and beauty of Robin Hill Park. For more information, call 412.262.1703. This is a rain or shine event.

## Join the Fun!

Many community organizations, non-profits, corporations and vendors participate. Learn about the planet and ways to live a green lifestyle while snagging some free giveaways. Attractions include:

- Moon Township EAC educational displays
- Moon Township Garden Club gardening activity
- Moon Parks and Recreation arts and crafts table with Moon Area School District volunteers
- Moon Township booth with information on rain barrel workshops, outdoor programs and the summer farmers' market
- National Aviary
- Bug display from the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Recycling crafts from Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse
- Montour Run Watershed Association display of water insects and educational materials
- Hollow Oak Land Trust conservation booth with trail maps and program calendars
- Robin Hill trail hike with guides from Venture Outdoors
- An environmental education activity and giveaway from Chevron Corporation
- Sustainable banking information from Clearview Federal Credit Union
- An interactive activity from Robert Morris University's Kappa Delta Pi
- "BEE Friendly" activity teaching about the benefit of bees from Asset Inc.
- Moon police bike helmet giveaway
- Moon Historical Society Coventry Log Cabin
- Artwork from the t-shirt design contest
- Artwork from West Hills Art League
- Blue Ribbon Farms petting zoo
- Outdoor climbing wall



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## Moon Township Farmers' Market Seeks Vendors

*Opening Day:  
Wednesday, June 6*

The Moon Township Farmers' Market strives to create access to local, sustainable, high-quality, fresh food for township residents by providing a seasonal open-air outlet for producers. The market offers producers the opportunity to sell directly to consumers, thus increasing the economic strength of both the producers and the consumers and generating revenue that will remain in the local economy. The market takes pride in being a traditional producer-only market, meaning that all vendors grow or make at least 75 percent of their own products for sale. All vendors meet strict guidelines for health and safety.

We're seeking additional vendors for our 2018 season, including nurseries, artists, vintage and used clothing, antiques, jewelry, coffee, tea, prepared foods, poultry, eggs, cheese and butter to name a few! A 10 x 20-foot space is available to purchase at a cost of \$100 for the season or \$50 for the half season. Space is limited. Electric is not available.

Vendors interested in participating should visit [moontwp.us/farmersmarket.html](http://moontwp.us/farmersmarket.html). Contact Amy Ottaviani at [aottaviani@moontwp.us](mailto:aottaviani@moontwp.us) or call 412.262.1703 ext. 402 for more information.



## Montour Run Watershed Association Supports Local Efforts to Reduce Stormwater Pollution

The Montour Run Watershed Association (MRWA), a nonprofit organization, was formed in 2000 to protect Montour Run's natural resources by addressing abandoned mine drainage, urban runoff and stormwater surges effecting the water quality in the stream and its tributaries. The 37-square-mile watershed includes all lands whose water drains into the Montour Run as it flows to the Ohio River and includes portions of Moon, Findlay, North Fayette, Robinson and Coraopolis. MRWA works in cooperation with local municipalities, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, private landowners, businesses and other organizations to find solutions to these issues.

This year, MRWA will begin construction of the Milk Run passive treatment system, which will treat the single largest source of aluminum in the Montour Run watershed by annually removing 72,000 pounds of acidity and 7,000 pounds of aluminum. Milk Run discharges into Montour Run just upstream of the Moon and Robinson boundaries. Moon Township is a direct beneficiary of this project that will improve our environment and protect our aquatic life.

Stormwater runoff is an ever-increasing problem in the watershed. The problem is intensified by excess water from parking lots, roads, driveways, sidewalks and roofing. These all increase the peak flows of water during storm events and snow melt, causing scouring of the stream bed, erosion of stream banks,

enhanced sedimentation in flatter areas of the stream, and flooding at greater frequency and magnitude. The water also carries pollutants such as fertilizer, motor vehicle oil, pet waste and yard refuse into the waterways. This problem is national, and federal and state governments are requiring local governments to manage it. In Pennsylvania, this regulation is known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Program, or MS4.

In November, in order to affirm their focus on the stormwater pollution issue, MRWA adopted a proclamation supporting the efforts of local governments to reduce water pollution from stormwater runoff. The proclamation encourages local government leaders to take thoughtful and thorough actions that will protect streams from stormwater surges. Moon Township is part of the Western Allegheny Stormwater Awareness Group, which also includes North Fayette, Findlay, Oakdale, Coraopolis and Crescent. The group works together, along with the MRWA, to educate and engage people on the impacts of stormwater. Public education is a requirement of the MS4 program, so keep an eye out for upcoming activities and opportunities to learn more.

Visit [mrwa.info](http://mrwa.info) to learn more about the Montour Run Watershed Association and how you can support the water quality activities.

Focused in Moon Township and the airport corridor, Hollow Oak protects over 600 acres of woods, wetlands and lush stream valleys. Volunteers build and maintain over 10 miles of woodland trails in the Montour Woods Greenway, where five new bridges will link the Montour Trail, Montour Woods Conservation Area, and Moon Park for new hiking and biking opportunities.

Hollow Oak works with landowners and communities to design and build sustainable trails. This year, we will help Moon Township triple the size of Robin Hill Park and its trail system. The Land Trust also acquires and conserves land. Thanks to recent land donations, the new Trout Run Conservation Area will open this year near the West Hills YMCA.



**3rd Annual Brewhaha Benefit  
Robin Hill Center  
Saturday, March 31**

The community is celebrating local land conservation and you are invited!

- 5-Course Pairings Menu of Local Artisanal Foods & Craft Beers
- Auction, Raffles, Presentations
- Beer tastings from 10 breweries!

**Trail Luv Mondays**

Volunteers meet on Monday evenings, April through October, to build and improve trails, followed by tasty refreshments. Locations vary, so please check Facebook for the latest details. Dress for the weather and expect to get dirty!

For trail maps and more, consider joining the land trust to help protect and connect greenspace in the community.

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**Keep Wildlife Wild**

They're cute and they might seem hungry, but feeding most wild animals just isn't a good idea for several reasons. It causes animals to congregate, causing disease to spread faster. It causes animals to consume an inappropriate diet and exhibit unnatural behavior. There are greater opportunities for predation to occur. It increases chances for animals to be hit by cars. It causes acclimation to people which may require the animal to be euthanized. And, it exposes people to disease or injury.

While purchasing wildlife food – including bird seed, sacks of corn, salt licks and mineral blocks – is completely legal, wildlife feeding of any sort, including bird feeding, can become illegal in Pennsylvania if it attracts bears or, in the Pennsylvania elk range, elk to an area. A wildlife conservation officer of the Pennsylvania Game Commission can issue an order for the feeding activity to be stopped. According to the commission, the prohibition on feeding bears and elk decreases the possibility of the large and powerful wild animals losing their fear of humans and potentially becoming dangerous.

Raccoons are of particular concern in our area. One of the most common myths is that a raccoon active during the daylight hours has rabies. The truth is, raccoons are nocturnal animals, but they do frequently forage during the daylight hours. In particular, raccoons that haven't found enough to eat or females who have young to feed will need extra time to search for food. If the animal is moving in a normal manner, as opposed to walking in circles and falling down, it's likely healthy.

Any questions concerning wildlife in Pennsylvania can be directed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission at **724.238.9523** or **pgc-swregion@pa.gov**.



**Electronics Recycling Days**

**Saturdays: April 7,  
August 4, October 6**  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
*Municipal Building*

Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council, in partnership with JVS Environmental, hosts electronics collection days. These events collect electronic items only, including printers, copiers, computers, laptops and televisions. Only one television per vehicle will be accepted. Other items, such as appliances containing FREON and fluorescent lighting will be collected for a fee. Recycling collections are open to Moon Townships residents only. Proper ID is required.

**Annual Recycling Day**

**Saturday, June 2**  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
*Municipal Building*

Mark your calendars for Moon Township's Annual Recycling Day. Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council, with the assistance of community volunteers, hosts this annual event on the first Saturday in June to help keep reusable, recyclable items out of landfills. Eligible items include usable construction materials, household appliances, electronics, tires and some medical supplies. Only one television per vehicle will be accepted. This event is open to Moon Township residents only. Proper ID is required. For more information, call **412.262.1700**.



# DEVELOPMENT make it moon

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## New Sidewalks Improve Pedestrian Access, Safety along University Boulevard

Have you noticed the new sidewalks along University Boulevard? Moon Township residents and Robert Morris University (RMU) students often walk from Moon Plaza and the RMU campus to the commercial district around the intersection of University Boulevard and Beaver Grade Road.

The decision to build this segment of sidewalk is consistent with existing township plans. One of the main objectives in the Moon Township Comprehensive Plan is to expand multi-modal transportation options in key areas, including University Boulevard. The Moon Township Sidewalks and Trails Master Plan assigned high priority for sidewalk installation to areas within one half mile of the RMU campus.

Over the past year, Moon Township officials worked with stakeholders regarding sidewalks along University Boulevard. Priority was given to the segment between the recently improved intersection at University Boulevard and Campus Drive and the intersection at University Boulevard and Beaver Grade Road. Completing this segment would provide

connectivity from RMU nearly to the trail in front of Moon Area High School, which provides access to seven restaurants, five hotels/motels, and several other businesses further south on University Boulevard.

A safety analysis showed several pedestrian/vehicle accidents occurred in this section of University Boulevard. This sidewalk project was designed to provide a safe pedestrian route along the shoulder of the road, occasionally trying to cross the road mid-block. The sidewalk was designed to be set back from the shoulder of the road between 5 feet and 30 feet.

Initially, Moon Township obtained a grant to pay part of the cost of building sidewalks along the Campus Drive to Beaver Grade Road segment. However, after further investigating the additional cost and time involved in implementing the grant, officials determined the sidewalks could be constructed at a lower cost and a faster schedule without the grant.

Since the sidewalk was constructed in PennDOT right of way, a highway occupancy permit was required. Representatives from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc., the township's consulting engineers, obtained the highway occupancy permit on behalf of the township. Baiano Construction, Inc. won the bid to construct the sidewalk. Construction occurred during October and November 2017.

The sidewalk provides pedestrian connectivity from the Moon Plaza and RMU campus to the commercial area at the intersection of University Boulevard and Beaver Grade Road. Pedestrians can cross University Boulevard at the traffic signal and follow a sidewalk built by Walmart up to the West Hills Nissan property. There is a short break in the sidewalk before pedestrians must again cross University Boulevard to follow the Moon Area High School trail to another commercial district south of Tiger Trail. Future plans call for a sidewalk at the segment from Tiger Trail to Port Authority Drive.



## Must Love Trees: Moon's Green Team Seeks Volunteers to Protect Our Forests

Moon Township experienced a dramatic loss of tree canopy coverage because of the emerald ash borer insect and other threats such as invasive species, deer activity and development. The township's Green Team is inviting volunteer groups and corporate partners to help improve tree management in our parks and open spaces. The goals are to mitigate further tree canopy reduction, to increase native species growth, to enhance the health and beauty of our community and to communicate sustainable tree management strategies to residents.

The township's sustainability plan includes native species tree planting, landscaping with native species perennials, grasses and trees and developing riparian buffers to waterways and ponds. An important initiative for 2018 is to evaluate the tree health of our park forests. Managing forest health will allow these areas to serve the community for generations.

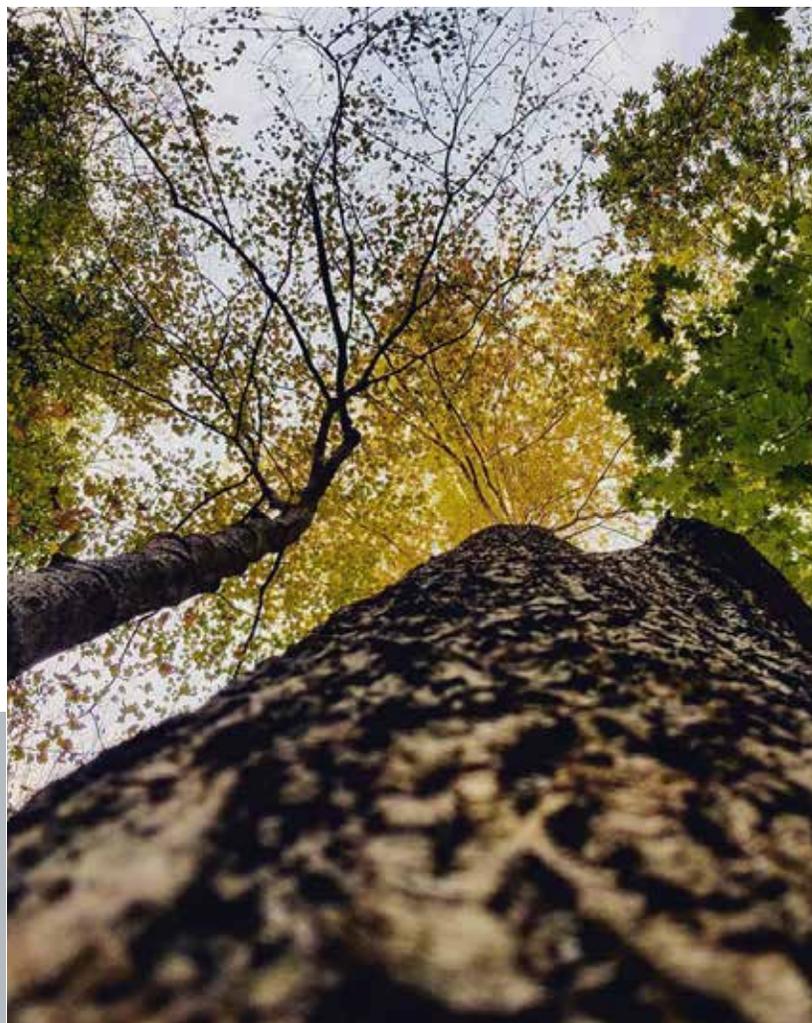
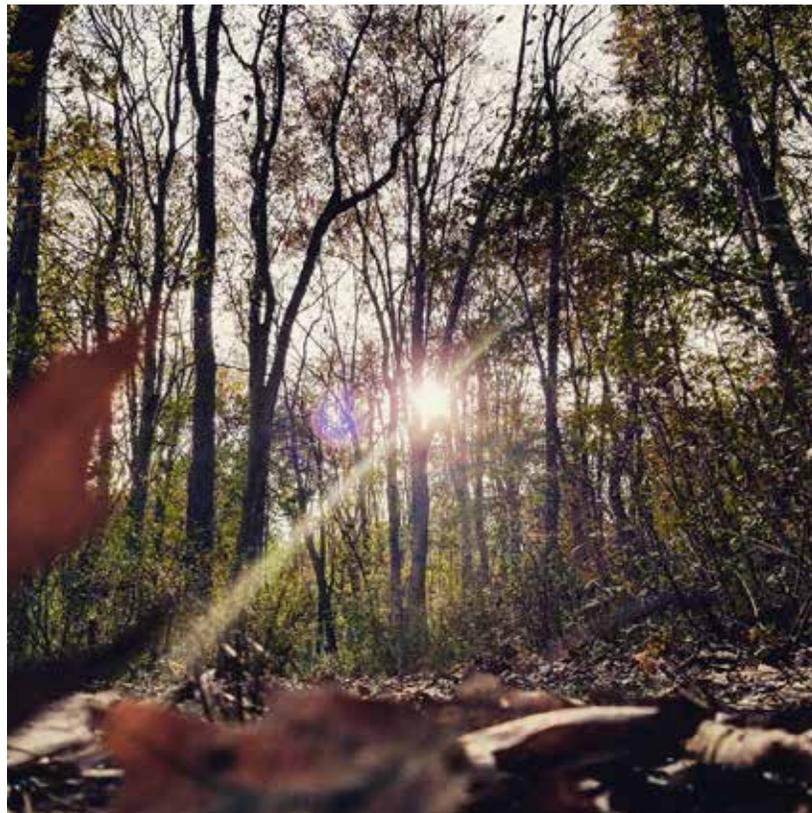
The Green Team partnered with Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Forester Celine Colbert walked the park forest trails to assess the forest health. The goal is to develop a long-term plan to manage these important assets and to educate and share this knowledge with residents and businesses.

Overall, the wide range of native tree species offers a great foundation in all three parks. However, there are serious challenges to forest health, including invasive species and a lack of regeneration. To address these concerns, the Green Team will work with the township's public works department to create manageable forest sections, separated by trails or natural features, which will focus efforts to control evasive species plants. Volunteers are needed to accomplish this goal. Specifically, efforts will target:

- Invasive species by reducing vines, plants, trees and insects,
- Regeneration of native trees using strategies to allow seedlings and saplings to develop, and
- Other strategic initiatives to improve riparian buffers and wildlife habitat.

Last year, thanks to donations from Inches Nursery, FedEx, Tree Pittsburgh, the Arbor Day Foundation and individual donors, nearly three dozen trees were planted in our parks. That effort continues in 2018 as Columbia Sportswear and FedEx Ground have already committed to planting projects.

Moon Township offers many opportunities for businesses and organizations to be involved with tree planting projects and volunteer activities. Individuals and families can also make a difference by donating a tree in memory of a loved one or to honor someone. Learn more by contacting Amy Ottaviani at 412.262.1703 ext. 402 or [aottaviani@moontwp.us](mailto:aottaviani@moontwp.us).





# POLICE make it moon

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## Police Embrace New Leadership

The Moon Township Police Department welcomed a new chief and captain after Chief Leo McCarthy retired on January 1. Greg Seamon, formerly police Captain, was promoted to the rank of Chief. With 28 years with the department, Captain Seamon has demonstrated great leadership and the ability to tackle difficult issues head-on. Doug Ogden, formerly police Sergeant, was promoted to the rank of Captain. He has accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge during his 21 years on the force, including leading the West Hills D.U.I. Task Force and becoming a highly-trained and experienced drug recognition expert. Seamon and Ogden appeared in the January 2018 edition of Moon Township Government Review, a monthly television program that highlights news and events in the township. Watch the episode online at [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org).



## Officers Pay It Forward During the Holidays

Moon Township police officers shared the holiday spirit by participating in three charitable events. The Santa Cop toy drive collected three truckloads of toys and gift cards. Officers delivered gifts to over 20 Moon Township households, totaling over 50 kids. Officers identified children they felt could benefit from an extra special Christmas, including kids from lower income families, some with extreme health difficulties or special needs, those whose parents may have been arrested by the department, and other kids who are at risk. Officers also hosted a food drive and delivered a large truckload to the West Hills Food Pantry. Officers teamed up with Crescent Township Police Department to raise funds for Gavin Campbell, a 15-year-old from East Liverpool, OH who was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare type of cancer. Gavin wants to be a police officer so Moon and Crescent police raised \$1,471 to help with his medical care.

## Project Lifesaver

Do you have a loved one with a disability who wanders away from your residence? Have you had to call 911 when they cannot be found?

Project Lifesaver is a monitoring program offered by law enforcement and emergency responders. It uses radio technology to find at-risk citizens enrolled in the program when they become lost.

Project Lifesaver is free to Allegheny County residents. The equipment is paid for by drug forfeiture money and a grant from the Heinz Foundation.

If you are a caregiver for someone you think is eligible to enroll in Project Lifesaver, contact Moon Township police at 412.262.5000.

## 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. Please don't rely on email for emergencies as the general police department email is not monitored on a 24/7 basis.

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. Callers may choose to remain anonymous.

**Moon Dispatch Center**  
412.262.5000

**Emergency Services**  
911

**Crime Tips Hotline**  
412.264.5202



# FIRE SAFETY make it moon

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## Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays

Through March 30

11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Public Safety Building

Join the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company for their annual Lenten Fish Fry. Choose from fish, shrimp, chicken fingers, and desserts. All dinners include fries and the special firehouse recipe coleslaw. Both sit-down and takeout dinners are available. To place a takeout order, call 412.262.5006.

## Sportsmen's Bash

### Tickets on Sale

The annual Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company Sportsmen's Bash will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 12-7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building located at 1000 Beaver Grade Road. Tickets, which include food and refreshments, are available for a \$30 donation. Contact a fireman or visit one of the fire stations on Mondays at 7 p.m. to obtain a ticket.



## Firefighters Battle Blazes with Smartphones

The Moon Township VFC entered a new era when the department started using smartphone technology to enable a faster, more effective response to emergency situations. The Who's Responding software application provides firefighters with real-time information so they can make educated decisions about how they manage a fire call.

Once a call is dispatched, responding volunteers open the app on their cell phone and click a button to signal they are responding to the call and to which station. A monitor at each station shows immediately how many people are on the way and who they are while GPS navigation shows how far away they are. With this information, trucks can leave the station as soon as the last volunteer arrives, saving valuable time.

The first truck out of each station is equipped with a tablet computer with the Who's Responding app installed. GPS navigation provides turn by turn directions so there's no chance of delay due to the crew being unfamiliar with an area. The app also pinpoints all the fire hydrants along the way, making it easier to find the closest ones to the scene.

The Chief and Assistant Chief receive instantaneous information so they can begin

the plan of attack. For example, the app shows the location of all the fire engines so they know the arrival order of each engine or ladder truck ahead of time. Before crews approach the scene, the Chief and Assistant Chief coordinate the placement of each vehicle to utilize nearby hydrants most effectively rather than spending valuable time maneuvering vehicles after they've arrived.

Who's Responding also helps with staff planning. Volunteers may be unavailable for many reasons, such as employment, illness, vacations or other personal commitments. The app tracks which volunteers have signed off for a specific time so the department can plan for times when they lack sufficient personnel. In this case, the Chief can initiate a secondary call to neighboring fire departments sooner.

The fire company computer committee spent many hours researching and implementing the software, and their suggestions helped the vendor improve the overall product.

"We've been using the Who's Responding app for about a year now," said Tom Lioi, Moon Township VFC Line Officer. "In situations where every second counts, the information the software provides helps us bring an emergency under control as quickly as possible."

## Is There a Fire in You?

Do you want to make a difference every day? Do you want to challenge yourself? Are you looking for an opportunity to be a part of something larger than yourself? The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is accepting applications for new members to join them in serving and protecting our community. There are numerous jobs to do, so if running into a burning building isn't your thing, you can be a driver/pump operator, manage a fire hydrant, change air bottles, or more.

You'll receive technical training and real-life skills, have the chance to teach others about fire safety, and gain an immense sense of pride and satisfaction from giving back to your community. You'll also find camaraderie and build strong, lasting relationships. When you join the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Department you not only become part of a team. You become part of a family.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a volunteer firefighter, visit [moontwpfire.com](http://moontwpfire.com) or stop by 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



## Moon Parks, Now Tobacco Free

Moon Township joined the growing list of Allegheny County communities participating in Young Lungs at Play, a program that aims to create tobacco free public parks, playing fields and playgrounds to eliminate children's exposure to secondhand smoke.

In Pennsylvania, more than 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day. The U.S. Surgeon General has stated that there is no safe level of exposure, whether indoors or outdoors. Nationwide, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year, and tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fire, and AIDS combined. Almost 90 percent of adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18, with an average initiation age of 12 years old. Every day an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of those children die prematurely from tobacco-related illnesses.

To provide children, youth, and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. R-28-2017 on December 6, 2017. The resolution establishes all parks, fields, playgrounds and recreational areas as tobacco free zones and includes all forms of smokeless tobacco, vaping, and e-cigarettes.

## Help Build the New Moon Park Playground

While Moon Township has successfully secured grants and other funding for the new Moon Park playground project, additional funds are needed to create the playful paradise. The township is seeking to partner with community and corporate sponsors and several opportunities are available. Your gift will improve someone's quality of life and provide children of all ages and abilities and their families with heart-warming memories for years to come. Find out how you can help. Contact Amy Ottaviani at 412.262.1703 ext. 402 or [aottaviani@moontwp.us](mailto:aottaviani@moontwp.us).

Moon Township's Green Team, committed to improving sustainability and promoting a healthy lifestyle, presented the initiative with the support and recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Environmental Advisory Council.

Young Lungs at Play is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Allegheny County Health Department. Participation is at no charge to municipalities. Look for signs to be posted in all Moon Township parks and play lots.



## 2018 Park Pavilion Rentals

We are now taking pavilion rental reservations for the 2018 season. All pavilion rentals must be arranged in person at the Parks and Recreation office located at 1350 Ewing Road. All pavilions and fees are listed at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org). Please note: Due to Moon Park playground redevelopment, the Saturn pavilion will not be available for rent in 2018.

## Robin Hill Center Rentals

Robin Hill Center reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Reservations must be made in person. To receive the resident rate, the contract must be signed by and payments made by a Moon Township resident. All fees are listed at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org). To schedule a tour of Robin Hill Center, please call 412.262.1703 or email [info@moonparks.org](mailto:info@moonparks.org).

## 2018 Summer Job Opportunities

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, creative and reliable employees for 2018 summer positions available for the summer playground program, mobile recreation unit and customer service in Moon Park. These positions require background checks. Contact the Parks and Recreation office at 412.262.1703 or email [bbrozovich@moontwp.us](mailto:bbrozovich@moontwp.us).

# Park Programs & Events

## Special Events

### Bunny Trail

Saturday, March 24 (rain date is March 25)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Moon Park

Spring will soon be here! What better way to celebrate than to hop on down to the Moon Park Bunny Trail? Have your photo taken with the bunny. Get creative under the big tent with arts & crafts. Try your luck at interactive games like the Duck Pond, Horse Wheel, Bean Bag, and BIG Egg & Spoon Race. Experience the Blue Ribbon Farms petting zoo with bunnies, lambs, chickens and goats! Be sure to visit the sponsor tents. A food truck will offer tasty treats for purchase. This is a free event.

### Lunchtime Concerts at Robin Hill

Third Wednesdays, May 16, June 20, July 18,

August 15, September 19

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Gazebo

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and listen to relaxing music. Concerts are free. Hot dogs, drinks and snacks are available for purchase.

### Moon High School Concert in the Park

Sunday, June 3

5:30 p.m.

Moon Park Amphitheater

Enjoy a night of free music provided by the Moon Area High School band, orchestra and choir.

### Moon Parks and Recreation Summer

#### Playground Program

Monday – Friday, June 11 – August 17

(no program July 4)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:00 a.m.; late pick up by 6:00 p.m.

One child: \$150 per week (4-5 days);

\$100 per week (2-3 days)

Two children: \$250 per week (4-5 days);

\$175 per week (2-3 days)

\$75 week for each additional child in family

Non-refundable one-time \$25 registration fee (additional to program fees)

Register by June 1

Program Director Ms. Lisa with Moon Parks staff and volunteers lead a summer program that will provide recreation and fun to elementary age children. Kids will experience arts & crafts, music, exercise, games, field trips, special events and more! All campers will need to bring snacks and lunches unless otherwise notified. Each week will have a fun theme.

### Friday Fun Nights

Fridays, starting June 15

Moon Park Amphitheatre

Watch for more information about fun Friday activities, including concerts, movies and special programs. Refreshments are free!

## Sports

### Family Swim at Moon Area High School

Monday – Friday, March 26 – April 6

(no swimming March 29, 30 & April 2)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Moon High School Pool

\$3 adults; \$1 kids 3-17; children under 2 free

### Bitty Ballet Camps – Ages 3-6

Wednesdays, April 4 – May 9

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)

Robin Hill Center

\$80 resident; \$85 non-resident

Each four-day camp is designed for 3- to 6-year-olds and includes our standard ballet class, snack/play time and creative movement activities. Bitty Ballet is a program designed for preschool age children as an introduction to dance. Ballet is a wonderful stepping stone to encourage group participation, listening to an instructor and a true love of dance and movement. Simple ballet positions and moves also encourage physical activity and controlled body movements in toddlers.

### Tennis: Pee Wee – Ages 5-6

Saturdays, April 14 – June 2

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Moon Park Tennis Courts

\$80 resident; \$96 non-resident

Lessons focus on hand/eye coordination, basic stroke instruction and FUN, FUN, FUN!

### Tennis: Junior Beginner – Ages 7-14

Saturdays, April 14 – June 2

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Moon Park Tennis Courts

\$120 resident; \$144 non-resident

Lessons stress correct form, basic rules and court etiquette, fun drills and games.

### Tennis: Junior Advanced – Ages 7-14

Saturdays, April 14 – June 2

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Moon Park Tennis Courts

\$120 resident; \$144 non-resident

Lessons introduce more advanced drills with an emphasis on fine tuning tennis strokes through games galore!

### Co-ed Summer Kickball League – Adults 21+

Sunday evenings, June 17 – August 19

Moon Park

\$100 per team

It's the same fun game you remember from elementary school, but now it's all grown up. But don't worry. You don't have to act like a "grown-up" to play. Kickball is a sport that everyone can play, and you don't need to be a fantastic athlete to be a terrific kickballer. Get your neighborhood, association, or club together TO HAVE SOME FUN! Teams of 16, with 11 on the field. A maximum of six men on the field at one time. Teams are responsible for their own team t-shirts.

## Exercise

### POUND – Adults and Teens 15+

Tuesdays, April 10 – May 15; May 22 – July 10

(no class July 3)

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident; \$10 drop-in

POUND is a full-body cardio jam session, combining light resistance with simulated drumming. The workout fuses cardio, Pilates, strength movements, plyometric and isometric poses. Through continual upper body motion using our lightly weighed exercise drumsticks, called Ripstix, you'll turn into a calorie-torching drummer, POUNDING off pounds as each song flies by!

### Pilates – Adults & Teens 15+

Wednesdays, April 11 – May 16;

May 23 – June 27

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$45 residents; \$50 non-resident,

per 6-week session; \$10 drop-in

Instructor Judy Elias

The Pilates method of body conditioning is a unique system of stretching/strengthening exercises that work the entire body. Expect to flatten your abs, strengthen your core muscles, increase flexibility, firm buttocks/thighs, and improve your posture. For all fitness levels.

### Beginner's Zumba – Adults & Teens 13+

Mondays, May 14 – June 18

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Moon High School Fitness Room

\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident,

per 6-week session

Instructor Catherine Hollien

This class is designed for you to have fun while you burn calories. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin-based dance moves: salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop, and more that will make you sweat! Dance experience not required.

### Zumba Fitness – Ages 13+ and Adults

Thursdays, April 5 – May 10; May 17 – June 28

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident; \$10 drop-in

Instructor Paola Sanchez

Zumba classes are 6-week sessions that are designed to have fun while you burn calories. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin-based dance moves: salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop and more that will make you sweat! Dance experience is not required.



# Programs *(continued)*

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## **Totally Toned – Adults & Teens 15+**

Mondays, May 14 – June 18

7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Moon High School Fitness Room

\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident,

per 6-week session

Instructor Karla Tobias

This class is designed to help tone your entire body including abs, thighs, back, arms, and glutes. It is appropriate for all fitness levels. Bring hand weights, a mat and water.

## **Yoga: Basics and More – Adults & Teens 15+**

Tuesdays, April 3 – April 24; May 1 – May 22;

June 5 – June 26

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$40 resident; /\$45 non-resident, per 4-week

session; \$12 drop-in

Instructor Jen Stratakis

Whether you are yoga-curious or yoga-proficient, this is the class for you. No experience required.

Instructor Jen Stratakis E-RYT will lead you through an hour-long class, which includes standing and seated poses, breathwork and guided relaxation. Modifications are given to accommodate all levels of yoga experience. With regular practice, yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm and more. Participants should bring a yoga mat and water. Namaste!

## **Senior Workout with Linda Francis**

Wednesdays, April 4 – May 9

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$21 resident; \$25 non-resident, per 6-week

session; \$4 drop-in

This class will help seniors maintain a fitness level to stay mobile. It is a “LOW” impact aerobics class that will work on balance and strengthening while having fun and meeting new people.

## **Arts**

### **Splash – Water/Mixed Media Art Classes**

**Adults 18+**

Thursdays, April 5 – May 24

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$74 resident; \$79 non-resident; does not include

supplies

This class is designed for new and returning students. This is an 8-week course designed to engage all students in the fun and exciting world of water-based materials. No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun.

## **Youth / Teens**

### **Science & Slime (In-Service Day / No School) – Ages 5-12**

Monday, March 12

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:00 a.m.;

late pick up by 6:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$35 resident; \$45 non-resident

Kids will enjoy a STEAM-powered day off school while we try out a number of different Science experiments, share tips and tricks on our favorite Technology, attempt some Engineering challenges, explore our creative interests in the Arts, and find ways to make Math fun. Pre-registration is required. We will have a maximum capacity of 25 children.

### **American Girl Tea Party – Ages 5-12**

Wednesday, March 21

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$10 resident; \$15 non-resident

Bring your favorite American Girl doll for a lovely time tasting herbal tea, tasty snacks and some of the American Girls’ favorite treats. There will be crafts, activities and games straight from the American Girl stories.

### **Safe Sitter Babysitting and Safety Class – Grades 6-8**

Sunday, March 25

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$45 resident; \$55 non-resident

Do you feel ready to stay home alone, watch your brothers and sisters while your parents are gone, or babysit for younger children? Then maybe it’s time for Safe Sitter® training. Safe Sitter® is for young teens in grades 6-8 who are ready to learn the skills they need to care for themselves and younger children. In addition, Safe Sitter® teaches young teens life and business skills, so that they know how to be prepared, be responsible, and be considerate whether they are babysitting or doing odd jobs for family, friends, or neighbors. Maximum capacity of 16 students.

### **Teen Board Game Night & Ice Cream Social – Ages 13-18**

Monday, March 26

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$8 resident; \$10 non-resident

We all scream for ice cream and board games!

This night will feature: The Sheriff of Nottingham, New York 1901, and Lanterns: The Harvest Festival.

### **Spaced Out (Holiday / No School) – Ages 5-12**

Monday, April 2

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:00 a.m.;

late pick up by 6:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$35 resident; \$45 non-resident

From here to the moon to a galaxy far, far away,

we will have a day full of spacy fun. Create constellations, match up some moon facts, play with the planets in augmented reality, and much more!

### **Teen Drivers Education – Ages 15-18**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 3 – May 3

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$25 resident; \$30 non-resident (balance of \$375 is due to Kennedy School of Driving on the first day of class)

This course will be instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of 30 hours of theory and 6 hours of in-car training, a certificate will be given that is accepted by most insurance companies. Participants must be 16 and have a learner’s permit for the on-the-road portion of the program. The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and is payable to Moon Parks and Recreation. The fee will secure you space in the class. The balance of \$375 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

### **Safe Sitter Babysitting and Safety Class – Grades 6-8**

Saturday, April 14

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$45 resident; \$55 non-resident

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### **Teen Board Game Night & Pizza Party – Ages 13-18**

Tuesday, April 24

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$8 resident; \$10 non-resident

Keep Calm and Pizza On! SPRING over to Robin Hill and enjoy some pizza while playing some super fun board games with friends. This night will feature: Settlers of Catan (multiple versions), Ticket to Ride (and expansions), and assorted short play card games.

### **Unicorns vs. Dinosaurs (Act 80 Day / No School) – Ages 5-12**

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:00 a.m.;

late pick up by 6:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$35 resident; \$45 non-resident

Unicorn lovers and dino fans alike, join us for a

day full of rainbow magic and Jurassic fun!



# SPRING EVENTS

## 2018 - MOONPARKS.ORG

### BUNNY TRAIL

SATURDAY MARCH 24 | 11:00AM – 1:00PM

Hop on over to Moon Park for games, food, a petting zoo and pictures with the Bunny, and much more!  
The event is FREE thanks to all our sponsors!

### EARTH DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 22 | 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Visit Robin Hill Park to experience interactive programs such as National Aviary, climbing wall, environmental groups, trail groups, music, t-shirts, and more! Sponsored by Chevron, Clearview Federal Credit Union, Moon Township Municipal Authority and others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING GOING ON AT  
MOON PARKS AND RECREATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT MOONPARKS.ORG

# Park Programs & Events

## Safe Sitter Babysitting and Safety Class – Grades 6-8

Sunday, April 20

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

\$45 resident; \$55 non-resident

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## Teen Insta-Hike – Ages 13-17

Wednesday, May 23

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Moon Park, Apollo Pavilion

\$5 resident; \$10 non-resident

Get your Instagram app ready for a fun hike and photo contest! We will meet at the Apollo pavilion and take a 1.5 mile hike along the Moon Park Spring Beauty Trail. While hiking, post an Instagram photo and whoever has the most likes at the end of our program will win a prize! We will also share some hiking hacks and suggestions for healthy snacks. A snack and drink will be provided for everyone registered.

## Seniors

### Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre “Dial M for Murder”

Tuesday, March 6

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$28 per person

Register by February 27

Enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a professional performance of “Dial M for Murder” as we transform Robin Hill Center into a murder mystery theatre. A real who dun it!

### Intergenerational Get Together

Monday, March 12

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

Register by March 5

Enjoy the wonders of science with games, crafting, lunch and fun with kids. Free to attend. Maximum of 10 people.

### Bus Trip – The Meadows Racetrack & Casino

Tuesday, March 20

Bus departs Carriage House at 11:00 a.m.; returns around 6:00 p.m.

\$30 per person

Register by March 14

Enjoy an afternoon of gambling. Cost includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, \$20 free

play slot bonus and a \$5 food voucher. Attendees must present a photo driver's license or state issued photo I.D. to receive the bonus. Maximum of 45 people.

### Archangels 101

Tuesday, April 10

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$5 per person donation to West Hill Food Pantry

Register by April 3

Learn about the archangels in this enlightening presentation by Mary Celine Miller and Bob Nestler. Refreshments and snacks served after presentation.

### Karaoke and Music Bingo

Monday, April 16

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$5 per person; \$3 for Senior Connection members

Register by April 12

Refreshments, snacks and prizes.

### 55+ Senior Prom and Casino Night

Thursday, April 26

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport

\$35.00 per person

Register before April 19

Enjoy an evening that includes dinner and gaming tables of blackjack, craps and roulette.

### Beginner Painting Class

Tuesdays: May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Carriage House Sunroom

\$10 per class; checks made payable to Heidi Lee or pay with cash at the Parks and Recreation office

Register for individual classes by April 25, May 26, July 3 and July 31

Painting with our own Senior Connection with a Twist! Have fun while creating your own masterpiece. This is a beginner level class. Use acrylic paints to create a still life on canvas. Instructed by Heidi Lee from Heidi Lee Portraits. Maximum of 10 per class.

### Cinco De Mayo Party

Thursday, May 3

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$8 per person; \$6 for Senior Connection members

Register by April 25

A fun “South of the Border” evening with mariachi music, Mock-a Rita's and a Mexican buffet. Dust off your sombrero and join the fun. ¡Olé! Maximum of 50 people.

### FUNCO

Monday, May 7

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Carriage House

\$2.00 per person

Register by April 28

If you like playing Bingo or the lottery, try FUNCO! Very similar to the popular dice game that begins with the letter “B”. No skill needed, just luck of the dice roll. Easy, fun and a chance to win cash prizes. Give it a roll and register today. Free refreshments available. Maximum of 12 people.

### Bus Trip – Polka Festival

Saturday, May 19

Bus departs Carriage House at 11:00 a.m.; returns around 5:00 p.m.

\$18 per person

Register by May 11

Travel to the Monroeville Convention Center to attend the Annual Polka Festival. Lots of food booths, craft vendors, live bands and dancing. Admission included with price. Maximum of 45 people.

### Senior Connection Mini Golf Outing

Tuesday, May 22

Tee off at 11:00 a.m.; finish at 2:30 p.m.

RMU Island Rapids Outdoor Mini Golf, Neville Island

\$18.00 per person

Register before Monday, May 15

Enjoy a casual, fun game of mini golf with friends. No skill needed. Follow up with a delicious lunch at the Hat Trick Club Room and a prize raffle. Maximum of 40 people (10 foursomes).

Register for senior events by calling 412.262.1703 ext. 404 Tuesdays through Thursdays. Payment is due at time of registration.

## More Programs!

For a complete list of Moon Parks and Recreation's programs, please visit [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org). If you are interested for signing up for a program or finding out more information, please call us at 412.262.1703, email us at [info@moonparks.org](mailto:info@moonparks.org) or stop by the office at Moon Park.

# TAX INFORMATION



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

*-Catherine Tress, PQMC*



## Tax Information

### Important Information

The Moon Township Property Tax Office announces the 2018 Township of Moon real estate tax statements will be mailed by April 1. The discount period runs through May 31, 2018. Please visit moontaxoffice.us for holiday closings during this time period and at any time throughout the collection year. Regular office hours are located at the bottom of your statement, as well as the office phone number if you have any questions or concerns.

The township real estate millage rate remains at 2.74 mills with \$15,000 homestead reduction which is deducted from your property's full assessment prior to the calculation to determine the amount owed. The homestead reduction in Allegheny County is \$18,000. So, if you participate in the homestead exemption, you'll notice the amounts on your tax statements do not match.

This tax relief program is applied to all three of the property taxes that are due each calendar year. The amount of the homestead exemption is based on different reduction amounts which reduce the full assessment value. The deduction amount is determined by the county, township or borough and the school district where the property is physically located. The

homestead exemption for school districts is based on gambling revenue collected by the state which varies each year.

Please remember, once you've been approved for the homestead exemption, the reduction covers all three of the taxing authorities. The only reason to reapply is if there has been a change to your deed for any reason. The homestead exemption is granted to homeowners for your primary residence.

### Reminders

Assessment value changes occur occasionally on properties for a variety of reasons. The value of a property is how the tax for that governing body is calculated. It is applied across all three of the property taxes owed to each tax authority. The County of Allegheny's assessor's office determines the assessment value for all parcels within Allegheny County. If you receive a notice from the county indicating your assessment value is increasing, anticipate a higher tax amount due for all three of the real estate taxes. Possibly notify your mortgage company as well since many use escrow companies not located within Pennsylvania. Often confusion arises and many companies simply ignore the additional bill that may have been sent to them. Following up with the

mortgage company is the property owner's responsibility. Often mortgage companies won't give information to tax collectors simply because we are not their customer.

As the Moon Township property tax collector, I collect taxes only for the properties in Moon Township. I do not collect for any parcels located in Crescent Township, even though it's the same school district. Crescent Township has their own local tax collector who collects school district property taxes for parcels located in Crescent Township.

Please remember to contact my office for any changes to the mailing address or homeowner name(s). I am not routinely or typically notified by Allegheny County or mortgage companies. The tax bill is mailed to the current names and addresses on file. If you don't receive a property tax bill by the first full week of April, you must notify my office. We will be glad to mail you a copy. Pennsylvania law states that property owners are responsible for tax payments whether or not a bill was received.

Never hesitate to call my office with any real estate property tax questions, comments or concerns.



# COMMUNITY TV make it moon

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 9AM - 9PM  
**COMCAST CHANNEL 14**  
**VERIZON CHANNEL 35**  
**MCA-TV.ORG**

## MCA-TV Prepares for Public Awareness Weekend 2018

Join MCA-TV for the annual Public Awareness Weekend scheduled for March 9-10. Public Awareness Weekend (PAW), is a two-day, 24-hour live television event featuring interview broadcasts with Pittsburgh-area non-profits. Each group has an opportunity to speak for 30 minutes to educate viewers about their cause and encourage the community to get involved. All interviews air live during the event, and are rebroadcast periodically on MCA-TV, reaching approximately 45,000 households in Moon Township and surrounding areas. Any nonprofit organization interested in participating in Public Awareness Weekend should contact Allison Eastham at [aeastham@moontwp.us](mailto:aeastham@moontwp.us) or call MCA-TV at **412.269.1191**. Interviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Create Your Own TV Program - Volunteer!

There is so much going on in Moon it's hard to keep up. Help MCA-TV document and share these events by taking out a camera and recording an event, a concert, a sporting event or government meeting and help keep the community connected. If you'd like to get in on the action, sign up for the 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 Thursdays for four weeks beginning Thursday, April 26 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](mailto:aeastham@moontwp.us) or call **412.269.1191**. *Space is limited.*

## MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television  
 Comcast channel 14  
 Verizon Fios channel 35

## MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television  
 Comcast channel 18  
 Verizon Fios channel 37

## Calling All Filmmakers!

The Kenny Ross Toyota of Moon Township Film Fest returns in May, marking the seventh year for the competition. Area filmmakers are invited to put their creativity to the test in the following categories: Best Feature Film, Best Documentary Feature Film, Best Narrative Feature Film, Best Short Film, Best Documentary Short Film, and Best Narrative Short Film. A total of \$3,600 will be dispersed among the winners.

Enter your original film before the May 10 deadline and watch the event live on MCA-TV on Saturday, May 19. Films will be judged by a panel of film experts from the Pittsburgh area. You do not have to be a Moon Township resident to participate.

For more information, visit [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org) or contact Allison Eastham, Director of Community Programming, at [aeastham@moontwp.us](mailto:aeastham@moontwp.us) or **412.269.1191 ext. 603**.

## Promote Your Event!

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](http://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.



# VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



Valley Ambulance Authority (VAA) is proud to serve as the designated community provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation for Moon Township.

VAA also provides EMS services to Moon Township and the neighboring communities of Crescent Township, Coraopolis Borough and Neville Island.

**Moon Township residents in need of an emergency ambulance should call 9-1-1.**

VAA's mobile intensive care units are staffed 24 hours a day / 7 days a week by more than 60 dedicated, professional paramedics and EMTs. The ambulances respond from the Authority headquarters building located at 3550 University Boulevard in Moon Township.

VAA has earned a reputation for providing prompt, professional emergency medical services. In 2017, Valley Ambulance Authority responded to more than 2,200 emergency ambulance calls in Moon Township. Ambulance responses in all municipalities totaled more than 6,500. We also provided more than 4,000 non-emergency wheelchair van transports to patients within our service area.

Valley Ambulance Authority, a non-profit municipal authority, relies on community support and billing fees to fund its operating budget which totals more than \$3 million annually. Residents are often surprised to learn that VAA receives no municipal tax revenue!

Moon Township residents can support VAA through participation in its annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with unlimited emergency medical services and an opportunity to often save hundreds of dollars by providing a 50 percent discount on any outstanding balance related to emergency medical services. The subscription program also provides access to certain types of non-emergency



ambulance services and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports.

VAA annual subscription fees are only \$60 for a family or \$40 for an individual. VAA subscriptions are valid from March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

To keep up with increasing expenses, Valley Ambulance Authority also conducts an annual capital fund raising campaign. Residents may contribute tax deductible donations by visiting our website at [valleyamb.org](http://valleyamb.org).

To schedule a non-emergency transport, inquire about CPR training or to obtain additional information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call **412.262.2620**, visit [valleyamb.org](http://valleyamb.org) or scan the QR code to the right.



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# STAY CONNECTED TO MOON TOWNSHIP

### 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](http://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](http://moongovtv.us). View the meetings and MCA-TV's community produced programming online at [mca-tv.org](http://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](http://moonparks.org).

### Stay Informed with SwiftReach

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

### Like Us on Facebook

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