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

Good Friday, April 19
Memorial Day, May 27

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The Cover

Branch Out... Grow Roots
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 2019 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.us.

A Letter from the Township Manager

Happy New Year! I know it's March, but this is the first *Moon Messenger* issue for 2019. The year is already off to a great start! Many people enjoyed the ice rink at Moon Park, finishing touches are being made to the new playground, Public Works crews kept our roads clear of snow and ice, new commercial developments are making progress and soon we'll be sharing details of summer events.

I would like to take a moment to thank several residents who, after serving faithfully on our volunteer boards or committees, have decided to take a step back: Carl Griffith, Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB); Tim Grady, Moon Industrial Development Authority (MIDA); Rodney Deloe, MIDA; Glen Farley, Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC); Kevin Farley, EAC; and John Wilhelm, Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Please join me in welcoming the residents who are replacing them: Lynn DeLorenzo, HARB; Shawn McCurdy, MIDA; Ryan Fleischer, EAC; Jamard Smith, EAC; and Mark Ulven, UCC Board of Appeals. Residents who serve on these boards and committees are advocates for the people of Moon Township. Each member brings their own experiences, advice and input which can be influential when the Board of Supervisors votes on policy decisions and ordinances.

The township would also like to recognize the faithful service of several employees who retired in 2018: Public Works – Frank Java, 22 years; Moon Police – Alan Morrow, 37 years; Mark Baker, 35 years; Ray Gallagher, 29 years; and Judy DeAngelis, 14 years. We extend a warm welcome to our newcomers in 2018: Public Works – Casey Zachodni, Nathan Ellenberger and Anthony Napoleone; Moon Police – Officers Michael Beachy and Cuyler Hale and Dispatcher Will Yoho; and Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Greg Shermeto.

I am pleased to present you with a condensed version of the 2019 budget that was passed at the December 6 public

meeting. The general fund revenues/expenses were set at \$17,066,524. Approximately 75.5 percent of the revenues are collected through either Real Estate Tax or Local Enabling Taxes which are comprised of Per Capita/Real Estate Transfer/Earned Income/Local Service/Admissions/Mechanical Devices Taxes. The remaining 24.5 percent of Revenues are made up of Cable TV Franchise Fees/Sales Tax Allocation/State Shared Revenues/Departmental Earnings.

On the expense side, approximately 37.6 percent is budgeted for Public Safety (both police and fire), 15.8 percent for Public Works Operations, 14.1 percent as transfers out to Capital Reserve Funds, and the remaining 32.5 percent is evenly divided among the rest of the township operations.

The 2019 Township Capital Project Fund is showing a budget in the amount of \$6,630,792. The first \$3,119,408 of this balance are funds carried forward from 2018 which have been designated for the completion of projects started and \$3,396,384 for new projects funded for 2019.

I am very happy to report that the approved budget allows us to continue with capital improvements, maintain our street program, make stormwater improvements, add two new employees to the public works crew, and increase the parks and recreation programs without an increase to our millage rate, which is 2.74.

Exciting things are coming in 2019! The staff and I look forward to serving you.

Dawn Lane
Township Manager

Meet Our New Employee



Moon Township welcomed Greg Shermeto as the new Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer in December. Greg works to keep the township safe and beautiful by receiving and investigating complaints, issuing notices of violation and attending any hearings.

He joins the township from Fayetteville, NC where he was the Transportation Planner at Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Many people are surprised when they hear that Greg left sunny, warm North Carolina to move to Pittsburgh, but he wanted to be closer to family who call this area home. He's happy to be back in the cold weather as he enjoys skiing and snowboarding.

Greg is enjoying his new position saying, "Moon Township is a great town. I'll do everything I can to keep it that way."



PUBLIC WORKS

New Resident Meetings

New to Moon Township? You're invited to attend one of our upcoming New Resident Meetings. Come meet our supervisors and staff, learn about the township, ask questions, and share your ideas. Not-so-new residents who want to become more familiar with township services are also welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call **412.262.1700** to RSVP.

Tuesdays: April 9, June 11 or November 12 • 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

Do You Have a Homeowners' Association?

Moon Township Community Development and Community Engagement would like to partner with homeowners' associations in the township to develop strong lines of communication, educational forums and engagement in township and residential events, initiatives and programs. Please contact Amy Ottaviani, Community Engagement Coordinator, at **412.262.1703** ext. 402 or aottaviani@moontwp.us.

Keep Moon Township Beautiful: Adopt a Road

Moon Township is pleased to offer an Adopt-A-Road program to keep our roads free of litter and debris. Individuals, families, businesses, charitable organizations, schools and other groups can adopt road or stretch of a road and contribute to the beautification of the community. The program requires adopters to hold two litter pickups per year, or more if deemed necessary, during a minimum two-year period. Moon Township's Public Works Department administers the program, including providing training and supplies and removing collected trash from the roadway. Organizations wishing to participate must fill out an application and sign a release form. Roads already adopted include Old Thorn Run, Boggs School, Sharon, Cherrington Parkway, Thorn Run Ext., and a part of Ewing. This program does not apply to state and county roads. For more information, call **412.262.1700**.

Military Banner Program: Volunteers Needed

Moon Township is seeking volunteers to serve on a newly-established Military Banner Committee. The committee will be responsible for developing and managing a military banner program to pay tribute to the many members of the United States Armed Forces who have lived in the township. Committee members must be a resident of Moon Township. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should submit a letter of interest and resume to Moon Township Manager Dawn Lane, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108.

The Public Works department is gearing up for spring and summer. All township roads have been evaluated and the list to be paved will be finalized soon. Work is expected to start in June. Watch for details in our next issue. Once the winter weather breaks, crews will resume working on several projects in Moon Park including the splash pad water line, the Miracle League field, the relocation of Joe DeNardo Way to run behind the Rotary pavilion, and final touches on the new Endeavor Field that should be ready for use in the fall.

Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

Monday – Friday

April 1 – 26

Pickups generally 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. Yard waste in plastic bags or boxes will not be picked up.

Curbside Tree Branch Pickup

Monday – Friday

April 1 – 26

Pickups generally 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. This is a separate pickup from the yard waste collection, so don't be alarmed if crews don't come at the same time.

***Please note: Areas west of University Boulevard will be picked up either on Thursday or Friday. Residents in these areas should have materials out for collection by Thursday morning. There will be no pickup on Good Friday.**

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. Residents are reminded that this dropoff is for yard waste only. Trash or other materials are not permitted. The composting program provides free mulch and compost to residents. Bring your own containers and take as much as you need. 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**.



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Farmers' Market Seeks Vendors

The Moon Township Farmers' Market is seeking vendors selling a variety of products, including nurseries; artists; vintage and used clothing; antiques; jewelry; coffee and tea; prepared foods; poultry, eggs, cheese and butter; and beer and wine to name a few!

The market operates every Wednesday from June 5 through September 25 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the highly visible and accessible location at the Municipal Building. The cost is \$100 for the season or \$50 for the half season. Space is limited. Electric is not available.

We take pride in being a traditional producer-only market. This means all vendors must grow or produce at least 75 percent of their own products for sale. All vendors meet strict guidelines for health and safety.

Vendors interested in participating should visit moontwp.us/farmersmarket.html to complete a vendor application. Contact Amy Ottaviani at aottaviani@moontwp.us or call 412.262.1703 ext. 402 for more information.

Community Trails Day Event Rescheduled for Fall

The Moon Township and Hollow Oak Land Trust trails event originally scheduled for June 1 has been rescheduled to October 5. Watch for details to come.

Events

Annual Recycling Day

Saturday, June 1

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

Mark your calendars for the 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 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.

Electronics Recycling Days

Saturdays: April 6, August 3, October 5

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 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. Other items, such as appliances containing FREON and fluorescent lighting will be collected for a fee. Recycling collections are open to Moon Township residents only. Proper ID is required.

Document Shredding and Prescription Drug Take Back Event

Saturday, June 15

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Moon Area Middle School Parking Lot on Tiger Trail

State Representative Valerie Gaydos and Moon Township invite you to attend a document shredding event. An industrial shredder will be on site to securely shred any documents. Phonebooks, newspapers and bound books can not be accepted. Please limit your shredding materials to three small boxes per car. This event is for individuals only. Deputy Sheriff Cirigliano from the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department will be onsite collecting unused medication for project DUMP (Disposal of Unused/Expired Medications Properly). For additional information, please contact Representative Valerie Gaydos' Moon District Office at 412.262.3780.



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Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 28

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Park (Rain or Shine)



Senator Gaylord Wilson founded the first Earth Day to focus the attention of Congress to the environmental dangers threatening the nation. On April 22, 1970 over 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. By the end of that year, the first Earth Day had led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Twenty years later Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. In 1995, President Bill Clinton awarded Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given to civilians in the United States.

Earth Day at Robin Hill provides an opportunity to learn what we can do to keep our environment, and ourselves, healthy. Mrs. Beryl “Randy” Johnson, a long-time Moon Township resident and educator, envisioned the first Earth Day at Robin Hill as an annual community celebration of biodiversity and environments.

This year’s theme is “Branch Out ... Grow Roots.” Students from Moon Area and Rhema Christian schools participate in the t-shirt design contest, with the winners announced at the event. The Moon Township Green Team and Environmental Advisory Council invite you to participate in a family-friendly environmental event featuring fun for everyone!

Exhibits and Attractions

Hollow Oak Land Trust
 Montour Trail Council
 Montour Watershed
 Ohio River Trail Council
 Moon Garden Club
 Allegheny Goatscape
 Plain Air Cloud Watching
 Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse
 USDA
 DCNR Forester
 Audubon Chimney Swift Tower
 Tobacco-Free Allegheny
 Live Well Allegheny
 Moon Historical Society Friends –
 Coventry Log Cabin
 RMU Kappa Delta Phi Education Honor
 Students
 West Hills Art League Artists
 Girl Scouts
 Hope Grows
 PiYo Fitness Demo
 Waste Management
 Wild World of Animals
 Blue Ribbon Farms Petting Zoo
 Staunch Entertainment Climbing Wall
 Tree Sapling Giveaways
 Moon Police Bike and Helmet Giveaways
 Face painting
 Music
 Food trucks

Thanks to the following event sponsors and supporters for making the event possible:

Chevron North America
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 Moon Township Environmental Advisory
 Council
 Moon Township Municipal Authority
 Tyler Mountain Water
 Clearview Federal Credit Union



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Take a Hike!

Explore the Miles of Trails in Moon

Moon Township became a much greener place thanks to the development of new township park and Hollow Oak Land Trust trails.

Robin Hill Park offers a new trail system extension developed in the new 90-acre parcel of land. The Christmas Fern and the Ridge trails are signed and ready to open late spring. Plans for 2019 include creating access to the Robin Hill trail system from the Castlewood and Canterbury Commons communities.

Whispering Woods, Cimarron and Bon Meade communities now have access to the Olson Park trail system. The park features a clean running stream with incredible biodiversity of plant and animal life. One consultant remarked that Olson Park offers the best olfactory experience of any park in the area.

Moon Park trails will be in design and development phases for 2019. The Municipal Complex trail is flat, paved and accessible, offering the chance to enjoy a leisurely stroll or fast-paced walk around the Municipal Complex, including the rain garden and the Memorial Garden. Signage and maps will be available late spring.

Hollow Oak features a new trail system at the Trout Run Conservation Area through deep evergreen steam valleys and 38 protected acres on Montour Run.

Thanks to area businesses including Chevron North America, Amrock Corporation, Columbia Sportswear, Dick's Sporting Goods, Allstate and local organizations including Moon Area School District Teams on Trails, Robert Morris University fraternities, and Eagle Scouts for working diligently with township staff and partners from Hollow Oak to develop and maintain nearly 20 miles of trails in all three parks.

Winter and early spring are a perfect time to take a hike and experience new plant and animal life, trees budding, and recreation and respite in the natural and serene tranquility of the surrounding beauty. If you prefer something a little less athletic, visit one of the gardens at Robin Hill. The Fleur de Lune garden and the native species plant nursery will be blooming in early spring. And plans are in the works for more return to meadows areas in our parks, including a meadow wild flower trail at Robin Hill park linking the main center to the log cabin trail.

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** or by calling a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.



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REFUSE CUSTOMERS
COLLECTION**

OF ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

SIGN UP 3 EASY WAYS

- 1** ONLINE AT: WMATYOURDOOR.COM
- 2** CALL: 1.800.449.7587
- 3** EMAIL: ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM

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

A message from the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council 2017 in partnership with...







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Stormwater

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It can become a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away.



Stormwater FAQs

What is stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces. It also includes water that enters the ground for a short period of time only to reemerge during the event. It does not include stream baseflow.

Why do we need to manage stormwater?

As the saying goes, we all live downstream. It is much more expensive to clean up polluted water for drinking than it is to use clean water. Furthermore, too much sediment and fertilizer cover up fish habitats and can cause algae blooms which use up the oxygen the fish need to survive. Increased quantities of stormwater also pose a major problem in urban areas. Stormwater cannot infiltrate on impervious surfaces such as roads, roofs, parking lots and driveways so it runs quickly into the storm drain or stream. This large volume of fast-moving water picks up more pollutants, washes them directly into our streams and causes erosion to the stream banks adding silt to the problem.

Aren't sewers and storm drain the same thing?

No. They are two separate systems. Wastewater from buildings travels through the sewer system (underground pipes and manholes) and is treated at a wastewater treatment plant. Stormwater runoff can move across land or a storm drain system (underground pipes, inlets, and manholes)

and is directed into bodies of water without treatment.

What is an "illicit discharge"?

An illicit discharge is any unauthorized discharge that contains anything other than stormwater, unless it is specifically exempt. Illicit discharges include pollutants dumped directly into the storm drain or illegal connections to the storm sewer systems (such as a floor drain, washing machine discharge, used oil, kitchen grease, animal waste, and swimming pool water). There are a few types of discharges specifically exempt from regulation include landscape irrigation or lawn watering, air condition condensation pumps, non-commercial washing of vehicles including charity car washes, firefighting activities, groundwater sources. An EPA fact sheet on illicit discharges can be found online or at the Township Office.

How is stormwater management paid for?

Typically, municipalities' stormwater facilities are maintained through their general funds the same with roads or other facilities they take over following development. All municipalities know that these facilities have finite lives, and maintenance and replacements need to be smartly budgeted. However, recently imposed PA DEP regulations require municipalities to reduce existing sediments/pollutants by developing and implementing a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). Discussions are ongoing for options to fund the new mandate. To develop a more equitable funding source as compared

to property tax revenue, some municipalities across PA have implemented a stormwater utility fee based on the amount of impervious surface area on property. Moon Township is currently completing a study for evaluation of implementation of a stormwater utility fee.

What is a stormwater facility?

A stormwater facility is any structure constructed to convey or control stormwater such as inlets, manholes, pipes, ponds, channels or swales, rain gardens, porous pavement, etc. It is generally not used in reference to natural streams, wetlands, or flood plain.

What's the best way for me to help?

Control runoff where you can on your own. Build a rain garden or simply run your roof leaders across your lawn areas. Use phosphate-free fertilizer. Use mulching blades on your lawn mower and leave the grass clippings on the lawn. Never apply fertilizer when rain and wind are in the forecast. Incorporate native plantings. Sweep up anything left on sidewalks, driveways and roads. Never pour anything down the storm drains/catch basins. Clean up pet waste. More helpful information can be found at moontwp.us/greeninitiatives.html and PA DEP at dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Pages/Be-Stormwater-Smart-.aspx.



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Guidelines for Property Maintenance & Code Requirements

As the warm weather approaches, property owners will turn their attention to exterior maintenance. The Moon Township Property Maintenance Code contains regulations to protect the public health, safety, and welfare in both existing residential and non-residential structures and on all existing premises. The code requirements represent the minimum acceptable level of public health and safety. Help keep Moon Township beautiful by remembering these regulations:

- Grass and weeds must not exceed 10 inches in height, and they must be maintained around structures to prevent fire and health hazards.
- Fences must be set back at least 22 feet from the roadway curb-edge of the asphalt. The maximum height is six feet. Fences may go up to the property line on the side and rear. Fences shall be maintained and in good repair.
- Exterior buildings shall be maintained, weather proofed and properly surface coated where required to prevent deterioration.
- All premises shall be clearly marked with minimum four-inch high address numbers visible from the street.
- No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.
- All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition.

Prepare for Pool Season: Regulations and Safety Tips

Summer will soon be here and many residents will be opening their pools or building a new one. While swimming is a fun way to cool off on a hot day, it's important to know and follow the swimming pool, spa and hot tub regulations to ensure safety.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day 2018, at least 148 children younger than age 15 fatally drowned in swimming pools or spas, according to media reports compiled by the USA Swimming Foundation. While the number of fatal drownings is down approximately nine percent from 2017, drowning remains the leading cause of unintentional death for children ages one to four.

Building Regulations

Pool and spa owners must construct and maintain barriers that will prevent young children from gaining access to pools. In accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, building and electrical permits are required in addition to rough-in and final inspections before any swimming pool, spa or hot tub can be installed and used. This includes inflatable, above-ground and in-ground pools.

- All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with an exit alarm.
- All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor.
- Gates that provide access to swimming pools must open outward away from the pool and be self-closing and equipped with a self-latching locking device. The release mechanism must be located on the pool side of the gate and placed so that it cannot be reached by a young child over the top or through any opening gap.
- The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through or climb over the barrier.
- The barrier must be at least four feet high on the outside.
- The barrier must be placed around the perimeter of the pool and be separate from any fence, wall or other enclosure surrounding the yard. This

is unless the fence, wall or other enclosure is situated on the perimeter of the pool and is being used as part of the barrier and meets the barrier requirements listed.

- The structure of an above ground swimming pool may be used as its barrier or the barrier for such a pool may be mounted on top of its structure; however, such structure or separately mounted barrier must meet all barrier requirements listed. In addition, any ladder or steps that are the means of access to an above-ground pool must be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access or must be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of this section.
- A wall of a dwelling may serve as part of the barrier if it does not contain any door or window that opens to provide access to the swimming pool.
- Pools must have an entrapment prevention system. Anti-entrapment drain covers and fittings help prevent body or hair entrapment.

Parent Safety Tips

- Never leave a child alone or out of sight in or near the pool, spa or hot tub – not even for a second. Most childhood drowning deaths occur when the parent or caregiver becomes distracted by the telephone, doorbell or a chore around the home.
- Get trained in CPR.
- Enroll children in swim lessons.
- Children should wear arm floaties or inflatable vests while in the water for extra protection. Remember, these are not life jackets and should never be substituted for adult supervision.
- Contact 911 immediately if an emergency should occur.

Adding a Pool, Spa or Hot Tub?

Residents interested in constructing a pool, spa or hot tub in their yard are advised that building and electrical permits are required for all swimming pools that are designed to hold 24 inches or more of water, including storable or inflatable pools. Before buying a pool, spa or hot tub, be sure to obtain the necessary permits. Contact the Moon Township Community Development Department at **412.262.1700** with any questions.



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Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 a.m.

Moon Township
McDonald's

Coffee with a Cop resumes in April. Residents are invited to learn more about the police department, talk about township issues or simply enjoy some good conversation. This is a monthly event, so watch for information about future dates.

Solicitation Ordinance Highlights

Moon Township police remind residents that township ordinance requires soliciting permits for all individuals going upon residential property to peddle/solicit, unless they meet certain exemption qualifications. Solicitation permits are printed on an 8½ x 11 gold sheet of paper with the solicitor's photo on the bottom left and include the police chief's signature and an embossed seal. If a non-exempt solicitor comes to your house without a permit, please call the police at **412.262.5000** to report it as it is happening so an officer can be dispatched to look into it.

Residents who prefer not to be visited by door-to-door solicitors may add their name to the No Soliciting/Peddling List, which is provided to solicitors when they receive their solicitation permit. To add your address to the list, send a written request to Patty Marmura at pmarmura@moonpolice.us or to the Moon Township Police Department, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108. Residents may also drop off a letter at the police station. Your address remains on the list until you notify the police department to remove it. There is no need to sign up every year.

The ordinance permits soliciting activities between the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., including Saturdays and Sundays, from April 1 through November 15. From November 16 through March 31, the hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including Saturdays and Sundays.

To learn more about solicitation permits, visit moonpolice.us/services.

Protect Your Home While You're Away

If you are leaving town for a weekend or an extended period of time, the Vacant House Check program is a crime prevention tool that may be very useful in protecting your home. This does not replace other security measures that should take to protect your home. It does inform our officers that you are away and, when possible, they will check the exterior of your residence to ensure that it is secure. Vacant homes for sale or remodel can also be placed on the list. Follow these steps to place your home on the house check list:

- Call **412.262.5000** the day before, or a short time before, the house will be vacant.
- Provide the date the house will become vacant and the date of your return to the house.
- Provide the name and phone number of a person to be contacted if problems arise.
- Identify any special circumstances such as vehicles that will be left in the driveway or persons who may be checking on or working in your home.
- Be sure to call and cancel your house from the list as soon as someone returns to the residence.

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 or Facebook for emergencies as these are 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.

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Emergency Services • **911**

Crime Tips Hotline • **412.262.5202**



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Carnot Station Welcomes New Fire Truck

Moon Township volunteer firemen traveled to the Spartan plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in February to perform the final inspection of a new fire truck. This pumper can carry 1000 gallons of water and 40 gallons of encapsulating foam and pump 1500 gallons per minute. Expected to be placed in service in April, it replaces a 27-year-old truck which long out-lived the average 20-year lifespan. The old truck will be sold or donated to another fire department. Moon Township supervisors approved the purchase at the February 2018 board meeting. The vehicle was included in the 2018 capital budget at an amount of \$700,000. The purchase price through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperative purchasing program (COSTARS) was \$606,425.00. With the 100 percent prepayment discount of \$10,799.00, the total discounted price was \$595,626.

Sportsmen's Bash

Tickets on Sale

Saturday, April 27
12 – 7 p.m.

Public Safety Building



The annual MTVFC sportsmen's bash is coming soon! 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.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays

March 8 through April 19

11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Public Safety Building



Join the MTVFC 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**.

2018
by the Numbers

486
incidents

1,604
man-hours (incidents)

7,265
man-hours (training, fundraising, awareness)



14 Bad Habits That Could Burn Down Your House

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House fires are more common than you may realize, with potential fire starters like light bulbs, laptops, and lint traps hiding in plain sight throughout your home, disguised as harmless, everyday necessities. Are you guilty of one of these bad habits that could burn your house down? Read on to find out.

Piling Up Dirty Rags

A wood stain can bestow the perfect finishing touch on a DIY furniture project. But later on, that pile of oil-soaked rags you tossed in the corner could trigger the perfect storm: Left unattended, those rags are a very real fire hazard, as they could oxidize and spontaneously combust, causing a house fire. To dispose of oily rags properly, place them in a metal can that's been filled with water, and cover it with a tight-fitting lid, or lay them flat outside to dry.

Misusing Electric Blankets

A warm and cozy electric blanket is a welcome comfort in the cold of winter, but it also poses a potential fire hazard if used improperly. Never allow pets to snuggle up on top, and don't pile extra covers over the electric blanket, because excessive heat buildup may lead to fire. Keep your electric blanket at its lowest setting, never bend the coils, and always turn it off in the morning.

Neglecting Appliance Recalls

During the last decade, home appliances caused an estimated 150,000 fires each year, and a significant number of these were caused by defective appliances. To keep on top of recalls and prevent disaster in your home, register your appliance with the manufacturer or go to recalls.gov to find out if your models are on the list.

Lingering Dryer Lint

We all know that emptying the lint screen increases your dryer's efficiency, but did you know that lint is also flammable? Mixing excessive heat with lint buildup is a recipe for disaster. Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct regularly, as well as the interior of the dryer frame, to clear away lint and clogs, and reduce the risk of fire.

Letting Your Laptop Overheat

If you own a laptop, you know how hot it can get. When you leave your computer on your bed, couch, rug, or other soft, flammable surface, you run the risk of restricting airflow through the cooling vents, which can cause your laptop to overheat and possibly catch fire. To prevent fires, keep your laptop on a desk or table instead.

Choosing the Wrong Wattage

If you've ever thought to yourself, "It's probably OK to use this 60-watt bulb in a 40-watt socket," you're not alone. You are, however, putting your home at risk. Installing a light bulb with a wattage that is too high for a lamp or light fixture is a leading cause of electrical fires. Always check the light fixture's maximum wattage, and never go over the recommended rating.

Using Too Many Extension Cords

Extension cords are meant to be a temporary response to a lack of electrical outlets, not a permanent solution. This is why: Connecting a large number of cords for a significant amount of time can cause an overload that leads to a short circuit – which could ignite a fire. If you need additional outlets, hire a qualified electrician to install them, and you'll avoid this problem altogether.

Performing DIYs You're Not Qualified to Do

Americans will spend about \$200 billion this year fixing up their homes, and nearly a fifth of this expense will go toward DIY projects. But jobs involving electrical wiring, plumbing, and HVAC units should never be completed without a qualified professional, because gas leaks and electrical sparks resulting from improper installation are a common cause of house fires. Don't put your home and your family at risk by attempting these dangerous DIYs on your own – hire a licensed professional instead.

Disregarding Dust

Believe it or not, built-up dust can be a fire hazard if it collects in and around electronics, electrical sockets, and even floor heaters. By vacuuming on a regular basis, especially behind your electronics, you'll significantly reduce the likelihood that particles of dust will catch fire due to prolonged exposure to heat sources.

Storing Batteries Improperly

If you store 9-volt batteries in your kitchen junk drawer, you may be putting your home at risk. When loose batteries roll around with other metals, such as screws or paper clips, the two terminals could short out and generate enough heat to ignite nearby flammables. Put a piece of electrical tape over the terminals or store the batteries in their original packaging to prevent this possibility.

Ignoring Uninvited Guests

Mice and other rodents like to gnaw on electrical wires to control the length of their teeth. Over time, they can remove the sheathing, leaving the wires exposed. Unfortunately, the electric current that travels through the wire generates heat, and in the absence of sheathing this could lead to sparks caused by short circuits, which in turn could ignite the surrounding surfaces. If you suspect a rodent infestation, call a professional exterminator immediately.

Forgetting the Chimney Sweep

Dead birds, raccoon nests, cracked mortar, and built-up creosote are all common causes of chimney fires. The National Fire Protection Association recommends scheduling a professional chimney sweep at least once a year to ensure the safe operation of the chimney. And when you're building a fire in your fireplace, always light it with an approved fire starter – never kerosene. The consequences could be disastrous.

Overlooking the Range Hood

While ovens and cooktops are the most common sources of kitchen fires, range hoods also pose a potential threat. Over time, grease that has built up on the vent hood filter can drip down onto the cooktop, possibly igniting a fire. From there, the flames could easily reach your cabinets, and before you know it, your kitchen could be consumed by fire. Don't let this happen to you! Regularly clean and maintain your range hood to keep your kitchen out of harm's way.

Arranging Furniture Unwisely

If your furniture is too close to your wood stove, it could spontaneously ignite. Pyrolysis, a chemical decomposition of a combustible item, occurs when an object (say, a sofa) is continually exposed to a heat source (a wood stove) and eventually dries out. This leading yet seldom-considered cause of structural fires does not require a direct flame; all it takes is heat and time for ignition to occur.



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 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. Last year, VAA responded to more than 2,200 emergency ambulance calls in Moon Township. Ambulance responses in our combined service area totaled more than 8,000 in 2018. We also provided more than 4,000 non-emergency wheelchair van transports to patients within the service area.

As a non-profit municipal authority, VAA relies on community support and billing fees to fund its operating budget which totals more than \$3 million dollars annually. Residents often are 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% 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 again this year are only \$60 for a family or \$40 for an individual. VAA subscriptions are valid from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

To keep up with increasing expenses, VAA also conducts an annual capital fund raising campaign. Residents may contribute tax deductible donations by visiting VAA's web site at valleyamb.org.

To schedule a non-emergency transport, inquire about CPR training or obtain additional information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call **412.262.2620**, visit our web site at valleyamb.org.



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moonparks.org or on our
Facebook page.



Grow a Healthy Community:

Sponsorship Partners Build Strong Roots

Residents of Moon Township, as well as our neighboring communities, value our parks, programs and events as part of their everyday lives. Individuals, social organizations, businesses and foundations can support their ideals by investing in the health and well-being of our community through sponsorship opportunities. To see all available options, pick up a copy of the *2019 Moon Township Sponsorship Guide* at the Municipal Building or Robin Hill or view it online at moontwp.us/sponsorshipopportunities.html. The township is actively seeking partners for the following opportunities:

Moon Park Playground Gateway Honor Roll

Individuals, corporations or organizations donating over \$500 will be recognized according to their level of giving for years to come on the Honor Roll, featured prominently at the playground entrance. Enjoy a VIP grand opening event to celebrate your generosity. The ribbon cutting is coming this spring! Please contact Amy Ottaviani at 412.262.1703 ext. 402 or aottaviani@moontwp.us for more information.

Children's Artwork Wall

Purchase an ExpressionArt 4"x4" ceramic tile that will be set into a wall being constructed on the new Moon Park playground. The cost is \$100 for each tile. The deadline to submit orders and artwork is July 1. Visit moontwp.us/sponsorshipopportunities.html

to download the order form and art submission form or pick up a copy at the Moon Parks and Recreation office at Moon Park, the Municipal Building lobby kiosk, the Moon Township Public Library, or Robin Hill.

Naming Rights at Moon Park

Discover the marketing and community relations benefits of naming right sponsorship at Moon Park. Join civic-minded businesses and community groups such as Clearview Federal Credit Union, Falconi Automotive, Kenny Ross Toyota, Robert Morris University, AMROCK, Columbia Sportswear, Chevron, Moon Township Rotary and others for a long-lasting and high visibility marketing impact.

Sand Volleyball Court

New in 2018, the sand volleyball court has become one of the most popular park amenities. Located between the Falconi pavilion and the baseball cages, this is a great location to place your company name.

Pavilion

The Apollo pavilion offers high visibility as it's located close to the playground. It's currently under construction and the new structure will feature greater accessibility. Show your support of our community by putting your company's name on the pavilion.

2019 Park Pavilion Rentals

We are now taking pavilion rental reservations for the 2019 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.

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. To schedule a tour of Robin Hill Center, please call 412.262.1703 or email info@moonparks.org.

2019 Summer Job Opportunities

Moon Parks and Recreation is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, creative and reliable employees 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 bbrozovich@moontwp.us.

Park Programs & Events

Special Events

Bunny Trail

Saturday, April 20
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Moon Park

Get your baskets ready and hop on down 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 Toss, and BIG Egg & Spoon Race. Experience the Blue Ribbon Farms petting zoo with bunnies, lambs, chickens and goats! A food truck will offer tasty treats for purchase. This is a free event.

Memorial Day Ceremony & Touch-A-Truck

Sunday, May 26
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Municipal Building Memorial Garden
Help us honor America's fallen heroes with a Memorial Day ceremony. The program begins with a touch-a-truck display, which will pause at 11:30 a.m. when the Keith-Holmes Post 402 V.F.W. of Coraopolis and its Auxiliary perform commemorative services.

Lunchtime Concerts at Robin Hill

Wednesdays, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21 and September 18
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Gazebo
Bring a blanket or lawn chair enjoy music in the outdoors surrounded by the natural beauty of Robin Hill Park. Concerts are free to attend. Hot dogs, drinks and snacks are available for a small cost.

Friday Fun Nights

Fridays, starting June 14
7:30 p.m.
Moon Park Amphitheatre
Watch for more information about free Friday activities, including concerts, movies and special programs. Popcorn and drinks are available.

Moon-on-the-Go Mobile Playground

Mondays through Thursdays, June 10 – August 16
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Our mobile trailer visits local neighborhood areas providing free recreation opportunities for children ages 5 through 12. Amherst Acres (Monday); Broad Hill Farms (Tuesday); Bon Meade (Wednesday); Mooncrest (Thursday)

Sports

Spring Infant Swim Lessons

Saturdays, March 23 – May 18; no class 4/20
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Moon High School Natatorium
\$30
Infants must be accompanied by a parent. No disposable diapers permitted.

Public Swimming

Monday, June 10 – Sunday, July 14
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Moon High School Natatorium
Adults, 18 and over – \$3; Children ages 3-17 – \$2; Children under 2 free
Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Moon Township residents only.

Summer Swim Lessons

Moon High School Natatorium
\$50 per child
Session 1: Monday – Thursday, June 17- July 11
Session 2: Monday – Thursday, July 8-18
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - 3 & 4 years old
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. - beginners and intermediate 5 and older
Infants 2 and under with parent
\$30 per child
Saturdays, June 8 – July 13
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Bicycle Riding Training

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, April 2 – August 3
Hourly, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Moon Park amphitheater parking lot
\$80 for three hours of training
Classes combine kids ages 4-5 and 6-7; kids 8 years are not combined. Learn biking fundamentals and build confidence. Bicycles are provided for training. Participant must provide a helmet.

FREE Beginner Tennis Clinics

Saturdays, May 4, June 1, July 13, August 3
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Moon Park Tennis Courts
This is a free tennis clinic for anyone 16 and older who has never played tennis. Certified professionals will teach each session focusing on skill development. Please register in advance.

Cardio Tennis

Wednesdays, June 5 – September 27
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Moon Park Tennis Courts
\$20 per session, or prepay 6 sessions for \$100 and get 7th session free
This is a high impact program with fun on the court. Music, ladders, easy-to-hit balls, and lots of running will have you burning 800-1000 calories in an hour! Perfect for someone looking for a change in their fitness routine.

Summer Tennis Lessons

Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
Moon Park Tennis Courts
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. - Red Ball Clinic (ages 5-7)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Orange Ball Clinic (ages 7-9)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Junior Green Ball Clinic (ages 10-11)
June 10 – July 5 (4 weeks) – \$144
July 8, 15, 22 & 29 (1-week sessions) – \$45
August 5 - 23 (single day lessons) – \$20

Youth Flag CoEd Rugby

Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 11 – August 8
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Discovery Field @ Moon Park
\$100, fee includes shirt and jersey
Kids in 1st through 6th grades will learn the game of rugby by developing skills and playing games.

Exercise

Belly Dancing Body Fitness

Teens 15+ and Adults
Wednesdays, April 3 – May 8
Wednesdays, May 15 – June 19
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 residents; \$50 non-residents, per 6-week session; \$10 drop-in
Belly dancing body fitness is a fun high-energy, low-impact toning exercise format with emphasis on abdominal and oblique muscles set to upbeat middle eastern music. This graceful format is a total body workout that is gentle on the joints. No high-impact jumping in this exercise format, just fluid dance exercise, executed through mind and muscle-controlled movements to beautiful soulful music.

Bitty Ballet

Wednesdays, April 3 – May 8
5:15 – 5:55 p.m. (Level 1: 2.5 – 3.5 years old)
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. (Level 2: 3.5 – 5 years old)
Robin Hill Center
\$80 residents; \$85 non-residents
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.

Pilates – Teens 15+ and Adults

Wednesdays, April 3 – May 8
Wednesdays, May 15 – June 19
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$45 residents; \$50 non-residents, per 6-week session; \$10 drop-in
Instructor: Judy Elias



Programs *(continued)*

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Pound®

Teens 15+ and Adults

Tuesdays, April 2 – May 7; 4/9 class at Robin Hill

Tuesdays, May 14 – June 18

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Municipal Building

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

Instructor: Karla Tobias

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

Senior Workout

Adults 55+

Wednesdays, April 3 – May 8

Wednesdays, May 15 – June 19

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Municipal Building

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

session; \$4 drop-in

Instructor: Linda Francis

Come out and meet our instructor Linda Francis! 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.

Totally Toned

Teens 15+ and Adults

Mondays, March 4 – April 15; no class 3/25

Mondays, April 29 – June 3

7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Moon High School Fitness Room

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

Teens 15+ and Adults

Tuesdays, March 12 – April 2

Tuesdays, April 9-30

Tuesdays, May 7-28

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Municipal Building

\$40 residents; \$45 non-residents, 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!

Beginner's Zumba®

Teens 13+ and Adults

Municipal Building, March 11 – April 29; no classes 3/25 and 4/22

Mondays, May 6 – June 10

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Moon High School Fitness Room

\$45 residents; \$50 non-residents, per 6-week session

Instructor: Catherine Hollien

This class is designed for you to have fun while you burn calories. It is a great way to begin an exercise regime. Beginner's Zumba® is a combination of Latin-based dance moves: salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop, and more that will really make you sweat! Dance experience not required.

Zumbini®

Ages 0-4 w/Caregiver

Saturdays, April 6 – June 1 (8 weeks; no class April 20)

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Municipal Building

\$95 per child w/parent (includes Zumbini®

Bundle); \$60 each additional child (one Bundle per family), per 8-week session

Instructor: Ms. Jen

Created by Zumba® and BabyFirst for kids ages 0-4, the Zumbini® program combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, learning, and fun!

Arts

Splash: Water/Mixed Media Art Classes

Adults 18+

Thursdays, April 4 – May 23

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$74 residents; \$79 non-residents

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. Fee does not include supplies.

Youth / Teens

Summer Playground Program

Monday – Friday, June 10 – August 16 (no program 7/4 and 7/5)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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! Please visit moonparks.org for more information.

Safe Sitter® Babysitting and Safety Class

(Grades 6-8)

Saturday, March 2; Sunday April 7; or Saturday,

May 11

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Municipal Building

\$45 residents; \$55 non-residents

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®. This program is for young teens in grades 6 through 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.

Teen Drivers Education

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 26 – April 30; no

class April 18

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

Registration fee paid to Moon Parks and

Recreation: \$25 residents; \$30 non-residents

Class fee paid to Kennedy School of Driving: \$400

This course will be instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of the 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 secures your space in the class. The balance of \$400 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

Teacher In-Service Day/No School: Wonders of Weather!

Ages 5-12

Monday, March 25

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

7:00 a.m.; late pick up by 6:00 p.m. (included)

Robin Hill Center

\$35 residents; \$45 non-residents

Join us for a water-ful day of weather wonders!

We will build some of our own weather gages, explore stormwater models, create our own windchimes and lots more! Kids should dress for the weather and bring a lunch and two snacks.

May Day Tea Party

Ages 5-12 w/Adult

Wednesday May 1

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$10 residents; \$15 non-residents

Join us while we rekindle some old traditions of May Day! Children all over the world celebrate with flower baskets for their friends and neighbors and beautiful May Pole dances. Come for a lovely craft and some tasty treats. Finger sandwiches, cookies and other treats will be served. All adults and children attending must be registered.

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

Act 80 Day/No School: Garden Magic

Ages 5-12

Tuesday May 21

Program 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:00 a.m.; late pick up by 6:00 p.m. (included)
Robin Hill Center

\$35 residents; \$45 non-residents

Come on out for our green-thumb get together! Kids will enjoy their day off school painting rocks, planting seeds, giving the Fairy Garden a spring cleaning, and exploring the new Fleur de Lune Garden and Native Species nursery at Robin Hill. Kids should dress for the weather and bring a lunch and two snacks.

Seniors

Senior Connection Socials

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Carriage House at Robin Hill

Open to anyone age 55 and older. Come and enjoy fun and friendship every Wednesday! No registration necessary. Join us for complimentary beverages, coffee, snacks, popcorn and conversation. Drop in or stay all day. Many activities to suit many interests. Monthly schedules available at the socials. On the first Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., we can process event and program registrations onsite.

Line Dancing with Marilyn

Tuesdays

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Carriage House at Robin Hill

\$5 per person

Dance the calories away while having fun and learning some new moves. All levels of dance skill welcome. No registration required. Just drop in!

Music Bingo and Karaoke

Tuesday, March 5

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$5 per person; \$4 for Senior Connection members

Enjoy an afternoon of music Bingo and karaoke. Prizes, beverages and snacks provided. Register by Thursday, February 28.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday, March 6

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Carriage House at Robin Hill

During this regular Senior Connection Social, we'll celebrate Mardi Gras with a fun party complete with beads, masks, and games! Lunch is available for \$2 per person. Register by Monday, March 4 and pay at the event.

Victorian Tea Bus Trip

Thursday, April 25

Bus departs Carriage House at 11:00 a.m.; returns around 4:30 p.m.

\$57 per person

Our first stop is at Contemporary Craft, which is a retail shop and gallery studio of contemporary craft artists in Pittsburgh. Then on to the Omni William Penn Hotel for a lovely Victorian Tea in the Terrace Room at 2:30 p.m. Register by Thursday, April 18.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers by UPMC

Fridays, April 26 – May 31

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Do you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend, etc.? If so, attend this six-week program series that will give you the confidence and support to better care for your loved one and yourself. Thanks to UPMC, this program is offered free of charge. Just drop in! Call **412.262.1703** for location details beginning April 22.

Kentucky Derby Party with Horse Racing and Prizes

Friday, May 17

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Senior Connection @ Tapestry Senior Center, 550 Cherrington Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108
\$20 per person; \$18 for Senior Connection members

It's Derby time! Spend the afternoon at our version of Churchill Downs complete with Southern-style food, mock mint juleps, and video horseracing with prizes and music by Party On Entertainment. Ladies, wear your derby hats, and gentlemen, wear your derby duds. No money needed for betting. Register by Friday, May 10.

Music Bingo and Karaoke

Wednesday, May 22

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Senior Connection @ Tapestry Senior Center, 550 Cherrington Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108
\$5 per person; \$4 for Senior Connection members
Enjoy an afternoon of music Bingo and karaoke. Prizes, beverages and snacks provided. Register by Wednesday, May 15.

UPMC National Senior Health and Fitness Day Bus Trip: Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium

Wednesday, May 29

Bus departs Carriage House at 9:00 a.m.; returns around 4:30 p.m.

\$10 per person – Must be a Senior Connection Member – Join for free!

This will be a fun day to celebrate YOU at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. Your adventure will be packed with a full schedule of senior-related activities, information workshops, music, vendors, health screenings plus more! Water and snacks provided. This event is sponsored by UPMC. Register by Wednesday, May 22.



More Programs!

For a complete list of Moon Parks and Recreation's programs, please visit 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 or stop by the office at Moon Park.



Volunteer Opportunities!



Looking for High School Volunteers ages 14-17
(18+ must submit PA State required clearances)
Leadership hours available for some programs/events

History's Mysteries

In-Service program for ages 5-12:
February 18, 2-8 hour shifts between
6:30am-6:30pm, considered
leadership hours

Wonders of Weather

In-Service program for ages 5-12:
March 25, 2-8 hour shifts 6:30am-6:30pm,
considered leadership hours

Bunny Trail

April 20, 10:30-1:30

May Day Tea Party

Tea party for children and families:
May 1, 5:00-7:30

Moon Parks Summer Program

June 10-Aug 16, 2-8 hour shifts
7:00am-6:00pm, flexible schedule for
volunteers, considered leadership hours

Moon Wizarding Festival

September 7, general volunteer shifts
available and committee leadership
positions for leadership hours

Sign Up!

Contact Amy Ottaviani aottaviani@moontwp.us 412-262-1703 ext 402 for additional volunteer opportunities and Lisa Shaughnessy lshaughnessy@moontwp.us 412-262-1703 ext 403 for more information about volunteer opportunities with Moon Parks and Recreation.

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

Moon Township Property Tax Statements to Mail April 1

The Township of Moon municipal property tax statements will be in the mail by or on April 1, 2019. If you do not receive your Moon Township property tax statement by the end of the first week of April, contact the office as soon as possible so we can mail a duplicate.

Your property is identified by the Block/Lot which is located at the top left hand corner of all statements. It contains three numbers followed by a dash and a letter and then more numbers. The account number is an alphabetical listing by the county for all properties. It changes yearly. If you pay using your bank's e-check option, please do not use the account number from the previous year or an older statement you might have. These numbers are incorrect and often we are unable to locate the parcel for which the check should be applied. Also, please remember that your bank mails these in regular mail just like any personal check. The envelopes never have a postmark. So, if you plan to use this option to pay your statement, do not wait until the end of the discount or face period. Often these checks arrive past the due dates, and without a postmark I will not be able to honor them.

Online payments are available by logging onto the property tax office website at moontaxoffice.us. I am exploring options to have credit or debit cards accepted at the office counter as well beginning this collection year.

2019 Property Tax Information at a Glance

- The 2019 municipal tax mileage will remain the same as 2014 at 2.74 mills.
- The 2019 homestead exemption will remain at \$15,000. The property's FULL assessment value will be reduced by this amount and the tax is calculated by multiplying the mileage rate and reduced by 2 percent if paid by the end of discount period, May 31.
- The 2019 senior citizen tax relief program (Act 77) will permit a 30 percent reduction in assessment value of the property. The millage is calculated based on the lower amount. This reduction mirrors the county allowance. Act 77 is a senior program, applied through the county and is based on age, income, primary residence and length of time in your home. Applications can be found on the Allegheny County website or at my office.

2018 Property Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector

All outstanding 2018 property tax payments for both Moon Township and Moon Area School District were turned over in January 2019 to the law offices of Weiss, Burkhardt & Kramer, LLC. Once this occurs, my office has little or no information to provide assistance. The delinquent collectors report directly to the taxing authorities and not to my office or myself. Only general questions can be answered by the Moon Property Tax Office once a tax has been turned over as delinquent.

Notify the Property Tax Office with Changes

As a reminder, all property owners need to notify the tax office if any changes have occurred such as new owner, deed change, no longer have an escrow, etc. The property tax office does not get notified routinely and a property owner is responsible for their property taxes whether they receive a bill or not. Please note that any change to the deed for any reason creates the need to reapply for all tax relief programs.

New Office Hours Start April 1

The Moon Township property tax office will begin spring/summer/fall office hours for the 2019 collection year on April 1, 2019. Office hours are:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday –
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday – 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please check the property tax office website for office hours, holiday closings, important property tax information and online payment information. Never hesitate to contact the office with property tax related questions. For more in-depth issues, setting up an appointment or calling first is recommended and welcomed so that I can research or plan time in the office to meet with tax payers.



Don't Believe the Label: Flushable Wipes Clog Sewers

Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable and/or flushable, including baby and adult personal hygiene products, household wipes and cleaning towelettes. While they will flush down the toilet, it's not at all safe to do so.

Unlike toilet paper, these products do not break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer line, especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots or other obstructions already existing. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a very costly sewer repair.

When these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together, causing very large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines and tangles in pump stations. These situations require repair or replacement of equipment, which affect

sewage rates.

John Riley, general manager of the Moon Township Municipal Authority, reported that MTMA charges the lowest water rates in the region, as well as competitive sewage rates. This is the result of proper facility maintenance and the ability of MTMA to manage and conduct many of their projects themselves.

"I urge everyone to help keep our rates low by knowing what's not appropriate to flush," said Riley. "Keeping these items out of the sewer system avoids costly repairs that would eventually have to be passed on to our customers."

For more information about MTMA or to learn more about sanitary sewer backup procedures, visit moontma.com or call **412.264.4300**.



The following items should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- Any wipes, including disinfecting, cosmetic, baby, pet, first aid or jewelry
- Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues (Kleenex)
- Disposable diapers
- Bio-pads (healthcare products)
- Cotton swabs
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Moist towelettes
- Consumer items that are not toilet paper
- Grease and oil
- Medication
- Chemicals



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Tune In to Public Awareness Weekend

MCA-TV's Public Awareness Weekend returns on March 29 and 30! Public Awareness Weekend is a two-day, 24-hour live television event featuring interview broadcasts with 44 Pittsburgh-area nonprofits. Learn how these great organizations are making our area a great place to live, and see how you can get involved!

Free Television Production Course

MCA-TV relies on volunteers to produce, edit and star in our community programs. If you ever wondered what it would be like to work in television, give it a try by signing up for our television production training course. It's 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 which allows them to create their own TV show or assist someone else in creating theirs. 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, May 9 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

MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television
Comcast channel 18
Verizon Fios channel 37

Calling All Filmmakers!

The Kenny Ross Toyota of Moon Township Film Festival returns in June, marking the eighth year for the competition. MCA-TV invites local filmmakers to test their creative talents in any of 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. Last year, thanks to monetary donations from generous sponsors, MCA-TV awarded more than \$3,500 in prizes.

Enter your original film before the June 1 deadline and watch the event live on MCA-TV on Saturday, June 15. 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 or contact Allison Eastham, Director of Community Programming, at 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 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.

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GRAND PRIZE

SUBMISSIONS

**EARLY SUBMISSION
UNTIL MAY 1 - \$15**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE
UNTIL JUNE 1 - \$20**

To submit your film visit mca-tv.org/filmfest.pdf and complete the entry form.

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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.us 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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