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WINTER 2017



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A CAREER OF SERVICE

CHIEF LEO McCARTHY RETIRES
AFTER 41 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MOON



Community Development



Public Works



Green Initiatives



Parks & Recreation



Community Television



Police



Fire



Library

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

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

Christmas, December 25 and 26

New Year's Day, January 1

Presidents' Day, February 19

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Community Development



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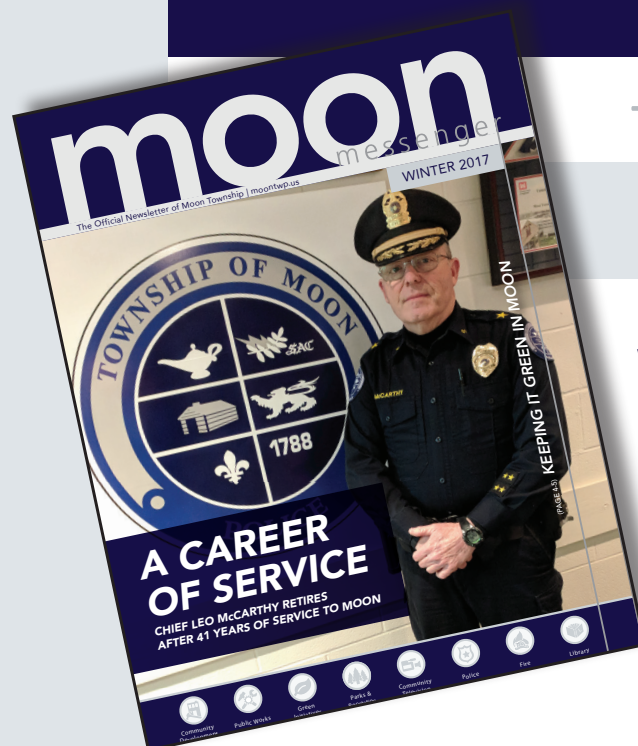
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The Cover

Police Chief Leo McCarthy
Retires After 41 Years

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

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT make it moon

A Letter from the Township Manager

As we look ahead to the new year, many of us partake in the tradition of making a commitment to some self-improvement plan or to do an act of kindness. Generally, these are personal goals held within a relatively tight comfort zone. This year, I encourage you to take a step or two out of that comfort zone to get involved right here in Moon, whether it be as a resident, an organization or a business partner.

We have plenty of opportunities for all ages throughout the year. Our Parks and Recreation Department often needs volunteers for their programs, such as Family Fun Nights, P.A.L.S., flag football, youth basketball, the annual 5K or the Independence Day celebration, to name a few. If that's not your "thing", how about volunteering to help extend the trail system through Moon? If you have a more adventurous spirit, consider joining the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Department. Have you ever thought it would be fun to operate a TV camera or host or produce a television show? MCA-TV volunteers film local events around the area, including Moon Township, Moon Area School District, Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, Robert Morris University, and more. Did you know we have a very active historical group? If you have some facts, pictures or stories to share about way back when, they would love to have you.

We also have plenty of opportunities for businesses and groups to get involved in a stewardship program. They can be as simple as sponsoring an activity at one of our events, supplying labor for tree or perennial plantings to beautify our parks, or maybe something a little more challenging such as trimming of trails or helping to cut in a new trail. These programs offer wonderful opportunities for team building.

The ways you can give back to our community are almost limitless. And if you have an idea for a volunteer project, be sure to share it with us. We're happy to help make your New Year's resolution a success. And what better way to make the world a better place than by starting in your own back yard?

Dawn Lane
Township Manager



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GREEN INITIATIVES make it moon

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Employees Amy Ottaviani, Jesse Descutner and Lora Dombrowski represented Moon Township at the 2016-2017 Green Workplace Challenge celebration at the Heinz History Center.

Moon Earns Third Place at Pittsburgh Green Workplace Challenge

The annual Pittsburgh Green Workplace Challenge is an opportunity for organizations to receive recognition for their sustainable and equitable efforts; it's also an opportunity to compete against one another! More than 90 southwestern Pennsylvania employers participated in the year-long, friendly competition. Organizations earned a varying degree of points for completing and implementing different sustainable actions in categories such as energy, water, materials management, transportation, air quality, and equity.

Moon Township placed third in the Small Municipalities/Local Government category, which is comprised of municipalities with a population of 25,000 or less. The township earned a total of 218 points for several initiatives including: the Public Works Department's composting program; the farmers' market hosted at the Municipal Building; the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program; the conversion of street lights to LED; and the vegetable garden curated by the Felician Sisters in Mooncrest. Upper Saint Clair earned first place with 323 points, while the Borough of Monaca took second place with 250 points.

A Thank You from the Farmers' Market

Moon Township thanks the community, vendors and sponsors for supporting the annual farmers' market. The market was open from 3-6 p.m. at the Municipal Building on Wednesdays June through September. Some vendors offer product year-round. If you didn't stock up on your favorite products, try contacting the vendors. You'll find the list at moontwp.com/farmersmarket.html. If you are a vendor interested in setting up shop in 2018, email Amy Ottaviani at aottaviani@moontwp.us or call 412.262.1703 ext. 403.

New Pavilion at Moon Golf Club

Moon Golf Club hosted the 3rd annual Greg Smith Memorial golf outing in September. The outing honors the late township manager who loved golf and valued the importance of recreation and open space. Money raised from the event funded a picnic shelter at the golf club.

Pollutant Reduction Plan to Protect Water Quality

Moon Township applied for renewal of an existing stormwater permit for discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), which regulates the discharge of stormwater from the township's MS4 to ponds and streams to protect and improve water quality. The township's MS4 system is inclusive of inlets, catch basins, storm sewer pipes, and swales, among many other facilities that collect, convey or manage stormwater.

This introduced new requirements for many municipalities across Pennsylvania and include development of a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) to reduce discharge of pollutants into impaired watersheds. In Moon Township, the impaired watersheds include McClaren's Run, Flaugherty Run, McCabe Run, Montour Run and Narrows Run. PADEP has identified sediment and nutrients as pollutants of concern to be addressed during the 2018 permit term. A minimum 10 percent reduction in discharge of sediment and 5 percent reduction in discharge of nutrients from the township's MS4 is required to be achieved during the 5-year permit term.

The PRP includes an analysis of the township's existing contribution of sediment to the streams such that the required pollutant reduction could be identified. To achieve this reduction the PRP developed by the township identifies projects to implement or construct Best Management Practices (BMPs) to treat stormwater runoff. Moon's PRP proposes a combination of stream restoration projects and water quality improvements to existing stormwater detention basins to achieve required pollutant reductions and improve water quality. The PRP is anticipated to be approved by PADEP by March 2018. The township will have five years to implement the plan including completion of final design, construction of proposed BMPs, and achievement of required pollutant reductions.



To view Moon Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan, please visit moontwp.com/prp.pdf.



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Tree's Company Groups Team Up for Green Initiative at Moon Park

Over the past several years, the emerald ash borer insect has infested ash trees across Pennsylvania. The insect is a half-inch long metallic green beetle originally from Asia. The larvae stage of the beetle is very harmful, feeding on the inner bark of the trees and interfering with the tree's ability to get the water and nutrients it needs to survive and thrive. Infected trees die within three to five years. In Allegheny County, the insect is responsible for the loss of thousands of trees. With over 300 acres of canopy lost due to the emerald ash borer, Moon Township placed in the top 10 municipalities in Allegheny County for tree canopy loss between 2010 and 2015.

Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the region's vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree maintenance, planting, education and advocacy. The group has planted over 40,000 trees in Allegheny County since 2007.

Matthew Erb, Director of Urban Forestry for Tree Pittsburgh, contacted the township about its eligibility as a potential location for a diverse and native species tree planting event. Moon Township recognizes the need to improve tree management in our parks and open spaces to mitigate further tree

canopy reduction, to enhance the health and beauty of our community, and to educate and communicate sustainable tree management strategies and plans to residents. The Moon Township Green Team, along with Erb, selected the perimeter of the parking lot near the baseball cages at Moon Park as the ideal location for the trees to help mitigate the heat island effect, improve air quality, prevent soil erosion; conserve energy and water; manage storm water, and beautify the landscape.

The project involved the coordination and cooperation of Tree Pittsburgh, the Moon Township Green Team, the Moon Township Public Works Department and volunteers from FedEx, a national sponsor of the Arbor Day Foundation's Community Tree Recovery Program which helps replace trees lost by natural disasters, including the emerald ash borer.

Forty-five volunteers from FedEx arrived at Moon Park on a cold October morning to dig holes in the rocky western Pennsylvania soil and plant a total of 20 native species trees, including Continental Appeal Linden, Exclamation Planetree, Dawn Redwood, and Swamp White Oak. The gracious donation of these trees will positively impact the sustainability, health, and beauty of Moon Park and the greater community for years

to come, and it will serve as an excellent educational opportunity for residents by providing a specific example of sustainable tree management.

This project is a testament to the township's desire to combat future reduction of the area's overall tree canopy coverage and to promote a healthier and happier lifestyle for all residents and visitors of our community. It aligns with the Moon Township Comprehensive Plan for advancing and promoting sustainability in the community.

Interested in Sustainability and Group Volunteer Opportunities?

This project revealed the successes that can be achieved when the community cooperates in a sustainability-minded manner. It's an important step that will lead to more sustainable and proactive actions throughout the community. Businesses and organizations interested in sustainability opportunities within Moon Township should contact Amy Ottaviani, Community Engagement and Sponsorship Coordinator, at **412.262.1703 ext. 402** or **aottaviani@moontwp.us**.



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Chief McCarthy to Retire After 41 Years

After serving three years in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps at Fort Hood, Leo McCarthy joined the Moon Township police force as a uniformed patrol officer in November 1976. He rose through the ranks serving as a detective and sergeant before being promoted to captain in 1999, and then to chief in 2005.

McCarthy was instrumental in bringing the free summer lunch program to Mooncrest. Made possible by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, this program is sponsored by the Moon Township Police Department. It's designed to continue the lunch meals children get at school during the academic year. This year marked the program's 17th year at Mooncrest. "For many of these kids, it's their best meal of the day," said McCarthy. "And it's an opportunity for our officers to build relationships with the community."

Thanks to McCarthy, the Moon Township Police Department is one of the few child safety seat inspection stations in the southwestern Pennsylvania area approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Five officers are certified child safety seat technicians, which qualifies them to ensure child safety seats fit and are installed properly. Chief says officers assist an average of 15 families per week, with about half of them being Moon residents. The others come from all around the area. Parents interested in scheduling an appointment for an inspection or installation may schedule an appointment by calling **412.262.5000** or emailing childseat@moonpolice.us. The program also provides free child safety seats on loan to families in need.

Another popular program is the bicycle helmet giveaway, which McCarthy and his wife started with their own money. Later, assistance came from a host of other organizations, and today, the department uses federal drug forfeiture money to purchase high-quality helmets from a business that sells only to nonprofit organizations. They also purchase bicycles to give away at community events. "It's very rewarding to see the look in a child's eye when they receive a new bike," said McCarthy.

Chief's most memorable day was August 20, 1996 when he delivered a baby in the police station parking lot. The parents were on their way to the hospital, but the baby couldn't wait. They pulled off into the police station where McCarthy was working as a patrol sergeant. "It all happened so quickly," said McCarthy. "Suddenly I had this baby in my hands. I'd never delivered a baby before." Fast forward 17 years to 2014 when that baby graduated from high school. Her parents invited Chief to the party. It was the first time they'd met since she was born. As the police department chief, McCarthy made sure all Moon police vehicles carry a basic obstetric kit.

"It's been a pleasure serving this great community," said McCarthy. "I've tried to lead a police department that provides an honest service while showing empathy and mercy to people. I believe that comes from the top down."

Chief says he's looking forward to retirement. "I don't plan on doing anything related to law enforcement," he said. "But I do plan to continue serving the community in some manner." One thing he knows for sure - he'll continue picking up the trash along Stoops Ferry Road. Be sure to toot and wave if you see him.

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



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Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays

February 16 – 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.

Allow Clear Passage

Moon Township police remind the community to refrain from blocking the entry and exit ways to the police station when stopped at the traffic light on Thorn Run Road Ext. Emergencies can happen at any moment. Please don't prevent officers from responding quickly.



Thank You

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company thanks everyone who attended their open house in October during National Fire Prevention Week. It was a great opportunity for hands-on learning about fire safety, creating a fire escape plan, how to operate a fire extinguisher and more.

CCAC Offers FireVEST Scholarship

Fire companies are essential to ensuring safe and well-protected communities. Firefighters in the 203 volunteer fire companies in Allegheny County protect over 910,00 people and save the county an estimated \$60 million each year. To help meet the challenges of keeping fire companies fully staffed, well trained and ready to respond, CCAC, the Allegheny County Executive Office and the Allegheny County Fire Academy formed the FireVEST scholarship program in 2009.

FireVEST – which stands for Fire Volunteer, Education Service and Training – is the only program of its kind in Pennsylvania. Individuals enrolled in the program receive a full scholarship to any associate degree or certificate program at CCAC, as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy, in exchange for a five-year service commitment as a volunteer firefighter within the county. Of the 200 scholarships offered per year, 150 are for new recruits in exchange for a commitment of five years of service to a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County, while 50 scholarships will be awarded to existing volunteers in exchange for a commitment of five additional years of service.

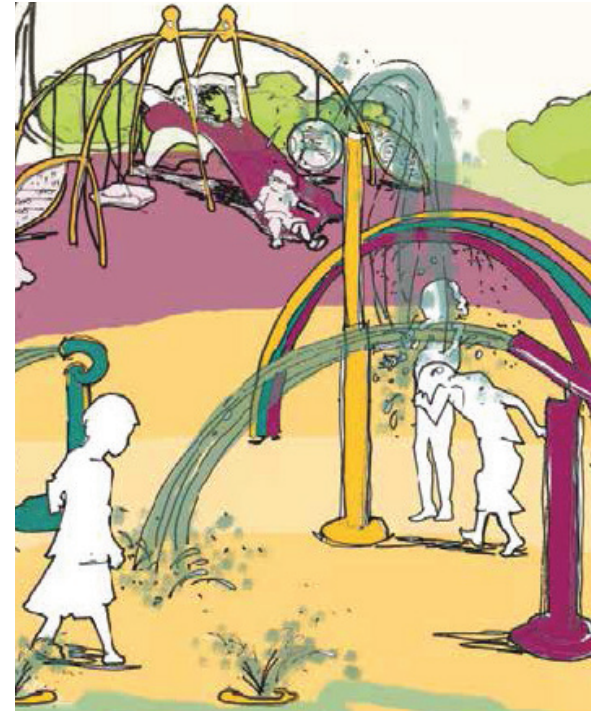
Visit ccac.edu/FireVEST_Scholarship_Program.aspx to learn more about the FireVEST scholarship program.

Visit the All-New moontwpfire.com



PARKS & RECREATION make it moon

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Help Build the New Moon Park Playground

Construction on the new playground at Moon Park is scheduled to begin in Spring 2018, with completion targeted for November 2018. The design calls for replacement of all existing equipment with new features. The conceptual designs can be viewed online at moonparks.org.

Moon Township has successfully secured grants and other funding for the playground project. The Board of Supervisors supports the new playground plan and looks forward to its completion. However, the township is seeking to partner with community and corporate sponsors in building the new Moon

Park playground as more funds are needed to create this playful paradise.

Individuals and businesses can help build the new playground by participating in one of the fundraisers below.

Donor Wall

Honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or promote your business with a 12" x 12" brick.

Children's Expression Art Tile

Your child's artwork is preserved on a recognition wall with a 4" x 4" tile.

Trees and Benches

Provide a rest spot for kids and families to take a break, or contribute to the rain garden or to the purchase of trees, shrubbery and plants to add additional beauty.

Cash Contributions

Donate the amount that's right for your budget, or set up a monthly giving plan. Everyone is welcome to be a part of building the playground.

Components

Exclusive opportunities for corporate naming rights in featured areas, including:

- 2-5-year-old play area
- 5-12-year-old play area
- Adventure play area
- Nature play area
- Splash pad
- Sand pit
- Adult fitness area

All corporate component sponsors receive the following benefits:

- Company name and logo displayed prominently at playground gateway and applicable featured play areas,
- Name recognized on stage at grand opening ceremony,
- Public recognition to include township websites, social media, and newsletters,
- Public thank you at a Board of Supervisors meeting, and
- Stewardship and volunteer opportunities.

Get Started

Contact Amy Ottaviani, Community Engagement and Sponsorship Coordinator, at aottaviani@moontwp.us or 412.262.1703 ext. 402 to learn more about the Moon Park playground.

Park Programs & Events

2018 Park Pavilion Rental Information

Moon Township residents may reserve pavilions for May through September 2018 beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 12 at the Municipal Building, located at 1000 Beaver Grade Road. All pavilions and fees are listed at moonparks.org. Beginning February 13, resident reservations may be made at the Moon Parks and Recreation office at Moon Park, located at 1350 Ewing Road. All pavilion rentals must be arranged in person. Please call **412.262.1703** for more information. Please note: Due to Moon Park playground redevelopment, the Saturn pavilion will not be available for rent in 2018. Non-residents may reserve pavilions at the Parks and Recreation office at Moon Park beginning Tuesday, February 20.

Robin Hill Center Rentals

Robin Hill Center reservations may be made up to one year to the month 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 on our website at moonparks.org. To schedule a tour of Robin Hill Center, please call **412.262.1703** or email 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.

Sports

Youth Floor Hockey

Boys and girls ages 4-14
(age groups 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14)
Saturdays, March 10 – May 12
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Moon Middle School Aux Gym
\$40 resident; \$45 non-resident
(t-shirt included)

Future Stars Floor Hockey

Boys and girls ages 4-6
Saturdays, February 3 – March 28
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Rheema Christian School
\$40 resident; \$45 non-resident (t-shirt included)

Skating at the Outdoor Rink at Moon Park Coming this Winter!

Moon Parks and Recreation will set up an outdoor ice skating rink on the basketball courts at Moon Park. Visit moonparks.org for times. Skating is dependent on weather conditions. Waivers must be signed and on file in the Parks and Recreation office prior to skating. Only skating is permitted.

Bitty Ballet Camps

Ages 3-6
Wednesdays, January 24 – February 28
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

Exercise

Totally Toned – Adults & Teens 15+

Mondays, January 8 – March 5 (no classes 1/15, 1/22 & 2/19); March 19 – April 30 (no class 4/2)
7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident, per 6-week session
Instructor Karla Tobias

Pilates - Adults & Teens 15+

Wednesdays, January 10 – February 14; February 21 – March 28
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident, per 6-week session; \$10 drop-in
Instructor Judy Elias

Beginner's Zumba – Adults & Teens 13+

Mondays, January 8 – March 5 (no classes 1/15, 1/22 & 2/19); March 19- April 30 (no class no class 4/2)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident, per 6-week session
Instructor Catherine Hollien

Zumba Fitness – Adults & Teens 13+

Thursdays, January 11 – February 15; February 22 – March 29
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident, per 6-week session; \$10 drop-in

Yoga: Basics and More – Adults & Teens 15+

Tuesdays, January 9 – 30; February 6 – 27; March 6 – 27
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$40 resident; \$45 non-residents, per 4-week session; \$12 drop-in
Instructor Jen Stratakis

Senior Workout with Linda Francis

Wednesdays, February 21 – March 28
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$21 resident; \$25 non-resident, per 6-week session; \$4 drop-in
Instructor Linda Francis

Pound – Adults and teens 15+

Tuesdays, January 9 – February 13; February 20 – March 27
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$45 resident; \$50 non-resident; \$10 drop-in

Arts

Splash – Water/Mixed Media Art Classes – Adults 18+

Thursdays, January 18 – March 8
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$74 resident; \$79 non-resident; Fee does not include supplies.

Youth / Teens

Holiday Parents' Night Out – Ages 5-12

Friday, December 15
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$15 resident; \$20 non-resident

Teen Board Game Night w/Pizza – Ages 13-18

Thursday, January 11
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$8 resident; \$10 non-resident
Keep calm and pizza on!

Around the World in a Day (MLK Holiday / No School) – Ages 5-12

Monday, January 15
Program 9:00 – 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 resident; \$45 non-resident



Programs *(continued)*

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Pokémon Training Day

(In-Service Day / No School) – Ages 5-12

Monday, January 22

Program 9:00 – 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 resident; \$45 non-resident

Teen Un-Valentine's Day Party – Ages 13-18

Tuesday, February 13

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$8 resident; \$10 non-resident

Kids' Valentine Pajama Party

(Parents' Night Out!) – Ages 5-12

Wednesday, February 14

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$15 resident; \$20 non-resident

Science & Slime (In-Service Day / No School)

Ages 5-12

Monday, March 12

Program 9:00 – 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 resident; \$45 non-resident

American Girl Tea Party – Ages 5-12

Wednesday, March 21

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$10 resident; \$15 non-resident

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

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- 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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Seniors

Music Bingo

Tuesday, January 9

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$4 per person (\$1 discount for members of the Senior Connection)

Register by January 2

Cowboy Brunch and Sing-A-Long

Thursday, January 18

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Robin Hill Center

\$5 per person

Register by January 11

Snowball Mixer

Tuesday, January 30

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Carriage House at Robin Hill

\$3 per person

Register by January 23

Pasta Dinner & Italian Music

Thursday, February 15

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$7 per person (\$1 discount for members of the Senior Connection)

Register by February 8

Music Bingo

Tuesday, February 20

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$4 per person (\$1 discount for members of the Senior Connection)

Register by February 13

Bus Trip: Lincoln Park

"The Great Gatsby"

Sunday, February 25

12:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Pick up and drop off at Carriage House at Robin Hill Center

\$53 per person;

Price includes buffet dinner

Register by February 12

**Register for senior events by calling
412.262.1703 ext. 404 Tuesdays
through Thursdays.**

Special Events

Brunch with Santa

Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Moon Township Public Safety Building

\$5 per person; RSVP by Monday, November 27

Enjoy food, holiday crafts and a visit from Santa!

Moon Township Light Up Night

Saturday, December 2

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

All Moon Township families are invited to enjoy a festive afternoon leading up to the lighting of the township Christmas tree. Music and Christmas carols fill the air as activities include crafts, story time, live ice carving, horse-drawn wagon rides, a Kiddy Whip ride, snacks and a visit from Santa Claus! This is a free event.

P.A.L.S.

Fridays

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bon Meade Elementary School

FREE

P.A.L.S. is a recreational program for children with special needs and their family and friends. Participants enjoy a variety of activities including movies, games, and special events.

P.A.L.S. Christmas Party

Friday, December 8

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

FREE, RSVP by Friday, December 1

P.A.L.S. participants will celebrate the season with food, entertainment and a visit from Santa.

TAX INFORMATION



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Office Fax 412-299-7420

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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 Reminders

The Moon Township Property Tax office is winding down for the 2017 property tax collection year. Currently, we are collecting the 10 percent penalty amount for Moon Township property taxes. The Moon Area School District property taxes due for 2017 are also in the 10 percent penalty amount for the full payment. If the taxpayer chose to pay in four installments, the last installment at the face amount was due by November 30. If an installment was missed or the final has not been paid, all outstanding installments are due at the 10 percent penalty amount as listed on the coupon. All unpaid property taxes must be received by the Moon tax office no later than December 31, 2017. After January 1, 2018, all unpaid taxes will be considered delinquent and turned over to the delinquent collection agency as appointed by the taxing authority of that particular tax. Please contact my office with any questions or concerns. Typically, the Moon tax office begins closing the books and preparing for the auditors for both taxing authorities after the first week of January.

Fraud Awareness

The Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors Association, Inc. held their 59th annual convention in Greensburg, PA October 20-21, 2017. I attended the conference and earned seven education credits by attending workshops which addressed topics that included legal matters, PA General Assembly legislative updates on property tax collection laws, fraud awareness and prevention, best practices for tax collection offices and the importance of customer service.

The workshop on fraud awareness and prevention was presented by several banking institutions, and I would like to share some of what I learned. There are many scams out there and new ones are popping up each day. Be aware and never ever provide personal information over the phone to someone who called you. Scammers often pretend to be from well-known companies to try and gain your trust. The workshop covered topics such as lottery scams, work-from-home scams, mystery shopper scams, charitable organization scams, lonely hearts scams such as bogus matchmaking services, internet auction scams and inheritance scams. You can learn more about these types of scams by contacting your bank. The PA Attorney General's office also has lots of information about scams, cybersecurity and useful tips to avoid being scammed.

Over the holidays, counterfeit bills are in higher circulation than other times of the year. The U.S. Secret Service handles investigations involving counterfeit money. Get some tips for identifying counterfeit currency and checks on the Important Links section of my website at moontaxoffice.us.

My office accepts cash payments for property taxes, although few taxpayers pay with cash. In order for my office to accept cash, the amount must be exact. Since my office is not a secured bank, I keep no change in the office whatsoever. Cash payments are deposited immediately into the bank. However, I encourage all taxpayers to obtain a money order, counter check, cashier's check or use a personal check rather than pay with cash.

I hope you find this information useful and informative. Never hesitate to contact my office for questions relating to your property taxes. For more information and holiday closings, please visit my website at moontaxoffice.us.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Catherine L. Tress, PQMC
Moon Township Property Tax Collector



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Annual Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 9
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a day full of holiday fun! We will have something for the entire family including crafts, stories, hot chocolate, and pictures with Santa! Also join us for:

- Cookie Walk – \$10 per container
 - Used Book Sale
 - Vendor Sale – handmade goods and art
- * Please call the library at **412.269.0334** for vendor registration information.

Moon Shine Craft Beer & Wine Tasting

The Moon Township Public Library would like to thank all the generous sponsors that made our annual Moon Shine Craft Beer & Wine Tasting event possible.

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VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



Winter Safety Tips

Valley Ambulance Authority (VAA) is proud to serve as the designated provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation for Moon Township. VAA also provides EMS services to neighboring communities including Crescent Township, Coraopolis and Neville Island.

In this edition, we encourage all residents to be safe this winter season by following these helpful tips provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Check Your Heating Systems

- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly and ventilated to the outside
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys
- Install a smoke detector and test the batteries monthly
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available

Prevent Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emergencies

- Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and/or garage
- Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house
- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas
- Check your CO detector batteries regularly
- Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headaches, nausea, and disorientation

- Leave your home immediately if the CO detector sounds or if you have any symptoms of CO poisoning, and call 911

Take Steps to Prevent the Flu

- The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year in the fall
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands often
- Stay home if you're sick

Prepare Winter Emergency Kits for Home and Auto

Home Kit: Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- Stock food that requires no cooking or refrigeration and store water in clean containers
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged
- Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and other lamps
- Extra batteries, a first-aid kit and extra medicine

Auto or Truck Kit: Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- Stock food that requires no cooking or refrigeration and store water in clean containers
- Booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction)
- Blankets, a compass and maps
- A flashlight, a battery-powered radio, and extra batteries
- A first-aid kit and plastic bags (for sanitation)

Check on Your Family, Neighbors and Pets

In the event of a power outage, extreme cold temperatures or a large snowfall, please consider checking on family members and/or neighbors who may be at risk including young children, older adults, and the chronically ill. Also, if you have pets, bring them inside during these periods of severe winter weather. If you cannot bring them inside, please provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen water to drink.

Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks!

Did you know that it is illegal to text while driving in Pennsylvania and in 43 other states? Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field. Reaching for a phone, dialing, texting and other uses of portable devices increase the risk of getting into a crash by 300%!

Don't Drink and Drive

Everyone should know that alcohol use impairs skills needed to drive a car safely. It slows reaction time and impairs judgment and coordination. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 48 minutes.

For more safety tips, please visit the CDC's website at cdc.gov/features/winterweather.

For more tips on the dangers of texting and driving, please visit stoptextsstopwrecks.org.

For more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call 412.262.2620 or visit our web site at valleyamb.org.



MCA-TV Takes Home Two Community Media Awards

Pittsburgh Community Television (PCTV) hosted the Greater Pittsburgh Community Media Awards in October. The first of its kind ceremony in Pittsburgh celebrated community media producers at PCTV, Moon Community Access (MCA-TV), Bethel Park Public Access (BPTV), and the City of Pittsburgh's Cable Bureau.

Earl Edwards claimed the prize for Best Historical Program. An MCA-TV community producer for 15 years, Earl has produced numerous historical shows for the station including features on steam engines and area log cabins.

Dr. Marc Schneiderman won the Best Informative Program category. A quarterly production, "The Doctor is In" presents complex medical issues in an easily understandable manner. The program won a Telly Award and a Communicator Award in 2009.

MCA-TV Prepares for Public Awareness Weekend 2018

Join MCA-TV for the annual Public Awareness Weekend scheduled for March 9-10, 2018. Public Awareness Weekend (PAW), is a two-day, 24-hour live television event featuring interview broadcasts with Pittsburgh-area nonprofits. 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 35,000 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 or call MCA-TV at 412.269.1191. Interviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Television Production Training Class

MCA-TV announced dates for its next television production training course. Classes are free and open to residents of any community.

Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays for four weeks beginning Thursday, January 25 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. Classes are held 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.

Calling All Filmmakers!

The MCA-TV Film Festival returns in May, marking the seventh year for the competition. Area filmmakers are invited to put their creativity to the test! Last year, thanks to monetary donations from local companies, MCA-TV awarded more than \$3,200 in prizes.

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.

Deadline for submissions is May 10!



PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Gears Up For Winter

The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts warmer-than-normal temperatures with slightly above-normal precipitation and below-normal snowfall in the Ohio Valley Region this winter. While that may sound like good news, the Moon Township Public Works department doesn't take lightly to winter weather preparation.

Planning begins long before snow and ice are a threat. Beginning as early as September, Public Works employees review snow removal routes and inspect and service equipment. Township salt storage facilities are stockpiled with 6,500 tons of salt and 4,000 gallons of calcium chloride, which aids in melting snow and ice in frigid temperatures. Additionally, the township entered into a trade agreement with Allegheny County in last year, which calls for Public Works to mow the grass at county-owned property located within the township in exchange for salt brine free of charge.

Salt brine is granulated salt that is diluted in water. It adheres to and stays on the roadway prior to any winter weather accumulation and can be applied hours ahead of an anticipated event. This provides more immediate, increased safety for motorists once accumulation begins. Regular granulated salt, when applied before snowfall, would usually be swept away by traffic.

Road crews maintain 14 snow routes covering 137 miles of township roads and 25 miles of state and county roads. It's important to note that University Boulevard, Interstate 376, Stoops Ferry, Flaugherty Run, and Montour Run are state roads that are maintained by PennDOT, not Moon Township.

During anticipated snow events, the Public Works Department closely monitors the latest weather information, road temperatures and radar data to determine when it will be necessary to dispatch salt crews. Priority is given to primary roads and bus routes, then state and county roads, followed by subdivision streets and cul-de-sacs. As of last year, Public Works added a second shift to maintain major roads throughout the night. Crews also help maintain township facility parking lots and some sidewalks.

"Once the snow starts, our snowplow operators become the most visible members of the department," says Public Works Operations Manager John Scott. "Their work directly impacts the lives of our residents, and without their effort and dedication it would be impossible to achieve the levels of safety and mobility we expect."

Helpful Winter Weather Tips

With the arrival of the winter season, the Moon Township Public Works department urges residents to be prepared for driving in inclement weather as road crews work to keep township roads passable. Here are some tips for the upcoming snow season:

- Check that your tires are safe for snow. Experts that drivers expecting to encounter snow-covered roads consider replacing their tires when they reach approximately 5/32" of remaining tread depth to maintain good mobility. Tires need more tread depth in wintry conditions to compress snow in their grooves and release it as they roll.
- Be aware of changing road conditions and know how to brake on slippery roads.
- Stay 100 feet (or 5 car lengths) from the snow plow truck so the driver can see you.
- Do not park on township roads between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. (Chapter 15, Section 403 of the Moon Township Code of Ordinances)
- Residents are required to remove snow from their sidewalks. (Chapter 21, Section 107)
- Do not pile snow in a manner that blocks motorists' view of oncoming traffic.
- Do not plow or shovel snow from driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks into the streets. (Chapter 21, Section 401)
- To help reduce the amount of snow that will be pushed back into your driveway during snow plow operations, pile snow near the road on the right side of the driveway.
- Remove portable basketball hoops, hockey nets, and any other obstructions from public roadways, cul-de-sacs and township rights of way.
- Place garbage cans and recycling containers back in the driveway entrance to avoid spillage. Questions pertaining to garbage collection should be directed to the Moon Township Municipal Authority at **412.264.4300**.

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Submit a Question or Concern Online

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

Tune in to Local Government

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

Visit Moon Parks and Recreation

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

Stay Informed with SwiftReach

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

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