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Call 911 in an emergency

Moon Township Police Department
412-262-5000

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412-262-5004 (non-emergency only)

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412-262-1703

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412-269-1191

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412-264-4300

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412-269-0334

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Moon Township welcomes your feedback on the "Moon Township Messenger" at moontwp@moontwp.com or **412-262-1700**.

Township offices will be closed in observance of the following 2012 holidays:

- Veterans Day, November 12
- Thanksgiving, November 22 & 23
- Christmas, December 24 & 25

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On the Cover: The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is hosting an Open House for all residents of the community to visit this October. Learn more on page 6.



Community Service Center Improvements

Moon Township's Community Service Center, home of the Public Library, Municipal Authority, Property Tax Office, and MCA-TV received several building improvements over the summer. These repairs and updates include a new roof and HVAC unit and an expanded parking lot in the back entrance of the building. Residents are now able to easily access MCA-TV and the Property Tax Office and roof leakage over the library is no longer a concern.

Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, October 27 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Township Municipal Building

The Township of Moon's Environmental Advisory Council in partnership with JVS Environmental will hold an Electronics Collection to collect unused and unwanted electronic items. This event will collect electronic items ONLY including; printers, copiers, computers, laptops, televisions, etc. Electronics Collections are open to Moon Township residents, businesses, and surrounding communities.



The EAC held the Township of Moon's Annual Recycling Day on Saturday, June 2. A total of 477 residents participated in this year's collection to help keep unused materials out of landfills.

The EAC collected a total of 113 appliances of which 68 contained FREON, 458 tires, a large truckload full of usable construction materials, and 48,045 pounds of electronics. Mark your calendars for the next Recycling Day event that will be held on June 1, 2013.

Moon Township has increased their number of electronics collections in preparation for a new Pennsylvania law that will take effect on January 24, 2013. The Covered Device Recycling Act states that electronic devices and their components may not be disposed of with municipal solid waste. These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to, nor accepted by, landfills or resource recovery facilities for disposal or processing.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, September 29 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Public Safety Building

The Township of Moon's Police Department will hold a Prescription Drug Collection to collect unwanted and unused medications. The National Take-Back Initiative provides residents with the opportunity to safely and properly dispose of medications that are no longer needed.

Trick or Treat Around the Township
Wednesday, October 31 | 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Moon Township's Trick or Treat night falls on Halloween this year. Kids are asked to dress in reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. Parents are advised to accompany young children and teens are encouraged to stay in groups. Visits should be limited to well-lit homes, and be careful of barking dogs and unattended animals. Let's keep trick or treat a spooktacular community event for children and families.

ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY – WHAT’S NEW ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT



Location where the future campus loop road would be completed

Robert Morris University is taking the “wow factor” to a whole new level in their plans for the future of the campus. Their Moon Township campus is undergoing numerous renovations and updates with the ultimate goals of completing the campus loop road, creating signature environments for each of the five academic schools, and making the campus more pedestrian friendly.

Surrounding the Nicholson Center, located at the heart of the campus, are the five academic schools which offer more than 60 undergraduate programs and 20 graduate programs; the School of Business, School of Communications and Information Systems, School of Education and Social Sciences, School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science, and School of Nursing and Health Sciences. The School of Business building is the university’s latest addition, providing students with a state of the art Business Center and Telepresence Center where teleconferencing could be done with users across the world. The School of Business is also the home to the Office of the University President.

As construction nears completion, students in the School of Communications and Information Systems are awaiting to explore their new building. Inside this three-story academic building are student classrooms, faculty offices, and studio and lab space for the departments of computer information systems, communication, English, organizational leadership, and media arts. On the outside of the building a large video display will project student work and university messages.

The new buildings establish a campus identity featuring red brick, metal panels, silver standing seam roofs with identifying features, and large windows. The classrooms are equipped with smart boards, paved desks, and confidence monitors. In the future, the university plans to complete the campus loop road, creating one continuous circle around the perimeter of campus. The challenge of completing the loop road is the downhill descent between Massey Way and Campus Drive near the School of Business. The pine trees on this hill are a campus legacy and have been there since before Robert Morris was established, this was when the Kaufmann family owned the land for their summer estate named, Pine Hill. The university is working to take out as few pine trees as possible to complete this loop. The university also plans in the future to improve the main entry to campus making it more open to the community along University Boulevard. The community is invited to take a walk through campus or join the university at one of their upcoming events to see the improvements for themselves.



School of Communications and Information Systems



School of Business



Nicholson Center

2013 MEN’S FROZEN FOUR – DIVISION I

April 11 – 13, 2013 | CONSOL Energy Center

Robert Morris University is hosting the NCAA’s Men’s Hockey Frozen Four National Championship.

Visit www.NCAA.com/frozenfour for ticket and event information. To volunteer contact FrozenFour@RMU.edu or call 412-397-6070



STAYING SAFE IN MOON TOWNSHIP

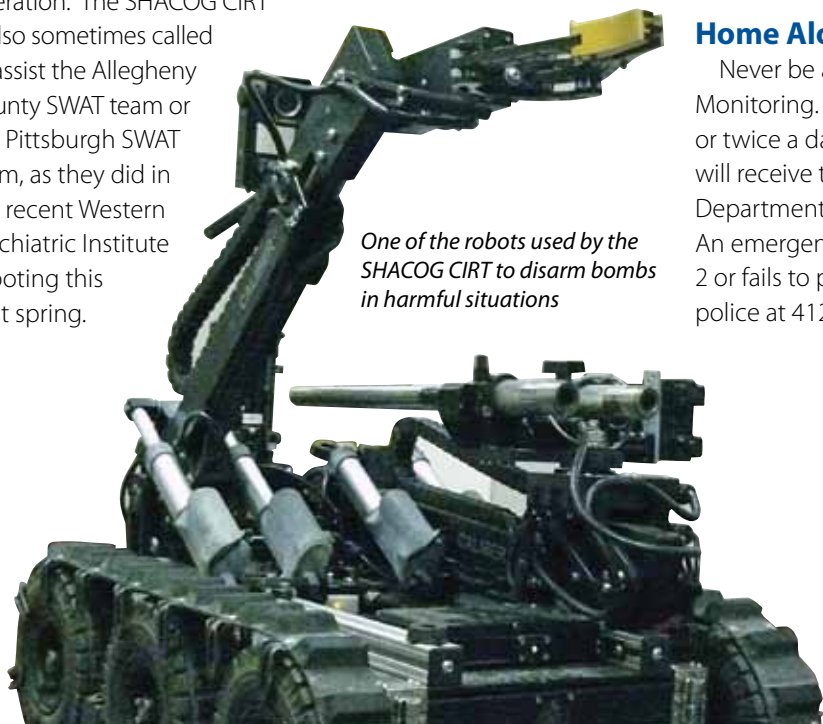
Inside Look at CIRT Training with Moon Police Officers



The SHACOG CIRT trains on a hostage scenario in the old Moon Middle School

Moon Township Police Officers David Stitch, Justin Blair, and Frank Starko dedicate their time to not only protecting the Township of Moon as an officer, but also protecting the SHACOG communities as CIRT members. CIRT, short for Critical Incident Response Team, is made up of the most elite officers. They are required to train monthly on how to respond to high-risk incidents such as armed suspects barricaded inside buildings and hostage situations. During these intense scenarios, CIRT members may have to remain in place and alert for long periods of time while carrying over 50 pounds of equipment. They communicate and work together from both inside and outside a building to coordinate proper technique for entry to the suspect. In some instances, robots are used to disarm bombs and detect harmful substances. The CIRT often joins together with the county explosives team and the local police force to ensure the safest outcome for the community. When a critical incident occurs in one of the SHACOG communities, Officer Stitch, Blair, and Starko will be at the scene ready to take on the CIRT operation. The SHACOG CIRT is also sometimes called to assist the Allegheny County SWAT team or the Pittsburgh SWAT team, as they did in the recent Western Psychiatric Institute shooting this past spring.

One of the robots used by the SHACOG CIRT to disarm bombs in harmful situations



Dial in These Digits to Your Phone Book

- Moon Township Dispatch Center: **412-262-5000**
- Emergency Services: **911**
- Crime Tips Hotline: **412-264-5202**
**Callers may remain anonymous*

CRIME TIPS HOTLINE

- Identify a person who committed a crime
- Help a victim of a crime
- Determine how or where a crime occurred
- Recover property or evidence related to a crime
- Suspicion of criminal activity occurring at some location

Keep old and unused cell phones throughout the house or in the car for emergency use only. The Federal Communications Commission requires that all cell phones must be able to dial 911, regardless of whether the caller is subscribed to the provider's service or not.

Stay informed with Swift911

Know what is going on near your home with Moon Township Police Department's Swift Reach Program. Swift911 is a system that will call your phone in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. All calls received will have the Caller ID of 'Moon Township' or 'Moon Township Police Department'. Enter your cellphone number in at **www.moonpolice.us**.

Home Alone Monitoring

Never be alone with Moon Township's Police Home Alone Monitoring. This system automatically telephones a resident once or twice a day depending on their needs. The resident in need will receive this message, "This is the Moon Township Police Department. If you are okay, press 1; if you are not okay, press 2." An emergency contact will be called if the resident presses number 2 or fails to press any number. Any citizen in need may contact the police at 412-262-5000.

MOON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Volunteer Fire Company to Host a Community Open House Sunday, October 7 | 12 – 5 p.m. | Public Safety Building

Sound the alarm! The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is hosting an Open House as a kickoff to Fire Prevention Week. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Fire trucks, rescue trucks, police cars, and Valley Ambulance units will be on display including the landing of a medical helicopter. Firefighters will talk with guests about fire safety, setting up an emergency fire escape plan at home, and remembering to “stop, drop, and roll”. They will also train guests how to use a fire extinguisher and talk with parents about teaching their children the proper use of 911. Parents and children are encouraged to take part in this fun and informative event.

If you miss the Open House, you can set up a visit with a group or organization for fire extinguisher training and to tour the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Department. For more information contact Fire Chief, John Scott at 412-262-1700 ext.435. The Fire Company also offers fire extinguisher training on location at meetings of local groups and organizations.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 8 – 12

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Inspect and service heating systems to ensure they are working properly and efficiently.
- Dispose of ashes from wood burning appliances into a metal container, not into the trash and store away from any combustible material.
- Allow lawnmowers and other powered equipment to run out of fuel prior to storing.
- Test all smoke detectors and replace their batteries.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit including a flashlight, batteries, first aid kit, radio, bottled water, nonperishable food, and personal medications.
- Most importantly, have a home evacuation plan that is understood and practiced by all members of the household.



MVFC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – JASON ZALEWSKI



Jason Zalewski

Jason Zalewski has been gearing up as a volunteer firefighter since age 16. He has been a member of the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company since 1991, due to work he took a leave in 2001 then returned in 2009. Zalewski decided to become a firefighter to honor his civic duty; just as many other residents get involved with the community by serving on boards and committees and through volunteering, Zalewski and his brother, who is a Moon Township police officer, both serve their community through public safety.

Zalewski, who is a lieutenant firefighter at the Public Safety Building, says being a volunteer firefighter takes much dedication. Being a full-time worker, who is married with two young children, a daughter (age 5) and a son (age 3), Zalewski admits that sometimes family dinners may need to be missed. However, this is one of the main reasons having many volunteers is so important; there are always times when volunteers need to be with their families and are unable to attend class or a fire call. The more volunteers they have, the more efficient of a response there is able to be.

Zalewski says being a volunteer firefighter is a great way to give back to the community and make new friends. Some volunteers even go on to becoming paid firefighters or Emergency Medical Technicians. Volunteer opportunities are available for almost everyone, not just those interested in fighting fires. Once a member of the Volunteer Fire Company, training is the key to everything; it is important to spend several hours learning how the equipment works and what it does. Aside from fighting fires and training every Monday night the Volunteer Fire Company hosts many other events throughout the year including their Fish Fries, Car Cruise, and Sportsman Bash. All of these community events benefit the Fire Company and help pay for gear and equipment. Come out and meet Jason Zalewski at the Volunteer Fire Company's Open House event this October and sign-up to be a volunteer today.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY DONATES TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

The Volunteer Fire Company recently donated a total of \$1,598.40 to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital Foundation. The funds were raised from individual gifts and through the proceeds of their can sale and garage sale. The donation will go towards West Penn Hospital's "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" (ACBC) program. This program provides relief for children who have been through the trauma of a burn injury by supporting both their physical and emotional recovery. Since 1993, the Volunteer Fire Company has donated a total of \$26,224.05 to the "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" fund. Aluminum cans are collected on an ongoing basis at the drop-off bin located behind the Public Safety building at 1000 Beaver Grade Road.

BE A PART OF THE MOON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY!

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is always looking for new members to join them in serving and protecting the community. Contact recruiting@moontwpfire.com to learn more. Interested residents are encouraged to attend the Volunteer Fire Company's Open House on October 7 from 12 to 5 p.m. for an opportunity to meet and speak with current volunteers. An informational session will be held for interested volunteers regarding training and requirements.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Current resident of Moon Township
2. Individuals who are between the ages of 16 to 18 years old interested in becoming a Junior Firefighter must attend high school and be accompanied by a parent or guardian

THANK YOU

THE MOON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THANKS THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT THEIR CLASSIC CAR CRUISE THAT WAS HELD IN AUGUST; ALL WHO ATTENDED TO CHECK OUT THE MANY CLASSIC CARS AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT HAD A GREAT TIME.

MCA-TV VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – RON POTTER



Ron Potter has been a dedicated MCA-TV volunteer since the station began operating in January of 1985 from a studio located in the old Moon Area High School. 27 years later, Potter can still be found behind the camera producing original, local programming. Potter enrolled in the very first MCA-TV volunteer class because of the same interest that draws many volunteers today - the studio offers video technology to amateurs. Previously to joining MCA-TV, Potter had done several video productions on his own and was always interested in videography and photography. The studio gave him the opportunity to share his ideas with the community. Potter's main interests are producing historical and veteran films.

Potter's first piece of work with MCA-TV was "The Last Passenger Run on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad". Potter road the train from Glennwillard into the city of Pittsburgh and shot footage of the passing scenes and interviewed passengers and the engineer about their experience on the locomotive. Another one of Potter's most memorable works is "Arrival of the First British Concord Supersonic Jetliner to Pittsburgh". This flight was the first international flight and was used to initiate international service in Pittsburgh. Potter was the only videographer on the runway at the landing, his footage was used by Channel 11, WPXI, whose videographers and reporters were on the plane during its flight. Some of Potter's most recent productions are "Moon, Coraopolis, and Sewickley: Our Shared River Heritage" and "Preserving History". "Our Shared River Heritage" is a documentary on the rivers among us with the key focus on how the rivers not only ran through the towns to separate them, but once brought the communities together. "Preserving History" illustrates the history of the American Legion post 450 that was built in Sewickley, PA in 1887 and was originally the Sewickley Railroad Station.

Potter continues to produce with MCA-TV and enjoys being able to carry on a long-standing hobby he has had since elementary school. He finds several benefits of community television specifically that community television covers subjects that large commercial stations do not, tailoring programs relative to the local community.

Put Your Idea to Air with MCA-TV

Do you have an idea for a show you would like to see on television? Put your idea to air with MCA-TV. MCA-TV offers quarterly television production training courses to Moon Township residents and surrounding communities. These hands-on classes provide an overview of camera operation, audio and lighting, and an introduction to editing. The training session is open to residents of any community and consists of four evening classes. Upon completion, participants are able volunteer behind the scenes as a technical volunteer, on-camera as a program host or guest, sign out equipment to record a community event or tape footage for a program to air on MCA-TV, and explore your own program idea by becoming an MCA-TV Community Producer. While MCA-TV welcomes residents of any community as technical volunteers, community producers must be Moon Township residents. In order to create a program to air on MCA-TV, a Moon Township resident must sign on as the community producer and be willing to actively participate in the program and take responsibility for its content. Contact MCA-TV at mca-tv@moontwp.com or call 412-269-1191 to learn more about upcoming studio production training courses.

Turning the Switch on Advancements in the Studio

MCA-TV is excited to announce they have taken the first step to converting the studio to high definition with the purchase of a new production switcher. The switcher represents one of the most powerful, compact, broadcast level switchers on the market packed with several state-of-the-art features. Features include; frame synchronizing and re-sizing engine on every channel which allow any standard definition equipment to be used in full HD mode, wipe patterns including 2D and 3D DVE transitions, and the base unit has keyer with chroma key, DSK, Dual picture in picture, 16-channel Multi Viewer, Still Stores and much more. It is perfectly suited for a wide-range of applications including studio production and event and sports coverage. While MCA-TV works to convert all of the studio equipment to operate in HD, the switcher will allow the standard definition equipment to continue to be used. MCA-TV Director, Jim Koepfinger, says he has done a lot of research to be sure this was the right piece of equipment, it is a very powerful tool and reasonably priced for what it does.

Watch original programming on MCA-TV, Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35. To view government programming, turn on our sister-station, Moon Area Government Television (MAG-TV) on Comcast channel 18 and Verizon FiOs channel 37. Take MCA-TV with you on the go and watch online at www.mca-tv.org.

CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK UP

Monday through Friday, October 1-26

The Public Works Department will offer curbside brush pick up October 1-26, Monday through Friday. The schedule will follow resident's regular garbage collection, simply place brush at the curb by 7 a.m. on pick up day. Brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and it should not be bundled or tied. Leaves are not accepted for pick up during the month of October.

LEAF PICK UP

Monday through Friday, November 5 - 30

The Public Works Department will offer curbside leaf pick up on November 5-30, Monday through Friday. The schedule will follow resident's regular garbage collection, simply place leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on pick up day. Residents are asked to put their leaves in biodegradable paper bags, no plastic bags or boxes will be accepted. There will be no pick up on Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, or the Friday following Thanksgiving.

COMPOST DROP-OFF SITE

Residents are welcome to drop off yard waste including tree limbs, leaves, and plant matter to be composted at the Downes Fire Station located near the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road. The drop-off site will be open October 19 through December 4 on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied. The township asks that residents do not discard of any materials at the composting site after hours unless special arrangements have been made with the township. To schedule a drop off during non-operating hours call the Township Municipal Office at 412-262-1700. **Violators will be fined.**

BEFORE THE SNOW FALLS

HOME CHECK LIST

To prepare for a winter storm you should put together an emergency kit for both your home and vehicle and also create a family communications plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in the event of an emergency. Stock up on rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways, have snow shovels and other snow removal equipment on-hand along with sufficient heating fuel and a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove. Keep extra clothing and blankets in an easy to access place to keep warm and listen to local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather and move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water. Most importantly, be alert to changing weather conditions and minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.

VEHICLE CHECK LIST

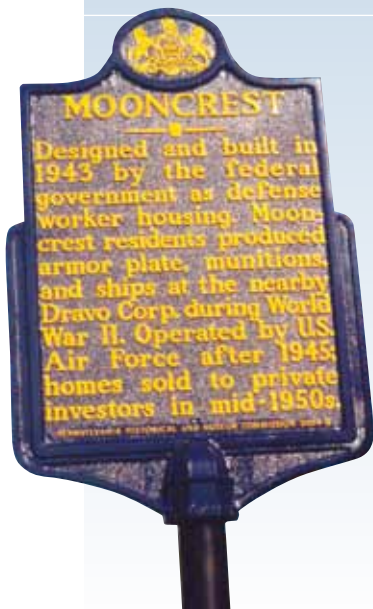
Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car; antifreeze levels, battery and ignition system, brakes, exhaust system, fuel and air filters (a full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing), heater and defroster, lights and flashing hazard lights, oil (heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well), thermostat, windshield wiper equipment, and install good winter tires (make sure the tires have adequate tread). Prepare the emergency kits in your vehicles with a shovel, windshield scraper and small broom, flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, water, snack food, matches, extra hats, socks and mittens, first aid kit with pocket knife, necessary medications, blanket(s), tow chain or rope, road salt and sand, booster cables, emergency flares, and fluorescent distress flag. Maintain a safe distance between cars when driving on the roads and be alert for black ice.

COMMUNITY

PRESERVING HISTORY

Mooncrest Seeks Spot on the National Register

The Township of Moon Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) is looking for historical photos of the Mooncrest area. The photos will be used in the application process of getting Mooncrest Historic District on the National Register. The successful benefits of a nomination to the National Register can bring planning benefits, tax breaks, and incentives for building upgrades and efforts to revitalize the neighborhood. The ultimate goals are to expose historic preservation to the students, give Moon residents access to a history publication of the significance of the Mooncrest Community, and to have the residence of Mooncrest gain community pride from the highlighting of the community's historic significance. If you have historic Mooncrest photos to add to the National Register application and are willing to loan them to the township contact Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004 or Lora Dombrowski at 412-262-1700. Photos will be scanned and returned promptly.



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN



Carnot Village

Moon Township was recently awarded a Keystone Preservation Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to develop a Historic Preservation Action Plan for the community as a whole. Through this plan, the township hopes to establish preservation methods and priorities, increase public awareness of the township's history and the Mooncrest Historic District, identify significant features, encourage pride in preservation efforts, and avoid inappropriate demolitions. The document will be used as a reference in determining what is historic from what is merely old, helping to preserve and enhance the distinctive character of the Moon Township community.

Included in the Preservation Action Plan will be a history of the municipality, an inventory of existing conditions, an assessment of current and future needs, and the articulation of community goals, objectives, and strategies followed by guidelines to implement the plan and to establish the legal basis for historic preservation. The township encourages community involvement throughout the development of the plan to educate residents of the importance of preserving and to encourage pride in preservation efforts.

ENGRAVE A MEMORY IN STONE

Honor a loved one with a personalized commemorative brick in Moon Township's Memorial Garden Walkway. Engraved bricks will be placed in the walkway circling the township's September 11 Memorial and memorials honoring Moon Township's public safety professionals and military service members. The Moon Township Memorial Garden is located between the Municipal and Public Safety buildings at 1000 Beaver Grade Road.

Bricks are available for \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick. After the first purchase, additional bricks are \$50. Engraved 8x8" business bricks also are available for \$200. Brick donations will support the continued development of the Memorial Garden for remembrance and reflection for generations to come. To order a commemorative brick, contact Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004.



A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER'S RULES OF THE ROAD

Wearing a seatbelt will always be a key safety precaution to take while driving. However, there are several other rules of the road for drivers to be aware of.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

All traffic signals in the township are owned and maintained by the township through the tax dollars of residents and businesses. These traffic signals each have an indicator within the blacktop or overhead the signal that let the electronic traffic controller know there is a vehicle waiting to get through the light. "Stop Here on Red" signs that are parallel to the white stop bar on the road let the operator of the vehicle know where they should be positioned while waiting at a traffic signal. Within a car length of the white stop bar is a traffic loop that detects a vehicle; drivers must stop right before the stop bar to signal the electronic controller they are there. If a driver pulls up too close to the stop bar, or drives past it, the electronic controller does not detect the vehicle resulting in a delay in traffic signal change.

When there is a power outage, disruption of electrical service, or a malfunction of the traffic light please follow these guidelines.

- **Flashing Red:** Stop at the traffic light, yield, and proceed
- **Flashing Yellow:** Slow down and proceed with caution
- **Completely Out:** Treat the traffic light as a four-way stop sign

PREEMPTION CONFIRMATION AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES

The sirens in police, ambulance, and emergency vehicles will cause the traffic lights at a four-way stop to turn red on all three sides and flash green in the direction corresponding to the emergency vehicle. When these vehicles are approaching, always pull to the side of the road to allow for them to quickly and safely pass-by.

SIGNAGE NOTIFICATION AND SCHOOL ZONES

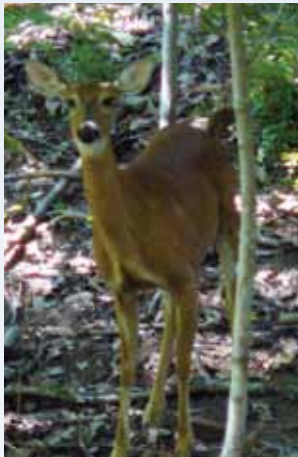
When approaching a crosswalk, take notice of your surroundings and slowdown. In all locations, pedestrians in crosswalks always have the right-of-way. Throughout the township, certain intersections have signs that state "No Turn on Red". These signs are put in place by the traffic engineers who designed these intersections and are used with regard to vehicle sight distance, crosswalks, and school zones within



the area. School zones are marked as 15 mph when lights are flashing yellow; these signs are owned and maintained by the township. School zone signs flash during the start and end of school days, and some also flash during lunch hours. The following schools within Moon are marked with 15 mph school zone signs: the High School, Middle School, Allard, Bon Meade, Brooks, Hyde, McCormick, and Rhema Christian School. The township asks that residents please help keep our school zones safe this school year.

BEYOND CLOSED DOORS

Hunting Season is Upon Us – Wild Animal Concerns



At the first shot of hunting season, it is important to understand the rules and regulations put in place to keep residents, hunters, and animals safe from unwanted harm. One of the main complaints of the residents is of hunters being too

close to their houses. Hunters must maintain a distance of 150 yards, equivalent to one and a half football fields. If hunters are too close to your home (safety zone), contact the Moon Township Police Department or the Pennsylvania Game Commission to properly handle the situation.

Hunters and non-hunters must keep away from injured or stray animals to avoid the risk of coming in contact with rabies. Many wild animals carry the rabies disease but do not show it and live a happy and normal life. However, in some instances, such as with baby raccoons, people feel the need to hold them or take them for a pet. If you come in contact with one the only way to tell for certain that the raccoon has rabies is to have the animal killed and the brain stem tested by the Allegheny Health Department. If you have a hunting concern or issue call the Moon Township Police at 412-262-5000 or the Southwest Regional Game Office at 724-238-9523, 724-238-9524, or 724-238-5639.

Sister Rene Procopio is Honored for her 50th Anniversary of Religious Life

At the August Board of Supervisors meeting, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania State Senate presented Sister Mary Rene Procopio with a proclamation in recognition of her 50th Anniversary of Religious Life. Sister Rene is currently the Director of the Mooncrest after school program. State Representative, Mark Mustio, appeared at the meeting on behalf of his office and Senator Pippy's office.



The Board of Supervisors with State Representative, Mark Mustio, and Sister Rene Procopio

Emily Kearse Celebrates her 100th Birthday

At their July meeting, the Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation to Moon Township resident, Emily Kearse, in celebration of her 100th birthday. Ms. Kearse has been a resident of the township for over 50 years. She is an active member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church where she is co-founder of their vacation bible school and has been co-director for over 50 years; she is also currently involved with Children's Church and teaches Sunday School weekly.



Emily Kearse with the Board of Supervisors

Boy Scouts Recognized for Achieving Rank of Eagle Scout

The Board presented a proclamation to the following Boy Scouts on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, an honor earned only by about five percent of all Boy Scouts. To earn this rank, Scouts must earn 21 merit badges, serve their troop in a variety of leadership roles, and complete a major community service project.

- Mitchell R. Matey of Boy Scout Troop 905 has earned 29 merit badges. Matey raised money to build three benches for a local park in Crescent Township, Pennsylvania.
- Adam M. Fonner of Boy Scout Troop 905 has earned 24 merit badges. Fonner raised money to build four benches for the playground at McCormick Elementary School in Moon Township, Pennsylvania.
- Jesse A. Klug of Boy Scout Troop 905 has earned 29 merit badges. Jesse raised money by selling wreaths for veteran's graves at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies and used the proceeds to purchase equipment for the VA hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

- Donald Barrett Behm of Boy Scout Troop 310 and 344 rebuilt the vegetative barrier along the cemetery road on the ground of Sharon Community Presbyterian Church in Moon Township, Pennsylvania.



Board of Supervisors with Eagle Scout, Donald Barrett Behm

TAX INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MOON PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

Moon Township Property Tax Collector, Catherine Tress, has several reminders for the remaining 2012 tax year.

The Moon Property Tax Office now has several designated 15 minute tax office parking spaces located near the entrance of the property tax office for the convenience of taxpayers dropping off their payment.

SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PERIODS:

Moon Area School District tax millage rate is 21.3 mils.
September 1-October 31: Face amount due
October 1-December 31: 10% penalty amount added

If you have recently refinanced, paid off your mortgage or did not receive your 2012 tax property statement(s) contact the Moon Property Tax Office at 412-299-7446 to correct your mailing records. It is the homeowner's responsibility, not the mortgage company, to notify the tax office when these instances occur. According to state law, property owners are responsible for their property taxes even if they do not receive a bill.

FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES ONLY:

NEW INSTALLMENT DATES were established this school property tax year. The First Installment was due by August 31 and the remaining 3 installments will be due by September 30, October 31 and November 31, 2012.

Taxpayers who chose the installment option will have their remaining coupons mailed to them in early September. Any property owners that have not received their installment coupons should contact the Moon Township Property Tax Office.

PROPERTY TAX OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday: 1 – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Moon Township Property Tax Office is only permitted to handle the current tax year, per 2009 Moon Area School Board & Moon Township Supervisors resolution. After December 31, all unpaid Moon Township property taxes will be turned over to the appointed delinquent collector where additional costs will be added to the penalty amount by the collection agency.

THE PROPERTY TAX OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING 2012 HOLIDAYS:

- Veterans Day, November 12
- Thanksgiving, November 22 & 23
- Christmas, December 24 – 26

Property tax payments can be made in-person or mailed to the Moon Township Property Tax Office at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 300, Moon Township, PA 15108. Additional tax information and online payment options are available at www.moontaxoffice.us. Postmarks are accepted.



Moon Township Public Library

1700 Beaver Grade Road
Moon Township, PA 15108

412-269-0334

www.moonlibrary.org

MOON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Moon Township Public Library Reads!

Become an engaged reader with our newest service at the library called "Moon Township Public Library Reads!" This new online application lets you create your own reading list where you review what you have read and can share your list with other users. You can also create a wish list of titles that you hope to read one day, avid readers know how long these lists can be and how easy it is to forget what you have already read! Once you create a profile and start a list you can look at other reader's lists and get some new ideas on what to read and what to skip, this is an easy and simple way for the community to share their opinions and interests through the library. It is free to join, so visit today. You can also find the link in the Social Networking box on the right side of our website at www.moonlibrary.org.

Embrace Your Holiday Spirit

Sing some carols, drink some hot cocoa, and visit with Santa! Join us on Sunday, December 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. for our annual Holiday Open House at the library. We will have a Cookie Walk beginning at 1 p.m. until all the baked goods are sold. Also, from 1 to 2 p.m. we will have carols in the library. From 2 to 3 p.m. we

will have a storytime, crafts, and an opportunity to get your photo taken with Santa. To top off our day we will show a family holiday movie at 3 p.m. We would love to see you and celebrate the season. Happy Holidays!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytime returns!

Little Listeners for ages newborn through two

Storytime for 3-year-olds

Book Buddies for ages 4 through 6

Family Bedtime Stories

Kinder Krafters

ABC Play

Look at www.moonlibrary.org for more information about the dates of these programs.

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER'S "SPACE ENCOUNTERS"

Sunday, October 13 | 2 p.m. | Township Municipal Building

TEEN PROGRAMS

Down the Rabbit Hole | Wednesday, October 10 | 6 – 7:30 p.m.

It's a Zombie Wonderland | Wednesday, October 24 | 6 – 7 p.m.

Beyond District 12 | Tuesday, October 16 | 6 – 7 p.m.

Dark Shadows Movie Premiere | Wednesday, October 31 | 6 – 8 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Craft Night: Halloween Floral Arrangements

Tuesday, October 9 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR HEALTH FAIR (CONTACT LIBRARY FOR INFO)

Wise Walk | Tuesdays at 9 a.m. | Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Books and Brunch | Saturday, October 27 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION

Dribble on Down to Moon Park – Recreational Basketball League

The recreational basketball league returns for another season! This league is for girls and boys of all skill levels that are currently in third to eighth grade. It is designed with a focus on skill development including; passing, shooting, and dribbling. Registration begins in October, practices and games will begin in November. Cost is \$50 for Moon residents and \$60 for non-residents. Register today by calling Moon Park at 412-262-1703 or visit the website at www.moonparks.org.

Halloween Spooktacular Wednesday, October 24 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Moon Park

Join Moon Parks for this free family friendly Halloween event. Wear your favorite costume and come to enjoy music provided by the Moon Area High School Band. There will be a variety of activity stations and treat bags for the first 400 children. All little ghosts & goblins welcome!



Holiday Rentals at Robin Hill Park



Celebrate this holiday season at Robin Hill Center

If you are looking to make the holidays a little more merry and cheery with friends and family, the Robin Hill Center is the perfect location to celebrate. The center features large dining areas surrounded by beautiful scenery of the season. Whether you are looking to have a party themed as a fancy fall festivity or a whimsical winter wonderland, Robin Hill will be the perfect place to provide both indoor and outdoor enjoyment. To book your holiday event contact Moon Park at 412-262-1703 or e-mail info@moonparks.org. The Robin Hill Center is also available for rental of weddings, reunions, graduation parties, holiday events and other similar events for groups up to 110 guests.



Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Robin Hill Park

Robin Hill Park was made possible by the generous donation of Mrs. Francis B. Nimick in 1971 to the residents of Moon Township. At the time, the estate consisted of 52 acres, 24 room Georgian-style home, and the carriage house. Her desire for the estate was to remain in an undeveloped state to be used as a wild life refuge and nature preserve for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The park officially opened in May of 1978 after a few years of restoration. Since receiving the donation, the park has grown and consists of approximately 200 acres and features the Robin Hill Center, Log Cabin, Gazebo, Carriage House, 2.5 miles of trails, Herb Garden and beautiful landscaping. Today, Robin Hill Park continues to be a treasure to the community and is home to many community groups, programs, private rentals and special events throughout the year. It is open year-round and we welcome you to take the time to enjoy this wonderful park.

Moon Parks Instructor Spotlight – Judy Elias



Judy Elias has been teaching group fitness for 26 years specializing in step, sculpting, zumba, spin, and pilates. As a child, she always enjoyed anything fitness related and often worked out with fitness shows on TV featuring Jane Fonda. Elias currently teaches pilates with Moon Parks throughout the year. The class is a great way to improve posture, strengthen your core, become more flexible, and be less prone to injuries. Elias says many participants who take her class find pilates to be a lot more challenging than they originally expect but are satisfied with the results it provides. She describes

pilates as a movement system where you are constantly moving from your center, which should be the strongest part of your body, and therefore, in balance with your abdomen. This balance between the front and back of your center helps prevent and ease back problems. Another injury Elias often sees in newcomers to her class is of the rotator cuff of their shoulder, pilates will help improve and strengthen this area.

Pilates is not used as a weight loss system, the main focus of the class is to strengthen your core and help you become less prone to injuries by strengthening and stretching. Elias says taking pilates involves perseverance; it is a class you need to take more than once to feel the benefits. However, it is the perfect fitness routine for all ages and genders and provides limitless benefits.

Join Judy Elias this fall with Moon Parks' pilates class on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. beginning October 10 at Robin Hill Center. The class is designed for all fitness levels. Participants are asked to bring a mat, Elias will supply workout rings and bands. A preview of Elias' Pilates class can be watched on MCA-TV, Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35.

Riverfront Project – Update

Moon Township is undertaking the development of a design master plan for a new 17-acre riverfront park. The park will have 1,750 feet of Ohio River frontage. The proposed park site is former RB&W Corporation Bolt Manufacturing Plant. The township acquired the vacant property in 2002 with the intention of performing environmental remediation and creating a new public riverfront park. The future park could potentially include a variety of riverfront recreation amenities, with an emphasis on river-borne activities such as boating, kayaking and fishing and other low-impact activities including playgrounds and pavilions. The park master planning effort is expected to be completed by the winter of 2012. This planning effort is intended to be a strategic roadmap for the implementation of the master plan. The project was partially funded by a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation grant with matching funds from the Township. Residents can stay updated on the project through the Township's Parks and Recreation Department webpage or contact Dana Kasler, Director of Moon Township Parks and Recreation, at 412-262-1703.

MOON PARKS & RECREATION

2012-2013 Fall/Winter Programs and Events

Find more program and event details at www.moonparks.org. Register for any of the listed

programs by calling the Moon Park office at 412-262-1703 or e-mailing info@moonparks.org.



www.moonparks.org

Pilates (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays, Oct. 24-Nov. 28 & Dec.5 -Jan. 16 (No class Dec. 26)
10 a.m.-11 a.m. | Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 Moon Resident/\$50 Non-Resident per 6 week session

Instructor: Judy Elias

The exciting benefits of this class are improved posture, weight loss from exercise, a renewed positive sense of self and much more! It is designed for all fitness levels and we ask that you provide a mat and water to class.

Kardio Hip Hop (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays, Oct. 3-Nov. 14 (No class October 31)

6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Rhema Christian School,

1301 Coraopolis Heights Road

Fee: \$40 Moon Resident/\$45 Non-Resident; \$8 Drop-In Fee

*Discount for full 6 week session

Instructor: Kam Niskach

Let our instructor's energy and enthusiasm take your workout to the next level. Our instructor uses today's hottest music to a design a jam-packed hour of high intensity interval training. You'll be sweating and smiling!

Yoga Basics (Ages 15+)

Tuesdays, Oct. 9-Oct. 30 & Nov. 6-Nov.27

7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. | Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$40 Moon Resident/\$45 Non-Resident -per 4 week session

Instructor: Jen Stratakis

Yoga includes poses, breath work, and guided relaxation. With regular practice, it can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm, and more. Participants should bring a yoga mat and water to class.

Zumba Fitness (Adults/Teens 13+)

Tuesdays, Oct. 30-Dec.4

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 Moon Resident/\$50 Non-Resident -per 6 week session

*\$15 Discount available, call for details

Instructor: Marci King

Thursdays, Nov. 1-Dec. 13 (no class Nov. 22)

6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. | Moon Township Municipal Building –
Auditorium

Fee: \$45 Moon Resident/\$50 Non-Resident -per 6 week session

*\$15 Discount available, call for details

Instructor: Christie Covelli

Beginner Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays, Oct. 29-Dec. 3

6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room

Fee: \$45 Moon Resident/\$50 Non-Resident - per 6 week session

Instructor: Catherine Hollien

This 6-week Zumba class is designed to have fun while burning calories. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves that will really make you sweat including; salsa, cambia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop and more! Danced experience is not required. Please bring water.

Interval Toning (Adults/Teens 15+)

Mondays, Nov. 5-Dec. 10

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | Moon Township Municipal Building –
Auditorium

Fee: \$45 Moon Resident/\$50 Non-Resident -per 6 week session

Instructor: Linda Maus

Moon Parks & Recreation is excited to offer our newest program, Interval Toning. Start your day and week off with a fast, efficient interval workout that will tone your whole body! Sculpt your muscles and ramp up your metabolism with quick but intense body-weighted and weighted exercises. All fitness levels are welcome and we will help you scale the workout appropriately! Please bring hand weights, a mat for floor work and water.

Totally Toned (Adults/Teens 15+)

Mondays, Oct. 29-Dec. 3

7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room

Fee: \$45 Moon Resident/\$50 Non-Resident -per 6 week session

Instructor: Karla Tobias

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

Visit www.moonparks.org to register online or to find ongoing sessions of fitness programs.

ART/EDUCATION

Mad Science (Ages 5-12)

Minerals, Machines and Movies

Tuesdays, Nov. 6-Dec. 18 (No class Nov. 27)

6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$75 Moon Resident/\$80 Non-Resident

Children will engross themselves in entomology and search for clues to crack a case. They will have the chance to inspect fluorescing minerals and see how simple machines lighten our load. They will also discover why science is the real star of the big screen and move out of the way of motorized toys. Finally, they will stage a statically charged indoor storm and go on a nutrient hunt.

Driver's Education/Kennedy School of Driving (Teens 16+)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 1 (5 weeks)

6 p.m.-9 p.m. | Moon Township Municipal Building –
Conference Room B

Registration Fee: \$25 Moon Resident/\$30 Non-Resident,
Course Fee \$350

Moon Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Driver's Education course. The 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 course fee of \$350 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

COMING THIS FALL!

- Moon Parks & Recreation Karate Program (Ages 6+)
- Programs featuring instructors from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History at the Robin Hill Center (Ages 4-10)
- Programs featuring instructors from the Children's Museum at the Robin Hill Center (Ages 3-9)
- Rise & Shine Circuit Training (Adults/Teens 16+)
- Pooch Camp (Canine Training & Wellness Workshop)

Vacation Getaways

Moon Parks and Recreation has partnered with Collette Vacations to offer some fantastic vacation opportunities at great prices. Join us for a presentation of the very latest vacation opportunities.

Here are a few getaways that are coming up.

- California Coast/National Parks
- Hawaiian Adventure/Resorts of the Rockies
- British Landscapes/Spain's Classic
- Shades of Ireland/Reflections of Italy

If you are searching for a getaway that is not listed, please contact Moon Park at 412-262-1703 and we will be happy to book it for you.

All events are weather dependent. Please visit www.moonparks.org or call 412-262-1703 for the most up-to-date information.

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SIGN UP FOR THE E-NEWSLETTER

Receive monthly updates on news and events going on in the township with Moon's free monthly e-mail newsletter, the Moon Township Monthly. To register, visit Moon Township's home page and enter your e-mail address in the sign-up box on the left-hand side under Quick Links.

SUBMIT A QUESTION OR CONCERN ONLINE

Submit your question, comment, or concern to township officials through the Citizen Request System. This feature allows residents to submit their concern and track its resolution through ongoing updates ensuring a timely response from Moon Township staff. A link can be found on the Moon Township home page on the left-hand side under Quick Links.

TUNE IN TO YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

VISIT MOON PARKS AND RECREATION

Join in on the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. Use your computer or smartphone to find the most current schedule information at www.moonparks.org.

STAY INFORMED WITH SWIFT911

Know what is going on near your home with Moon Township Police Department's Swift Reach Program. Swift911 is a system that will call your phone in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. Enter in your cellphone number at www.moonpolice.us.