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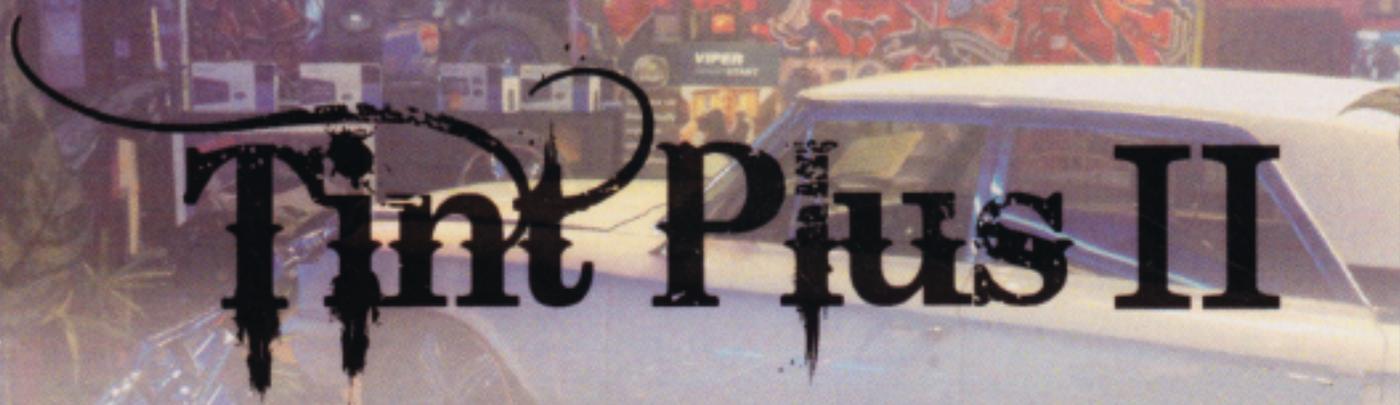
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(non-emergency only)

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– 412-299-7446

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Communications Director Meghan McNamara welcomes your feedback on the "Moon Township Messenger" at mmcnamara@moontwp.com or 412-269-1191.

On the Cover: The Moon Township community gathered on Sunday, September 11, 2011, for the dedication of a steel segment from the World Trade Center to stand as a public September 11 Memorial. Find photos and details from the event on Page 3.

MOON TOWNSHIP IN BRIEF

Link in to Moon Township Online

Monthly E-News:

For more news and event information from Moon Township, sign up for the township's monthly e-newsletter by visiting www.moontwp.com and entering your email address in the signup box on the home page.

Online Request Service:

With a new online feature available on the Moon Township website, citizens can submit a question, concern or comment to township staff members and receive status updates on their request. Find the new Citizen Request System at www.moontwp.com.

Board of Supervisors Welcomes New Member

The Moon Township Supervisors appointed Nancy Patton Mills in September to fill the fifth board seat left vacant by the August resignation of former Supervisor Tim McLaughlin.

Patton Mills will serve through the term's expiration in January 2012. The Board of Supervisors convened a public Vacancy Board meeting for the appointment following the Sept. 7, Board of Supervisors meeting.

"We thank Tim McLaughlin for his many years of service to Moon Township, and wish him the best in his future pursuits," said Jim Vitale, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "We also welcome the experience and perspective that Nancy Patton Mills will bring to the board through the rest of this year."

A lifelong resident of Moon Township, Patton Mills currently serves as the vice chairperson for the Moon Township Planning Commission, and is a managing partner of Roselea Farm in Moon Township.

Patton Mills earned a B.A. in Communications from Chatham University in 1989, a Ph.D. in Communications and Rhetoric from Duquesne University in 2006 and is author of Pearson Prentice Hall: "Hospitality and Tourism Law."

In addition to her service on the Planning Commission, Patton Mills is a member of the Moon Township Garden Club and the AAUW Pittsburgh Chapter.



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Moon Township Remembers September 11 with Dedication of World Trade Center Steel

In Moon Township, a steel beam that once stood in the World Trade Center's North Tower now stands in public remembrance of September 11, 2001.

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, nearly 500 community members gathered in the Moon Township Memorial Garden to pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the attacks and the heroism and sacrifice of the nation's public safety and military personnel.

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company and Township of Moon hosted the September 11 Memorial Dedication ceremony, which featured speakers representing the public safety, military and airline communities as well as musical tributes and a memorial wreath laying.

"It was truly an honor to have so many members of the community join us for the ceremony and take time afterward to view this piece of history," said Moon Township Fire Marshal Charlie Belgie. "We gathered together as a community to pay tribute to the lives lost that day but also to the strength and hope that unified the country after September 11."

On a morning when Americans across the country were gathering for similar moments of remembrance, Moon Township's



The September 11 Memorial and descriptive plaque were dedicated in the Moon Township Memorial Garden on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

ceremony paused as Air Force One unexpectedly flew over the event en route to the neighboring Pittsburgh International Airport.

Following the ceremony, members of the public were invited to walk through the newly-redesigned Memorial Garden to view the unveiled steel and descriptive plaque. The steel joins memorials honoring Moon Township's public safety professionals and military service members as centerpieces of the garden.

The World Trade Center steel reached Moon Township in April following a nearly two-year effort led by Belgie, a 63-year member of the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company. The 898- pound steel artifact stands more than six feet tall in its place in the Moon Township Memorial Garden, located between the municipal and public safety buildings, at 1000 Beaver Grade Road.



Moon Township Fire Chief John Scott performs a traditional bell ceremony honoring fallen firefighters.

photo credit: Pete Shandrick



Fire Marshal Charlie Belgie, who led the request process for the steel, served as master of ceremonies for the dedication.

Moon Township Memorial Garden Redesign: A Four-Month Transformation

Since its April arrival in Moon Township, the newly-dedicated World Trade Center steel has inspired a project to redesign the Moon Township Memorial Garden as a more welcoming place for reflection and remembrance.

In just four months, community support has mobilized a complete transformation of the garden, including the development of three eco-friendly rain gardens and a commemorative brick walkway circling the central memorial area. As a tribute to September 11, 2001 and Moon Township's public safety and military personnel, the Memorial Garden is now the fitting focal point between the municipal and public safety buildings.

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company and Township of Moon express sincere gratitude to the many individuals and organizations that have generously contributed their time, talents and resources to make this community project possible.



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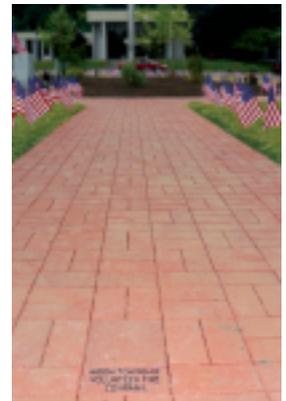


After

Join the Memorial Garden Brick Campaign

Members of the public are invited to add their own lasting message to the Moon Township Memorial Garden by purchasing an engraved brick in the walkway circling the central memorial area. Commemorative bricks are a meaningful way to remember a loved one, honor a friend or family member or recognize a milestone. Bricks are available for \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick or \$200 for an 8x8" business brick. Brick orders will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Order forms are available online at www.moontwp.com and at the Moon Township Municipal Building. Donations support the Moon Township Memorial Fund for continued development of this public memorial space.

Members of the Moon Township Public Works Department placed the first batch of engraved bricks in the Moon Township Memorial Garden on Sept. 27. Brick orders will be accepted on an ongoing basis.



Community Survey

Moon Township needs your input as we update our comprehensive plan. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey and return it to the municipal building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108. This survey will also be mailed directly to all Moon Township households and businesses with return postage provided. Survey responses can also be submitted online at www.moontwp.com. **The response deadline is November 30, 2011.** The contribution of information is very valuable in the development of your community, and you will have an opportunity to attend a public forum to share your input.

The anonymous responses and comments will be collected, recorded, and tabulated to ensure an open and transparent process. A summary analysis will be made available through our newsletter and website.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

1. How long have you lived in the Township?

<input type="checkbox"/> Five or less years	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years

2. Do you work in Moon Township? Yes No

3. Do you own property in Moon Township? Yes No

4. Number of persons in your household by age:

___ < 18	___ 19-35	___ 36-55	___ 56 >
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5. What most concerns you about the neighborhood in which you live? Please number the following from 1 to 7 with 1 being the most concern and 7 the least.

___ Traffic Safety	___ Deteriorating infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, utilities, park equipment)
___ Pedestrian Safety	___ Deteriorating Housing
___ Crime	___ Deteriorating Businesses
Other _____	

6. Most necessities such as groceries, clothing and medical supplies are available within Moon Township or within a short commute from Moon Township.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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7. Moon Township should acquire land for future recreational opportunities.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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8. Cultural sites, entertainment and restaurants are available in Moon Township or within a short commute.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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9. Please mark the type of housing you think is most needed in the Township. Please number the following from 1 to 5 with 1 being the most needed and 5 the least.

___ Housing designed for or geared toward senior citizens.
___ Housing designed for or geared toward younger families
___ Single family homes in all price ranges
___ Condominium, townhome, or carriage homes in all price ranges
___ Rental housing.

10. What personal services or businesses are most needed for the Township's residents and consumers?

11. The preservation of open space and natural areas should be a central design feature of all future developments.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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12. What are Moon Township's most positive characteristics? Please number the following from 1 to 9 with 1 being the most positive and 9 being the least.

___ Property Values	___ Government Services	___ Emergency Services
___ Regional Access	___ Educational Opportunities	___ Parks, Rec & Open Space
___ Road Maintenance	___ Airport	Other _____

13. Moon Township should encourage more business development.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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14. Please rate the availability/quality of public transportation options within Moon Township.

<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
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... as well as your current level of use.

Never

Sometimes

Often

15. To what destinations within Moon Township would you like to see improved pedestrian or bicycle access or improvements.

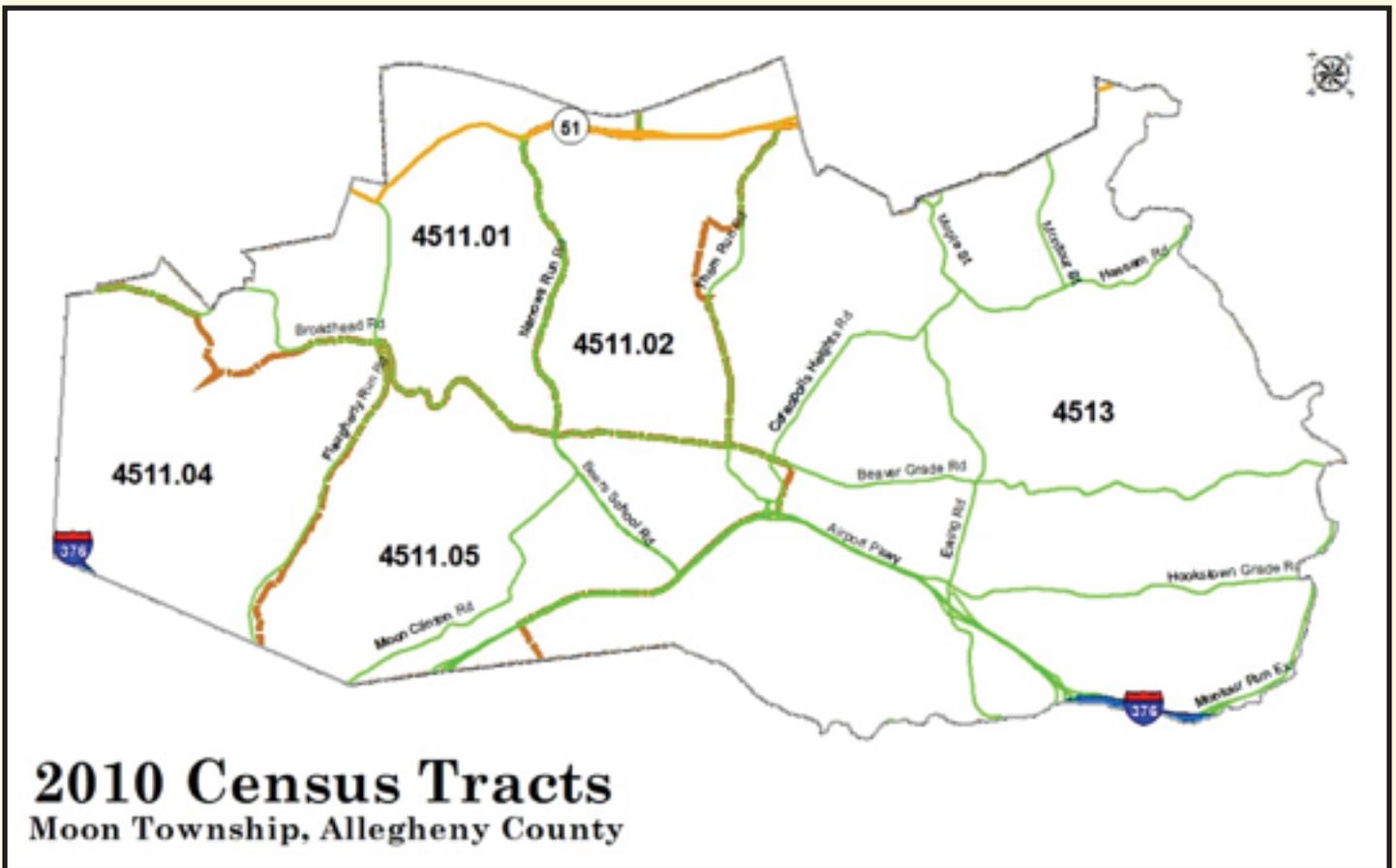
16. Moon Township should consider building a community/special events center.

Agree

Disagree

Not Sure

Additional Comments:



Please indicate the census tract where you received this survey:

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4513

Thank you for completing this survey; your time and input is greatly appreciated. Please return the completed survey to the Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Twp., PA 15108.

Get Ready for Winter: Moon Township Winter Services Guide

For Moon Township, winter weather discussions started amid the scorching heat of August when the Board of Supervisors voted to accept a road salt bid for this year's winter maintenance services. So even with the first day of winter several weeks away, it's not too early to get familiar with the township's snow removal operations and prepare for a safe winter. Read on for information about winter road maintenance, emergency communications and more.

Connect to Winter Weather Updates

- **SwiftReach Reverse 911:** Register both home and cell phone numbers to receive local emergency notifications from the Moon Township Police Department. Sign up online at www.moonpolice.us or by phone at **412-262-5000**. Phone lines often are damaged during severe weather and other emergencies, so residents are encouraged to register a cell phone or alternate number in addition to a landline.
- **PennDOT Road Updates:** Check road conditions for interstates and some limited-access highways by calling **511** or visiting www.511pa.com for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's 511PA travel information service.
- **Cancellations and Delays:** Watch **Moon Community Access Television**, Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOS channel 35, for local cancellations and delays. Announcements also are posted online at www.moontwp.com.
- For non-emergency winter maintenance questions, please call the Moon Township Municipal Building at **412-262-1700**.

Emergency Shelter Information

During emergency situations, such as the extreme snowstorms of February 2010, the township operates an emergency shelter to provide short-term relief for residents. Moon Township's emergency sheltering location is the Public Safety Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, which houses the police and fire departments and is equipped with a back-up generator in case of power outages. Emergency sheltering announcements are posted at www.moontwp.com and included in local news reports. In the event of a township-wide emergency, the Police Department will issue a phone message through the SwiftReach emergency notification system, which residents can register for at www.moonpolice.us or **412-262-5000**.

Snow Removal and Winter Maintenance

Throughout the winter, the Moon Township Public Works Department works to keep 280 lane miles of Moon Township roadways passable during unpredictable weather conditions. Crews are on-call 24 hours a day ready to mobilize 11 trucks equipped with spreaders and plows on snow removal routes throughout the township. Three additional trucks stand ready on back-up. Here's a basic guide to the department's snow removal procedures:

- **Stocking the Salt Bin:** Moon Township locked in a road salt price of \$55.83 per ton from Cargill Inc in August. As a member of the South Hills Area Council of Governments, Moon Township secured the price through the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance, which negotiates competitive project bids for its member municipalities.
- **Two-Inch Rule:** The amount of snow determines the type of road maintenance response. For snowfall below two inches, Public Works crews treat roads with salt or anti-skid materials. Snow plowing operations kick in for snowfall greater than two inches.
- **Where does Moon Township plow?** Throughout the winter, the Moon Township Public Works Department maintains all township-owned roads and also contracts to plow select state roads and county roads Spring Run Road and Spring Run Road Ext.

Winter Services At a Glance:

Winter Materials Budget: est. \$360,000

Lane Miles: 280

Average Salt Used: 5,000-7,000 tons

Snow Removal Routes: 11

Plow/Spreader Fleet: 14 trucks



Private roads and a number of major state roads – including University Boulevard and Flaugherty Run Road – are not maintained by the township. Find a complete list of roadways excepted from Moon Township's plowing routes at www.moontwp.com/departments/roads.

• Clear the Way for Snow Removal Crews

Help the Public Works Department keep roads clear amid unpredictable weather conditions by remembering the following regulations this winter:

- Please do not park vehicles on township roads from 2 to 6 a.m. seven days a week to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles and snow plows. On-street parking is discouraged at all times during snow events.
- Do not shovel snow into the street from driveways, parking lots or sidewalks. This violates both state law and township ordinance.
- Please assist public safety personnel by clearing snow from fire hydrants in your neighborhood.
- Please remove sports equipment and other objects from roadways and rights-of-way to avoid interfering with winter road maintenance. Also remember to trim tree branches that extend beyond the curb.

Pot Hole Patrol

Throughout the winter, Public Works crews regularly monitor township roads for potholes and make repairs on a rolling basis. To report a pothole on a township-owned roadway, call the Moon Township Municipal Building at **412-262-1700**. Keep in mind that Moon Township Public Works does not patch potholes on private, county or state roads. Pothole repairs remain a regular maintenance duty handled by the county or state throughout the winter. Moon Township **does not** handle pothole repairs for the following roadways:

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Private Roads

Review the list of privately-maintained roadways in Moon Township at www.moontwp.com/departments/roads or pick up a print copy at the municipal building.

Allegheny County Roads

Contact the Allegheny County Public Works Department at 412-350-2513 to report potholes on county-owned roads Spring Run Road and Spring Run Road Ext. in Moon Township.

State Roads

Report potholes on state-owned roads by calling PennDOT's road maintenance hotline at 1-800-FIX-ROAD. State-owned roads in Moon Township include major corridors, such as Brodhead Road, Beaver Grade Road, Thorn Run Road, University Boulevard and Business Loop I-376. Find a complete list of state roads in Moon Township at www.moontwp.com/departments/roads.

Winter Weather Safety Tips

- Keep an emergency kit in both in your home and car and stock it with essentials, including water, food, flashlight, first aid kit, warm clothing, emergency contact information and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio. Find a complete list at redcross.org.

- Avoid driving during winter weather conditions. Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full.
- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold.
- Help neighbors in need of special assistance, such as the elderly, people with disabilities and children.
- Be aware of Carbon Monoxide hazards. Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other fuel-burning devices inside a house, garage or any partially-enclosed area.

Source: American Red Cross

Snow Plow Safety

- Remember that it is extremely difficult for snowplow drivers to see children in the street. Never allow children to play or build snow forts on or near the street or in the mounds left by snowplows.
- When driving behind a plow truck, maintain a safe distance to avoid material kickback and allow enough time to come to a safe stop if necessary. According to PennDOT, there is never a "safe" time to pass a snowplow in your car.

Summer Public Works Projects

In addition to catch basin repairs, street sweeping and road prep for the 2011 road resurfacing program, the Public Works Department has completed a variety of projects around the community this summer. Two highlights are spotlighted here:



Memorial Garden Brick Walkway

Moon Township Public Works employees dedicated many long days to laying a beautiful brick walkway in the newly-redesigned Moon Township Memorial Garden. In addition to building the walkway, Public Works crews also crafted the mount for the recently-dedicated September 11 Memorial.



Pothole Patching

Moon Township potholes stood no chance against Public Works crews this summer when they took the "Pothole Killer" out on a test ride through township streets. The Moon Township Public Works Department received a week with the Pothole Killer as part of a multi-municipal grant with North Fayette and Findlay townships. The Pothole Killer repairs anything from cracks to large holes with a hot patch process. By carrying the materials and mixing on-site, the vehicle provides an efficient pothole fix with less time and workers on the job.

PLANNING

Breaking Ground in Moon Township

Supervisors approve RMU campus development plans

The board voted at its August meeting to approve two land development plans for building projects on Robert Morris University's Moon Township campus. RMU's plans include the construction of a two-story addition to the Wayne Center, which will be renovated to house the School of Communications and Information Systems. In addition to space for Media Arts and other academic programs, the multi-phase project includes plans for a public gallery space exhibiting the artwork of students and other artists. The project is tentatively slated for completion in fall 2012. Also at the August meeting, the board approved RMU's plans to construct a 5,000 square-foot facilities storage building.

Consultant Appointed for Moon Township Waterfront Park Plan

A plan to open community access to the Ohio River shoreline is moving forward in Moon Township, where a 2.65-mile stretch of riverfront property lies within the northern border.

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors voted in October to appoint the firm Stromberg/Garrigan & Associates as the consultant for Moon Township's Waterfront Park plan. Along with a steering committee of residents and stakeholders, the firm will work with the Parks and Recreation Department to conceptualize a 17-acre riverfront park in Moon Township.

"The SGA team will be great partners to create not only a strong master plan, but a buildable project," said Dana Kasler, Moon Township Parks and Recreation director. "The firm has extensive experience specific to riverfront parks in our region, and presents creative ways to target alternate funding sources for the project."

Fronting approximately 1,750 feet of shoreline, the park would potentially offer a variety of riverfront recreation amenities, such as boat access, parking, picnic areas and a walking trail. Located along University Boulevard adjacent to the Sewickley Bridge, the park site is owned by the Moon Township Municipal Authority, which also will provide input throughout the project.

The Waterfront Park project came to life in October 2010 when the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded the Parks and Recreation Department with a \$30,000 Community Conservation Partnerships grant for the project. Matching funds from the township bring the planning budget to \$60,000.



Community Group Works to Restore Boggs Schoolhouse



More than 150 years after the Boggs Schoolhouse was constructed for 19th Century Moon Township students, a community organization is working to bring education back into Moon Township's last-standing one-room schoolhouse.

The Friends of Boggs School is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Boggs Schoolhouse. Tucked in a wooded area overlooking the Boggs Run creek, the 30x54' structure traces its foundations to the 1834 Pennsylvania Common School Law, which also gave rise to six other schoolhouses in the township. The Boggs Schoolhouse was reconstructed around 1890 after a fire destroyed the original, which was built in 1855. Moon Township acquired the Boggs School property in 2001, and since 2006, the Friends of Boggs School has worked to preserve the schoolhouse into an interactive history lesson for students, community groups and other visitors.



With the support of local scouting groups, the organization has completed a variety of restoration projects to date, including site cleanups, interior renovations, utility updates, landscaping projects and

the restoration of the 1870s-era school bell, which once summoned students to class. Here are a few recent accomplishments:

Local Eagle Scout Works to Restore Schoolhouse Interior

Before the Friends of Boggs School took over as schoolhouse stewards, the structure had been converted to an apartment, and dealing with the wall partitions, wallpaper and other remnants of habitation were first on the to-do list.

Eagle Scout candidate Mike Byrne, a member of Moon Township Boy Scout Troop 905, led a major part of these efforts by restoring the interior walls to resemble their original condition. With the help of his fellow scouts, Byrne dedicated many long days to stripping old wallpaper and sanding, staining and sealing all of the interior walls. In addition to his hands-on labor, Byrne recruited the support of local company Valspar to donate stain and other materials for the project.

"Mike Byrne and the entire Boy Scout Troop 905 displayed such a generous spirit of volunteerism through this project," said Amy Ottaviani, a board member for the Friends of Boggs School. "By restoring the interior walls, the scouts are helping to preserve the historical character of this structure for future generations."



Grant Money to Support Restoration of Boggs School House

The Friends of Boggs School recently received two grants to support efforts to preserve the Boggs Schoolhouse as a historical landmark in Moon Township. The Robert and Mary Weisbrod Foundation awarded the organization a \$10,000 grant to fund construction of a galley kitchen and restroom area for schoolhouse visitors. The Moon Industrial

Development Authority also contributed a \$5,000 grant to underwrite general restoration costs for the building's interior. The Friends of Boggs School and the Township of Moon sincerely appreciate the generous support for this historical preservation project.

For more information about the Friends of Boggs School, call the Moon Park Office at 412-262-1703.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Winter Wonderland at Robin Hill

DATE: Saturday, December 3, 2011

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road

Celebrate the season with Moon Parks and Recreation and a variety of community groups, including the following activities listed below:

Breakfast with Santa (Children grades K-3)

Sponsored by the Moon Area Senior Citizens Association

DATE: Saturday, December 3 **TIME:** Two sessions – 9 a.m. or 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center

FEE: \$5/child; \$5/adult; Tickets will be sold through Nov. 28, 2011. Reserve a spot by calling the Moon Park office at 412-262-1703.

Holiday Craft Sale

Sponsored by the Robin Hill Homemakers

DATE: Saturday, December 3 **TIME:** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center

West Hills Art League Holiday Sale

DATE: Saturday, December 3 **TIME:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center

Greens Sale

Sponsored by the Moon Township Garden Club

DATE: Saturday, December 3 **TIME:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Carriage House

Picnic Pavilion Rentals

The Moon Township Parks and Recreation Department will begin accepting reservations for Moon Park picnic pavilions from Moon Township residents only at 9 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2011. Visit www.moonparks.org for complete details, including fees and rental policies.

Find updates on Spring events, including the Earth Day Celebration, Moon Park Bunny Trail and West Hills Art Show, online at www.moonparks.com.

HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMS

Karate (Children 6+ - Adults)

DATES: Ongoing through May 2012 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

TIMES: 6 p.m. (Beginners) and 7 p.m. (Advanced)

LOCATION: Moon High School Wrestling Room

COST: Registration is always open. Visit www.moonparks.org to register.

FEE: Beginning at \$45/month for Moon residents; discounts available.

This is a unique karate system covering all ranges of self defense. The classes are led by Ken Wolf along with experienced instructors who hold black belts in Okinawan Kenpo & Wa Shu Mudokwan and have experience in law enforcement and tournaments.

Yoga Basics (Adults/Teens 15+)

DATES: January 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2012 (Tuesdays – four-week session)

TIME: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road

FEE: \$40/Moon residents, \$45/non-residents

INSTRUCTOR: Jen Stratakis

Meet our newest instructor, Jen Stratakis, for yoga basics, a great class for the yoga-curious. If you have ever wanted to try yoga, this is the course for you – no experience is required. Hatha 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 or towel and water to class.

Zumba for Kids (Ages 8-12)

DATES: January 10 – February 14, 2012 (Tuesdays)

TIME: 5-6 p.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road

FEE: \$45/Moon residents, \$50/non-residents

INSTRUCTOR: Christina Pales

This is a six-week class designed for younger participants to have fun while learning good fitness habits. Zumba fitness is a combination of Latin-based dance moves – including salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop and more – that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required! Please bring water.

Zumba Fitness (Ages 13+)

SESSION I: January 10 – February 14 (Tuesdays – six-week session)

SESSION I: January 12 – February 16 (Thursdays – six-week session)

Find ongoing session dates at www.moonparks.org.

LOCATION: Tuesdays: Robin Hill Center; Thursdays: Moon Township Municipal Building

FEE: \$45/ Moon residents, \$50/non-residents

*\$15 discount available for registering in both Tuesday and Thursday sessions

INSTRUCTORS: Tuesday: Christina Pales; Thursday: Christy Covelli
Moon Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Zumba class that is designed to have fun while burning calories. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves – including salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop and more – that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required.

Pilates (Adults/Teens 15+)

DATES: January 12 – February 16, 2012 (Thursdays)

TIME: 9-10 a.m.

LOCATION: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road

FEE: \$45/Moon residents, \$50/non-residents

INSTRUCTOR: Judy Elias

Join certified instructor Judy Elias for Pilates to enjoy benefits, including improved posture, weight loss from exercise and a renewed positive sense of self. This class is designed for all fitness levels. Please bring a towel or mat to class.

Zumba Gold (Adults/Seniors)

DATES: : February 20 – March 26, 2012 (Mondays)

TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Moon Township Municipal Building Auditorium, 1000 Beaver Grade Road

FEE: Senior Discount (Age 60+ only): \$18/Moon residents, \$22/non-residents

Regular rates apply for all other adults: \$45/Moon residents, \$50/non-residents

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

Check www.moonparks.org for the most up-to-date details on new class sessions, including Cardio Hip Hop, Tennis Lessons, Watercolor Painting, Drawing for Beginners, Mad Science and Snapology.

SUMMER EVENT RECAPS



Family Fun Nights

Moon Parks and Recreation's 2011 Family Fun Night series enjoyed beautiful weather and a great turnout from community members who visited Moon Park for concerts and movies under the stars. From the jazz of Steven Vance to the covers of the Delaney's, attendees enjoyed live music in the relaxing setting of the Moon Park Amphitheater. As dusk set in, movie showings ranged from kid favorite "Toy Story 3" in July to the classic film "Casablanca" in August. Post your comments about this year's Family Fun Nights lineup on the Moon Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

2011 United States Tennis Association Tournament

Moon Parks and Recreation partnered with Kent Johnson Tennis Academy in July to host the inaugural USTA Tennis Tournament at Moon Park. More than 40 youth players from Moon Township and surrounding areas participated in the three-day tournament.



Robin Hill Lunchtime Concerts

Park goers enjoyed music over lunch this summer at the monthly Robin Hill Lunchtime Concert series. Amid the scenic setting of the gazebo at Robin Hill Park, visitors experienced a series of live concerts featuring the acoustic pop of John Puckett, the hits of Groove Merchant and a Neil Diamond Tribute by Chris Denem.

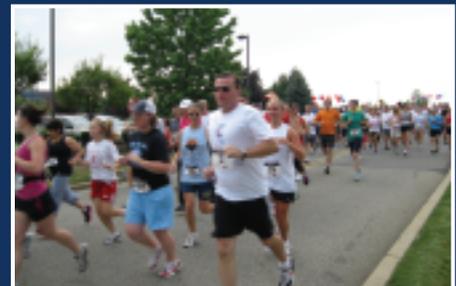


Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Moon Township's Annual Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by Clearview Federal Credit Union, brought upwards of 12,000 attendees to Moon Park for music, fun and fireworks. National performing artist Chuck Wicks – a familiar face from "Dancing with the Stars" – Moon Township's own Sarah Marince, Brooke Annibale and Arena's Performing Arts Centre entertained the crowd at the Moon Park Amphitheater, and the event wrapped up with a fireworks grand finale from Zambelli Fireworks Internationale. Moon Parks and Recreation thanks participating sponsors, vendors, visitors and entertainers for another memorable celebration.

Independence Day 5K Run/Walk

Nearly 300 runners and walkers jumpstarted their Fourth of July weekend with a 3.25-mile workout at Moon Township's third annual Independence Day 5K on Saturday, July 2. Moon Parks and Recreation thanks all event volunteers and sponsors for supporting the third year of this community race. Congratulations to John Yankello, Overall Male winner; Kristin Udvaril, Overall Female winner; Joe Pieri, Master's Male winner; and Faith Vallese, Master's Female winner.



2011 Moon Beautiful Garden Contest

Congratulations to Judy Pugh, who won the 2011 Moon Beautiful Garden Contest with the flourishing flower garden she cultivates outside her home in Moon Township. Sponsored by Moon Parks and Recreation and the Moon Township Garden Club, the contest encourages local gardeners to exhibit their green thumb in one of several gardening categories.

PROGRAMS & CLASSES

Splash – Water/Mixed Media Art Classes

DATES: January 19 – March 8, 2012 (Thursdays)
TIMES: 1 – 3 p.m. (Beginner) or 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Advanced)
LOCATION: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road
FEE: \$74/Moon residents, \$79/non-residents *Fee excludes supplies
INSTRUCTOR: Nancy Bush

“JUMP INTO SPLASH”

This course is designed to introduce beginning students to the fun and excitement of painting by experimenting with a variety of water-based materials. No previous experience is required – just a desire to have fun.

“SPLASH SOME MORE”

A course designed for returning or new students with some previous experience in water media

Drivers Education

DATES: March 6 – April 5, 2012 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
TIME: 6 -9 p.m.
LOCATION: Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road
REGISTRATION FEE: \$25/Moon residents, \$30/non-residents
COURSE FEE: \$350 (paid at first class)

Moon Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Drivers Education course instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and six hours of in-car training, participants will receive a certificate 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.

Moon Parks and Recreation offers a variety of affordable vacation getaway packages. Call 412-262-1703 to find out more.

MCA-TV

MCA-TV, RMU Unveil New Production Trailer

Moon Community Access Television and Robert Morris University unveiled the station's new television production trailer on September 7, representing an ongoing partnership to connect Moon Area viewers with local event and athletic coverage.

RMU partnered with Moon Township to sponsor the production trailer, which took MCA-TV on the road this fall for its fifth season of RMU sports coverage and 26th Moon Area High School football season. The 20-foot production trailer is fully equipped for high-definition television production and nearly doubles the operational space of the station's previous trailer of 16 years.



Since 2007, the trailer has served as a mobile training ground for MCA-TV volunteers as well as the RMU students who work under the leadership of MCA-TV Executive Director Jim Koepfinger to produce RMU football, basketball, hockey, lacrosse and softball games.

For more information about watching, volunteering or producing programs for MCA-TV, visit www.mca-tv.org.



From Left to Right: Jim Vitale, chairman, Moon Township, Board of Supervisors; Michael DiLauro, director, RMU Academic Media Center; Dr. Barbara Levine, dean, RMU School of Communications and Information Systems; Jim Koepfinger, executive director, MCA-TV; Marty Galosi, associate athletic director, Robert Morris University

Moon Township Launches New Government Television Station

The Aug. 3, Moon Township Board of Supervisors meeting marked the official program launch of Moon Area Government Television, a sister station to MCA-TV. As a dedicated government station, MAG-TV will be viewers' new source for public meeting coverage of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors, Moon Area School Board and neighboring local governments. Later this season, MAG-TV also will roll out a line of government education programs designed to give viewers an inside understanding of their local and state governments. MAG-TV airs on Comcast channel 18 and Verizon FIOS channel 37. View the program schedule online at www.moongovtv.us.



Get Involved with MCA-TV: Free Television Production Training Classes

As a volunteer-driven television station, MCA-TV relies on community members to produce, record, and host the majority of its locally-produced programs. This winter, MCA-TV is offering the next session of its free studio production training for anyone interested in learning the basics of television production and volunteering at the station. This hands-on training session is open to residents of any community and consists of a series of four evening classes. Interested participants must sign up in advance. Session dates will be announced later this season. For more information, please call 412-269-1191 or email mca-tv@moontwp.com.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Be sure to check our web site for all of the upcoming children's programs and storytimes!

TEEN PROGRAMS

Fangs vs. Fur Movie Marathon

Tuesday, November 15th from 4-8 PM

Teen Craft Night: No Sew Fleece Scarves

Tuesday, November 22nd from 6-7 PM

Teen Craft Night: D.I.Y Holiday Cake Pops

Wednesday, December 7th from 6- 7 PM

Cookies and Crafts for Teens

Thursday, December 15th from 6-7 PM

Shrinky Dink Doodle Jewelry

Wednesday, January 11th, 6-7 PM

Teen Craft Night: Winter Spa Kits

Tuesday, January 24th, 6-7 PM

ADULTS

Winter Reading Club

Tuesday, January 3rd- Saturday, March 31st

Nutrition as We Age

Tuesday, January 10th, 6 PM

G.P.S.: Finding Your Goals, Passion, and Support in Life Transitions

Wednesday, January 18th, 6 PM

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- **Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving)** - Closed
- **Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)** - Open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)** - Closed
- **Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)** - Open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day)** - Closed
- **Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)** - Closed

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Be sure to join us for our Annual Library Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 11th.

- 1-2 p.m. Special Storytime with holiday characters
- 2-3 p.m. craft, cocoa and photos with Santa
- 3-5 p.m. Family Holiday Movie

All day there will be a Cookie Walk to purchase your favorite holiday treats and The Bead Lady will be here to help you create your own holiday presents.



FREE HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

Moon-area teens will be on hand to offer free gift wrapping services to all interested patrons on the following dates from 6-8 PM: Wednesday, November 29th and Wednesday, December 14th. Gift wrap, bows, and name tags will be provided by the library, all you need to do is bring your gifts in a bag marked with your last name and give us a few minutes to make your holidays a little easier.



HOLIDAY BABYSITTING AT MOON LIBRARY

Local teens will be at the library on Thursday, December 8th from 6-8 PM to offer free childcare for parents who need to get a little shopping done before the holidays arrive. While Mom and Dad finish up their errands, kids will be treated to a special holiday movie, snack, and craft all while under the supervision of caring and Red Cross Certified babysitters! Parents are asked to register for this event, as it is limited to 10 children. Please contact Heather Panella, Teen Services Librarian, at 412-269-0334 or at panellah@einetwork.net for more information.



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New Earned Income Tax Withholding Requirements to Take Effect in 2012

How it affects Moon Township residents and employers

In Pennsylvania, the beginning of the New Year will introduce a new collection method for earned income tax.

Act 32 of 2008 is a Pennsylvania law that was passed with the intention of simplifying the way local earned income tax is paid and collected throughout the state. The law will affect taxpayers, employers, municipalities, school districts, and tax collectors across Pennsylvania.

The most significant change of Act 32 is the consolidation of local earned income tax collectors. Act 32 requires all taxing jurisdictions within a specified geographical boundary to jointly select a single tax collector to serve the entire area. Each of the areas is called a "Tax Collection District" (TCD). Moon Township has been placed in the Southwest Allegheny County TCD, which includes all Allegheny County municipalities and school districts that are entirely located south and west of the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. That means Moon Township will share the same earned income tax collector as our neighbors in Upper St. Clair, Mt. Lebanon, Robinson, and Jefferson Hills to name a few.

Although Act 32 was passed in 2008, the major changes will not go into effect until the 2012 tax year. Therefore, all taxes attributable to 2011 earnings will still be collected under the current system (including the 2011 final returns that are due April 15, 2012).

How will this impact taxpayers?

First, the consolidation means that all Moon Township earned income tax will continue to be collected by a single tax collector. Jordan Tax Service has been appointed as the tax collector for the Southwest Allegheny County TCD. Therefore, both the municipal portion (0.50%) and the school district portion (0.50%) of Moon Township's earned income tax will be collected by Jordan Tax Service.

Another significant change is that your employer should begin withholding the local earned income tax from your paycheck. Currently, many of you file and pay your local earned income tax on a quarterly basis, because your employer does not withhold the tax from your paycheck (this is common throughout Pennsylvania). But under Act 32, all Pennsylvania employers will be required to withhold the tax. This will eliminate the need for most taxpayers to manually make a quarterly earned income tax payment. Taxpayers who are self-employed or work outside of Pennsylvania will continue making manual quarterly payments. To prepare for changes in local tax collection, all employees are required to file a Residency Certification Form with their employers. Employees will need to include the Political Subdivision Code identifying their place of residence on the form. Moon Township's PSD code is 731102.

How will this impact employers?

All employers will be required to withhold local income taxes for all of their employees, regardless of where the employees live. Employers will be responsible for identifying each employee's residency and proper tax rate. Employers will have to provide that information to the tax collector quarterly along with the tax payments. Employers that have at least one location within the Southwest Allegheny County TCD must register with Jordan Tax Service.

How can I learn more?

Taxpayers and employers can learn more about Act 32 by visiting Jordan Tax Service's special Act 32 website at: www.jordantax.com/act32. You can also call Jordan Tax Service 412-835-5243 or 724-731-2300. More information is also available through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's website at www.newpa.com (search for "Act 32").

A Message from the Moon Township Property Tax Office

Catherine Tress, Moon Township Property Tax Collector, is reminding property owners of a few important deadlines for municipal and school district property taxes.

Municipal Property Tax: Property owners are reminded that municipal property tax bills currently are in the penalty period, which runs through December 31, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2012, all unpaid municipal property taxes become delinquent and will be turned over to Keystone Municipal Collections. Additional penalties, interest or commissions can apply.

Moon Area School District Property Tax: School district property tax bills currently are in the penalty period, which runs through December 31, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2012, all unpaid taxes are turned over to Jordan Tax Service for delinquent collection. Additional penalties, interest or commissions can apply.

MASD Property Tax – Installment Payment Option: In order to participate in the installment payment plan, property owners must have submitted their first payment no later than September 30, 2011. The remaining two payment installments are due by November 30, and December 31, 2011.

Also, please be advised that the Property Tax Office will closed for the following holidays:

Veterans Day – Nov. 11

Thanksgiving – Nov. 24 & 25

Christmas – Dec. 22, 23, & 26

For more information, contact the Property Tax office at 412-299-7446 or visit www.moontaxoffice.us for helpful tax information, deadlines and online payment options.

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CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

Moon Volunteer Recognized for Contributions to September 11, Dedication

As a military mom, Moon resident Denise Imbrogno immediately connected to the township's September 11 Memorial project when she heard that a steel segment from the World Trade Center had arrived in Moon. From that moment on, Imbrogno has been a driving force behind the Memorial Garden brick campaign and the September 11 Memorial Dedication held on the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. Through her tireless volunteer work and enthusiasm, Imbrogno worked to make the ceremony a meaningful event for the entire community. The Moon Township Board of Supervisors commended Imbrogno for her generous contributions at its October meeting.

Denise Imbrogno with husband Pat Imbrogno and son Kyle Imbrogno, TSgt, United States Air Force



Board Recognizes Local Leader of West Hills Food Pantry



The board honored Moon resident Sandy Hershberger at its June meeting for her 22 years of service as the volunteer director of the West Hills Food Pantry. The nonprofit organization has provided supplemental groceries to families in the West Hills area since 1983. During Hershberger's tenure, the completely volunteer-driven food pantry has never closed its weekly service. Over the years, Hershberger has also worked to build new food pantry outreach programs, including an annual coat drive, holiday toy program and Backbacks for Kids program.

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors with Moon resident Sandy Hershberger

Moon Township Extends Hand of Friendship to Serbian Citizens

Thanks to the efforts of resident Milana Bizic, Moon Township soon will play a role in a U.S. State Department documentary featuring 130 years of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Serbia. Bizic, a more than 30-year Moon resident, has committed much of her life to preserving and sharing the rich history and traditions of her Serbian heritage through education and outreach efforts. As part of the State Department documentary, Moon Township presented Bizic with a proclamation to foster goodwill and friendship between her home community and the people of Serbia. The Board of Supervisors recognized Bizic's efforts as a goodwill ambassador for her culture at its August meeting.

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors with Moon residents Milana Bizic and Sgt. Carl Walpusk



Do you know someone who has made an exemplary contribution to the Moon Township community? The Board of Supervisors accepts nominations for its Citizen Spotlight program. Nomination forms are available at www.moontwp.com or at the Moon Township Municipal Building. Selection is based on the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

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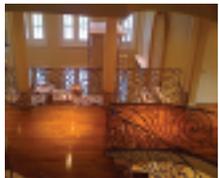
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