

MOON TOWNSHIP



2023 NEW RESIDENT GUIDE

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Welcome!

On behalf of over 27,000 and growing, residents, I wish to welcome you to Moon Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania! The community of Moon is known for its excellent schools, quality of life, active community, and strategic location.

As Moon continues to grow residentially and commercially, the Township also continues to review and expand what we have to offer to the residents. Currently, Moon residents enjoy three spectacular parks and over 600 acres of green space. Our largest park, Moon Park is where most of the activities take place. With two baseball fields, a softball field, three soccer fields, basketball, tennis, pickleball, and sand volleyball courts, Clearview Federal Splashpad, five pavilions, an amphitheater, and the Miracle League Facility, there is always something for all ages. Added in 2022 Black Dog Winery Dog Park to open to canines and their families in the summer of 2023.

Moon Senior Connection is a thriving group of over 400 members. Seniors from Moon and surrounding areas are invited to become a member and join in on the daily activities including, arts & crafts, music, exercise classes, cards, bingo, lunches, and the occasional adventure out to local exhibits. Tapestry Senior Living located at 550 Cherrington Parkway is home of Moon Senior Connection Program which operates Monday through Fridays.

Annually, the Board of Supervisors allocates funds for to road improvements and improvements to the Township facilities. In 2023, Township will wrap up renovation projects at Downes Fire Station, 1900 Beaver Grade Road, Township Municipal Center, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Sister Rene Procopio Schoolhouse Activity Center, 120 Mooncrest Drive and Black Dog Winery Dog Park, 1845 Beaver Grade Road. However, construction on the new Moon Township Police Department will begin in March of 2023 with completion expected in the fall of 2024.

The Moon Area School District continues to receive acclamations for the education it provides for the students and Robert Morris University since opening the UPMC Event Center has brought entertainment options for all ages to this region.

While we look forward to a bright future, we always remember our history. The story is that settlers arriving in what is today the western portion of Allegheny County named the region "Moon" after the crescent-shaped curvature of the Ohio River. From men like John Meek, Robert Loudon, and John Vail, who received the first land grants that eventually formed Moon Township, to the Mooncrest residents who produced armor plates, munitions, and ships during World War II, to the aviation pioneers who opened our township to new businesses, Moon Township has enjoyed a long history of growth and prosperity.

I am confident speaking for the Township Board of Supervisors and staff to say, we take our responsibilities seriously. Our 2023 budget allows us to continue with capital improvements, maintain our street program, plan for stormwater improvements, provide the highest levels of safety, and enhance parks and recreation programming. But what is truly noteworthy, this is done while maintaining the current tax millage rate of 2.74 for the past nine years.

Dawn Lane
Township Manager

A LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW

The Township of Moon is a second-class township form of government, governed by five elected Supervisors and an appointed Township Manager.

The Board of Supervisors' regular public meeting begins at 6:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month in the Municipal Building auditorium at 1000 Beaver Grade Road. Workshop sessions begin at 6:00 PM on the last Wednesday of the month. Both meetings are open to the public. Residents may view meeting agendas in advance by visiting moontwp.us/your-government/meeting-minutes.php.

The Board of Supervisors' regular public meeting is broadcast live on Moon Area Government TV on Comcast channel 14 or Verizon channel 37. The meetings are rebroadcast throughout the month on MAG-TV. Visit moongovtv.us for times or to watch a recording online.

Voter Information

There are 13 polling locations in Moon Township. Residents can easily find their polling place or register to vote online by visiting pavoterservices.pa.gov.

Government Information

U.S. Senators

John Fetterman
Bob Casey Jr.

U.S. Representative

Conor Lamb

State Representative

Valerie Gaydos

State Senator

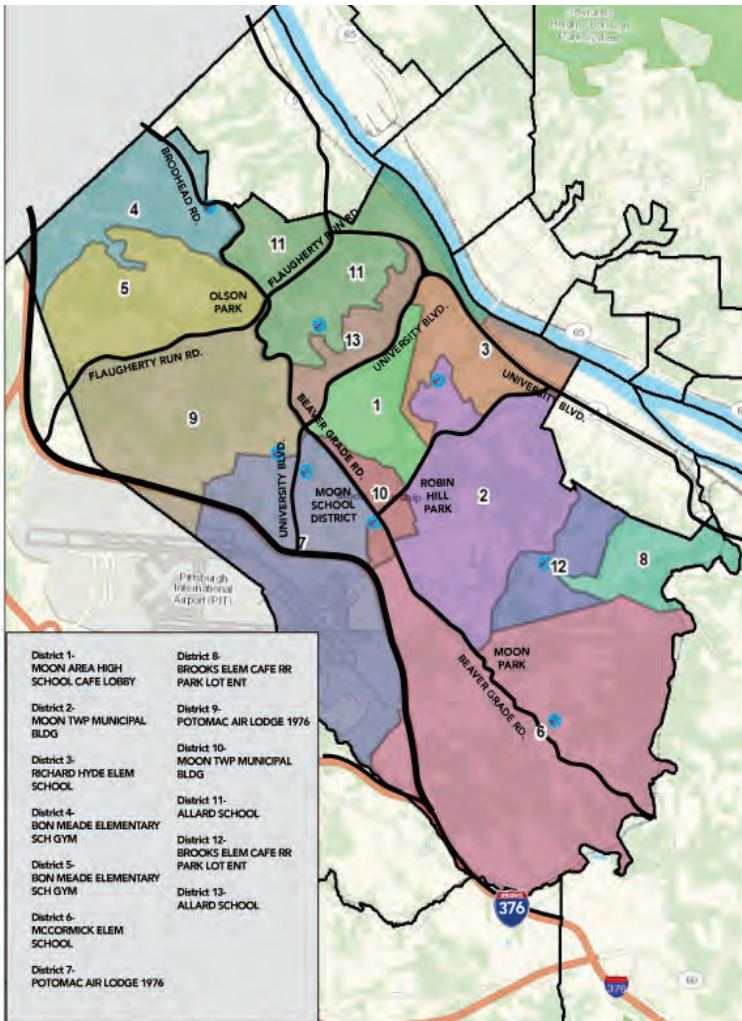
Devlin Robinson

County Executive

Rich Fitzgerald

County Councilman

Jack Betkowski



HISTORY

Origin

Moon Township has evolved significantly since its beginnings as a farm-based community. As one of the seventh original townships in Allegheny County, founded in 1788, Moon Township had a total area of 143 square miles. Some reports indicate that it would take one man on horseback two days to travel from one end of the community to the other. This geographically large township eventually spawned into 55 smaller municipalities, including the current neighboring townships of North Fayette, Findlay, Crescent, and the borough of Coraopolis.

In its early days, settlers depended heavily on the hunting and farming economy for survival. The excess of farm production at the end of the 18th century brought about a need for industries such as gristmills, sawmills, and fulling mills. By 1803, the Industrial Revolution had arrived, and the township continued to experience significant economic growth into the 20th century when roadways and railroads opened Moon as an attractive place for people to settle and raise their families. Both the Sewickley Bridge, which was originally constructed in 1911, and the Pennsylvania & Lake Erie Railroad contributed significantly to the township's tremendous population growth.

During World War II, a production boom created a great housing need for workers stationed at factories on Neville Island and along the Ohio River which led to the U.S. government building the Mooncrest neighborhood.

Growth

Moon Township's largest percentage of growth came in 1952 when the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, later named Pittsburgh International Airport, was completed. One year later, construction on the Penn Lincoln Parkway was complete, making the commute to downtown Pittsburgh from Moon Township possible in about 20 minutes. These two large development projects contributed to a population increase of 24 percent between 1950 and 1957. They also led to a housing boom that created more than 1,250 homes in a decade-long period.

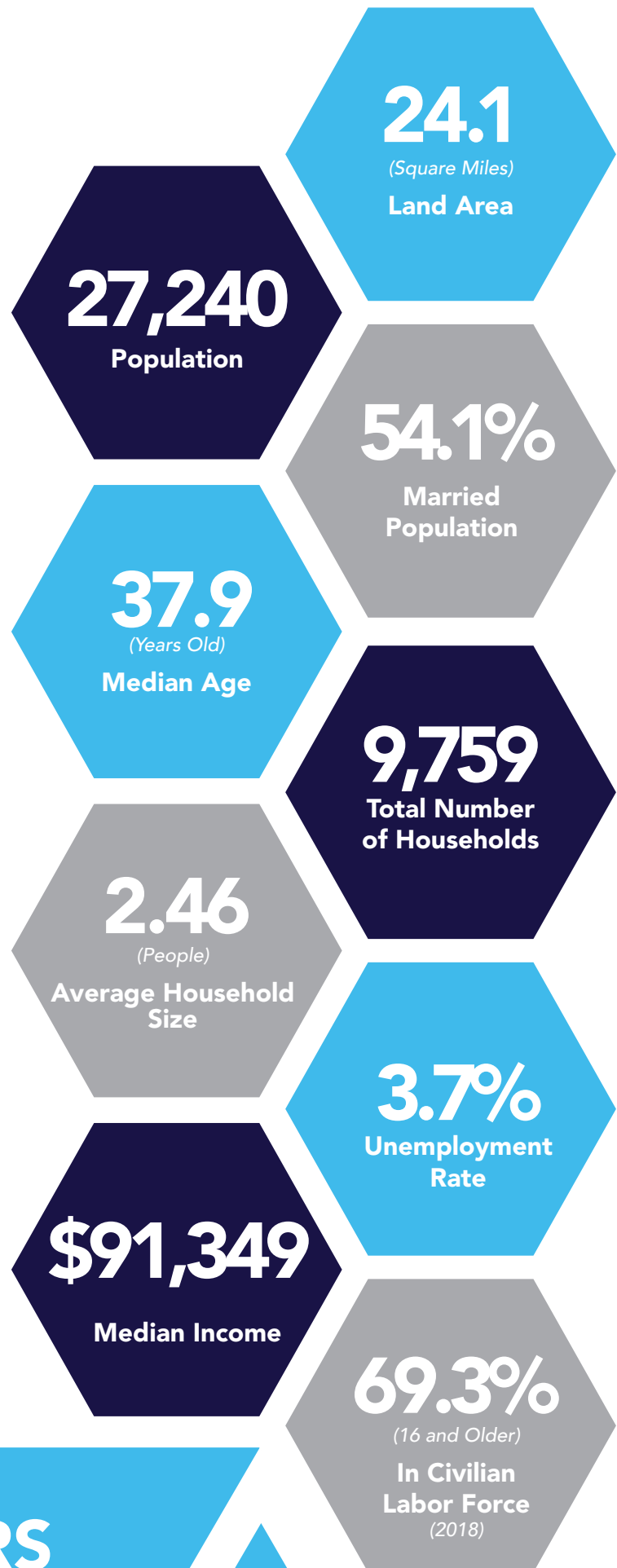


The township faced some challenges in the early 1990s when the airport relocated to Findlay Township. At that time, the Moon Township Board of Supervisors developed a forward-thinking plan that would help sustain growth. Although Moon lost a great source for business development, the township continued to experience growth. Today it's home to many high-profile national corporations, including Chevron, Eaton, FedEx Corporate Office, Calgon Carbon, Michael Baker, Nova Chemicals, ServiceLink, and McKesson, as well as several military installations including the U.S. Air Force 911th Airlift Wing and the U.S. Army Reserve 316th Sustainment Command. The highly ranked Moon Area School District provides opportunities for a lifetime of learning. Also, Moon Township serves as the home of Robert Morris University, which has a very strong business curriculum and educates nearly 5,500 students annually.

Future

Members of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors and the administration continue to market this community as an exciting place to start or develop any type of business. Moon Township has a rich history as an economically strong community and hopes to continue to experience growth that will keep the tax-base strong while maintaining green space and allowing the township to offer a variety of services to its residents.

For more information about Moon Township, contact the Moon Township Historical Society at moontownshiphistoricalsociety.com.



Moon Township BY THE NUMBERS

MOON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

The day-to-day operations of Moon Township are run by the Township Manager, who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Township Manager and Assistant Managers are responsible for overseeing personnel, implementing and enforcing policy decisions, preparing the annual budget, and ensuring that all subsequent departments are run smoothly and efficiently. Each department is run by an appointed department head, who reports directly to the Township Managers.

Board of Supervisors

- Allan Bross, Chairman
- Jim Vitale, Vice Chairman
- David Bachman
- John Hertzner
- Albert Quaye

Township Manager

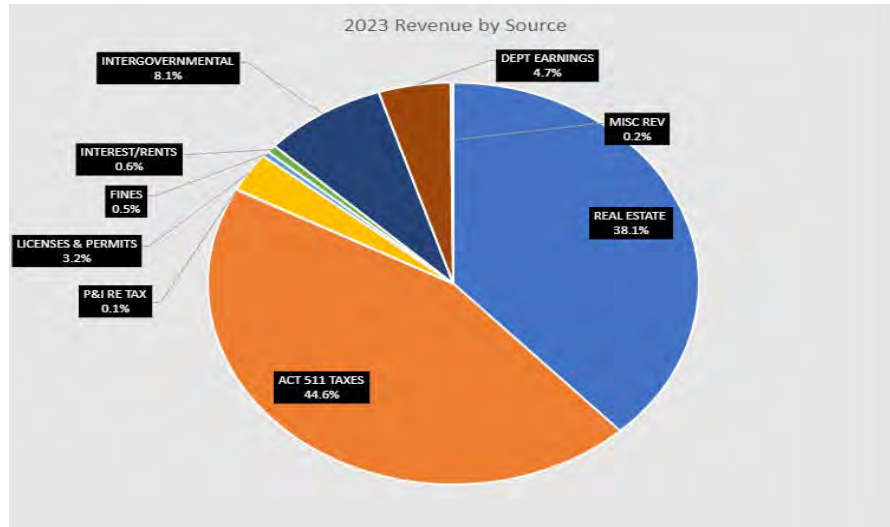
Dawn Lane

Assistant Township Managers

- Scott Brillhart
- Jeff Ziegler

2023 Revenues

In Percentage



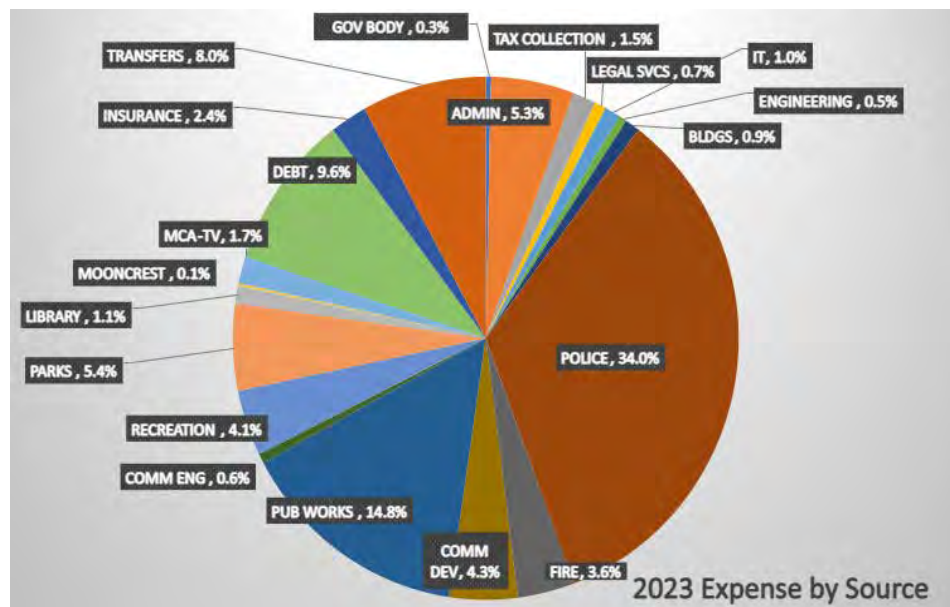
*based on the 2023 budget

Moon Township Department Heads

- James Koepfinger, *Director of Communications and Technology*
- Chris McGuire, *Director of Public Works*
- Joshua Werner, *Parks and Recreation Director*
- Morgan Torchia, *Director of Communications*
- Marla Marcinko, *Director of Finance*
- Frank Starko, *Chief of Police*
- John Scott, *Fire Marshal*

2023 Expenses

In Percentage



*based on the 2023 budget

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS

Advisory boards and councils are designed to help the township better understand the needs and desires of the residents, business owners, and developers who have chosen Moon Township as their place to live, learn, work, and play. Residents who serve on these committees are advocates for the people of Moon Township. Each member brings with them their own experiences, advice, and input which can be influential when the Board of Supervisors votes on policy decisions and ordinances. To learn more about advisory boards and committees, visit moontwp.us/yourgovernment.html.

The Board of Supervisors is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the following boards, councils, and commissions:

- *Cable TV Advisory Board*
- *Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)*
- *Mooncrest Historic Overlay Advisory Committee*
- *Industrial Development Authority*
- *Library Board of Trustees*
- *Military Banner Committee*
- *Moon Transportation Authority*
- *Moon Township Municipal Authority*
- *Parks & Recreation Board*
- *Planning Commission*
- *Moon Township Recreation Authority*
- *Riverview Sanitary Authority*
- *UCC Board of Appeals*
- *Valley Ambulance Authority*
- *Zoning Hearing Board*
- *Moon Parks Foundation*



CONTACTS IN TOWN

Water/Sewage/Refuse/Recycling

Moon Township Municipal Authority
1700 Beaver Grade Road
412.264.4300
moontma.com

Electricity

Duquesne Light Company
412.393.7100
duquesnelight.com

Gas

Columbia Gas 888.460.4332 columbiagaspa.com	Peoples Gas 800.764.0111 peoples-gas.com
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Home Phone, TV and Internet

Comcast 800.266.2278 xfinity.com	Verizon 888.843.3949 verizon.com
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Moon Township Property Tax

John J. Wink, CPTC
1700 Beaver Grade Road
412.299.7446
moontaxoffice.us

Delinquent Tax Collector

Weiss, Burkardt & Kramer, LLC
445 Fort Pitt Boulevard, Suite 503
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412.391.0160
wbklegal.com

U.S. Postal Service

1140 Thorn Run Road
412.264.4629
usps.gov

Moon Township Property Tax – 2.74 mills
Moon Area School District Tax – 22.6746 mills

Allegheny County Property Tax

John Weinstein
Allegheny County Treasurer
Room 109 Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412.350.4100

Earned Income Tax Collector

Jordan Tax Service
102 Rahway Road
McMurray, PA 15317
724.731.2300
jordantax.com



QUICK REFERENCE

REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICE

Weekly Refuse and Recycling Curbside Pickups

The Moon Township Municipal Authority (MTMA) manages refuse and recycling for single-family residences and some multifamily properties. Waste Management is a contracted solid-waste and recycling company. Fees are based on a bid through the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG).

Refuse and recycling pickups occur on the same day. Collection days vary by neighborhood. Contact MTMA at **412.264.4300** to find out the day for your neighborhood. Pickups will be delayed by one day when a holiday occurs on a weekday. (certain holidays)

For more information about refuse and recycling services, visit moontma.com or call the MTMA office at **412.264.4300**.

Household Electronics and Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Waste Management offers a residential curbside special materials pickup. The “At Your Door Special Collection” program allows MTMA garbage customers to dispose of household materials easily and safely.

After scheduling your collection date and time, a Waste Management representative will provide you with information and instructions for preparing your collection. More information on the program and a list of accepted materials can be found through the program’s website at WMatYourDoor.com or by calling a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.

Community Recycling Days

Electronics Collections 2023:	Annual Recycling Day
April 1: 10 AM -2 PM	June 3, 2022
June 3: 8 AM - 1 PM	8 AM - 1 PM
August 5: 10 AM - 2PM	Public Works Garage
October 7: 10 AM- 2 PM	1115 Stevenson Mill
Public Works Garage	Road
1115 Stevenson Mill Road	

Moon Township’s Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) hosts a series of electronics recycling events throughout the year to collect unused and unwanted electronic items such as printers, copiers, computers, laptops, and televisions. This is open to all communities. No businesses.

The EAC, with the assistance of community volunteers, hosts an annual recycling day typically on the first Saturday of June to help keep reusable items out of landfills. Eligible items include usable construction materials, household appliances, electronics, some home healthcare items, and tires (for a fee). Check out the flyer for specifics. This is open to Moon Township residents only. For more information, please call **412.262.1700**.

Look for opportunities for glass recycling events posted on moontwp.us and the Moon Township Facebook page.

Yard Waste Collections

The Moon Township Public Works Department offers curbside yard waste and tree branch pickup service in the spring and fall. Pickups follow residents’ regular garbage collection. Place items at the curb no later than 8:00 AM on pickup day. Residents are asked to place waste in biodegradable paper bags. No plastic bags or boxes will be accepted. Branches should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied. Watch for dates to be posted on moontwp.us.

Residents may drop off yard waste, following the same guidelines stated above, to be composted at the Moon Park. The composting program provides free mulch and compost to residents. Bring your containers and take as much as you need. Residents dropping off yard waste or picking up compost are asked to notify Public Works before arrival by calling **412.262.1700**.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1000 Beaver Grade Road
412.262.5000
moonpolice.us

The Moon Township Police Department works to maintain a safe and peaceful community by providing effective and efficient law enforcement services through community partnerships, public education, and quality service.

Accreditation

- Municipal Police
- Officers Education and Training Commission Community Services
- SwiftReach (emergency alerts and community notifications)
- Project Lifesaver (monitoring program for at-risk residents)
- Vacation House Watch
- Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation
- Bicycle and Helmet Giveaway
- Santa Cop Toy Drive
- Christmas Food Drive
- Solicitation Permits
- West Hills DUI Task Force
- Safety planning programs in coordination with MASD
- School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Mobile Field Force Team
- Crash Reconstruction Team
- Ceremonial Drill Team
- Critical Incident Response Team

Contact

In the event of an emergency or to report an occurring crime or threat, always call Moon Township Police Department's Dispatch Center at **412.262.5000** or dial 911 for immediate assistance. Please don't rely on email or Facebook for emergencies as these are not monitored on a 24/7 basis.

Citizens may also call the Dispatch Center to speak with a Moon Police official regarding information related to a crime or victim of a crime. Callers may choose to remain anonymous.

Moon Dispatch Center
412.262.5000

Emergency Services 911

Crime Tips Hotline 412.262.5202

Moon Police Email
Police@moonpolice.us

Moon Police Chief Frank Starko
fstarko@moonpolice.us

Lt. Shener Ulke
sulke@moonpolice.us



FIRE DEPARTMENT

1000 Beaver Grade Road
 412.262.5006
moontwpfire.com

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company (MTVFC) operates from four fire stations strategically located throughout the township.

MTVFC is always looking for new members to join them in serving and protecting the community. To encourage volunteerism, the township offers a Volunteer Service Credit program for fire company volunteers. The program provides an annual real property tax credit of 20 percent to each certified, active volunteer who meets the specified requirements. The Township also participates in a FEMA Safer Grant which pays stipends for firefighters

Accreditation

We are a state-accredited Fire Department with more than 50% of our active members Certified Fire Fighter 1, one member is Certified 2, and 3 Fire Fighters Certified Instructors through the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy. We have over 70% of our Department members who are State Certified in Vehicle Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Confined Space Rescue. Six members are participants with the SHACOG Tactical Rescue Team and Certified in several additional rescue concepts, High and Low Angle Rope Rescue, Water Rescue, and Heavy Vehicle Rescue.

Currently, we operate 15 pieces of equipment, 3 Trucks, a 102 ft ladder, an 85 ft Snorkel, a 75-foot ladder, 5 Engines, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Brush Truck, 4 squad units, 1 Gator 6x6 all-terrain vehicle and trailer, 1 command unit, with additional support trailers, 1 Region 13, a Decon Trailer, 1 Trench Rescue Trail, and 1 Command Trailer. This past year the fire department purchased a special service vehicle that will be used for traffic accident management as well as being utilized for towing our various Township-owned trailers. (ex. Emergency trailers, Decon Trailer, Command Trailer, Trench Rescue Trailer)

Community Services

- Fire response
- Technical rescue responses
- Public education
- Fire prevention

Fund Raisers

- Car Cruise at Moon Park
- Fire Company Township

Wide Donation Mailer

Downes Station
 At the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road

Carnot Station
 Between Carnot Road and University Boulevard (behind McDonald's)

Boggs Run
 Spring Run Road Extension across from Baker Fields

Public Safety Building
 1000 Beaver Grade Road





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Valley Ambulance Authority

Valley Ambulance Authority (VAA) provides emergency medical services and medical transportation services to Moon Township and surrounding communities. The combined fleet of emergency vehicles includes seven ambulances, four special service/wheelchair vans, and a paramedic/supervisor response vehicle. All VAA paramedics and emergency medical technicians are certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and attend rigorous continuing education classes throughout the year.

VAA is a non-profit municipal authority and is primarily supported by subscription fees, insurance payments, and donations. VAA does not receive any municipal tax revenue and is an IRS-designated 501 (c)3 charitable organization. For more information, visit www.valleyamb.org.

VAA offers comprehensive American Heart Association (AHA) certified training programs including CPR and First Aid for the general public, health care professionals, community groups, sports teams, and businesses of all sizes.

VAA encourages everyone to spread the word that a “text can wait” to drivers of all ages!

3,000

(2022)

Wheelchair
Van
Volume

7,550

(2022)

Ambulance
Responses

Valley Ambulance

3550 University Blvd.
Moon Township, PA 15108

412.262.2620

In the event of an emergency, call 911
Valleyamb.org

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Moon Township Community Development Department is responsible for the coordination and implementation of all land development, property improvement, and code enforcement regulations within Moon Township.

Building Regulation Department

Moon Township’s Building Inspector is responsible for enforcing state and local building regulations in both new and existing structures as well as approving contractors’ building permits. Questions about building permits should be directed here.

Planning Department

The Moon Township Planning Department reviews all land development applications for compliance with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance. This review includes the coordination of plans to be considered by the Moon Township Planning Commission and the Moon Township Board of Supervisors.



Zoning Department

Some of the key functions of Community Development include enforcement of the Zoning Code, the Property Maintenance Code, rental inspections, and responding to citizens' concerns related to such matters. Additional information and documents concerning these subjects can all be found on the Moon Township website, www.moontwp.us, or by contacting Moon Township Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, Amber Paxton.

In addition, Chapter 27 of the Zoning/Municipal Code outlines the subjects routinely inquired about and those can be referenced at: <https://ecode360.com/30859895> or by calling 412.262.1700 EXT. 106 for further explanation from the Zoning Officer.

The purpose of the Community Development Department is to facilitate and manage sustainable development in Moon Township that meets the needs of individual property owners and the Township within the parameters of the comprehensive plan and the Township Code of Ordinances. This is to be accomplished through dynamic land-use regulations, thorough inspections, community involvement, and excellent internal and external communication. The Department strives to enhance the physical environment and improve the quality of life for all residents, commercial businesses, and visitors.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the updated Moon Township Comprehensive Plan in April of 2015. This document is a guide that shapes the direction of the community's preservation and development activities and establishes community development policies. The plan defines the document's vision and aspirations and outlines a roadmap to assist the community in making decisions about its future. You can access this document from the Moon Township website.

The Community Development Department staff serves as liaison to the following Boards and Commissions that help guide development in the Township: Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB), and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Any subdivisions, land developments, or conditional use applications are administered by staff and presented to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. The Zoning Hearing Board conducts public hearings for variance and special exception applications. The HARB makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Mooncrest historic district and the preservation of the Township's historic resources. The EAC provides advice to the Township on environmental issues and develops programs promoting green initiatives and best management practices.

The Community Development Department processes building permit requests and conducts building inspections. Always contact the Building Inspector before starting a project to determine if you are required to obtain a permit. Permits are required for all new building construction, additions, sheds, swimming pools, decks, porches, garages, fireplaces, electric systems, new driveways, and other projects as listed in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and the Moon Township Code of Ordinances. Other key functions include enforcement of the zoning code(s), the Property Maintenance Code, and responding to citizen concerns related to such matters. Additional information can be obtained from the Moon Township website, www.moontwp.us.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Moon Township Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of all township-owned roads, properties, and buildings. Approximately 24 road employees, a Public Works Facilities Manager, and a Public Works Operations Manager make up the road department. The Department of Public Works saves Moon Township thousands of dollars annually in construction and maintenance costs by offering several services in-house. These services include:

- *Design and creation of signage for the township about Warnings, Regulations, Guidance, General Information, and events*
- *Maintain Township parks including athletic fields, splash pads, park shelters, neighborhood parklets, playgrounds, and the Miracle Field at Moon Park.*
- *Maintain snow and ice control at all Township facilities and Township-owned sidewalks.*
- *Responsible for the maintenance of 13 Township buildings*
- *Respond to PA One Calls*
- *Coordinate Township building and construction projects*
- *Maintain road operating permits*
- *Winter Road maintenance on township, state, and county roads*
- *Participate in PennDOT Agility Program*
- *Green Space Mowing and Township Right of Way Mowing*
- *Filling potholes, sealing cracks, simple paving*
- *Managing the annual road paving program*
- *Salting and plowing Township, State, and County roads*
- *Street sweeping*
- *Roadkill disposal*
- *Yard waste pickup*
- *Tree limb drop-off*
- *Composting program*
- *Maintaining traffic signals*
- *Maintaining township-owned vehicles*
- *Remodeling of facilities*
- *Metal Fabrication*
- *Herbicide and Pesticide Certified Application*
- *Coordination of the Annual Road Paving Program*
- *Stormwater structure inspection and maintenance*
- *Retention Pond maintenance*
- *Maintaining approximately 546 township roads which equate to: 77.52 miles of Township roads and 155 lane miles*
- *Inspection and maintenance of the Township MS-4 Program*
- *Answering resident requests thru the Citizen Request Notification System*
- *Input and maintain the Trair Public Works Project accounting software program*

Learn more about these and other services by visiting moontwp.us/publicworks.html.



Citizen Request System

Residents who notice an issue requiring the attention of Public Works may submit a request online through the township's Citizen Request System. This system allows residents to submit their questions, comments, or concerns to township officials online. It allows residents to track the resolution of their comments through ongoing e-mail updates, ensuring a timely response. Look for the link on the moontwp.us home page under the residents' tab.

Please note that Public Works does not maintain the following state-owned roads. These roads are maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

- *University Boulevard*
- *Interstate 376*
- *Stoops Ferry*
- *Flaugherty Run*
- *Montour Run*
- *Hassam Road, Montour street to sewer plant*
- *Rt. 51*
- *Thorn Run Road Interchange*
- *Ewing Road Interchange*
- *International Drive Interchange*
- *Montour Expressway*
- *Sewickley Bridge*
- *McGovern Blvd*
- *Resurrection Rd.*

PARKS AND RECREATION

1350 Joe DeNardo Way (physical office)
1000 Beaver Grade Road (mailing address)
412.262.1703
moonparks.org

Moon Parks and Recreation offers residents of Moon and surrounding communities a diverse array of leisure opportunities throughout the seasons.

Parks

With a strong emphasis on sustainability, maintaining green space, and connecting people to nature, Moon Parks and Recreation oversees 600+ acres of park space with groomed trails in three parks: Moon, Robin Hill, and Olson. The parks offer many amenities including basketball, tennis, baseball fields, soccer fields, sand volleyball, pickleball, playgrounds, an amphitheater, a fishing pond, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and the Clearview FCU splash pad. Moon Parks and Recreation also offers a variety of programming for people of all ages, including seasonal special events, fitness, sports, educational, arts and crafts, and summer camp.

To provide children, youth, and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment, all Moon Township parks, fields, playgrounds, and recreational areas are tobacco-free zones. This includes all forms of smokeless tobacco, vaping, and e-cigarettes.



Trail System

Moon Township is home to nearly 20 miles of multi-use trails. People of all ages and skill levels can enjoy walking, hiking, and biking on the well-maintained, clearly marked trails. Pets on leashes are welcome, but all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are not permitted.

The township is working to connect neighborhoods near Moon, Robin Hill, and Olson parks to the trail system. Efforts are also underway to link township trails and greenspaces to those owned and maintained by the Montour Trail Council, the Ohio River Trail Council, and Hollow Oak Land Trust. We are always looking to partner with volunteers on trail development and maintenance. New maps are now available online at moonparks.org.

Programming

Moon Parks & Recreation offers a variety of programs and classes throughout the year for all ages and skill levels. The schedule is posted online and in the Moon Township Messenger magazine, which mails quarterly to all residents. Be sure to sign up for the email list to stay informed of all Parks & Recreation news.

Senior Connection

The Moon Township Senior Connection offers senior programming to anyone 55+ in Moon Township as well as all surrounding communities. Membership is FREE with the purchase of a membership card (\$10). Please visit the Moon Township Senior Connection during front desk hours to obtain a membership card or register for a program. Most registrations can also be made by calling the Moon Township Senior Connection during front desk hours or by going online at www.moonparks.org. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Front Desk Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Friday from 10:00-Noon

Location: 550 Cherrington Parkway

Front Desk Phone: 412.262.1703 EXT 415

Get connected at the Senior Connection. Everyone 55+ is welcome. Daily programming includes Sit & Fit, Tai Chi, Sing-A-Longs, bingo, Line Dancing, Chair Zumba, crafts, computers, cards, billiards, darts, piano, games, painting, movies of the week, and more! Visit us for a tour.

Facility Rentals

Moon Parks and Recreation facilities offer a great location for parties and get-togethers! To learn more about renting a facility, visit moonparks.org/parks/rentals.asp.

Pavilions

Moon Park offers five pavilions for rent: Clearview FCU, Falconi, Rotary, Brewer Airport Toyota, and Eaton. Capacity ranges from 60 to 150 persons. All offer electric service, running water, and access to park playgrounds.

Robin Hill Center

Robin Hill Center is available to rent for weddings, reunions, graduation parties, and other similar events for groups of up to 110 persons. The facility is available to be rented for eight hours. Additional time may be requested for an additional fee. Reservations are accepted year-round, up to one year before the event.



Community Engagement

Moon Township aspires to be a distinctive community with strong community partners and involved citizens. Community Engagement in Moon has many opportunities for you, your family, and your business.

New Resident Guide

Visit moontwp.us/residents/new-resident-guide.php

Support Our Parks

Donate today (benches and memorial bricks)

Bench Donation

Bench donations are available for purchase and dedication for individuals, businesses, and organizations. All benches in our parks are made from 100% recycled materials. A list of currently dedicated benches, memorials, etc. is available from parks and recreation and online at mooparks.org.

Moon Township's Memorial Garden Brick Donation

Located between the Municipal and Public Safety buildings on Beaver Grade Road, the garden features three eco-friendly rain gardens and a brick walkway circling a central flag and memorial site. Commemorative bricks offer a meaningful way to remember a loved one, honor a friend or family member, or recognize a milestone. Brick sponsorships are available. Forms are available at the Municipal Building.

Corporate Sponsorship and In-Kind Business Donation

Sponsorship opportunities allow individuals, social organizations, small and large businesses, and foundations to invest in the health and well-being of our community by funding events, programs and park amenities such as trails, gardens, fields, and courts. Please see our 2023 sponsorship guide at www.moonparks.org/resources/sponsorships.asp#

GOLF CLUB

505 McCormick Road

412.262.2292

moongolfclub.com

Moon Golf Club is routinely rated as one of the best public municipal courses in the region. Measuring at just over 5,800 yards with a 68.5 course rating and a slope of 117, this 18 hole layout is an approachable place to play, while still challenging more skilled golfers with some of the most highly rated public greens in the area. Moon Golf Club offers a practice putting green and a fully stocked Pro Shop. The 19th Hole Bar and Grill, a favorite of area residents, is open to the general public. Moon Golf Club (formerly Bon Air Golf Course) was purchased in 2005 by Moon Township and is separately operated by the Moon Township Recreation Authority and offers daily discounts to Township residents.



COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION

1700 Beaver Grade Road
412.269.1191

mca-tv.org

moongovtv.us

Moon Community Access Television is a community-based network of public access, educational, and governmental programming. MCA-TV hosts quarterly production training classes for residents and non-residents who want to volunteer. Each spring, the station produces the annual Public Awareness Weekend, a two-day, 24-hour television event featuring interview broadcasts with Pittsburgh-area nonprofit organizations. Organizations looking to promote upcoming events may submit their information to the station's community bulletin board online at mca-tv.org/bulletin. These messages air between regular programming.

MCA-TV airs locally on Comcast channel 21 and Verizon channel 35 cable stations. Sister station Moon Area Government Television (MAG-TV) airs public meeting coverage of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors, Moon Area Board of Education, and Moon Township's neighboring municipalities. MAG-TV is shown on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon channel 37. Both stations reach more than 45,000 households in Moon and surrounding communities.



PUBLIC LIBRARY

1700 Beaver Grade Road
412.269.0334

moonlibrary.org

The Moon Township Public Library strives to provide free access to materials and programs appropriate for all ages that meet the educational, informational, technological, and recreational needs of the community, thereby fostering the utilization of the library as a center of lifetime learning.

MCA-TV

Comcast channel 21
Verizon channel 35

MAG-TV

Comcast channel 14
Verizon channel 37

SUSTAINABILITY

The long-term health and prosperity of our community are of paramount importance to Moon Township. We strive to establish sustainable policies and to enact sustainable procedures and practices. Our goal is to advocate, communicate, educate, and integrate environmentally sustainable, economical, and equitable values within our community and beyond.

The Township's Green Team, the Environmental Advisory Council, Community Engagement, and the Moon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board work with Moon Township stakeholders to enhance the livelihoods and experiences for all who live, learn, work, and play in Moon Township.

2022 Sustainable initiatives include:

- *Recycling and waste reduction*
- *Stormwater management education and pollution reduction*
- *Tree inventory and management including tree plantings and development of the historical tree program*
- *Moon Market – June through September – Wednesdays, 3-6:30 PM at St. Philip's Church (No Market on June 22)*
- *Native Species gardens, wildflower meadow, low & no-mow zones, chimney swift towers, bat boxes, and interpretive signage*
- *Live Well Allegheny participation*
- *Young Lungs at Play participation-tobacco-free parks*
- *Annual Earth Day celebration*
- *Nearly 20 miles of trails*

VOLUNTEERISM & STEWARDSHIP

Volunteers enhance the quality of life in Moon Township by contributing their time, energy, and talents to many projects, programs, and events. Individuals and businesses as well as civic, school, and social groups provide a vital service while making a difference in the lives of friends, neighbors, and the community. This stewardship supports many of the events, programs, initiatives, and services that make Moon Township a great place to live, learn, work, play, and... GET INVOLVED!

Moon Township aims to provide opportunities for service designed to improve the well-being of the volunteer and the community we serve. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Some opportunities to help include:

- *Township-wide and Moon Parks and Recreation (MPR) events and programs*
- *Moon recreation youth league coaching*
- *Environmental and outdoor activities, projects, and trail stewardship*
- *Community service for schools, scouts, churches, and colleges*
- *Businesses and corporations – events, park clean-ups, tree plantings, and trail development*
- *Township advisory boards and councils*
- *Moon Community Access Television*
- *Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company*
- *Moon Township Public Library*
- *Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs*
- *Moon Senior Connection*

Learn more about volunteer opportunities in Moon Township by visiting www.moonparks.org/about/volunteer.asp#

ANNUAL EVENTS

MCA-TV Public Awareness Weekend

Spring

8:30 AM-8:30 PM

April 23

Earth Day

1:00-3:00 PM

Moon Park

May 6

2nd Annual Moon Parks Foundation Fundraiser

6:00-10:00 PM

Pittsburgh Airport Marriott

Information and tickets at moonparks.org

May 20

Touch-A-Truck

11:00-3:00 PM

Moon Park

Lunchtime Concert Series

June 7, August 2, September 6

6:00-7:00 PM

Moon Park

Children's Ampitheater Events

June 7, August 2, September 6

6:00-7:00 PM

Moon Park

Moon Market & Music in the Park

June 14/18, July 12/16, August 9/23, September 13/27

5:00-9:00 PM

Moon Park

Movies in the Moonlight

June 23, July 21, August 18, September 9, October 6 Dusk

Moon Park Ampitheater

June 30

Moon Glow 5K Run & Walk

8:00-10:00 PM

Moon Township Library

July 4th

Independence Day Celebration

Time TBD

Moon Park

September 9

Wizards Festival

Time TBD

Moon Park

October 18

Halloween Spooktacular

4:30-8:30 PM

Location TBD

October 31

Moon Township Trick or Treat

5:30-7:30 PM

November 3

Veterans Breakfast

9:00-11:00 AM

Robin Hill Center

December 2

Moon Lights Holiday Festival

5:00-7:30 PM

Moon Park

Fireside Chats with Santa

December 5th and 6th

5:00-7:00 PM

Moon Park Rotary Pavilion

Moon Lights Holiday Drive-Thru

December 2-January 7

Dusk-7:30 PM (Weds-Sun)

Dusk-10:00 PM (Thurs-Sat)

Moon Park

EDUCATION

Moon Area School District

8353 University Boulevard

412.264.9440

moonarea.net

Moon Area School District (MASD) educates about 4,000 students from Moon and Crescent Townships, who attend classes in seven buildings, including one high school, one middle school, and five elementary buildings, each containing specially designed spaces for twenty-first-century learning.

Moon Area School District offers a 30-acre secondary campus that utilizes modern technologies to foster student learning and support program development. The campus showcases spectacular athletic fields and courts, modern auditoriums, and unmatched amenities for students, staff, and community members.

The school district is governed by a nine-member elected Board of Education. Business meetings are held on the second Monday of the month and workshop meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, both at 7 PM in the District Administration Board Room.

Rhema Christian School

1301 Coraopolis Heights Road

412.269.9555

rhemachristianschool.org

Rhema Christian School is a private, Christian school. It has 190 students in grades 2-year preschool through 8th grade with a student-teacher ratio of 13 to 1.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School (OLSH)

1504 Woodcrest Avenue

412.264.5140

olsh.org

OLSH is a Catholic college preparatory school for young men and women in grades 9-12. The school is committed to providing an education that is accessible, relevant, rigorous, and transformative while maintaining a nurturing learning environment firmly rooted in the Catholic faith and Felician-Franciscan tradition.

Robert Morris University

6001 University Boulevard

800.762.0097

rmu.edu

Robert Morris University is a private, nationally ranked university that offers more than 80 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs. RMU combines the advantages of a safe residential campus with the opportunities for experiential learning, professional internships, and networking opportunities of a large city. The university is home to the UPMC Events Center, a year-round entertainment, sports, and conference facility.



PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

John J. Wink

1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 300
Lower Level
412.299.7446 - moontaxoffice.us john - @moontaxcollector.com

Moon Township's elected property tax collector is John Wink. Under Pennsylvania law, the property tax collector is the independent collecting agent for a municipality and school district. The tax collector does not set property assessment values, tax millage rates, or collection due dates. The tax collector cannot reduce penalties or delinquent fees. He cannot accept payments once the property has been turned over to the delinquent tax collecting agency.

The current tax rates an due dates are as follows:

Moon Township Property Tax – 2.74 mills (2023)

January - December | Calendar Year

Township property tax bills are mailed April 1 of each year. If you do not receive yours by April 15, please call the tax office to request it. You will receive a 2% discount on the property tax if paid by May 31. Township taxes must be paid at face from June 1 – July 31. After July 31, a 10% penalty applies until December 31

Moon Area School District Tax – 22.6746 mills (2022)

July 1 - June 30 | Fiscal Year

School District property tax bills are mailed July 1 of each year. If you do not receive yours by July 15, please call the tax office to request it. You will receive a 2% discount if the school property tax is paid by August 31. School taxes must be paid at face from September 1 – October 31. After October 31, a 10 penalty applies until December 31. An optional installment plan based on the face amount is available for School property taxes only. Pay the 1st installment as shown on the tax bill by August 31. Coupons for the other 3 payments will be mailed. Those payments are due September 30, October 31, and November 30. A 10% penalty is added to installment payments that are late. After December 31, any unpaid taxes are turned over to the delinquent tax collector where additional fees and interest will be added to the penalty amount. Under Pennsylvania law, failure to receive a tax bill does not change the obligation to pay the taxes on time. The Tax Collector does not have the authority to waive penalties.



Homeowners that qualify should apply for the homestead exemption through Allegheny County. Exemptions will take effect for the current calendar year if the application is received before March 1. The Moon Township Property Tax Office is responsible for collecting real estate property taxes which includes both township and school. Jordan Tax Service is the appointed agent who will be processing tax payments in 2-23. Their number for property tax questions is **412.731.2311**. This office does not collect wage taxes. All wage tax questions should be directed to the current collector agency, Jordan Tax Service, at 412.835.5243 or call the Moon Township Municipal Building at **412.262.1700** for more information.

STAY CONNECTED

Submit a Question or Concern Online

The Township's Citizen Request System allows residents to submit their questions, comments, or concerns to township officials online. This feature allows residents to track the resolution of their comments through ongoing e-mail updates ensuring a timely response from moon township staff. Visit moontwp.us to find a link under the Quick Links section.

Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant

Moon Township collaborated with Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant to bring voice-activated e-gov to residents' households. This will allow users to download the skill of "Make it Moon" through their Alexa or Google app and then speak to their device to ask about happenings in Moon Township.

This feature allows users to find out when events are going on by asking questions such as "when is trick or treat?" or "what do I do with my tree limbs?" while in the "Make it Moon" skill. Also, it can be used like the e-gov service offered through the municipality website to ask questions, post comments, or report concerns.

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Moon Township

Moon Parks & Recreation

Moon Township Police Department

Moon Township VFC

Moon Community Access Television

Moon Township Public Library

Visit Us on the Web

moontwp.us

moonparks.org

moonpolice.us

moontwpfire.com

mca-tv.org

moonlibrary.org

moontaxoffice.org

Receive Monthly Updates

Sign up for the Township's e-newsletter, the Moon Township Monthly to receive updates on all the news and events happening in the township. Simply enter your email address in the box under Quick Links at moontwp.us.

Read the Moon Township Messenger

Stay updated on seasonal township news by reading the Moon Township Messenger, mailed quarterly to township residents. Copies are also available in any township office.

Get Involved

Volunteer on a board or committee, at an event, or on trails. Business partners welcome. Contact Community Engagement Director, Amy Ottaviani for more information at Imadison@moontwp.us.

Support our Parks

Sponsorships and donations help us to keep our parks up to date. Parks build communities!

Visit our 2022 sponsorship guide at moontwp.us/sponsorship.

Tune in to Local Government

Watch Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area School Board public meetings on MAG-TV, Comcast channel 18, and Verizon channel 37. Schedule information is available on moongovtv.us. Or watch online at mca-tv.org. View MCA-TV's community-produced programming on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon channel 35.

Have Fun with Moon Parks & Recreation

Get involved in Moon Parks and Recreation programs and events for kids, adults, and seniors. Visit moonparks.org for current schedule information.

Stay Informed with SwiftReach

Sign up for SwiftReach to receive emergency alerts and community notifications via cell phone or email. Registration is free. Visit moonpolice.us and look for the SwiftReach link on the home page.