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**On the Cover:** Dogwood blooms frame a view of the center at Moon Township's Robin Hill Park.

## WELCOME TO MOON TOWNSHIP'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Local governments pride themselves on being accessible to the public, and communications plays a big part in that. That's why Moon Township has made it a priority to keep citizens in-the-loop through a variety of mediums – online, on television and now through a quarterly newsletter.

"Moon Township Messenger" is a new communications outlet designed to keep residents up-to-date on township projects in a format that residents can keep on hand and refer to throughout each season.

"Citizen input plays an integral part in local government, so it's our priority to keep residents current on township projects," said Jeanne Creese, Moon Township manager. "With the help of this newsletter, we hope to encourage a regular dialogue about the projects and topics that shape our community."

In each edition, you'll find news from the Moon Township Board of Supervisors, special event information and a listing of seasonal Parks and Recreation programs. The newsletter also will aggregate useful updates from other Moon Township entities – like the Municipal Authority, Public Library and Golf Club – that provide services to Moon residents. Moon Township sincerely thanks all of the featured businesses for supporting this effort and underwriting the printing costs of this publication.

In addition to feedback on any of the projects or topics that you find in its pages, Moon Township welcomes your comment on the newsletter as a whole. Submit comments to Meghan McNamara, Moon Township communications director, at [mmcnamara@moontwp.com](mailto:mmcnamara@moontwp.com) for 412-269-1191. For the most up-to-date information from Moon Township, visit [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com).

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## Take a stake in Moon Township's Comprehensive Plan Update

What will Moon Township look like in ten years? A variety of components play into the outcome – considerations like open space and land use, transportation and infrastructure, public facilities and housing.

These planning elements, among others, will form the backbone of the township's 2011 Comprehensive Plan Update.

At its March meeting, the Moon Township Board of Supervisors selected Olsen & Associates, LLC, of Butler, Pa., to lead the plan update. As project consultant, Olsen will kick off the planning process this spring with a committee of township stakeholders.

The firm submitted a base bid of \$80,698 to complete the plan update, including three alternate studies focused on the township's overlay districts, Mooncrest Historic District and an analysis of a Town Center concept. The ten-year update builds on the 2000 Comprehensive Plan to map out long-range community development goals and prioritized strategies to achieve them.

"Olsen will work with the committee to gather information, set goals and incorporate input from the community at large," said Adam McGurk, assistant township manager and planning director. "The planning committee represents business leaders, developers and citizens of a variety of backgrounds. It also includes other major players in the community, including Robert Morris University, Moon Area School District and the Airport Authority."

As the roadmap to Moon Township's future development, the Comprehensive Plan is driven by public input and discussion to bring a range of perspectives to the planning process. Here are a few ways to take a stake in Moon Township's Comprehensive Plan:

1. **Stay up-to-date.** Follow the planning process at [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com) where a Comprehensive Plan web page is in the works to provide regular updates on the planning process.
2. **Attend a meeting.** The Comprehensive Plan committee will hold a series of public meetings throughout the planning process and an open house as the update nears completion. Visit [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com) for meeting announcements.
3. **Return a survey.** As one of the first steps in the information gathering process, the Comprehensive Plan team will release a survey to gather input from community members. Look for the survey in an upcoming edition of "Moon Township Messenger" and submit your views on community development. The survey also will be available online at [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com).

## Breaking Ground in Moon Township: Development News

### Supervisors updated on commissary plans

The Defense Commissary Agency, in cooperation with Allegheny County Economic Development, is planning development of a 43,000 square-foot commissary facility at the corner of University Boulevard and Business Loop 376. The facility will be located adjacent to the McGarity Army Reserve Center. In a presentation at the February Board of Supervisors meeting, a project lead described the commissary as a "military grocery store" for the region's population of active and retired service members.

### AutoZone plans approved for University Boulevard

At its March 2, meeting, the Moon Township Board of Supervisors approved a plan for a 6,785 square-foot AutoZone retail store to be located at 6052 University Blvd., where the Trivia Pub currently stands. As part of the Moon Township University Boulevard Overlay District, the AutoZone site plan will incorporate streetscape amenities, including sidewalks, street trees and pedestrian lighting.

## Local transportation association names Moon Township "Outstanding Member"

Moon Township counts its transportation network among its major assets, so it only makes sense for the township to support an agency that advocates for mobility improvements in the Airport Corridor.

As a member of the Airport Corridor Transportation Association (ACTA), Moon Township collaborates with members from the public and private sector to support efficient transportation solutions in the airport area. At its 2011 annual meeting in February, ACTA singled out Moon Township for its "Outstanding Member Award."

"Moon Township has supported ACTA's planning studies and projects, has helped us to be recognized as a viable agency within the airport corridor and has provided both financial and staff support by maintaining a seat on ACTA's Executive Committee for several years," said Lynn Manion, executive director for ACTA.

In 2008, Moon Township received ACTA's "Improving Mobility" award for the Township's Sidewalks and Trails Master Plan, which created a strategy to improve pedestrian connectivity around the township. Learn more about ACTA initiatives at [www.acta-pgh.org](http://www.acta-pgh.org).



*From left to right: Adam McGurk, assistant township manager/planning director; Jeanne Creese, township manager; Bob Dudash, president of the ACTA executive committee; Jim Vitale, chairman of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors*

## Emergency Management team starts special needs preparedness program

This spring, Moon Township emergency management officials are launching a program to help residents with disabilities or other special needs craft an effective emergency plan.

The program's main objective will be the creation of a Special Needs Registry to connect with residents who may need special assistance in the event of an emergency. In the Moon Township area, emergency situations can range from natural disasters like flooding and extreme weather, to an emergency situation at the neighboring Pittsburgh International Airport.

"Disabilities and other special needs can make it a challenge to evacuate a home, cope with a power outage or receive important emergency updates. The Special Needs Registry will help responders identify these needs and better coordinate assistance," said John Scott, chief of the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Although registration doesn't guarantee specific emergency services during a disaster, it will help responders match resources to needs more quickly and efficiently during an emergency situation.

"We are also strongly encouraging residents with special needs to develop a personal emergency preparedness plan that factors in any special needs of their family members," Scott said.

Participation in the Special Needs Registry is voluntary and all information will be kept confidential. If you, or a family member, have special emergency preparedness needs, please call the Fire Marshal's office at 412-262-5004 to request an information packet.

For more information about creating an effective emergency plan, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

## Moon Police launch safe driving programs for high school students

In two new driving safety programs coming to Moon Area High School this spring, Moon police officers will talk to students about countering the "it can't happen to me" mentality with facts, discussion and real-world anecdotes.

Seatbelts, speeding and texting are just a few of the driving safety topics that Moon police officers will cover in "Sixteen Minutes" and "Survival 101" – two traffic safety programs sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Buckle Up PA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In "Sixteen Minutes," officers will meet each month in a discussion-group setting with students who are turning 16 and getting ready for or starting their learner's permits. "Sixteen Minutes" focuses on the expectations of new drivers, accident prevention and the characteristics and consequences of unsafe driving.

Photos and stories from the field will guide the second program, "Survival 101," which will be presented in conjunction with the annual Mock Crash during prom season. While upperclassmen view the Mock Crash outside, ninth and tenth graders will gather in the auditorium for a multimedia presentation from a Moon Township police officer.

"At the end of the day, we're trying to save lives," said Moon Police Sgt. Doug Ogden, who will instruct the courses along with Officer Angela Zane and Detective Stanley Munger. "We're hoping that students will recognize that this could happen to them, and that they avoid bad decisions."

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Public Works signs on to new software to coordinate road improvements

Beneath the smooth asphalt of a newly-paved roadway lays a complex network of storm sewers, sanitary and utility lines – all of which are on their own maintenance plans.

Every year, in an effort to coordinate road paving with other road maintenance projects, the Public Works Department updates local utility companies with a list of township roads slated for resurfacing. The effort can save time, money and roads from being torn up for underground maintenance after they've been paved.

Beginning with this year's road paving program, the Township is linking into a web-based software program that helps municipalities and utility companies share this information electronically.

The Envista software – which is endorsed by the South Hills Area Council of Governments - allows subscribing municipalities and utility companies to post the locations and dates of planned road projects, which can then be viewed by other subscribers.

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The software alerts users of conflicting projects, facilitates e-mail communications, and visually maps out projects on local, county and state roadways.

“The software already has all of the municipal, county and state roads located on it,” said Malcolm Petroccia, township engineer. It’s like a GIS (geographic information system) in that regard.”

So far, Moon Township has entered roads slated for resurfacing in 2011 and 2012. In addition to preventing conflicting road projects, the software provides an efficient way to track past paving projects, Petroccia said. With the discount available to SHACOG members, Moon Township will pay a \$2,300 annual subscription fee for the software.

**Bid Awarded for Summer Road Paving Program**

Nearly four miles of township roadways will be resurfaced this year as part of Moon Township’s annual Road Paving Program.

At its March 2, meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted to award the contract to Youngblood Paving, Inc. of Wampum, Pa. for a base bid of approximately \$829,173. This is the third year that Youngblood Paving, Inc. will complete the Township’s road paving program, which is planned to begin this summer. Here is the list of roads slated for resurfacing this year:

- Arcola Drive
- Beacon Hill Drive
- Blackstone Road
- Bradley Drive
- Burch Drive
- Corporate Center Drive
- Crabtree Drive
- Crosswick Road
- Ewing Road
- Marshall Drive
- McCartney Drive
- Parkridge Lane
- Sandralayne Drive
- Springer Drive
- Stillwood Drive

**Street sweeper restored for spring cleaning**

Moon Township shipped its street sweeper off to Wisconsin this winter to undergo a much-needed overhaul. The current cab and chassis will remain intact, but the rest of the vehicle will be re-outfitted with new factory components to replace the worn parts of nearly a decade. By conserving the cab and body frame, the refurbishments will total to just under \$150,000 – a considerable savings from the approximately \$270,000 it would cost for a brand-new vehicle. The restored sweeper is expected to return to the township in time to start the spring street sweeping program on schedule.

MCA-TV

**MCA-TV to air live coverage of primary election returns**

A few hours after the polls close on election day, voters can tune in to MCA-TV for live coverage of election returns from the May municipal primaries.

Beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday, May, 17, MCA-TV will air the unofficial results of local races for offices on the Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area Board of Education. MCA-TV will gather numbers from 13 voting districts in Moon Township and two in Crescent Township, where voters will cast ballots for school board seats. In addition to the totals, MCA-TV also will break down numbers from each voting district. For more information about election season programming, check the program schedule at [www.mca-tv.com](http://www.mca-tv.com).



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

Have you ever wondered what it takes to produce a television show? Moon Community Access Television can get you started. MCA-TV is offering a free studio production training session this summer for anyone interested in learning the basics of television production and volunteering at the station. These hands-on classes are open to residents of any community and consist of four evening classes. Interested participants must sign up in advance. For more information, please call 412-269-1191 or e-mail [mca-tv@moontwp.com](mailto:mca-tv@moontwp.com).

## CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT:



### MCA-TV volunteers celebrate 25th anniversary

For as long as Moon Community Access Television has been in operation, Linda Francis and Ron Potter have been volunteering. And for a station that just celebrated its 25th anniversary, that's no small achievement.

In appreciation for their 25 years of service to MCA-TV and the Moon Township community, the Moon Township Board of Supervisors recognized Francis and Potter at its February meeting.

Francis and Potter have been dedicated MCA-TV volunteers since the station's inception in January 1985, and have grown with the station to become two of its longest-running community producers.

Francis's 25-year fitness series has promoted health and wellness at all ages, evolving over the years from high-impact aerobics to its current reincarnation, "Senior Workout." Over the years, Francis has shifted her program's target audience, but her goal remains the same.

"I love sharing my exercise ethic with the at-home audience," said Francis, who also instructs fitness classes for Moon Parks and Recreation and at two area churches. "Many people have told me I have helped them stay in-shape when they couldn't or didn't want to join a class."

Meanwhile, Potter, the president of the Old Moon Township Historical Society, has shared his regional history knowledge through educational programs with a Moon Township perspective. For Potter, the real hook lies in the ability to cover local angles that often slip under the radar of the mainstream media.

"There are so many possibilities. Many of those subjects would never be covered if it weren't for MCA-TV," Potter said. "I was always interested in doing something worthwhile and creative. It's just a continuation of a photography hobby and trying to do some storytelling with the video."

### Township employees commended for compassion

At the March Board of Supervisors meeting, the Moon Township Police Department and Moon Supervisors commended Sgt. Alan Morrow of the Moon Township Police Department and John Stephens of the Public Works Department for helping an Alabama truck driver who was passing through Moon Township when he received devastating news from home.

On the night of Dec. 14, Steven Hare was at the wheel of his 18-wheeler when he was notified that his 16-year-old son was killed in a car accident. Distraught, Hare noticed a row of police cars and pulled over at the Moon Township Police Department. There, Morrow helped Hare with his flight arrangements, talked to him about his loss and arranged for him to park his 18-wheeler in the department's impound lot. When Hare returned for his truck a few weeks later, Stephens stepped in to help when the rig wouldn't start after sitting idle in the cold. Stephens worked off-the-clock for nearly two hours to restart the truck while Morrow took Hare out for a meal.

In appreciation for their compassion, the Hare family wrote to Moon Township to request public recognition for Morrow and Stephens.

"I can assure you that (Steven Hare) was eternally grateful for all of the assistance and compassion he received during his visit to Moon Township on a night that he will never forget," Police Chief Leo McCarthy wrote in a commendation letter. "I commend Sgt. Alan Morrow and John Stephens for their actions and compassions."



*John Stephens*



*From left to right: Supervisor Marvin Eicher, Chairman Jim Vitale, Sgt. Alan Morrow, Captain Greg Seamon, Supervisor Frank Sinatra, Supervisor Andrew Gribben and Supervisor Tim McLaughlin.*

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

# A WALK IN THE PARKS

## New features take shape in township parks

### The Newly-Developed Olson Park: Ready for visitors

A brand-new entrance sign on Flaugherty Run Road now invites visitors to Olson Park, the newest addition to Moon Township's park system. The 137-acre pet-friendly park offers a half-mile walking trail, paved parking area and restroom facility for visitors. A large part of the upgrades were completed in-house by the Moon Township Parks Maintenance crew, which will continue adding mileage to the walking trail throughout the summer.



### Paving the way for the Moon Park Walking Trail

The new tennis courts and baseball field are open, and now Moon Township Parks Maintenance crews are making strides on construction of the paved walking trail that also is part of renovation projects. The one-mile trail will loop around the park to connect playing and picnic areas. In March, crews lifted asphalt to clear a path for the trail, beginning with the section bordering the park's main access road. "Visitors to Moon Park will see it constantly changing over the next five years as we progress through the master site plan that the township developed several years ago," said Dana Kasler, Moon Parks and Recreation director.

### Moon Park's newest picnic pavilion coming this spring

Moon Park will soon welcome picnickers to the new Clearview Federal Credit Union picnic pavilion as construction wraps up this spring.

In continuation of its longtime support for Moon Township Parks and Recreation, Clearview Federal Credit Union is sponsoring the construction and maintenance of the pavilion, which will open for reservations in May. Located adjacent to the new tennis courts, the pavilion will be able to accommodate as many as 100 people with new picnic tables, electric and water service.

"Clearview Federal Credit Union has been a committed supporter of Moon Parks and Recreation for many years, and has stood behind our efforts to expand community recreation opportunities for our residents," said Dana Kasler, Moon Parks and Recreation director.

In addition to its sponsorship of the new picnic shelter, Clearview also has signed on as sponsor of the township's annual Independence Day Celebration for an additional ten years.



"Clearview is proud to support Moon Parks and Recreation in their mission to present exceptional public recreation facilities to area residents," said Ralph W. Canterbury, Vice President, Marketing & Technology of Clearview Federal Credit Union. "This shelter is yet another example of Clearview partnering with Moon Parks and Recreation to provide a great public service to the community."



# Moon Parks & Recreation: Spring and Summer Programs

Find more program and event details at [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org). Register for any of the listed programs by calling the Moon Park office at 412-262-1703 or e-mailing [info@moonparks.org](mailto:info@moonparks.org).

## Art & Nature: Photo Journalism at Robin Hill (Ages 12+)

**Session I:** May 30 – June 2011 (Mondays - four-week session)

**Session II:** July 18 – August 9, 2011 (Four-week session)

**Times:** 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Park

**Fee:** \$55/Moon residents, \$60/non-residents

**Instructor:** Haley Harned

**Materials needed:** Digital camera, memory card, sketchbook, pencil

*Using natural observations while exploring the outdoors, participants will take photographs and using mixed media, as well as journals, creating their own original art.*

## Watercolor Painting (Ages 16+)

**Dates:** June 1 – July 6, 2011 (Wednesdays - six-week session)

**Times:** 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Park

**Fee:** \$110/Moon residents, \$120/non-residents

**Instructor:** Doug Brown

*Each class begins with a brief demonstration of watercolor painting in the controlled realism style of the subject of the week. Students then choose that subject or any other they prefer to paint from reference photos. All levels of experience are welcome.*

## Art: Drawing for True Beginners (Ages 15+)

**Dates:** June 14 – July 19, 2011 (Tuesdays – six-week session)

**Time:** 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Center, 949Thorn Run Road

**Fee:** \$85/Moon residents, \$95/non-residents

**Instructor:** Deborah McLaren

**Materials needed:** 9x12 or larger sketchbook, drawing pencils and erasers

*This art class introduces the elements of drawing with a focus on line, value, composition, perspective, proportion, materials and more.*

**Get in shape with Moon Parks and Recreation.**  
**Visit [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for details about Zumba, Pilates, Kardio Hip-Hop, Senior Workout and other ongoing fitness classes.**

## Basic Dog Obedience Class (Puppies, dogs ages 6 months+)

**Dates:** June 15 – July 5, 2011 (Wed. – four-week session)

**Times:** 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Moon Park

**Fee:** \$90/Moon residents, \$95/non-residents

**Instructor:** Holly Bush Dog Training Services

*Participants will learn basic obedience commands, proper leash handling, home safety and understanding dog body language and behavior.*

## Summer Tennis Lessons (Four-week sessions)

**Session I:** June 20 – July 17, 2011

**Session II:** July 18 – August 14, 2011

**Location:** New Moon Park Tennis Courts

**Instructor:** Kent Johnson Tennis Academy

## PEE WEE Clinics (Ages 5-6) – Tues./Thurs., 9:15-10 a.m.

**Moon residents:** \$40/session, \$72 for both sessions

**Non-residents:** \$48/session, \$88 for both sessions

## JR. BEGINNER CLINICS (Ages 7-10 & 11-14) – Tues./Thurs., 10-11 a.m.

**Moon residents:** \$60/session, \$100 for both sessions

**Non-residents:** \$72/session, \$122 for both sessions

## JR. ADVANCED BEGINNER CLINICS (Ages 7-10 & 11-14) –

**Tues./Thurs., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Residents:** \$60/session, \$100 for both sessions

**Non Residents:** \$72/session, \$122 for both sessions

## ADULT BEGINNER/ADVANCED BEGINNER CLINICS –

**Tues. 6-7 p.m./Thurs., 7:30-9 p.m.**

**Moon residents:** \$80/session, \$140 for both sessions

**Non-residents:** \$96/session, \$172 for both sessions

## ADULT INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLINICS –

**Tues. 7:30p.m./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Moon residents:** \$80/session, \$140 for both sessions

**Non-residents:** \$96/session, \$160 for both sessions

**Private Lessons for Juniors & Adults:** \$60/hour, \$30/30 minutes

## Summer Driver's Education (Teens)

**Dates:** July 11 – 22, 2011 (Mon.-Fri.)

**Time:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building,  
1000 Beaver Grade Road

**Registration Fee:** \$25/Moon residents, /\$30 non-residents;

**Course Fee:** \$325

**Instructor:** Kennedy School of Driving

*After successfully completing 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 Park Summer Camps

**US Sports Institute Summer Sports Camps** – Instructed by professional staff

### Multi- Sports Camp (Ages 5-14)

**Dates:** July 18 – 22, 2011

**Times:**

Half-day (Ages 5-14): 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Half-day (Ages 5-14): 1 – 4 p.m.

Full day (Ages 6-14): 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Fee:**

Half-day AM - \$145/week

Half-day PM - \$130/week

Full day - \$165/week

**Location:** Moon Park, 1350 Ewing Rd.

*Experience more than 15 different sports from around the world with the US Sports Institute. Campers will receive technical instruction in each sport, experience the sport in a realistic game situation and participate in the exciting USS World Cup Competition.*

### Sports Squirts Camp (Ages 3-5)

**Dates:** July 18 – 22, 2011

**Times:** 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$85/week

**Location:** Moon Park, 1350 Ewing Rd.

*This program introduces children to a variety of sports, including Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball, Lacrosse and Hockey. Activities are designed to evoke a child's imagination and promote hand-eye coordination, movement, balance and most importantly, fun.*

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**Reservations are open for Moon Park picnic pavilions and the Robin Hill Center.**  
**Call 412-262-1703, or visit [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org), for more information.**

# Moon Parks & Recreation: Spring and Summer Programs

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## Western PA. Baseball Camp 2011(Boys ages 7-14)

**Session I:** June 20–24 2011

**Session II:** June 27 –July 1, 2011

**Time:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Early drop-off available)

**Location:** Moon Park

**Fee:** \$150/week

**Director:** Ray Bosetti

**Equipment needed:** Glove, bat (optional), water bottle, hat

*Coach Bosetti and his staff will instruct the fundamentals of the game: base running, throwing, hitting, fielding, bunting, sliding, pitching & catching. Players receive free camp T-shirt and certificate of attendance.*

## Music Camp:

### Fiddle and Rock Strings with Steven Vance (Ages 5-12)

**Session I:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Session II:** Monday, August 1, 2011; 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road

**Fee:** \$25/Moon residents, \$30/non-residents

*Steven Vance introduces campers to fiddle styles by teaching shuffle bowing, double stopping and 1-2 tunes. Campers also will cover rock classic tunes with Yamaha Electric Violins and learn Viola and Cello plus sound effects and looping station. Experience is required – participants must have two years of playing experience on their instrument.*

## Mad Science Summer Camps

### Chemicals, Cells & Crime Camp (Ages 5-12)

**Dates:** June 27 – July 1, 2011

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Rd

**Fee:** \$145/Moon residents, \$155/non-residents

*Campers examine a mock crime scene and survey the contents of a cell in this interactive journey into the wonders of science! This hands-on program sends children on a quest to discover the world around us as they explore DNA, learn about their senses and test the elements of electricity.*

### Animals, Energy & Robots Camp (Ages 5-12)

**Dates:** July 11-15, 2011

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Rd.

**Fee:** \$145/Moon residents, \$155/non-residents

*Campers explore the energy of motion and life under the ocean's surface in this fast-paced week of science fun. Learn about robots, green energy sources, Newton's three laws of motion and much more! They will also explore the animal kingdom and learn about the life cycles of their favorite creatures.*

### Snapology Camp (Ages 6+)

**Dates:** August 1-4, 2011 (Monday-Thursday)

**Time:** 9 – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Rd.

**Fee:** \$115/Moon residents, \$125/non-resident

*Come build awesome robotic models featuring working motors and sensors. Throughout the week, campers will create their own soccer team complete with a moving goalie, kicking feet and cheering fans. Campers will let their imaginations soar as they create a robotic airplane and boat. Children should be able to build with instructions to attend this camp.*

Moon Parks and Recreation also offers a variety of Vacation Getaway packages. Call 412-262-1703 for details.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

All events are free

## Annual Spring Art Show

**When:** May 8-12, 2011

**Where:** Robin Hill Park

The West Hills Art League and Moon Parks & Recreation are proud to present the annual spring art show featuring a professional and eclectic mix of art in all media, ranging from abstract to traditional. Entries will be exhibited for competition and sale.

## 2011 Moon Beautiful Garden Contest

Moon Garden Club and Moon Parks and Recreation invite all interested residents to share the splendor and uniqueness of their gardens by entering this year's contest. Plan now to have your garden ready by summer 2011. The deadline to enter is June 17. Individual gardeners may enter front or backyard gardens and gardens grown exclusively in containers. The categories are: Flower Garden, Vegetable Garden, Container Garden, Water Garden, Children's Garden and Special Attraction Garden. For more details and contest rules, please call 412-262-1703 or visit [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org).

## Father's Day Fun Fair

**When:** 12 to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2011

**Where:** Moon Park

Bring your dad to Moon Park for games, live entertainment and a free picnic. Visit [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for more information.

## Independence Day 5K Run/Walk

**When:** 9 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2011

**Where:** GPOA parking lot, Cherrington Corporate Center (Moon Township)

Join Moon Parks and Recreation for a challenging course through the Cherrington Corporate Center. Visit [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for details and registration information.

## Annual Independence Day Celebration

Sponsored by Clearview Federal Credit Union

**When:** 4 to 10 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2011

**Where:** Moon Park

Join Moon Parks and Recreation for music, festivities and fireworks at the annual Independence Day Celebration presented by Clearview Federal Credit Union. This year's entertainment lineup will feature national recording artist Chuck Wicks, appearing courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pronto. Wick's 2007 debut single "Stealing Cinderella" hit the top five of Billboard's country chart, and his newest hit "Old School" is currently on the charts and radio. Also on the lineup are Moon Township's own fan favorites Sarah Marince and Brooke Annibale. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. with games, activities and food vendors, and conclude with a spectacular fireworks display by Zambelli Fireworks Internationale. Find the full event schedule at [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) later this spring.



Chuck Wicks

# MOON PARKS & RECREATION 2011 Family Fun Nights Concerts at 7:30 Movies at Dusk At ARL Amphitheater in Moon Park

## CONCERTS

### JUNE

- 3 .....Clem Rolin and the Pittsburgh Jazz Allstars w/ Lisa Ferraro
- 10 .....Softwinds - Doo-Wop
- 17 .....Delaney's - Cover Band - Variety
- 24 .....Steven Vance - Electric Violin w/Band - Rock/Jazz

### JULY

- 4 .....Independence Day Celebration - Details on page 9
- 8 .....Pittsburgh Philharmonic
- 15 .....ZardaZ - Classic Rock



## MOVIES

### JULY

- 22 .....Legend of the Guardians - PG
- 29 .....Despicable Me - PG

### AUGUST

- 5 .....Toy Story 3 - G - Disney
- 12 .....Casablanca - (NR)
- 19 .....Oceans - G - Disney
- 26 .....Family Fun Night's Finale: How to Train Your Dragon - PG - will follow a 7 p.m. concert by Sarah Marince - Country/Pop

Lisa Ferraro



Casablanca



Chris Denem



How to Train Your Dragon



Sarah Marince



## ROBIN HILL LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday - 12pm - 1pm @ Robin Hill Park Gazebo

- JUNE 15 ..... John Puckett - Acoustic Pop
- JULY 20 ..... Groove Merchant - Hits from 60's -90's
- AUGUST 17 ..... Chris Denem - Neil Diamond Tribute
- SEPTEMBER 21 Suzanne Laughlin-Varitek - Anne Murray Tribute

## Earned Income Tax Collector visits Moon Township

Keystone Collections Group of Irwin, Pa., collects earned income tax for Moon Township. Keystone representatives will be on-site at the Moon Township Municipal Building to answer questions on July 29, and October 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information about Keystone Collections Group, visit [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com) or call 724-978-0300.

## Reminders from the Moon Township Property Tax Office

Catherine Tress, Moon Township's property tax collector, reminds residents that Moon Township Property Tax Statements were mailed on April 1, 2011. If you did not receive a tax statement and do not escrow, please contact the property tax office at 412-299-7446. Under state law, you are responsible for your taxes even if you do not receive a bill. Remember to mark your calendar for the following due date information:

*Moon Township 2011 tax rate is 3.28 mills.*

**April 1-May 31:** 2% Discount applies

**June 1-July 31:** Face amount applies

**August 1-December 31:** 10% penalty amount applies

**After December 31:** Please note that the Moon Township Property Tax Office is only permitted to handle the current tax year. After Dec. 31, all unpaid Moon Township property taxes will be turned over to Keystone Collections Group, and additional costs will be added.

Visit [www.moontaxoffice.us](http://www.moontaxoffice.us) for more important tax information, including tax relief programs, useful links, frequently-asked questions and online payment options. Catherine Tress also encourages residents to call her office at 412-299-7446 with any questions.

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# MOON GOLF CLUB

## News from Moon Golf Club

In October 2005, Moon Township purchased Bon Air Golf Course from the Heinlein family. Bon Air Golf Course was one of the oldest public golf facilities in Western Pennsylvania and was the course where many local golfers took their first swings. The course was renamed Moon Golf Club after the purchase and is operated by the Moon Township Recreation Authority. The primary objective of the Moon Golf Club is to provide an affordable recreation opportunity to the residents of Moon Township and surrounding communities. Moon Golf Club has made significant improvements each year, including new cart paths, bunkers, tees, and a remodeled clubhouse. Moon Golf Club has become the home course for leagues, golf outings, and high school golf teams.

Moon Golf Club has nearly 40 golf leagues scheduled for 2011. We have openings available in several leagues including our Junior League and Senior League. Our Junior League will tee it up starting in early June. The Junior League runs for 10 weeks and only costs \$10 each week. The league plays on Mondays starting at 7:30 a.m. Our Senior League plays on Thursdays at 9 a.m. These dedicated golfers will play year-round – as long as there is no snow! The cost for the Senior League in 2011 will be \$27.00 for 18 holes + cart. We have openings for each of these groups – so please sign up now!

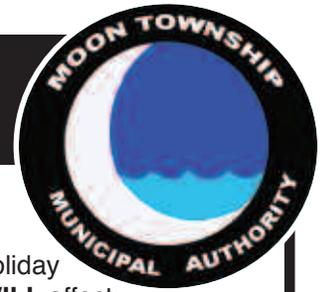
Our pro shop is fully stocked with a large selection of products for every golfer's needs. Our 19th hole is a great place to relax and grab something to eat or drink after a day on the links. We can also provide golf outing accommodations for group events, fundraisers, and company parties. Gift cards are available year-round.

Tee times are available at Moon Golf Club up to two weeks in advance. The golf course is open year-round – weather permitting. We are looking forward to seeing you on the course in 2011! Visit us at [www.moongolfclub.com](http://www.moongolfclub.com) or call 412-262-2992 for information about the course.



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## Holiday Changes to the Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule

There is no trash collection on major holidays. Collection schedule does not change if the holiday falls on a weekend. In 2011, there are four holidays that fall on weekdays and those four **WILL** affect the normal collection schedule. See the table below to find how you'll be affected.

HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY OF WEEK	HOW YOU'RE AFFECTED
Memorial Day	May 30	Monday	Your collection will be delayed a day. The collection schedule for this week will shift from Monday through Friday to Tuesday through Saturday.
Independence Day	July 4	Monday	
Labor Day	Sept. 5	Monday	
Thanksgiving	Nov. 24	Thursday	Your collection will be delayed a day <b>only</b> if your normal pickup day is Thursday or Friday. Everyone else will be unaffected.

## Sewer Backup Prevention: A Helpful List of What Not to Flush

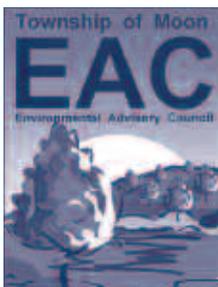
- **Paper other than toilet paper** – Can clog your plumbing and sewer mains.
- **Plastic** – Causes clogs
- **Grease** – Causes clogs
- **Medicine and personal care products** – Are bad for the environment
- **Flammable liquids** – Could cause a fire or explosion and could disrupt the sewage treatment process.

Please dispose of waste in a safe and environmentally-responsible manner.

## MTMA recommends steps to deal with sanitary sewer backups

In the event of a sanitary sewer backup, call the MTMA first to verify that the public sewer main is functioning properly. This is a free service and may save you costly, unnecessary plumbing and repair bills. If the MTMA determines that the sewer main is functioning properly, there may be a problem with the sewer service facilities on your property. The MTMA recommends that you solicit firm quotes from at least three (3) reputable local contractors before authorizing any work. Before hiring a contractor to work at your property, we recommend you check references with the Better Business Bureau. Don't allow yourself be pressured into a quick repair commitment.

The MTMA is not responsible for sewer service facilities on your property or for unforeseeable sanitary sewer backups at the sewer main. Many homeowners' insurance policies do not provide coverage for these occurrences. Please check your property insurance to verify that you have appropriate coverage.



## Moon Township Recycling Day

**When:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011

**Where:** Moon Township Municipal Building

**Who:** Moon Township residents only (Proper ID required)

Do your spring cleaning the eco-friendly way and bring difficult-to-recycle items to Moon Township Recycling Day. Accepted items include tires, construction materials, household appliances and electronics. Last year's event saved more than 23,000 pounds of electronics, 200 tires, 80 appliances and a truckload of construction materials from the trash heap. Find a complete list of accepted recyclables at [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com).

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## Children's Programs

### Girls Rock!

Friday, May 27 from 4 - 5 PM

## Teen Programs

### 3D Shadow Boxes

Thursday, May 5th from 6 - 7 PM

### Book Bites

Thursday, May 19th from 6:00-7:00 PM

## Adult Programs

### Expert Advice for Owners of Aging or Ailing Pets: The Final Paw of the Journey

Saturday, May 7 at 1 PM

### Backyard Composting 101

Monday, May 9 at 6 PM

### Too Much Stuff!

Saturday, May 21 at 10 AM

### Estate Planning

Thursday, May 26 at 6 PM

### Butterflies!

Thursday, June 16 at 6 PM

### Astrology—How It Can Benefit Your Career, Relationships, Finances and Self-Development

Saturday, June 18 at 2 PM

### Learn How to Prevent Colorectal Cancer

Thursday, June 23 at 7 PM

## Summer Reading!

Join us for a world-wide adventure! This year our Children's Department presents the 2011 Summer Reading Club: One World Many Stories. Trek through the Sahara, climb the mountains of India, swim in the oceans of the Caribbean and explore the jungles of the Amazon. Through stories, programs and special events, we will all become world travelers. Jump on board for an unforgettable summer of reading, learning and fun! Look for more information in the library in June.

Teens: YOU ARE HERE!

The Teen Summer Reading Program is almost upon us, and this year's theme is all about the people and places that surround us. Teens entering grades 6-12 this coming school year are invited to log reading hours to earn weekly prizes and to be eligible for the grand prize of a \$100.00 Amazon.com gift card. Teens are also encouraged to attend the special craft, food, and movie programs that will be offered throughout the summer, like a chance to romp through Wonderland as we watch Alice and her friends at Moon's first-ever "drive-in theater." For teens interested in volunteering during the summer, applications will be available soon with a limited number of volunteers accepted. Contact Heather Panella, Teen Services Librarian, for more information.

## North, South, East and West Armchair Travels

Join us as we travel the globe from the comfort of the library. Every other week we will be watching a film on a distant part of the globe spanning north, south, east and west. Enjoy the information travelogue and light refreshment from that part of the world. On Friday, June 24, at 2 p.m., our northern excursion will be to Norway with the film "Passport to Adventure Enchanting, Natural Norway". On Friday, July 8, at 2 p.m. we will be heading south for a safari in Tanzania with the film "Discoveries Africa Tanzania: Southern Serengeti". On Friday, July 22, at 2 p.m., we will have an eastern adventure as we explore the culture and history of China with the film "CHINA: Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong & Tibet". And finally, on Friday August 5, at 2 p.m., in the west we can leave our passports at home as we travel to Yellowstone in the ol' USA. Our film is "Yellowstone National Park Tour". Please register if you plan to attend.

## Exploring World Religions

On Sundays at 1 p.m. in June, we will explore four religious traditions that don't often command as much attention as other faiths, but that have a significant presence in global culture. The religions that we will cover are: Sikhism, Jainism, Taoism and Confucianism. History and teachings will be the focus of our discussions, trying to understand each religion from the inside and the outside. You can attend all four or any individual session or sessions. Please register for each session you plan to attend.



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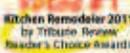
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