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412-262-5000

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412-262-5004 (non-emergency only)

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412-269-0334

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

Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming 2013 holidays:

- Good Friday: Friday, March 29
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 27
- Independence Day: Thursday, July 4

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On the Cover:

Honor a loved one this Memorial Day with an everlasting message in the Moon Township Memorial Garden. Learn how to place a brick order today on page 3.

Winter 2013 Photo Credit: Thank you to Moon Township Police Officer, Joseph Brace, for providing the cover photo on the Winter 2013 Messenger of Robin Hill Center.

Montour Trail Project Receives ACTA Award

The Township of Moon along with the Montour Trail Council and L.R. Kimball received the Improving Mobility award at the Allegheny County Transportation Authority's Annual Meeting and Transportation Awards Luncheon this past January. These groups worked together to improve the safety of the Montour Trail crossing at the intersection of the four lane Park Manor Boulevard and Montour Run Road in Moon Township. As one of the main entrances to the Mall at Robinson and the Robinson Town Center, this area receives an estimated 3,500 pedestrians crossing the road on a Saturday during trail season. In 2008 funding for the proposed safety changes became available through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development grant. The improvement included a "No Turns From Shoulder" sign, two "Bicycle Warning" signs, a pedestrian countdown indicator on the crosswalk, and a "No Turn on Red" sign. The project was completed in January 2013.

Moon Township Manager, Jeanne Creese, Moon Township Traffic Engineer, Chris Prisk of L.R. Kimball, and members of the Montour Trail Council accept the ACTA Improving Mobility Award.



Township Approves 2013 Real Estate Tax Levy

At the January Moon Township Board of Supervisors Meeting, the board approved the modification of the township aggregate real estate tax levy for the year 2013. Moon Township's real estate tax rate for 2013 is 2.48 mills, which includes .2 mills to fund equipment and training costs for the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company. This established final aggregate real estate tax rate fixes the total amount of real estate tax revenue to be received in 2013, exclusively as a result of the Allegheny County reassessment so as to equal and not exceed 105% of the real estate tax revenue received in 2012 in accordance with and permitted by the Pennsylvania Antiwindfall Statute.

Township Recognized for Outstanding Citizen Communication

Moon Township won three awards and the top honor – the 22nd Annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 45th Annual Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to their residents.

- Outstanding Citizen Communication Award
- First Place - Electronic Newsletters, *The Moon Township Monthly*
- First Place - Cable TV Programs, *Soak it Up: A Storm Water Documentary*
- Second Place - Newsletters, Class 1 Category (Population over 10,000), *The Moon Township Messenger*

Moon Township was the only entrant to win first place in more than one category. The association will present Moon Township with the Outstanding Citizen Communication Award in April at PSATS' 91st Annual Educational Conference in Hershey in front of more than 3,000 township officials from across Pennsylvania. The annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award is given to one township for its overall achievement and commitment to citizen communication.

Township Improves Safety with FCC Narrowbanding Mandate

The Federal Communications Commission has made it a requirement that all public safety and businesses who use industrial land radio systems must achieve narrowbanding by 2013. Failure to comply may result in loss of radio communications, substantial fines, and revocation of municipal licenses. Narrowbanding is the reduction of the bandwidth of radio frequency down to a narrow margin. Moon Township Police Department, Volunteer Fire Company, and Public Works Department have undergone this change with the purchase of new radio systems to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their radio systems. The Township of Moon used the mandate as a way to improve communication between public safety officials providing a safer environment for not only residents, but police officers and firefighters while they work to protect the community. Though required by the FCC, this improvement is unfunded by the Federal Government and is paid for through Moon Township tax payer's local services tax dollars that each employee pays of \$52/year.

At the October Board of Supervisors Meeting the Board approved an agreement with Staley Communications, Inc. for the installation of radio communications equipment in an amount not to exceed \$18,772 for labor and \$8,744.66 for equipment, there were no government subsidies provided to accomplish this. Due to the growing use of wireless communication there is less bandwidth available resulting in the FCC's narrowbanding mandate. Individuals or organizations such as churches, schools, or small theatre groups who own equipment that operates in the 700 MHz or 800 MHz frequency ranges must replace their equipment with newer models. This includes walkie-talkies, wireless microphones, and headsets. If any currently owned wireless equipment uses a frequency that is now used by Emergency Services the owner could be heavily fined. Exact frequencies can be found on www.fcc.gov.

Share a Memory this Memorial Day

Honor a loved one this Memorial Day with a personalized commemorative brick in Moon Township's Memorial Garden Walkway, located between the Public Safety Building and Township Administrative Office. A gift of an engraved brick brings sentiment and enjoyment to friends and family as an everlasting memory.

Engraved bricks will be placed in the walkway circling the township's September 11 Memorial and memorials honoring Moon Township's public safety professionals and military service members. Bricks are available at a cost of \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick; after the first purchase, additional bricks are \$50. Engraved 8x8" business bricks also are available for \$200. Brick donations will support the continued development of the Memorial Garden. To order a commemorative brick, contact Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004.



The Goddard School – “It’s where you start the journey that can make all the difference.”

The deepest, most genuine learning happens for children through play and fun activities lovingly guided by highly trained teachers. Moon Township will soon welcome The Goddard School, the leader in early childhood education, to 800 Commerce Avenue in the Airport Professional Office Center.

The new state-of-art 8,400 square foot school is currently under construction and has been designed to accommodate approximately 130+ children ages ranging from six weeks to six-years-old. The new school is projected to open this spring and will offer flexible schedules for children Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Carol Maier, the school’s onsite owner, has partnered with Matt and Dina Speranza. The Speranzas opened their first Goddard School in 2008 in Cranberry Township. Maier, who raises two children of her own with her husband, Jay, brings over 21-years of teaching experience to The Goddard School. The Speranzas are happy to be able to provide The Goddard School’s outstanding program to the children in Cranberry Township, and now with Carol Maier in Moon Township.

The new school is being prepped for its upcoming opening. For more information, contact Carol Maier at 412-262-1821 or visit www.goddardschool.com/Moon-TownshipPA.



Construction nears completion on the new Goddard School in Moon Township.

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES: Foxwood Knolls, Cimarron, Noble Woods

The Township of Moon becomes home to several residents each year. Here’s an update on the township’s newest residential communities. Find your dream home at any of these three locations at

www.ryanhomes.com.

• FOXWOOD KNOLLS

Foxwood Knolls offers single-family homes beginning at \$230 thousand and is being developed in four phases. Take a drive down Foxwood Road and Grampion Court to view the completed Phase I of Foxwood Knolls where there are still lots available for purchase. Construction on the 35 single-family home lots of Phase II on Elgin Court and Balmoral Court is underway and will continue through the spring while Phases III and IV will be completed in the future. Foxwood Knolls is a Ryan Homes and Maronda Homes development.

• CIMARRON

A Foltz development with homes constructed by Ryan Homes, Cimarron community offers single-family homes beginning at \$210 thousand and is being developed in seven phases. Already complete and available for purchase are lots in Phases I and II. Homebuyers can also visit Phase III, which features 36 lots with 22 currently ready for purchase. The remaining 14 lots will be complete this summer and the developer will begin plans for Phases IV, V, VI, and VII this spring.

• NOBLE WOODS:

Noble Woods, to be developed by FC Hookstown LLC, is a townhome community on Hookstown Grade Road featuring 10 buildings with 41 total units to be built by Ryan Homes. Noble Woods is the township’s newest residential development, brought to the Planning Commission in December 2012 and then approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2013.



Visit Moon Township’s Improved Economic Development Website at



www.mooneconomicdevelopment.com

for more information on bringing your business to Moon.

Suspect a Crime; Call the Hotline – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Moon Police Department's automated Crime Tips Hotline is available for anyone to anonymously call and leave a message if they suspect criminal activity occurring at a location or they have information that may assist in identifying a person who committed a crime, helping a victim of a crime, determining how or where a crime occurred, or recovering property or evidence related to a crime. Call the Crime Tips Hotline at 412-264-5202 or e-mail crimetips@moonpolice.us to do your part in serving your community. Many times your assistance saves someone else from becoming a victim or helps current victims of crimes.

Sign up for Swift 911 at www.moonpolice.us

Know what is going on near your home with Moon Township Police Department's Swift Reach Program. Swift 911 is a system that will call your phone in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information.

Never Feel Alone with Home Alone Monitoring – Call 412-262-5000 to Register

Moon Township Police Department's Home Alone Monitoring system automatically telephones a resident once or twice a day depending on their needs. The resident in need will receive this message, if the resident does not answer the phone or responds that they are in need of assistance an emergency contact will be called.

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

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. 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 and still remain anonymous if they choose to do so.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BETTER

MTPD Receives Child Safety Seat Grant



Chief of Police, Leo McCarthy, and his officers unload the delivery of child safety seats at the Police Department.

Moon Township Police Department recently received a grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics for 126 child safety seats; a combination of 30 rear facing infant seats, 30 convertible seats, 30 combinations seats (toddler to booster), 20 high back booster seats, and 16 no back booster seats. The Police Department in cooperation with the Pennsylvania American Academy of Pediatrics with funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation are working together to provide a lending program for the seats. The seats will be used by families in need and then returned to the Police Department to be safety-checked and cleaned before they are given to another family. The police also purchase several seats a year from drug forfeit money. The seats are not restricted to

only residents of Moon Township and can be utilized by any family in need.

The Moon Township Police Department makes it a priority to care about the safety and welfare of children. If you or someone you know is in need of a child safety seat, they are encouraged to visit the Moon Township Police Department to express their need. The Moon Township Police Department is a NHTSA approved Child Safety Seat Inspection Station. To schedule an appointment for an inspection or installation with one of their Child Safety Seat Technicians call 412-262-5000 or e-mail childseat@moonpolice.us.

Helping Hands Program – Giving to those in Need

Several organizations and citizens make it a priority to give to charities and those in need during the Holiday Season. One local organization, The West Hills Ministerial Association, provides assistance to residents through their "Helping Hands Program". Together, a total of 12 churches and service organizations work to raise money and collect vouchers for various resources such as food, gas, and shelter. The Moon Township Police Department received a gift this year from the Helping Hands Program of 55 vouchers that could be used in the local area. The Police Department is able to provide these resources to people they encounter that are in need, giving them a small bit of instant relief. The Township is thankful for organizations like the Helping Hands Program whose generosity services the community.

Bikes Donated from Dick's Sporting Goods Corporate Center

Moon Township Police Department wheeled in holiday cheer this past December with a donation from Dick's Sporting Goods Corporate Center. The Corporation donated six new bicycles, ranging in size from children to adult, for the Police Department to give to children in need. The Coraopolis Bicycle Shop donated extra parts needed for some of the bikes, such as pedals. The Township is appreciative for the thoughtfulness and generous donation of Dick's Sporting Goods and Coraopolis Bicycle Shop.

MESSAGES FROM THE MOON TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL



*Fire Marshal
Charlie Belgie Jr.*

CARBON MONOXIDE ALERT

As a priority to inform residents of safety precautions, the Moon Township Fire Marshal, Charlie Belgie Jr., advises all residents to equip their homes, if they do not have one, with carbon monoxide detectors. CO, carbon monoxide, is a colorless, odorless, tasteless lethal gas known as the "Silent Killer." The breathing of CO prevents your lungs from absorbing oxygen. Headaches, nausea and dizziness are the first signs of CO poisoning. Continued breathing of CO then produces unconsciousness and possibly death. Carbon Monoxide is created by the burning of fossil fuels in automobiles and appliances such as gas and oil furnaces, gas water heaters, propane

heaters, stoves and nonelectric space heaters. If the appliance is not properly vented, CO can build up to harmful or lethal levels.

The only safe way to know if CO is present in your home is with a working CO detector. CO detectors are relatively inexpensive and easy to install. They are available at most hardware stores, building supplies stores and large retail stores. A CO detector should be placed on every floor level in the home. If the detector senses a high concentration of CO, the detector will emit a shrill alarm that should wake anyone sleeping and alert them to vacate the premises and notify the fire department for further testing.

Never warm up a vehicle in the garage due to the very high amount of CO gas automobiles create, move the vehicle to the outside as soon as the engine begins to run. Gas generators should also never be run indoors and charcoal or gas grills should never be used indoors.

Detectors alone do not take the place of proper appliance maintenance. Gas furnaces and gas hot water heaters should be inspected annually. Gas dryer vents should be checked for obstructions to prevent CO back up into the house. Through years of experience in safety training and education, Fire Marshal Belgie strongly recommends that every resident has a CO detector on every level of their home. For more information or questions contact the Fire Marshal's office at 412-262-5004.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF AMERICAN FLAGS

Moon Township collects United States flags for disposal which they give to the Boy Scouts for their annual burning ceremony every year. Regardless of the size, flags need to have all the shafts removed and packaged in plastic bags. They can be dropped-off at the Public Safety Building or at the Township Administration Office and the Township Fire Marshal will be notified to pick them up at these locations.

DONATE OLD AND UNUSED CELL PHONES

Drop off old and unused cell phones to the Public Safety Building to be donated to the Women's Center of Beaver County. Funds raised through cell phone collections help provide child & adult victims of domestic and sexual violence with safety, advocacy, and support. All models and conditions are accepted.

The Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania – Saturday, April 20

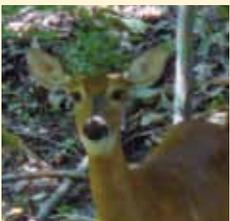
Join hundreds of Pennsylvanians on Saturday, April 20 in a state-wide road cleanup to keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. This marks the 35th consecutive year for The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's initiative to rid the roadways of unsightly and unhealthy trash and debris. People of all ages are encouraged to get involved to help bring out Pennsylvania's natural beauty by picking up paper, cans, tires, and bottles off the streets. PennDot will provide volunteer groups with safety vests, gloves, and litterbags to assist in cleanup efforts. To register a group and to arrange pick-up of needed supplies contact Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, Scott Kovach, at 412-781-3260 by April 5. All residents and groups that currently sponsor a road are asked to clean up their adopted road on April 20 for a larger impact and statement.

Prescription Drug Collection

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. | PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

As part of the National Take Back Initiative the Moon Township Police Department will hold a collection for residents to drop off their unused or expired prescription drugs so they can properly be disposed of. This event reduces the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse, as well as traces of prescription drugs ending up in the public sewer system from being flushed down the toilet or rinsed down the sink.

Deer Fawn Safety – Need to Know



Deer fawns are born at the beginning of spring and summer. When they are born, they have no scent. If you find a fawn close to your home, simply carry the fawn back into the woods, the mothers will not abandon their babies and will be back for them. Do not be alarmed if the fawn squeals while it is being carried. If you are unable to do this or do not feel comfortable doing this contact the Moon Township Police at 412-262-5000 or the Southwest Regional Game Office at 724-238-9523, 724-238-9524, or 724-238-5639.

MOON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company welcomes their newest addition – an Impel PUC pumper truck.



Serve Your Community as a Moon Township Volunteer Fire Fighter

Interested residents eager to learn how to become a member of the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company should e-mail recruiting@moontwfire.com. Volunteer positions are available for all interests and ages that fall under the following volunteer requirements –

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

MTVFC Donates Fire Truck to Point Breeze VFC

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company donated their former Special Services Unit, Rescue 2 - 1989 Ford C-8000 Ford to the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Company in Breezy Point, New York. In the fall of 2012, Hurricane Sandy left the Breezy Point community and Volunteer Fire Department devastated. The hurricane caused a fire that destroyed a total of 111 homes in the Breezy Point community. The Point Breeze VFC suffered catastrophic losses during Hurricane Sandy losing their firehouse, trucks, equipment, and gear. "It's brothers helping brothers and communities supporting one another in a time of devastation," says MTVFC Chief John Scott.

The MTVFC collected monetary donations to bring with them to Breezy Point in March. To hear the Point Breeze VFC story of devastation and learn how to donate, visit www.youtube.com and search "point breeze fire department".

THANK YOU

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company thanks the community for their continuous support and for joining them at their Lenten Fish Fries!

Pothole Patrol

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



Curbside Brush Pick-Up – April 1 - 26

The Public Works Department will offer curbside brush pick-up from April 1 - 26. Pick-up will follow residents' regular garbage collection schedule. Place brush at the curb by 8 a.m. on pick-up day. Brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled, boxed, or tied. The drop-off site will not be open during this time.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING FOR THEIR ROAD-PAVING PROGRAM THIS SUMMER, CHECK BACK TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE MOON TOWNSHIP MESSENGER FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ROADS TO BE PAVED.

WATCH. VOLUNTEER. PRODUCE.

- **Moon Community Access Television (MCA-TV)**
 - Comcast channel 14
 - Verizon FiOs channel 35
- **Moon Area Government Television (MAG-TV)**
 - Comcast channel 18
 - Verizon FiOs channel 37

Take MCA-TV with you on the go and watch online at www.mca-tv.org.



MCA-TV thanks all sponsors, volunteers, and nonprofit organizations for their time and efforts during this year's Public Awareness Weekend. Over 30 nonprofit organizations participated. Stay tuned to MCA-TV to view recurring interviews from this live television event.

Be on the Scene with MCA-TV – Become a Volunteer Today

MCA-TV offers volunteer positions both in front of and behind the camera. To join, sign up for one of MCA-TV's quarterly television production training courses consisting of four evening

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

classes. The course is open to Moon Township residents and surrounding communities, including current volunteers looking to improve their skills in the studio. These hands-on classes provide an overview of camera operation, audio and lighting, and an introduction to editing. Upon completion of a four-week course, participants are able to volunteer behind the scenes as a technical volunteer, on-camera as a program host or guest, sign out equipment to record a community event or to tape footage for a program to air on MCA-TV, and even explore their own program idea by becoming an MCA-TV community producer. While MCA-TV welcomes residents of any community as technical volunteers, community producers must be a Moon Township resident; to create a program to air on MCA-TV, a Moon Township resident must sign on as the producer and be willing to actively participate in the program and take responsibility for its content. To sign up for the next volunteer television production training course contact MCA-TV at mca-tv@moontwp.com or call 412-269-1191.



Volunteers and staff work in the studio during a show taping.

MCA-TV VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LINDA FRANCIS

Linda Francis has been a dedicated volunteer and producer with MCA-TV for 28-years, she also teaches fitness classes for Moon Parks and Recreation. Francis shares her story of how she became involved with MCA-TV, her memorable experiences, and why she encourages others to join in on the excitement and become a volunteer.



Linda Francis

Back in 1985 I was approached by a MCA-TV board member who asked me if I would do an exercise class on TV similar to the classes I was currently doing at a local YMCA. Naturally I hesitated and was a bit leery to do so in front of a camera, but 28-years later I don't even notice the cameras anymore! Of course I know they are there because of the wonderful volunteers who alert me which camera to look at, but once I get started my main concern is trying to produce a good exercise show that most people are able to follow and do at home.

I started out with a high impact show, which was the craze back then, and eventually I changed in to a low impact program. While doing a low impact show I began to see the need for a program for the older people in our community.

I approached MCA-TV Executive Director, Jim Koepfinger, and asked him if I could add a Senior Workout show. As I became a "senior" myself I changed over entirely to working with seniors. I will have been teaching exercise classes for a total of 39-years this spring and have enjoyed working mostly with the older population. They have fun together and love the companionship of others without any intimidation.

Being the host for the show with my many guests gives me much satisfaction knowing I am helping many people at home stay fit actively, physically, and mentally. Many times when I am showing a complicated step the class will say, "We are now working our brains." Simple movements and things we take for granted which we do every day can fall away through inactivity. As we know, people are

living longer and we to keep functioning physically, mentally and emotionally. It is gratifying when people tell me they have watched the program and I always ask them, "Did you also do the exercises?"

I have taken the training classes twice that MCA-TV offers and have helped with Public Awareness Weekend by interviewing others. In taking the classes, I have learned what goes on during the taping of my shows and the work that goes on behind the scenes. MCA-TV has come a very long way since its beginning in the studio at the old Moon High School; the sets today, the variety of programs, the old movies and cooking shows have made the station a fun place to be and have given the volunteers many rewards as well as the community. I appreciate the volunteers so much and all of the help they have given to me over the years. It was very fulfilling to recently receive recognition with Ron Potter from the Moon Township Board of Supervisors for our many years of volunteering at the station.

I would like to encourage others to come and visit the station, take one of the training classes, and see how much fun and rewarding it can be. We have many seniors helping behind the scenes who really enjoy working together. If you sign up for a class, I am sure you will enjoy the experience and learning the hands on process that creates our great shows.

—Linda Francis

Get moving with Linda Francis in "Senior Workout" shown on MCA-TV Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. Adults and seniors can also join Francis in her Senior Workout class at the Moon Township Administration Building Auditorium every Wednesday from May 22 through June 26 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

MOONCREST PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE FIRST MOONCREST PHOTO CONTEST!



1st place

\$100 prize,
Erma Meyers;
group photo
from 1943.



2nd place

\$50 prize, Vicky Ramsey;
photo with three
Ramsey children in
front of 268 Oak Drive
-1962.



3rd place

\$25 prize, Betty Werme;
photo of the rear of
the home and
neighborhood -
1955.

View the summer edition of the *Moon Township Messenger* to see the winners of the second Mooncrest Photo Contest.

PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTION PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOON

The Township of Moon is creating a Historic Preservation Action Plan to highlight the township's historic and cultural significance; community input is encouraged to identify these assets of the township.

Moon Township awarded T& B Planning, Inc. the contract to develop the Historic Preservation Action Plan. The primary goals of the Preservation Plan are to identify and map the township's historic and cultural resources; increase public awareness of the township's history and historic assets; prepare a prioritized plan of action; avoid inappropriate demolitions of historic structures while encouraging economic growth and community development; and, finally, to encourage voluntary preservation efforts by education and public awareness.

Consultants will map the township's resources beginning this spring. Public input is needed! Residents may fill out a short online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HistoricMoon. The survey will be available until Monday, April 22. The survey results will inform the consultants where to look for the township's well-known and little-known historic assets. Moon Township officials will schedule a public meeting to discuss the results once the evaluation is complete. The final product is expected by late 2013. A link to the survey and more information can be found on www.moontwp.com.

NCAA's Men's Hockey Frozen Four Comes to Pittsburgh

APRIL 11 – 13 | CONSOL ENERGY CENTER – PITTSBURGH



Join Robert Morris University this April in celebration of The National Collegiate Athletic Association's Men's Hockey Frozen Four National Championship. On April 11-13 the top four men's college hockey teams are invited to compete at the Consol Energy Center. Hockey lovers of all ages are encouraged to stop by Frozen Fest during Frozen Four weekend to participate in the several outdoor activities outside the arena. This free event includes hockey-related games, school pep-bands, food and beverage vendors, and fans can cheer on the players as they walk down the red carpet into the semifinal and championship games. "The scenery of the city in the background is going to be phenomenal...Pittsburgh fans are just crazy about hockey," says Senior Associate Athletic Director, Marty Galosi.

Frozen Fest will take place on the site of where Mellon Arena used to stand beginning at approximately 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 and 3 p.m. on Saturday April 13 and will end when the games start on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. On Friday, April 12 there will be a player autograph session during the day and a public skate in the evening along with two awards ceremonies – the Hobey Baker Award and the Hockey Humanitarian Award. The Frozen Four Games will air live on ESPN and ESPN-2. "A National Championship coming to Pittsburgh is a rare occurrence, based on the most recent NCAA numbers 13,000 to 15,000 unique visitors are expected to come to Pittsburgh because of this event bringing a total of \$11-13 million impact on the economy," says Galosi. For more information on the Frozen Four, Frozen Fest, and to see the competing teams visit www.NCAA.com/frozenfour. Learn more about volunteer opportunities by contacting FrozenFour@RMU.edu or call 412-397-6070.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE MOON TOWNSHIP'S 2013 RECYCLING EVENTS

RECYCLING DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 | 8 A.M. – 1 P.M. | TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Mark your calendars for Moon Township's Annual Recycling Day. This event is open to Moon Township residents and businesses only, proper ID is required. Accepted items include: reusable construction materials, household appliances, home healthcare items, electronics, and tires. Visit www.moontwp.com and click on "Green Initiatives" under the "About Us" tab for a more extensive list on what items will be collected at Recycling Day along with fees and restrictions.



Electronics Recycling Day

SATURDAY – APRIL 6, AUGUST 3, OCTOBER 5 | 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

Even in a Rush, Don't Attempt to Flush –

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP

When short on time or for convenience purposes, items that are not flushable sometimes tend to get sent down the toilet or rinsed down the drain. As a responsible resident, it is important to remember not to flush anything other than toilet paper and human waste. Putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in the home, and sewer releases to the environment.

Hazardous waste materials should also not be flushed or poured down the drain. These materials include unused medications,

waste cooking grease, automotive fluids, old fertilizers, old paints, chemicals, pesticides, and degreasers. To properly dispose of these materials visit www.zerowastepgh.org for an extensive list of resources of where to dispose of hazardous items. Zero Waste Pittsburgh holds several hazardous waste collections throughout the year, the closest one to Moon Township is held at Settlers Ridge County Park. Residents may also dispose of unused medications at Moon Township Police Department's upcoming prescription drug collection on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL USING NATIVE PLANTS WHEN LANDSCAPING

Most of us will soon be doing our spring landscaping, and when doing so, consider using flowers, shrubs, and trees that are native to the state of Pennsylvania. Plants that are native to the state are those that were here before the arrival of European settlers in this region. There are a number of benefits to using native species when landscaping.

- Native plants often attract insects that help to control pests. By using native plants in landscaping, a habitat will be created for "good bugs."
- Native plants thrive in local soils – they have already adapted to the soils here in order to survive. Hence, they will require less care, less watering, fewer pesticides, and will gain a foothold more quickly than non-native species.
- Native plants are an integral part of the larger ecosystem that can be disrupted by the introduction of non-native species.
- Using native plants can help protect the habitat they need to survive, including cover for many animals, seeds/nuts/fruit for squirrels and other mammals, seeds/fruits/insects for birds, nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies, and larval host plants for butterfly caterpillars.

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MOON TOWNSHIP LEGISLATIVE TOUR



Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Officials accompanied State Representative, Mark Mustio, and State Senator-Elect Matt Smith on a Legislative Tour of the township. The tour allowed township and state officials to connect and understand the needs and goals of the township.



1700 Beaver Grade Road • Moon Township, PA 15108
412-269-0334 • www.moonlibrary.org

All About Chocolate—April 26

Come and experience a “sweet” night out at the Moon Township Public Library! The Friends of Moon Township Public Library are proud to invite you to an evening “All About Chocolate.” On April 26th from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. the library doors will be open to welcome everyone for a sampling of various chocolate candies, desserts, and snacks. Champagne, coffee, and tea will also be served. This is an adult event only, and you must be 21 years of age to attend. Tickets are available for purchase at the library prior to the event or at the door that evening. Tickets are \$15 per person pre-sale and \$20 per person at the door. Please call 412-269-0334 for more information.

A Book Club for Everyone!

Do you love to read? Looking for others who share your passion for books and want to discuss events, characters, and more with you?

March is the month for good luck according to the Irish, so try yours by joining of the great book clubs at Moon Township Public Library. We offer a few different groups that you might enjoy.

PALS Book Club

This group is sponsored by Highmark and the Allegheny County Library Association and is designed for older adults ages 55 and over. PALS meets the third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Sky Room. The group reads from a variety of authors and across a wide array of genres including nonfiction, mystery, historical fiction, and much more.

Sunday Afternoon Book Club

This entertaining group is made up of adults of all ages as well as teens in grades 9-12. The members read both fiction and nonfiction from the Young Adult and Adult divisions of literature. Meetings take place every fourth Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Sky Room to enjoy discussion and snacks! Teens can earn community service hours for school by attending and great intergenerational relationships are formed, too!! In the past the group has read such titles as The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, When She Woke by Hilary Jordan, and The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern. Join us today and discover something new.

Fiction Book Club

This book club meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the library’s Sky Room. New and exciting titles from a variety of different genres including: fiction, including mystery, romance, and historical. Don’t miss your opportunity to join!

HELPFUL REMINDERS FROM THE MOON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

CATHERINE L. TRESS, MOON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors passed the 2013 millage rate of 2.48 mills reflecting the anti-windfall provision during a reassessment year on Monday, January 7, 2013.

Moon Township property tax statements will be mailed on April 1, 2013.

THE PAYMENT PERIODS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 2% discount: April 1 - May 31
- Face (full amount): June 1 - July 31
- 10% penalty: August 1 - December 31

Important reminder: Property owners who filed an appeal for their 2013 property reassessment –Do not miss the discount or face period because of waiting to see what happens with your county reassessment appeal. If you receive a reduction (exoneration) after you have already paid your property tax I will issue a request and the township will send you a refund.

The 2013 Moon Township Property Tax Homestead Exemption is \$15,000. It is automatically deducted from the property owner’s full assessment. The property tax is calculated based on the lower value. Due to the anti-windfall provision in the year of reassessments, Allegheny County lowered their millage rate and increased the county homestead exemption to \$18,000. This only applies to the county exemption. If a property owner needs to discuss anything outside of office hours, please call and I will set up an appointment. Please note that if, as a property owner, you qualify for the homestead exemption, you automatically receive Act 1 – property tax relief reduction for school property tax.



PROPERTY TAX OFFICE HOURS: BEGINNING APRIL 2013

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

Online payments will be available on www.moontaxoffice.us. Always remember if you have any changes in your billing address, my office must receive notice as well as the County Treasurer, John Weinstein at 412-350-4100. Property Owners are encouraged to call the Property Tax Office with any questions, whatsoever, at 412-299-7446.

“MOON PARK ACCESS ROAD” IS RENAMED “JOE DENARDO WAY”



The Board of Supervisors unveil the road sign for “Joe DeNardo Way” for Joe DeNardo at the November Supervisors Meeting.

At their November regular public meeting the Board of Supervisors and Moon Parks and Recreation officials unveiled the road sign to rename “Moon Park Access Road” to “Joe DeNardo Way” in honor of dedicated township resident and local celebrity, Joe DeNardo. Mr. DeNardo served on the first Parks Advisory Board in 1963. He not only had a hand in the start of Moon Park’s annual Independence Day Celebration but also took care of the fireworks with his buddies “Joe’s Bombers”. On behalf of the township, Mr. DeNardo negotiated the purchase of the property that is known as Moon Park and also played a vital role in the township’s acceptance

of the Nimick family estate known as Robin Hill Park.

Celebrate at Robin Hill Center or at a Moon Park Pavilion this spring and summer

Pavilions at Moon Park can be reserved from May through September. Choose from five different pavilions and host your event where kids can run and play while adults relax and socialize, then take a break and refreshing walk on Moon Park’s 3.5 mile trail system.

Robin Hill Center features large dining areas surrounded by beautiful landscaping making it the perfect place to provide both indoor and outdoor enjoyment for groups up to 110 guests.



Surrounding Robin Hill Center consists of approximately 200 acres of park featuring a log cabin, gazebo, carriage house, 2.5 miles of trails, and herb garden.

Book your next event today by contacting Moon Park 412-262-1703 or e-mail info@moonparks.org. For more information and fees visit www.moonparks.org.

Celebrate a graduation party, wedding, family reunion, or special event this spring or summer at Robin Hill Center or one of Moon Park’s pavilions.

Take a Walk on the Trails at Moon’s Parks this spring

Moon Park features a trail system of 3.5 miles. You may enter by DeVenio Field and end by Nelson Pond. Robin Hill Park features 2.5 miles of trails that begin at the Log Cabin and end behind the gazebo. Throughout the trails, you will find a stream, oil well, and a variety of wildlife. Olson Park, located on Flaugherty Run Road, also features a trail system. All of Moon Parks’ trails are dog friendly, but all pets must stay on a leash.

MOON PARKS INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW – KENT JOHNSON

The Kent Johnson Tennis Academy has been hosting tennis camps at Moon Park for a total of six years this spring. They have hosted Moon Park’s first ever junior tennis tournament sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association, The Tennis Town Classic, and have arranged several competitive matches with neighboring communities. Join Tennis Professional, Kent Johnson for a lesson and a match on one of Moon Park’s four new tennis courts and see why tennis is such an excellent way for all ages to stay fit and healthy. Register online today at www.moonparks.org.

I took my first tennis lesson when I was 10 years old and I’ve been hooked ever since! I quickly progressed to playing junior tournaments and went on to play for both my high school and college tennis teams. Upon graduating from college, I earned certification through the United States Professional Tennis Association as a Professional Level 1, as well as certification through the Professional Tennis Registry as a Professional, a distinction only 3% of Tennis Professionals worldwide can claim. What I really enjoyed most about tennis was the individual effort and the strategic thinking required to succeed. When you’re out there on the tennis court in the middle of a singles match, it’s all up to you. There isn’t a team to rely on, and there is no coaching during matches, it’s just you and your opponent. In some ways, it’s like a chess match, trying to figure out where to hit the ball and what your opponent will do next. I love the challenge of both outplaying and outthinking my opponent.

I’ve been teaching tennis for over 18-years, first in Florida and since 2006 here in Western Pennsylvania. I have been fortunate to work with a diverse group of tennis players, from nationally ranked junior players to kids and adults trying tennis for the first time. Each age group and ability level offers its own unique set of challenges and rewards as a teaching professional and I am so thankful that I get to do something every day about which I am truly passionate. Being a tennis professional is extremely rewarding because I get the opportunity to participate in both the physical and the mental development, and to see children grow and develop confidence is a very rewarding part of the job. Every day on the tennis court reaffirms my love and enjoyment of the game.

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RIVERFRONT PROJECT – UPDATE

Moon Township has completed a master plan for a new 17-acre riverfront park. The park will have 1,750 feet of Ohio River frontage. The proposed park site is former RB&W Corporation Bolt Manufacturing Plant. The township acquired the vacant property in 2002 with the intention of performing environmental remediation and creating a new public riverfront park. The future park will include a variety of riverfront recreation amenities with an emphasis on river-borne activities such as boating, kayaking, and fishing along with other low-impact activities including playground areas and pavilions. The master plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in late January. The project was partially funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation grant with matching funds from the township. Residents can stay updated on the project through the township's Parks and Recreation Department webpage at www.moonparks.org, or by contacting Lance Welliver, Interim Director of Moon Township Parks and Recreation, at 412-262-1703.



INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

I created The Kent Johnson Tennis Academy to provide turnkey tennis programming for municipalities throughout Western Pennsylvania so they can offer their residents the same healthy, fun, and high-quality tennis programs that private clubs and tennis centers offer. Most organized programs in public parks focus on youth team sports. Those are great programs, but there are a lot of adults looking for a way to stay healthy and fit while enjoying the fresh air of their local park and there are a lot of kids looking for something new to try. Tennis truly is a fun, life-long sport. I see individuals every day on the tennis court as young as 4 years old, all the way to those well into their eighties, on courts right next to one another. In what other sport do you get to see that?

The Kent Johnson Tennis Academy offers classes for all ages and abilities. All you need is a positive attitude and a willingness to have fun on the tennis court.

— Kent Johnson



Spring Tennis (Adult/Teens/Kids Ages 5+)

Session I: April 16 - May 9

Session II: May 14 - June 13

Moon Park

Instructor: Kent Johnson

*Private Lessons are available; please contact the Moon Parks office for more information.

Pee Wee (Ages 5-6)

Thursdays, 4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$40 Moon Residents/\$48 Non-Residents

Junior Beginner (Ages 7-11)

Tuesday/Thursday, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Cost: \$60 Moon Residents

\$72 Non-Residents, once a week

\$100 Moon Residents

\$120 Non-Residents, twice a week

Junior Advanced (Ages 10-14)

Tuesdays, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cost: \$60 Moon Residents/\$72 Non-Residents

Adult (Ages 18+)

Thursdays, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cost: \$60 Moon Residents/\$72 Non-Residents

Summer Tennis (Adult/Teens/Kids Ages 5+)

Session I: June 17 - July 21

Session II: July 22 - August 25

Moon Park

Instructor: Kent Johnson

*Private Lessons are available; please contact the Moon Parks office for more information.

Pee Wee (Ages 5-6)

Tuesday/Thursday, 9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$10/week (\$50/session),

2 x week @ \$18/week (\$90/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$12/week (\$60/session),

2 x week @ \$22/week (\$110/session)

Junior Beginner (Ages 7-10 & 11-14)

Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$15/week (\$75/session),

2 x week @ \$25/week (\$125/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$18/week (\$90/session),

2 x week @ \$30/week (\$150/session)

Junior Advanced (Ages 7-10 & 11-14)

Tuesday/Thursday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$15/week (\$75/session),

2 x week @ \$25/week (\$125/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$18/week (\$90/session),

2 x week @ \$30/week (\$150/session)

Adult Advanced Beginner (Ages 18+)

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$20/week (\$100/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$24/week (\$120/session)

Adult Intermediate Clinics (Ages 18+)

Thursdays, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$20/week (\$100/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$24/week (\$120/session)

MOON PARKS & RECREATION



2013 Spring and Summer Programs and Events

Volunteer opportunities are available at Moon Park! If you are interested in volunteering at any of our special events such as the Bunny Trail, Father's Day Fun Fair, 4th of July Celebration or Family Fun Nights, please contact Moon Parks office at 412-262-1703 or e-mail info@moonparks.org.

www.moonparks.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Earth Day

Sunday, April 21 | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. | Robin Hill Park
Celebrate Earth Day with Moon Parks! Kids can explore many interactive exhibits and activities including Bayer Corporation, Montour Watershed, Climbing Wall, National Aviary, West Hills Girl Scouts and others. Come and enjoy this special event. There will be Free T-shirts for the first 200 children.

West Hills Art League Art Show Reception

Sunday, May 12 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
This show has been a tradition at Robin Hill for many years. It will feature a professional blend of eclectic art ranging from abstract to traditional in all media. Entries exhibited for competition and sale. This is a great opportunity to come out and support your local artists!

Father's Day Fun Fair

Sunday, June 16 | 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Moon Park
Come out and join Moon Parks and Recreation for a family-friendly event. Father's Day is a perfect time to spend a day with your kids at the park! Tons of activities including Airbrush Tattoos, Safari Train Maze, Monkey inflatable, free lunch, prizes and more! Don't forget to stay around for the Ventriloquist Show from 2-2:30 p.m.!

Township of Moon 5K Run/Walk

Saturday June 29 | 9 a.m.
Moon Parks is proud to present the 5th Annual Township of Moon 5K Run/Walk. Register online at www.moonparks.org and in person until race day.

Moon Township Independence Day Celebration

Thursday, July 4 | 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Moon Park
Join Moon Parks for their annual Independence Day Celebration at Moon Park! This evening is filled with food, fun, activities, and spotlights live entertainment from up-and-coming music artists.

Family Fun Nights at Moon Park

Friday nights in June through August, Live Entertainment begin at 7:30, Movies start at dusk.

Lunchtime Concerts at Robin Hill

Third Wednesday of every month, May through September, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Check your mailbox and www.moonparks.org for more information about all of the Moon Parks' FREE family summer events!

HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMS

Karate (Adults/Teens/ Kids 6+)

Mondays & Wednesdays, ongoing through May 2013
6 p.m. - Beginners, 7 p.m. - Advanced
Moon High School Wrestling Room
Cost: \$45/month Moon Residents
\$50/month Non-Residents

This is a unique karate system that covers all ranges of self-defense. The classes are led by Ken Wolf who holds a black belt as well as experience in Law Enforcement and Tournaments, Okinawan Kenpo & Wa Shu Mudokwan. Registration is always open.

Pilates (Adults/Teens 15+)

Thursdays | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
April 18 - May 23
May 30 - July 11 (No class July 4)
July 18 - August 22
April 18 - May 16 sessions will meet at Moon Township Administration Building
May 23 - August sessions will meet at Robin Hill Center
Instructor: Judy Elias
Join our certified instructor, Judy Elias, for Pilates! The exciting benefits of this class are improved posture, weight loss from exercise, a renewed positive sense of self and much more! It is designed for all fitness levels and we ask that you provide a towel/mat to class.

Beginner Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays | 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
April 8 - May 13
May 20 - July 1 (no class May 27)
July 8 - August 12
Moon High School Fitness Room
Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session
Instructor: Catherine Hollien
Zumba is a great way to have fun while you burn calories and also, begin an exercise regime. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop, and more that will really make you sweat! Danced experience is not required.

Kardio Hip Hop (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays | 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
April 10 - May 22 (no class April 17)
May 29 - July 3
Rhema Christian School, 1301 Coraopolis Heights Rd.
Cost: \$8 Drop-In fee, discount for full 6-week session:
\$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-Residents
Instructor: Kam Niskach
Let our instructor's energy and enthusiasm take your workout to the next level. Our instructor uses today's hottest music to design a jam-packed hour of high Intensity Interval training. You'll be sweating and smiling!

Totally Toned (Adults/Teens 15+)

Mondays | 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
April 8 - May 13
May 20 - July 1 (no class May 27)
July 8 - August 12

Moon High School Fitness Room

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session
Instructor: Karla Tobias
This class is designed to help tone your entire body including abs, thighs, back, arms, and glutes. It is appropriate for all fitness levels. Bring hand weights, a mat, and water.

Yoga Basics (Seniors/Adults/Teens Ages 15+)

Tuesdays | 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
May 7 - May 28
June 4 - June 25
July 9 - July 30
Moon Township Municipal Building
Cost: \$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-Residents, per 4 week session
Instructor: Jen Stratakis
Great class for the yoga-curious! Meet our instructor, Jen Stratakis for yoga basics. No experience required! If you have ever wanted to try yoga, this is the course for you. Hatha Yoga includes poses, breath work, and guided relaxation. With regular practice, it can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm, and more. Participants should bring a yoga mat or towel and water to class.

Zumba Fitness (Adults/Teens 13+)

Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
April 9 - May 14
May 21 - June 25
July 2 - August 6
Robin Hill Center
Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6 week session
*\$15 Discount available, call for details
Instructor: Marci King

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
April 4 - May 9
May 16 - June 20
June 21 - August 1
Moon Township Administration Building - Auditorium
Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session
*\$15 Discount available, call for details
Instructor: Christie Covelli
Moon Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Zumba classes. These 6-week classes are designed to have fun while you burn calories. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop, and more that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required. Please bring water.

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

Senior Workout (Seniors/Adults)

Wednesdays | May 22-June 26 & July 3 - August 7

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

Moon Township Administration Building – Auditorium

Cost: \$21 Moon Residents/\$25 Non-Residents,

per 6-week session

Instructor: Linda Francis

This class will help seniors maintain a fitness level to stay mobile. It is a LOW impact aerobics class that will work on balance and strengthening while having fun and meeting new people.

Pooch Camp (Adults 18+)

Thursdays | April 4 - May 16 (7 weeks)

*1st class is orientation without dogs

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Robin Hill Park

Cost: \$75 Moon Residents/\$85 Non-Residents

Instructor: Moonwalkers Pet Services

*Join our instructor, Moonwalkers Pet Services, for Pooch Camp! Pooch Camp is a training and wellness program that offers a creative approach to practicing basic obedience and learning canine lifestyle enrichment techniques. It will focus on canine activity and wellness that will lead you and your dog to a happier, healthier relationship. Participants are to provide their own leashes and training treats. Classes will involve mild physical exercise for both pet and pet parent (trail walks, drills, etc.) **All participants will be required to offer proof of vaccinations. Pets must be up to date on Rabies, DHLPP and Bordetella.*

ART/EDUCATION

Mad Science

Crazy Chem Works

Tuesdays | April 23 – May 28 | 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

Cost: \$75 Moon Residents/\$80 Non-Residents

Shake up a flask of fun in the lab as a junior chemist! This program is packed solid with cool reactions. Participants can put on those goggles and change liquid to solid and back again. They get to handle laboratory tools, build and break molecules, and pick up some tricks on chemical changes.

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

Monday - Friday | June 17 – 28 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Moon Township Administration Building

Cost: Registration - \$25 Residents/\$30 Non-Residents,

Course Fee \$350

This Driver's Education course will be instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and 6 hours of in-car training, a certificate will be given that is accepted by most insurance companies. Participants must be 16 and have a learners permit for the on-the-road portion of the program. The balance of \$350 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

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

Thursdays | April 4 - May 23 | Robin Hill Center

Cost: \$74 Moon Residents/\$79 Non-Residents

*Fee does not include supplies.

SPLASH SOME MORE

(Advanced/Returning Students)

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This class is designed for returning or new students with some previous experience in water media.

JUMP in with a Splash (Beginners)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This course is designed to introduce a beginner student to the fun and excitement of water-based materials. No previous experience is necessary – just a desire to have fun.

2013 SUMMER CAMPS

Video Game Design Camp* (Kids Ages 8-12)

Monday - Friday | August 12 -16 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. |

Robin Hill Center

Cost: \$130 Moon Residents/\$135 Non-Residents

Our instructor for this week-long camp will be Hi-Tech Learning. How would you like to create your own video game for you and all your friends to play? Students in this program will learn how to use computers and specially designed software to create their very own video game. Students will follow the same process real video game designers use to create the games they play at home.

Adventures in Minecraft Camp* (Kids Ages 8-12)

Monday - Friday | August 12 -16 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

Cost: \$130 Moon Residents/\$135 Non-Residents

Join with other Minecraft enthusiasts/fans/pros to complete a series of fun challenges and the ultimate collaborative project to demonstrate your crafting skills! Share and learn tips, tricks, and create new worlds with others in this ultimate digital environment. All campers will take home instruction on how to access a free version of the application and their completed projects at the conclusion of the program.

**If participant enrolls for both camps during 8/12-8/16, Moon Parks and Recreation will provide supervision during the 12 p.m.-1 p.m. hour at no additional charge.*

Western PA Baseball Camp (Teens/Kids Ages 7-14)

June 24 – 28 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Moon Park Softball Fields

Cost: \$150/week

Moon Parks & Recreation is proud to "team up" with Moon's legendary baseball coach, Ray Bosetti for this instructional baseball camp. Players should dress for the weather and bring their own glove, bats (optional), water bottles and hats. Players should bring a lunch every day but Friday (pizza party). Players receive free camp T-shirt and certificate of attendance. Coach Bosetti and his staff will instruct the fundamentals of the game: base running, throwing, hitting, fielding, bunting, sliding, pitching & catching.

*Contact Ray Bosetti to register for this camp:

412-264-4721, raybosetti@verizon.net

Pre-K Sports, Snapology, Mad Science, Arts & Crafts, and other summer camps coming soon!

Vacation Getaways

Moon Parks and Recreation has partnered with Collette Vacations to offer some fantastic vacation opportunities. We have scheduled two new trips for 2013: Beauty of Brittan, featuring the Royal Horticultural Society on August 29 and Northern National Parks on September 13. For more information about this or other Collette trips, please visit www.moonparks.org or contact the park office at 412-262-1703.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOON TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL,

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- Preserving available habitat for wildlife benefits the community as a whole by saving our natural heritage for future generations.

Black-Eyed Susan



Dogwood



Mountain Laurel



Mountain Laurel, Black-Eyed Susan, and Dogwood are a few well-known species of native plants to consider planting when doing spring landscaping. For a more extensive lists and photos, a simple internet search for "native Pennsylvania plant species" will yield an abundance of information.

Learn more about the Environmental Advisory Council and native plants at Moon Parks and Recreation's Earth Day event at Robin Hill Park on Sunday, April 21 from 1 – 3 p.m.

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMS!

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SIGN UP FOR THE E-NEWSLETTER

Receive monthly updates on news and events going on in the Township with Moon's free monthly e-mail newsletter, the Moon Township Monthly. Sign up today at www.moontwp.com under Quick Links.

SUBMIT A QUESTION OR CONCERN ONLINE

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

TUNE IN TO YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

VISIT MOON PARKS AND RECREATION

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

STAY INFORMED WITH SWIFT 911

Sign up for Swift 911 at www.moonpolice.us. This system will call your phone in the event of an emergency or to share important community information.