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Call 911 in an emergency

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412-262-5000

Moon Township Fire Department
412-262-5004 (non-emergency only)

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412-262-1703

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412-269-1191

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412-264-4300

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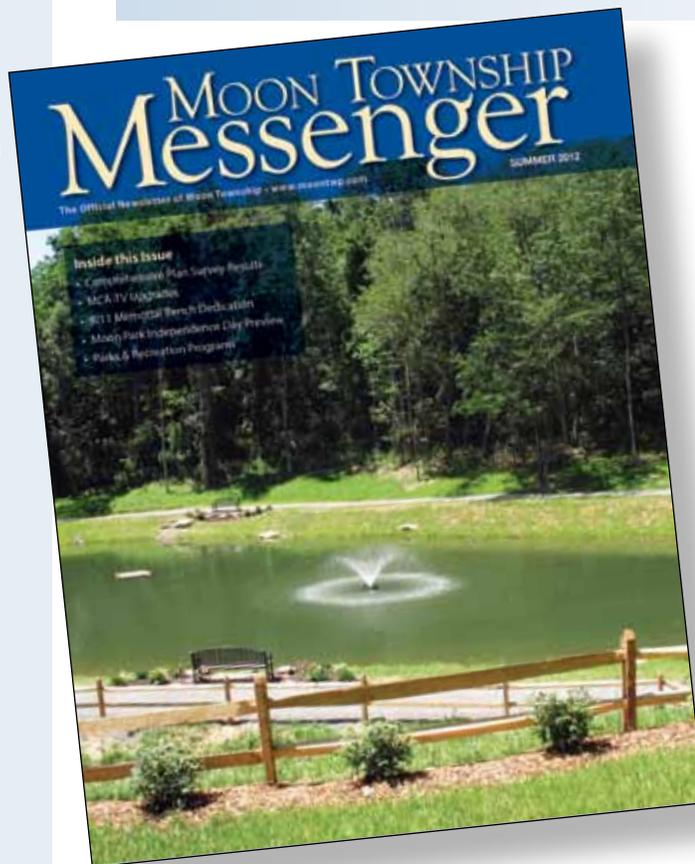
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Moon Township welcomes your feedback on the "Moon Township Messenger" at moontwp@moontwp.com or 412-262-1700.

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On the Cover: The scenic Moon Park Pond recently was renamed Nelson Pond in honor of one dedicated Moon Township resident. Read more on page 12

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE OF 2012

The Township took advantage of historically low interest rates to refinance approximately \$8.2 million from the Township's two outstanding bonds for a savings of \$554,000. With a lower cost to borrow, the Township leveraged the savings to issue an additional \$2.5 million in new bond money without increasing debt service to finance Long-Term Capital Improvements. These improvements include a new roof on the Township Community Service Center, updating the Thorn Run/Beaver Grade Road signals and sidewalks, ongoing park improvements, renovations to the gas tanks at the Public Safety Building, and maintenance to Township facilities as remaining funds permit. Money will be used from the Local Services Tax Fund for upgrades to Township communications required by Federal Mandate and the North Flaugherty Run Road bridge renovations.



CLAY SEWER REPLACEMENT

Moon Township Municipal Authority is replacing clay sewer systems with plastic pipe. The cost of this 20-year project is an estimated \$1.5 million to \$2 million per year funded by an increase in customer's sewer service rate from \$5/1,000 gallons to \$7/1,000 gallons. MTMA customers with normal consumption will still enjoy the lowest combined water and sewer rate compared to all neighboring systems.

Based on MTMA's experience, benefits of plastic pipe include; no cracking, no inflow/infiltration, no root entry, rare experience of backup, no deterioration, and they do not leak sewage out to the environment. The MTMA makes it a priority to be cautious of property and to repair most damages that may occur during sewer replacement.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Pennsylvania law and Moon Township Ordinance require businesses to recycle the following materials: aluminum containers, office paper, corrugated cardboard, and yard waste such as leaves, shrubbery, and tree trimmings – excluding grass clippings.

The Moon Township Municipal Authority needs to verify that all business, institutional, and multi-family properties are participating in a recycling program. Please contact the MTMA at 412-264-4300 to confirm the current status of your recycling program or to get a recycling program started.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

FROM THE BEGINNING

The goal of Moon Township's Comprehensive Plan is to analyze where we are now, where do we want to be, and how do we get there over the next 20 years with the ultimate goal of a truly sustainable community. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that comprehensive plans be updated every 10 years and include but are not limited to; future projections of land use, housing needs, transportation and circulation, community facilities and utilities, component interrelationships, short and long term implementation strategies, relationship of the community's development to adjacent areas, protection of natural and historic resources, and a plan for the reliable supply of water.

Over the past year, preparation of the comprehensive plan consisted of a series of community meetings, surveys, analyses, and projections. The formula constructed by the Comprehensive Plan Committee to achieve success is as follows; define problems, set goals and objectives, formulate alternative ways to reach objectives, choose among alternatives, implement decisions, experience outcomes, and evaluate those outcomes and update goals and or methods. Through countless hours of research and development, the comprehensive plan will shape Moon Township as an ideal and prosperous community for many years to come.

SURVEY RESULTS

Last fall, Moon Township conducted a community survey regarding the comprehensive plan. This survey provided residents and businesses the opportunity to address their needs and expectations of Moon Township. Listed is a summary of the results from the 2,948 surveys that were returned.

- **How long have you lived in the Township:**
 - Five or less years (17.11%)
 - 6-10 Years (13.68%)
 - 11-20 Years (18.85%)
 - More than 20 years (49.68%)
- **Do you work in Moon Township:**
 - Yes (28.41%)
 - No (69.72%)
- **Do you own property in Moon Township:**
 - Yes (86.87%)
 - No (12.35%)
- **Number of persons in your household by age:**
 - Under 18 (21.14%)
 - 19-35 (16.61%)
 - 36-55 (27.86%)
 - 56 And older (33.74%)
- **What concerns you for neighborhood in which you live:**
 1. Traffic safety, pedestrian safety, crime (three-way tie)
 4. Deteriorating businesses
 5. Deteriorating housing
 6. Deteriorating infrastructure
 7. Other
- **Most necessities such as groceries, clothing and medical supplies are available within moon township or a short commute from Moon Township:**
 - Agree (90.47%)
 - Disagree (7.08%)
 - Not sure (1.19%)
- **Moon Township should acquire land for future recreational opportunities:**
 - Agree (44.47%)
 - Disagree (26.61%)
 - Not sure (27.36%)
- **Cultural sites, entertainment and restaurants are available in Moon Township or within a short commute:**
 - Agree (75.37%)
 - Disagree (19.80%)
 - Not sure (3.57%)
- **What type of housing do you think is most needed in the Township:**
 1. Single family homes in all price ranges
 2. Housing designed for or geared toward senior citizens
 3. Housing designed for or geared toward younger families
 4. Condominium, townhome, or carriage homes in all price ranges
 5. Rental housing
- **What personal services or businesses are most needed for the Township's residents and consumers (most common answers):**
 - Restaurants
 - Retail stores (grocery/clothing)
- **The preservation of open space and natural areas should be a central design feature of all future developments:**
 - Agree (78.12%)
 - No (7.55%)
 - Not sure (11.91%)
- **What are Moon Township's most positive characteristics:**
 1. Regional access
 2. Property values
 3. Airport
 4. Emergency services
 5. Educational opportunities
 6. Parks, rec and open space
 7. Road maintenance
 8. Government services
 9. Other
- **Moon Township should encourage more business development:**
 - Agree (69.75%)
 - Disagree (14.09%)
 - Not sure (13.95%)
- **Please rate the availability/quality of public transportation options within Moon:**
 - Poor (40.15%)
 - Satisfactory (35.90%)
 - Good (12.25%)
 - Excellent (1.53%)
- **What is your current level of use of the public transportation options within Moon:**
 - Never (67.44%)
 - Sometimes (23.44%)
 - Often (5.58%)
- **Moon Township should consider building a community/special events center:**
 - Agree (40.97%)
 - Disagree (29.40%)
 - Not sure (25.96%)

UPCOMING MEETING

Moon Township invites all residents and business owners to attend a Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Moon Township Municipal Building at 1000 Beaver Grade Road. The meeting will discuss community goals and objectives. The Moon Township Planning Commission encourages questions and feedback as the comprehensive plan reaches its final stages.

NEXT STEPS

Once the Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting is held in July, the plan will be thoroughly reviewed as it moves forward into the public hearing and adoption phase with the Moon Township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in the fall of 2012.

THROW IT IN THE TRASH, NOT THE GRASS

Take pride in your community by keeping litter off the streets and throwing it away in the trash. Moon Township Chief of Police, Leo McCarthy, and his wife set an example for the community by cleaning a one mile section of highway through the Pennsylvania "Adopt a Highway" program. In five hours, Chief McCarthy says he fills 25 garbage bags with liquor bottles, cigarette packs, energy drink bottles, fast food wrappers, plastic bags, pop cans, and tobacco products among several other items.

Just as easily as volunteers pick up trash off the roadways, trash is thrown back onto the roadways. Chief McCarthy says he feels a sense of accomplishment driving on a trash-free highway, but the next morning after his trash pickup there is always litter back on his adopted road. As a Moon Township citizen, it is a civic duty to keep the environment clean. If caught littering, a citation could cost up to \$300 in fines plus court costs. Moon Township encourages residents, businesses, and organizations to help keep litter off the streets and "Adopt a Highway" by contacting the Township Municipal Office at 412-262-1700.



COMMUNITY - NEED TO KNOW TAKE A MOMENT TO ADD THESE IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO YOUR PHONE BOOK



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

CRIME TIPS HOTLINE

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

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

STAY INFORMED WITH SWIFT911

Know what is going on near your home with Moon Township Police Department's Swift Reach Program. Swift911 is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing information. All calls received will have the Caller ID of 'Moon Township' or 'Moon Township Police Department'. Sign up today at www.moonpolice.us.

HOME ALONE MONITORING

Moon Township Police Department is taking requests for Home Alone Monitoring. This system automatically telephones a resident once or twice a day depending on their needs. The resident in need will receive this message: "This is the Moon Township Police Department. If you are okay, press 1; if you are not okay, press 2." If the resident presses number 2 or fails to press any number, an emergency contact will be called. Any citizen in need may contact the police at 412-262-5000.

MOON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

CLASSIC CARS CRUISE INTO MOON PARK

Follow the classic cars to Moon Park this summer for the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company's annual Car Cruise on August 26, from 11 a.m. to dusk. Come show off your wheels or take a walk through the display of collector cars. Bring your appetite for some of the Volunteer Fire Company's famous char-grilled burgers. Before driving home, check out the burn-out pit that is sure to get your engines revving and wheels spinning. All proceeds benefit the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Sound the alarm! The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is hosting an open house on Sunday, October 7 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Public Safety building at 1000 Beaver Grade Road. All residents are invited to attend this kickoff event to Fire Prevention Week. All fire trucks, rescue trucks, police cars, and Valley Ambulance units will be on display. Firefighters will talk with guests about fire safety, setting up an emergency fire escape plan at home, and remembering to "stop, drop, and roll". They will also train guests how to use a fire extinguisher and talk with parents about teaching their children the proper use of 911. That following week of Oct. 8 – Oct. 12, the Volunteer Fire Company will then bring their fire trucks to local schools to talk to students about what to do in the event of a fire or emergency and have the fifth graders participate in a smoke-out.

To set up a visit with a group or organization for fire extinguisher training and to tour the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Department call Fire Marshal, Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004. The Fire Company also offers fire extinguisher training on location at meetings of local groups and organizations.

BE A PART OF THE MOON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY!

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company is looking for new members eager to learn what it takes to be a firefighter. To learn more about signing up e-mail recruiting@moontwpfire.com. Interested residents can also learn more about becoming a firefighter at the Volunteer Fire Company Open House event on October 7 from 12 to 5 p.m.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

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

CELEBRATE SAFELY WITH FIREWORKS SAFETY

Many residents will be celebrating Fourth of July at picnics and get-togethers with friends and family. The Moon Township Fire Company and Police Department reminds residents that consumer and display fireworks are illegal to use in the state of Pennsylvania without a permit. The only types of fireworks permissible are those defined as "ground and hand-held sparkling devices", "novelties", and "toy caps". When using these novelty items or sparklers, follows these safety tips this Independence Day.

- Always read and follow the instructions carefully.
- Use items outside in an open area.
- A responsible adult should supervise all activities.
- Only light one item at a time.
- Place used items in a bucket of water prior to properly disposing of them

Illegal fireworks including cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s, and silver salutes are all extremely dangerous. In addition, fireworks constructed from mail order kits are illegal and dangerous to assemble or use. Never attempt to make your own fireworks or tamper with fireworks.

Fire Marshal, Charlie Belgie, talks about fire safety with visitors from Citizen Care Inc.



THANK YOU

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company thanks residents for their continuous support of the Fire Company through donations and attending their many events and activities.

MCA-TV IS GOING TAPELESS

MCA-TV is dedicated to bringing the community a variety of quality programming. MCA-TV Director, Jim Koepfinger, works diligently to keep the studio a step above the rest. This fall, MCA-TV is welcoming an advance in technology and is excited to announce they are going tapeless.

On average, MCA-TV uses 200 MiniDV tapes and 200 DVC pro tapes per year. Switching to hard drives, SD cards, and P2 cards will cut costs by two-thirds or more. The initial outlay of becoming a tapeless studio will be around \$5,000. This will include the purchase of removable hard drives able to record in a format compatible with the studio's editing systems and installation. Once recorders and drives are purchased, all tape costs will be eliminated. An estimated \$1,000 per year will be spent to keep equipment updated and to purchase additional hard drives.

A tape free environment will bring many benefits to MCA-TV and its volunteers; eliminating clutter in the studio, allowing for quicker editing, and the transferring of true high definition images from MCA-TV's production trailer to the studio. To take advantage of this exciting transition, join MCA-TV and become a volunteer. Positions are available in front of and behind the camera. Contact MCA-TV at mca-tv@moontwp.com or call 412-269-1191 to learn more about upcoming studio production training courses. Classes are open to residents of any community. Sign up, and bring a friend!



FILM FEST

Tune in for MCA-TV's fourth Film Festival on Saturday, July 21 through Sunday, July 22 to watch a variety of original films. Local filmmakers submit their work for a chance to win cash prizes; first place: \$800, second place: \$500, and third place: \$300.

MCA-TV'S ORIGINAL PRODUCTION –

"SOAK IT UP: A STORMWATER DOCUMENTARY"

A new educational program is airing on MCA-TV. MCA-TV's half-hour feature production, "Soak It Up", is a documentary about stormwater management and the affect stormwater has on the environment. The documentary includes interviews with Chad R. Davis, P.E.; Malcolm Petroccia, P.E.; Diane Selvaggio; and Uzair Shamsi, Ph.D, P.E. This is a MCA-TV studio production with video work and editing by Clark Cairns.

PUBLIC WORKS BEGINS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Works Department is on the roads year round to improve and maintain the appearance of Moon Township. Just a few of the projects in Moon Township's future include the Thorne Run Road/Beaver Grade Road Intersection traffic light upgrade and sidewalk extension, and the turnaround upgrade on Oakhaven Drive. Moon Township appreciates your patience and cooperation as these improvements are made throughout the community.

2012 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The following roads will be paved as part of Moon Township's 2012 Road Improvement Program. El Grande Industries Inc. will construct these improvements for a total of \$1.2 million. Please use caution when driving in these areas and be courteous of construction workers; allow extra time for traffic delays and parking restrictions.

- Meade Drive (From Malcolm Drive to end)
- Bon Highlands Drive (Roth section only)
- Westbury Drive (Portions of the 100-block only)
- Greenlea Drive
- Minton Drive
- Meadow Vue Drive
- Shafer Vue Drive
- Commerce Drive
- Commerce Avenue
- Commerce Drive Ext.
- Ridge Road
- George Street
- Ridge Star Drive
- Skylark Drive
- Hawthorn Drive
- Spruce Drive
- Tottenham Drive
- Overhead Drive

LEAF COMPOST AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

Composting material can be used for numerous landscaping projects including planting a garden of flowers to brighten your yard this season. Residents are welcome to pick up leaf compost at the Downes Fire Station Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. This compost was collected from fall and spring programs within the Township. Please call Moon Township Municipal Building at 412-262-1700 to notify your pick up.



ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS

JVS will hold an electronic collection on Saturday, July 28 and Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Township Municipal Building. These collections will accept electronic items only; printers, copiers, computers, laptops, televisions, etc. Electronic collections are open to Moon Township and surrounding communities.

ENGRAVE A MEMORY IN STONE

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

Bricks are available for \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick. After the first purchase, additional bricks are \$50. Engraved 8x8" business bricks also

are available for \$200. Brick donations will support the continued development of the Memorial Garden as a place of remembrance and reflection for generations to come.



TOWNSHIP OF MOON UNVEILS MEMORIAL GARDEN HONORARY BENCHES

The Township of Moon welcomes the newest addition to the 9/11 Memorial Garden. Three engraved limestone benches were unveiled at a 9/11 Memorial Bench Dedication on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. The Township recognized three companies that each made a monetary donation to fund an honorary bench: NOVA Chemicals, Clearview Federal Credit Union, and 1st Out Specialty Vehicles and Equipment. Inscribed on each bench is a message honoring one of the Memorial Garden's three focal points: public safety professionals, military service members, and those involved in September 11, 2001. The honorary message is engraved on the seat of the bench with the name of the bench's donor engraved on the front of the seat. Take a moment and visit the Memorial Garden to see the honorary benches surrounding the steel artifact from the World Trade Center. The Township of Moon is thankful for the continuous support of the community to enhance the Memorial Garden as a place of remembrance for those who serve and have served our community and our country.



HISTORY ON DISPLAY



Something new found in the Township Municipal Lobby is actually something old. Public Works refinished a display case donated from old Moon Township High School that is now being

used to display historical items of the community. Currently on display are old pictures of different areas of the Township. The Historical Architectural Review Board is looking for items to put on display in this unique piece of history. HARB is particularly looking for early photos of the Mooncrest Area and the Army Air Force Base when it first began. If you have a historical item or photo to display, contact Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004.

MOONCREST COMMUNITY CENTER WELCOMES NEW ADDITION

Mooncrest Community Center is excited to welcome their new addition this summer. Mooncrest Program Director, Sister Rene Procopio, says this new addition will allow the center to open their doors to more children and families during after school programs, dinners, and special events. The expansion will also allow for wellness sessions to be offered for both children and adults. Through charitable donations the Felician Sisters raised \$120,000 for the expansion. The new addition will be named after the Mary and Robert Weisbord Foundation who funded \$50,000. Other donors include the Felician Sisters Inc., Our Lady of Hope Province, Massey Charitable Trust Foundation, and the Cestone Foundation.

The Mooncrest Neighborhood Center opened in March of 2004 when the Felician Sisters became interested in the revitalization of the Mooncrest Neighborhood. In over 10 years, the number of children in grades first through sixth who attend Mooncrest's after school program grew from six to 35 students. The community center offers a teen program and a homework club for children in grades seventh through twelfth. Other after school programs include Harpsicle Therapy offered by professional musicians, art instruction provided by Sweetwater Center for the Arts and learning activities with help from volunteers from Robert Morris University.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MOON PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

MOON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR, CATHERINE TRESS, HAS SEVERAL REMINDERS FOR THE REMAINING 2012 TAX YEAR.

MOON AREA SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED ON JULY 1, 2012.

SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PERIODS:

At the time of printing, Moon Area School District tax millage rate has not yet been established. Check www.moontaxoffice.us for updated information later in June.

July 1-August 31:	2% Discount amount due
September 1-October 31:	Face amount due
October 1-December 31:	10% penalty amount added

Moon Township Property Taxes are now in Face period, (discount ended 5/31)

June 1-July 31:	Face amount due
After August 1:	10% penalty amount added

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

If you have recently refinanced, paid off your mortgage or did not receive your 2012 tax property statement(s) contact the Moon Property Tax Office at 412-299-7446 to correct your mailing records. It is the homeowner's responsibility, not the mortgage company, to notify the tax office when these instances occur.

According to state law, property owners are responsible for their property taxes even if they do not receive a bill.

FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES ONLY:

Tax Installment Option: Property owners who receive the Homestead or Farmstead Exclusion have the option of paying their Moon School Property taxes in four monthly installments. Please note that the tax discount does not apply to the installment option. **NEW INSTALLMENT DATES** beginning with 2012 Moon School Property taxes will be: First Installment **MUST** be received by August 31 and the remaining three installments will be due by September 30, October 31 and November 31, 2012.

PROPERTY TAX OFFICE HOURS

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

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

- Fourth Of July; July 4
- Labor Day; September 1 & 3
- Veterans Day; November 12
- Thanksgiving Holiday; November 22 & 23
- Christmas Holiday, December 24 – 26

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

MOON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER



**MOON TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

F all in love with Moon Township Public Library all over again as you see us in a whole new light! Just for you, the library has given itself a makeover. Our Adult Fiction Collection has been rearranged and all books are now in their individual genres. Stop by and take some time to browse the sections, grab a well-loved au-

thor, or try something new and visit our Staff Pick's Shelf where librarians Suzy, Heather, Megan, and Paul display some of their favorite reads.

Our DVD collection also got a facelift. Now you can browse through Comedy, Drama, Documentary, and more to find the right movie for those occasions when you want to laugh, cry, or learn something new! As you wait in line at the Circulation Desk you can find out what programs are happening and what materials have just arrived by sneaking a peak at our brand new flat screen.

Children, teens, and adults can join us for summer reading beginning in June. This year's theme for teens is, "Own the Night". This program is open to teens entering sixth grade through twelfth grade for the 2012-2013 school year. Earn great prizes including a \$100 amazon.com gift card for the teen who reads the most minutes over the summer. Moon Township Public Library also offers an Adult Summer Reading

Club, "Between the Covers". Drop into the library through August 31 to grab a reading log, participate in easy games, and attend programs where you can earn raffle tickets for a chance to win a themed basket. Other adult programs include; Date Night at the Library, Tarot Card Exploration, and Adult Craft Night. Electronic resources and a complete list of programs and events going on at the Moon Township Public Library can be found at www.moonlibrary.org. Check out these useful databases online.

Cyprus Resume Writer— Create an organized, clean, and professional resume in just a few easy steps. This free service allows you to follow a quick template that includes 200,000 job statements from thousands of occupations. Tailor your work to showcase your strengths, create cover letters and reference pages, and download, edit, publish, save, and update your work at any time.

Freegal Music Database—As a music lover's paradise, Freegal offers you the chance to download three songs per week from popular artists and record labels, like Sony, to your account at no cost. Find the most popular songs the same day they are released on CD. Once you've downloaded there's no expiration date, it's yours forever. All music can be transferred to your iPod, MP3 player, or any other device. Don't delay, start listening now!

Alexander Street Press Online Listening Library—Do you like to listen to music while you work? Take a look at Alexander Street Press's Online Listening Library. This online streaming music source allows you to listen to a variety of folk, world, classical, and jazz with no strings attached; just log on, plug in your headphones, and go. This resource is only available on library computers, not by remote access from your home.



CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

ED NELSON

The Board of Supervisors recently proclaimed the renaming of Moon Park Pond to “Nelson Pond” in honor of Mr. Edwin Nelson for his 46 years of continuous service to Moon Township. Mr. Nelson began his leadership role in the Township in 1962 as a member of the Planning Commission. In 1969, Nelson ran for a seat on the Board of Township Supervisors and was elected to serve on the Board in 1970. Nelson served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for 30 years. He currently serves as member of the Parks Advisory Board. At the acceptance of his dedication, Nelson says he is going to need to buy a fishing rod to visit the lake with his family. Moon Parks and Recreation and Moon Township thank and applaud Mr. Nelson for his service and dedication to the community.



MOON GOLF CLUB SWINGS INTO THE SUMMER SEASON

Take a break and experience the green this summer at Moon Golf Club. The fully stocked pro shop has a large selection of products for every golfer’s needs. After a day on the links, grab a bite to eat and a refreshing drink at the 19th hole.

Moon Golf Club’s summer events provide opportunities for both kids and adults to tee-up this season, starting with the Moon Golf Club Junior League in June. This is Moon Golf Club’s sixth year hosting the Junior League and they are looking forward to seeing the youngest golfers hit the links. The Junior League plays each Monday from June 18 through August 20. The league alternates between the front nine and back nine each week; play begins at 7:30 a.m. The cost for the league is \$10 per week which includes nine holes of golf, a pull cart (if needed), and a hot dog with a fountain pop when finished. Each participant will receive a Moon Golf Club Junior League T-shirt and a sleeve of golf balls at the end of the program. It is not too late to sign up!

Round up a few friends for some fun competition and join in on the 6th Moon Open Championship on the weekend of August 18 and 19. A 36-hole stroke play event will crown a new set of champions for 2012. The cost of the 2012 Moon Open is \$85. This includes 36 holes of golf with a cart, a golf shirt, a sleeve of golf balls, and a cookout each day. The champion of the Moon Open will receive a prize of green fees for a year. The Moon Open is a handicap event; each golfer must have eight 9-hole rounds or four 18-hole rounds at Moon Golf Club prior to the event in order to establish their handicap.

Please contact the Moon Golf Club if you have any questions about participating in either of these events or to plan a golf outing of

your own. Accommodations will be provided for group events, fundraisers, and company parties. The golf course is open year-round – weather permitting, with tee times offered up to two weeks in advance. Gift cards are also available year round. We are looking forward to seeing you on the course in 2012! Check us out online at www.moongolfclub.com or call 412-262-2992 for information about the course and to schedule a tee time.



SUMMER AT THE PARKS

MOON PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 | 9 A.M.

CHERRINGTON CORPORATE CENTER

Join Moon Parks & Recreation with a running start to kick off Fourth of July! Moon Parks, in partnership with local sponsors, is proud to host the 4th Annual Township of Moon 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. at Cherrington Corporate Center on Saturday, June 30. Lace up your running shoes and join in the race or cheer on family and friends as they cross the finish line. Register online at www.moonparks.org through June 27 and in-person until race day.



Moon Parks and Recreation is the home of many fun-filled family events this summer. Take a break and enjoy the sunshine at one of these refreshing outdoor activities. On the third Wednesday of every month, have a picnic at Robin Hill Park and be entertained with live music. The Lunchtime Concert Series features local artists at the Robin Hill Park Gazebo from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is free to attend. Come check out the upcoming entertainment:

July 18- Chris Denem (Neil Diamond Tribute)

August 15- Brooke Annibale (Acoustic Pop/Folk)

September 19- RML Jazz

Looking for some late night entertainment? Pack up the car with blankets and chairs and enjoy an evening under the stars at the Moon Park Amphitheater. Family Fun Nights are free events every Friday throughout the summer (with exception of July 6). In June and July, bring your dancing shoes for live entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m. On Fridays beginning July 20, the park will turn down the music and feature a movie. Enjoy a feature film making this night a hit for the entire family. Movies begin at dusk.

Music (begins at 7:30 p.m.)

June 22 – Pittsburgh Philharmonic

June 29 – Finally Free – High Energy Classic Rock

July 13 – Dixie Spirit - Dixieland

Movies (begin at dusk)

July 20 – Legend of the Guardians - PG

July 27 – The Muppets - PG

August 3 – Winnie the Pooh - G

August 10 – Oceans - G

August 17 – Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer – PG

August 24 – Adventures of Tintin – PG

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 | 4 P.M. – 10 P.M. | MOON PARK



Thomas Rhett

Please join us for our annual Independence Day Celebration at Moon Park! This evening filled with food, fun, and activities will spotlight live entertainment from up-and-coming music artists. This year country music artist, Thomas Rhett, will be the featured performer of the night. Rhett, who is from Valdosta, Georgia, has a cut on Jason Aldean's platinum album, *My Kinda Party*, and has recently opened for ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blake Shelton, Pat Green, David Nail, and

The Dirt Drifters. Rhett is currently working on his debut album for the Big Machine Label Group. In addition to Rhett, Moon Township's own Sarah Marince will perform. Kids will have plenty of their own entertainment to enjoy including a Fun House, Jungle Adventure Playland, Midway games and Ocean Island Obstacle Course. To end the night, Moon Parks and Recreation will light up the sky with a fireworks show from Zambelli Internationale. Festivities and children activities begin at 4 p.m. and amphitheater performances begin at 6 p.m. Arrive early for most convenient parking.

MOON PARKS & RECREATION



2012 Summer/Fall Programs and Events

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

www.moonparks.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Fun Nights at Moon Park

Fridays, June-August | Live Entertainment at 7:30 p.m.
Movies at dusk | Moon Park Amphitheater
Enjoy live entertainment and movies under the stars in this family-friendly series.

Robin Hill Park – Luncheon Concerts

July-Sept. | 3rd Wednesday of the month | 12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Bring a lunch, blanket/chair and enjoy a free afternoon concert in the scenic setting of Robin Hill Park.

United States Tennis Association

Tennis Town Summer Classic Tennis Tournament

July 13-15 | Moon Park Tennis Courts
Fee: \$32 per player | Boys & Girls Divisions - 12, 14, 16
Registration Deadline: Friday, July 6
**Online registration only!*

SUMMER CAMPS – REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Girls Un-Camp (Ages 13-17)

Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 22 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Robin Hill Park Carriage House
Fee: Drop-In \$10 a day, food and activity fees extra
This girls-only Un-Camp is for you, so come by and share your ideas of how we can make this the best summer ever!

Mad Science (Ages 5-12)

Fee: \$120 Moon residents/\$130 non-residents-per session
NASA: July 9-13 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program sends kids on a quest for exploration! Comets, planets, stars and more are all waiting to be discovered. Learn about the four forces of flight, the challenges of space travel, and participate in a rocket launch!

Cells, Chem Crime

August 6-10 | 1 p.m.-4 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
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 kids on a quest to discover the world around us as they explore DNA, learn about their senses and test the elements of electricity. A mock crime scene is explored using scientific methods and their forensic skills.

Snapology (Ages 5-12)

Fee: \$120 Moon residents/\$130 non-residents (per session)
Star Wars: July 9-13 | 1 p.m.-4 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
Come participate in Star Wars themed activities, build scenes from the movie, ships, light sabers, you name it! May the force be with you!

Lego Wizards/Harry Potter:

August 6-10 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
Enter the magical world of Harry Potter, Snapology-style! Make your own Coat of Arms, create your own Lego castle and adventure, and attend a potions class. Let the magic begin!

*July 13 & August 10 – Fun Day by Moon Parks and Recreation!

If a participant registers for both a morning and afternoon session of Mad Science and Snapology in the same week, Moon Parks will provide supervision between sessions (12-1 p.m.). Participants must bring a brown-bag lunch.

Western PA Baseball Camp (Ages 7-14)

June 25-29 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Moon Park Baseball Fields
Fee: \$150/week
Contact: Ray Bosetti to register 412-264-4721, raybosetti@verizon.net

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.

US Sports Squirts Camp (Ages 3-5)

July 16-20 | 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | Moon Park
Fee: \$85 – Registration deadline July 3
This is a great way to introduce children ages 3-5 to a variety of sports such as soccer, t-ball, basketball, hockey, and lacrosse. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly fun!

US Sports Multi Sports Camp (Ages 5-14)

July 16-20 | Half day and Full day options available
Moon Park
Fee: Full day \$165, Half Day-AM \$145, Half Day-PM \$130
Give your child a unique opportunity to experience 15 different sports from around the world. Children can learn how to bowl a Cricket ball, score a try in Rugby, shoot hoops and score plenty of goals in a variety of sports. All activities and games take place in a positive low-pressure, educational environment under the guidance of our qualified coaches who are chosen for their ability to inspire, motivate and encourage campers. If participant registers for full day, please bring a brown bag lunch.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

DOGA (Ages 16+)

Friday, June 22 | 7 p.m. -8:30 p.m. | Moon Park
Fee: \$15 Moon residents/\$20 non-residents
Instructor: Jen Stratakis
DOGA is about sharing your yoga practice with your canine companion. A typical DOGA class includes a walking meditation, standing poses, fun balancing poses, and doggie massage and relaxation. No matter what breed pup you have, this is a fun way to celebrate your bond. No prior yoga experience required. Participants should bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a few canine treats to this outdoor class.

Zumba Fitness (Adults/Teens 13+)

Tuesdays, June 26-July 31 (6 weeks)
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
Fee: \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents
*\$15 Discount available, call for details
Instructor: Marci King

Thursdays, June 28-Aug 2 (6 weeks)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building – Auditorium
Fee: \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents
*\$15 Discount available, call for details
Instructor: Christie Covelli

Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cambia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop and more that will really make you sweat! Please bring water.

Beginner Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays, July 30-Sept. 3; Sept. 10-Oct. 15
6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room
Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-Residents
(per 6 week session)

This 6-week class is a great way to begin an exercise regime. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cambia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop and more that will really make you sweat!

Pilates (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays, July 18-Aug. 22; Aug. 29-Oct. 3;
Oct. 10-Nov. 14 | 10 a.m. -11 a.m.
Robin Hill Park
Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents
(per 6 week session)

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

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

Kardio Hip Hop (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 15; Aug. 22-Sept. 26; Oct. 3-Nov. 7
6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Rhema Christian School
Fee: \$40 Moon resident/\$45 non-resident; \$8 Drop-In Fee
*Discount for full 6 week session

Instructor: Kam Niskach

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

Senior Workout (Adults/Seniors)

Wednesdays, July 11-Aug. 15; Sept. 12-Oct. 17
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building - Auditorium

Fee: \$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.

Summer Tennis (Kids 5+/Adults/Seniors)

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays | July 24-Aug. 30 (8 weeks)

Moon Park Tennis Courts

Pee Wee (Ages 5-6) - 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m.

Fee: 1 x week \$60 Moon residents/\$72 non-residents

2 x week \$108 Moon residents/\$132 non-residents

Junior Beginner (Ages 7-10 & 11-14) - 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Fee: 1 x week \$90 Moon residents/\$108 non-residents

2 x week \$150 Moon residents/\$186 non-residents

Junior Advanced (Ages 7-10 & 11-14) - 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fee: 1 x week \$90 Moon residents/\$108 non-residents

2 x week \$150 Moon residents/\$186 non-residents

Adult Beginner (Ages 18+) Thursdays, - 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Fee: \$120 Moon residents/\$144 non-residents

Adult Intermediate (Ages 18+) Thursdays - 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$120 Moon residents/\$144 non-residents

*Private Lessons available for Juniors and Adults, contact Moon Park for more information.

Fall Tennis (Kids 5+/Adults/Seniors)

Thursdays | September 6-October 11 (6 weeks)

Moon Park Tennis Courts

Pee Wee (Ages 5-7) - 4:15 p.m.-5 p.m.

Fee: \$60 Moon residents/\$72 non-residents

Junior Beginner (Ages 8-12) - 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Fee: \$90 Moon residents/\$108 non-residents

Junior Advanced (Ages 9-14) - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Fee: \$90 Moon residents/\$108 non-residents

Adult (Ages 18+) Thursdays, - 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$120 Moon residents/\$144 non-residents

*Private Lessons available for Juniors and Adults, contact Moon Park for more information.

Moon Parks & Recreation and The Kent Johnson Tennis Academy are proud to offer tennis training for players of all ages and abilities. Kent Johnson, a USPTA P1/PTR Tennis Professional employs the latest training methods for maximum results in both group and private tennis lessons. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, our top notch instruction will help you play better tennis and have more fun on the court, all while increasing confidence, health and enjoyment of the game.

Totally Toned (Adults/Teens 15+)

Mondays, July 30-Sept. 3; Sept. 10-Oct. 15

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

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents (per 6 week session)

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 (Ages 15+)

Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Sept. 25; Oct. 9-Oct. 30

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

Fee: \$40 Moon residents/\$45 non-residents (per 4 week session)

Instructor: Jen Stratakis

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.

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

ART/EDUCATION

Soulful Expression in Music Workshops

(Ages 14+)

Tuesday, July 10; Wednesday, July 11

7 p.m.-9 p.m. | Moon Township Municipal Building - Auditorium

Fee: \$50 Moon residents/\$55 non-residents

Instructor: MaryBeth Schotting, violinist.

Participants will learn how to access the energy and expression within themselves and apply it to their music and playing.

Participants should bring their instrument and music stand, as they will be given 1-2 pieces to play together. Any instrument is ok, including keyboard and vocals.

Fiddle and Rock Strings Music Workshops

(Ages 10-18)

Monday, July 30 | 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building - Auditorium

Thursday Aug. 16 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building - Auditorium

Fee: \$25 Moon resident/\$30 non-resident

Instructor: Steven Vance

Participants will learn a few tunes that they will be able to go home and play that night. You will also rock classic tunes with your Yamaha Electric Violins, Viola and Cello plus sound effects and looping station. At least two years of Violin, Viola or Cello experience is required. Please bring instrument.

Improvisation/Acting Workshops (Ages 10-15)

Saturday, July 21 | 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building - Auditorium

Sunday, August 12 | 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building - Auditorium

Fee: \$30 Moon resident/\$35 non-resident (per session)

Instructor: Gemini Theater

Students will learn a variety of acting skills "games" including prop, costume work, character work and improvisation scenes. Students will explore creative acting outside the box. They will also experience competition games, physical group games and verbal skill games.

Splash - Water/Mixed Media Art Classes

(Adults 18+)

Thursdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 25 | Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$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 is an eight-week course designed to introduce a beginning student to the fun and excitement in water-based materials. No previous experience is necessary - just a desire to have fun.

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

August 6-17 | Monday - Friday | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

Oct. 2-Nov. 1 | Tuesday & Thursday | 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Moon Township Municipal Building

Registration Fee | \$25 Moon residents/\$30 non-residents;

Course Fee: \$350 per session

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.

MAD SCIENCE (AGES 5-12)

Animal Energy and Robots:

Tuesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23 | 6 p.m.-7 p.m. | Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$75 Moon residents/\$80 non-residents

Learn about robots, green energy sources, Newton's three laws of motion and much more! Children build their own robot hand and explore renewable and non-renewable resources for power generation. They will explore the animal kingdom and learn about the life cycles of their favorite creatures.

VACATION GETAWAYS

Looking to getaway this summer? Moon Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Collette Vacations, offers a variety of Vacation packages. From the California Coast to Ireland, we have the vacation you are looking for! Please visit www.moonparks.org or contact the Moon Park office today.

Reservations are open for Moon Park picnic pavilions and the Robin Hill Center. Call 412-262-1703 or visit www.moonparks.org for more information.

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VISIT MOON PARKS AND RECREATION

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