

moon messenger

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Fall 2022



Spooktacular is BACK



Please check the Township website at moontwp.us for updates on events and programs.

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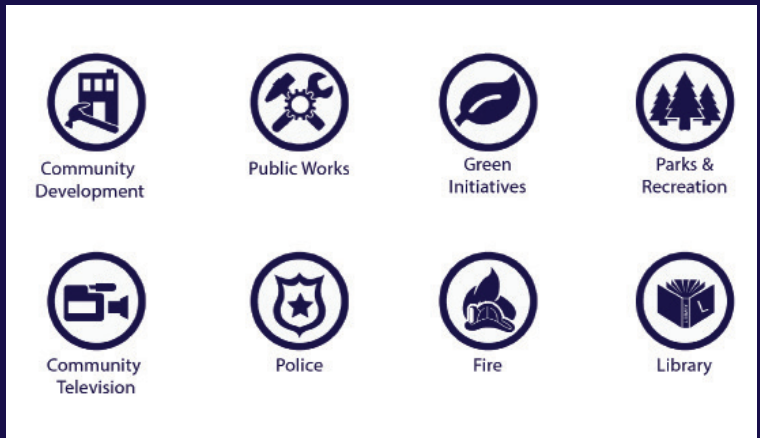
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Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming holidays:

- Veterans Day- November 11**
- Thanksgiving Day- November 24**
- The Day After Thanksgiving- November 25**

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The Cover

This month's cover features a photo of the 2021 Spooktacular at Moon Park

The Moon Township Messenger was arranged by Allison Ford and designed by Morgan Torchia

Read the Fall 2022 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.us

LOCAL GOVERNMENT make it moon

A Letter from the Township Manager

This past year my articles have targeted litter and the importance of talking with the Community Development Department before starting any projects around your home and property. The feedback we received from the residents on both of those subjects is appreciated and will be used to build on in the future.

In this Messenger, I would like to talk about the road systems running through Moon Township. The Township is 68.26 square miles, with more than 146.5 miles of roadways. To break down further, the Township owns 74.63 miles, the county owns 3.65 miles, and the state owns 45.81.

When it comes to maintaining these roadways, each government entity is responsible for paving, curbing, stormwater management, signage, litter control, and roadway markings on their portion.

This summer PennDOT used the "oil and chip" method to overlay the state roadways running through Moon. This method, even though it is not favored by motorists, is a technique that PennDOT stands by. It is their belief, and their research tells them, that oil and chip usage is a low-cost way to extend the usefulness of roadways when PennDOT does not have the funding available to repave a roadway. "This maintenance treatment seals the road surface to keep water out while restoring the friction of the surface to enhance traction." (PA.Gov).

During the budget meetings, the Board of Supervisors considers roadway improvements early in the process. In the 2022 budget, there is an allotment of \$1 mil for roadway improvements. In April 2022, the Board of Supervisors awarded those projects which totaled \$1,036,359. The roadways included are Scottsdale Drive, McCormick Road, Whispering Wood Drive, Linden Court, Beagle Drive, Shafer Road, Loch Shin Drive, Fitzrandolph Drive, Montclair Drive, Loch Shin Playlot, and Bon Meade Access Drive. The latter two of those listed, account for the overage and are budgeted in the Stormwater Fund and Short-Term Borrowing Fund.

Roadway improvements are currently the costliest items to the budget given today's economy. As you can see from the above list, the \$1 mil budgeted out of the Capital Fund does not go far enough. And please note, this does not take into consideration routine maintenance, such as a pothole or catch basin repairs, curb work or crack sealing that must also be done each year.

I have received phone calls and emails concerning PennDOT's "oil and chip" program. This type of project is not one the township has undertaken on Township roads and is hopefully one that we can avoid for years to come.

Below please find links to PennDOT District 11 website for additional information on their roadway maintenance program and their home page with contact information.
www.penndot.pa.gov/about-us/maintenanceactivities

www.penndot.pa.gov/RegionalOffices/district-11

Dawn Lane
- Township Manager

What's in A Name?

Naming rights are a great long-term marketing and community relations strategy that has proven beneficial with brand recognition and community exposure.

Moon Township has many new naming rights opportunities available to get your name out and increase the visibility of the company in the community. The Sponsorship Guide is available online at moontwp.us with great partnership opportunities from in-kind to presenting event sponsorships.



2022
Moon Township
Sponsorship Guide

Connect with Your Community



Moontwp.us



PUBLIC WORKS make it moon

Curbside Leaf Pick-Up

The Public Works Department will offer curbside leaf pick up beginning Nov. 7-11 and Nov. 14-18, 2022. The schedule will follow the resident's regular garbage collection date. Simply place the leaves at the curb by 7 AM on pick-up day in a biodegradable bag. No plastic bags or cardboard boxes will be accepted. There will be no pickup on Veteran's Day.



Curbside Brush Pick-Up

The Public Works Department will offer curbside brush pick-up beginning November 2, Monday through Friday. The schedule will follow the resident's regular garbage collection. Simply place the brush at the curb by 7 AM on pick-up day. The brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and it should not be bundled or tied.

All pick days are weather-dependent. Items placed properly at the curb will be picked up.



Compost Drop-off/ Pickup

Residents may drop off yard waste to be composted including tree limbs, leaves, and plant matter. Please use biodegradable bags. Tree limbs should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied. Residents are reminded that drop-off is for yard waste only. Trash or other materials are not permitted. The composting program provides free mulch and compost to residents. Bring your containers and take as much as you need. The drop-off location is at the Public Works facility at Moon Park. Please notify Public Works before your arrival by calling **412.262.1700**.





Brewer Airport Film Festival Winners

The Brewer Airport Toyota Film Festival returns for its eleventh year on September 17. We want to thank everyone for their submissions. A panel of local film experts judged submissions based on a point system. Check the schedule on mca-tv.org for a complete list of scheduled times for the winning films on September 17!

It was a very close competition this year. Thank you to all the filmmakers who submitted their original films. The 2022 Brewer Airport Toyota Film Festival was sponsored by Brewer Airport Toyota of Moon Township, without them, none of this would be possible!



Promote Your Event for Free

Is your organization or nonprofit looking to get the word out about an upcoming event? MCA-TV offers a bulletin board service for Moon Township residents to publicize their community program or event in-between regularly scheduled programming. The community bulletin board is an automated, computer-generated video graphics message service provided free of charge to all Moon Township residents as well as nonprofit groups and organizations. Visit mca-tv.org and click on "Bulletin Board" to read the guidelines and rules and to fill out the online submission form. Paper forms are available in the MCA-TV offices.

Production Classes

Have you ever wondered what it is like behind the scenes at a TV station? Well, here is your opportunity to find out! MCA-TV is offering FREE production classes to anyone interested. These one-on-one hands-on classes will teach you the basics of TV production from running a camera to producing your own show!

These classes are open to residents of any community. Any Moon Township resident who completes the course may choose to become a community producer. Community producers provide the original and entertaining productions of MCA-TV's programming schedule. Non-residents wishing to create a show to air on MCA-TV must work with a community producer who actively participates in the program development.

Classes are available on Wednesdays until 7 PM at the MCA-TV studio located at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 140, Moon Township. To sign up, contact Allison Ford at msimkovic@moontwp.us or call 412.269.1191 today!

MCA-TV Utilizes Updated Production Trailer for Moon Football

MCA-TV is excited to use its updated production trailer for Moon Area High School football games this fall. The all-HD trailer allows the station to film and produce home high school football games to re-air on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon channel 35. Be sure to tune in to see the amazing coverage of local sports!

MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television
Comcast channel 14
Verizon Fios channel 35
MCA-TV.org

MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television
Comcast channel 18
Verizon Fios channel 37
moongovtv.us



GREEN INITIATIVES make it moon

WM At Your Door Program

Did You Know? Waste Management's At Your Door service collects and manages hard-to-recycle, home-generated special materials. These materials include many items that may not be disposed of in the regular trash or recycling bins. These items include household and garden chemicals, electronics, TVs, universal materials such as fluorescent lamps, CFLs, batteries, and most automotive-related chemicals such as motor oil, antifreeze, and cleaners.

After you contact Waste Management, a pick-up date will be scheduled and a collection kit will be mailed to you with instructions. Easy and Convenient!

There is One Month Left for the Moon Market

There is still time to visit the Moon Market to pick up some of your favorite things from local vendors. The market runs on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at St. Philip's Church.

There are many great vendors this year, so be sure to stop by and see what they have to offer including the freshest produce, meats, dairy, and baked goods. Give yourself a night off from cooking and take-home dinner from one of the prepared food vendors. All vendors meet strict health and safety guidelines. The market accepts cash, debit, and credit cards.

Visit the Township table with news about sustainability, Parks and Recreation, and Township-wide events.

Trick or Treat

Moon Township Trick or Treat will be on Monday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, October 1

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Public Works Garage 1115 Stevenson Mill Road

Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council, in partnership with JVS Environmental, hosts electronics collection days to gather unused and unwanted electronic items. These events collect electronic items only, including printers, copiers, computers, laptops, and televisions.

Only one television per vehicle will be accepted. Other items, such as appliances containing FREON and fluorescent lighting will be collected for a fee.

Thank You to Our Summer Help

Moon Township wants to thank all of the summer employees who worked to make Moon a great place to live, learn, work, and play. From our summer camp counselors to our public works employees, our summer help is a crucial part of making Moon beautiful. If you would like to work for Moon Township next summer, keep an eye out for our job openings at moontwp.us for more information.



MOON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REFUSE CUSTOMERS COLLECTION
 OF ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
SIGN UP 3 EASY WAYS

- 1 ONLINE AT: WMATYOURDOOR.COM
- 2 CALL: 1.800.449.7587
- 3 EMAIL: ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM

Additional information about this program is available from the Moon Township Municipal Authority at moontma.com or by phone at 412.264.4300.
 A message from the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council 2017 in partnership with...

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VOLUNTEER

Moon Township Parks & Recreation has many volunteer opportunities. We welcome people of all ages, abilities, and interests to join us in improving our community programs, events, and facilities. We encourage corporate, community, family, school, or organizational groups to volunteer at Moon Park. Group volunteers may not need to complete clearances for group volunteer dates.

Trail Building & Park Cleanups:

There is still time to visit the Moon Moon Township Parks and Recreation maintains over 30 miles of trails. These trails are well loved by the public but require steady maintenance and repair. We are always seeking volunteer groups to join us for a day of trail building, as well as volunteers to pick up and bag trash in highly populated park areas such as pavilions and playgrounds, etc.

Volunteer Pop Up in the Park:

Tuesday, September 13th at 11:00am in Moon Park
- or - Wednesday, October 12th at 5:00pm in Moon Park.

Join Moon Parks & Rec and volunteer at our 'Volunteer Pop-up in the Park' to help keep our Parks clean & beautiful! Sign up at www.moonparks.org | **Get Involved | Volunteers** to let us know you're coming!

Project will consist of collecting & bagging trash and trail cleaning. Tools will be provided. Volunteer waiver must be signed on-site. Great opportunity for all ages!

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Park Events:

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Wizarding Festival – Saturday, September 10

Halloween Spooktacular – Wednesday, October 19

Moon Lights Holiday Festival – Saturday, December 3

Interested in scheduling to volunteer? Our Community Outreach Coordinator will help you find a volunteer opportunity that fits your interest best! Visit us at www.moonparks.org to complete a volunteer interest form or contact our Community Outreach Coordinator Lauren Madison at **412.262.1703 X402** or lmadison@moontwp.us.

2023 Sponsorship Guide Coming Soon!

Connect with Your Community

Moon Township offers a variety of opportunities for businesses and organizations to invest in the health and wellness of our community by funding events, programs, and open space improvements.

Residents of Moon Township, as well as neighboring communities, value our parks and activities as part of their everyday lives. Be a sponsor and increase your exposure in the community, develop deeper relationships with your customers, and build a positive image.

Our Gift to You for Sponsoring...

- One Weekday Pavilion Rental in 2023
- Passes to the 2023 Moon Township 4th of July Celebration at Moon Park
- Invitation to our End of Year Sponsor Appreciation Event

The 2023 Sponsorship Guide will soon be available for all businesses and organizations both in hard copy and online at MoonTWP.us such as pavilions and playgrounds, etc.

Moon Market

Thank you to all who have stopped by and supported the Moon Market hosted at St. Philip's Church at 1629 Beaver Grade Road. We are hosting the market on Wednesdays through September 28 from 3:30-6:30 PM. Follow 'Moon Market' on Facebook & Instagram to check out weekly vendors, food trucks, sponsors, and community spotlight information!

Thank you to our 2022 Market Sponsors:

Clearview Federal Credit Union

Club Pilates

Encompass Health

Express Employment Professionals Pitt West

Family Chiropractic Center

Renaissance Home Care, Inc.

St. Philip's Church



POLICE make it moon

Police Station Ground Breaking

In late June, Township officials broke ground for the new Moon Township Police Station. The new police station will be between the current Township offices and Public Safety Building. This new three-story state-of-the-art facility will house the police department. The current Public Safety Building will remodel into a stand-alone volunteer fire station.

Be sure to drive by and check out the progress and check out moontwp.us for construction updates!



Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for kids, but it can be a little tricky for parents. Here are some safety tips to be sure it's a treat for everyone.

- Make sure your child's costume fits properly and that they can see clearly.
- Apply makeup instead of wearing a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and they can obstruct a child's vision.
- Be sure the costume is visible at night. If a costume is dark in color, add some reflective tape on the front and back.
- Purchase a costume that is flame retardant.
- Arrange for an adult or responsible teenager to accompany younger children when Trick or Treating.
- Make sure kids never approach an unlit house, or enter a house of people you don't know very well.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Be aware of traffic.
- Use sidewalks when possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic.
- Do not accept rides from anyone but a family member.
- Instruct all trick-or-treaters not to sample treats until they are home and the treats have been examined by an adult.
- Inspect treats at home in a well-lit area and throw away anything opened, partially unwrapped, or not in its original wrapper.
- Call the police if you find any suspicious treats.

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

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

Moon Dispatch Center - 412.262.5000

Emergency Services - 911

Crime Tips Hotline - 412.262.5202



FIRE SAFETY make it moon

Fire Prevention Week October 9-15

The National Fire Protection Association is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on the early warning from smoke alarms and planning.

Here are a few simple things you can do to help be prepared in the case of an emergency.

- Make a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the home.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back in.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
- Call the fire department once you are outside and safe.

Planning in case a fire breaks out in your home can help keep everyone safe.



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

YTD FIRE CALLS THROUGH JULY 2022

370 INCIDENTS

TOTAL MAN HOURS ON DUTY

864.50 HOURS

TRAINING / WORK DETAILS

409 HOURS

TOTAL MAN HOURS ON TRAINING / WORK DETAILS

899.30 HOURS

FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT FIRE REPORTS, RUN VOLUME, AND A CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS ABOUT THE MOON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT MOONTWP-FIRE.COM.



PARKS & RECREATION make it moon



Moon Park Pavilion Rentals

The 2022 pavilion rental season runs through October 2022. Please plan for fall rentals. Weekend rentals in September are expected to sell out soon. Pavilions are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please have several dates and pavilions chosen in case your first choice is not available. We offer both weekday (Monday-Friday) and weekend rentals.

Reservation and payment must be made by a Moon resident to receive the resident rate. Rentals cannot be made in another person's name to get the resident rate. All agreements, payments, and communications must come from the resident.

Pavilions and fees are listed at moonparks.org. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 412.262.1703 for pavilion availability and to arrange a pavilion rental.

Pavilion rentals for the 2023 season (May-October) will begin Monday, February 6 for Moon Township residents. Additional rental details for the 2023 season will be included in our Winter messenger.

Memorial Bricks

Help pave the Memorial Garden walkway by purchasing a brick engraved with a lasting message for an individual, organization, or business. Commemorative bricks are a meaningful way to remember a loved one, honor a friend or family member or recognize a milestone. Brick sponsorships are available for \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick or \$200 for an 8x8" business brick. Donations support the Moon Township Memorial Fund for the continued development of these memorial spaces.

Robin Hill Center Rentals

Check out the Robin Hill Center rental to host a graduation party, birthday party, bridal shower, baby shower, wedding ceremony and/or reception, and more!

Robin Hill Center reservations may be made up to one year in advance. For rental information including fees and rental process information, please visit our website at moonparks.org. For current availability, making a reservation, or scheduling a tour, please call the parks office at 412-262-1703 Ext. 404.

To qualify for the resident rate, you must provide proof of residency in Moon Township, sign the agreement, and make payment. Rentals cannot be made in another person's name to get the resident rate.

Memorial Benches

Honor a loved one with a permanent memorial. Benches may be placed in parks or on trails and are available in a variety of designs and sizes. All benches include a personalized cast aluminum plaque. Full bench details and pricing can be found online at moonparks.org.



Park Programs and Events

Youth Programming

Art in the Park (Ages 5-12)

Date: Wednesdays: October 5-26

November 2-30 (No class 9/23)

December 7 (One-day holiday session!)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Fee: \$50 Moon residents, \$55 non-residents (per 4 week session)

December one-day holiday session \$13/\$15

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

Join Ms. Lisa for some adventures in art! We will explore many different mediums from drawing to painting, from collage to sculpture. We will be learning about artists from the past and letting them inspire us while creating original works of our own. The fee includes all materials.

Crafter-noons! (Ages 5-12)

Date: Saturdays: September 24 (Back to School)

October 22 (Halloween)

November 19 (Harvest)

December 10 (Holiday)- At Robin Hill

Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Fee: \$20 Moon residents/\$25 non-residents

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)- December session will be held at Robin Hill Center (949 Thorn Run Road)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

Let's get crafty with a few friends! Join Ms. Lisa for some seasonal craft projects. Each workshop will feature at least 3 crafts that kids will take home. This holiday session, we will be building gingerbread houses!

Nature Explorers (Ages 5-12)

Date: Mondays: October 3-24 (No class 10/10)

November 7-21

December 5 (One-day holiday session!)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Fee: \$30 Moon residents/\$35 non-residents (per 3 week session)

December One Day Holiday session \$10/\$12

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

Spend some time in the park and explore all that nature has to offer. Educationally enriching activities focusing on science and nature will be combined with trail hikes, visits to Nelson Pond and so much more.

Register for events by visiting moonparks.org or by calling **412.262.1703** Tuesday-Thursday. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Kids Autumn Lunar Loop Walk (Ages 5-12)

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Fee: \$5 per child Moon residents/\$8 non-residents

Location: Meet at Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Join Ms. Lisa and staff on the first official day of Autumn, for a walk around the completed Lunar Loop in Moon Park. We will meet at the Moon Park office and walk the full loop which totals a little over 2 miles. Everyone should dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and wear walking shoes. Children will receive a goodie bag and snack at the end of the walk. All children need to be registered to attend. If bad weather is expected closer to the date, we will reschedule.

Safe@Home by Safe Sitter (Grades 4-6)

Date options: Wednesday, September 14, 4:30-6:00 PM

Monday, October 10, 4:00-5:30 PM

Tuesday, November 8, 9:00-10:30 AM

Wednesday, December 14, 4:30-6:00 PM

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

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Safe@Home by Safe Sitter® is a program designed for students in grades 4-6 to prepare them to be safe when they are home alone. Safe@Home is a 90-minute program that teaches students how to practice safe habits, how to prevent unsafe situations, and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies. Students are also introduced to the Safe Sitter® First Aid Chart and learn a system to help them assess and respond to injuries and illnesses.

Safe Sitter Essentials (Grades 6-8)

Date options: Monday, October 10, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Tuesday, November 8, 11:00 AM-5:30 PM

Fee: \$45 Moon residents, \$50 non-residents

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Safe Sitter® Essentials is a one-day program designed for students in grades 6-8 to prepare them to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. In addition, Safe Sitter® teaches young teens life and business skills, so that they know how to be prepared, responsible, and considerate whether they are babysitting or doing odd jobs for family, friends, or neighbors.

Little Witch Tea Party (Ages 5-12 w/ adult)

Date: Friday, October 21, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Fee: \$12 Moon resident, \$17 non-residents

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

Join us for some tasty potions and scrumptious treats! We will have a wickedly good time with stories, games, crafts, and more. So, grab your brooms and fly on over but we do ask that you leave your black cats, bats, and rats at home. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please make sure that everyone attending is registered, adults and children.

Park Programs and Events

Youth Programming

Holiday Tea Party (Ages 5-12 w/ adult)

Date: Friday, December 9, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Fee: \$12 Moon resident, \$17 non-residents

Location: Robin Hill Center

Enjoy holiday cookies, cocoa, and crafts at our cozy holiday tea at Robin Hill Park. Children should be accompanied by at least one adult. Please make sure that everyone attending is registered, adults and children.

Special Events

Robin Hill Lunchtime Concert: Polka Meisters

Location: Robin Hill Park Lawn

Time: Noon

Fee: Free

Dates: Wednesday, September 14

The PolkaMeisters is a Pittsburgh-based Party Polka Band playing traditional polka music while wearing traditional polka attire.

Thank you to our generous Robin Hill Lunchtime Concert sponsor:



Movies in the Moonlight

Location: Moon Park Amphitheatre

Time: Dusk

Fee: Free



• Sat. September 10th Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)

• 2-7:30 PM Don't miss WizardFest at Moon Park from 2-7:30pm

• 7:30 PM- Film Starts

• Friday, September 23rd Back to the Future (PG)

• 6:30PM- Check out a DeLorean restored by Mike Pasquale to look like the one in the film.

• 7:30 PM- Film Starts

• Friday, October 7th 7:30 PM - Beetlejuice (PG)

• 6:30 PM- Meet and greet Beetlejuice and Lydia

• 7:30 PM- Film Starts

2022 Moon Wizarding Festival (All ages)

Date: September 10, 2022

Time: 2:00-7:30 PM

Location: Moon Park

Please join us for our annual Moon Wizarding Festival. This amazing event is brought to you by Moon Parks and Recreation and will feature artisans, crafters, music, games, crafts, food, drink, and a costume contest. This event is free and open to all ages! The event will feature 30+ artist and craft vendors, exciting non-profit organizations, and food vendors to bring you all the treats off the trolley.



Mad Science: Winter Wonderlab (Ages 5-10)

Date: Thursday, December 15

Time: 4:30-6:30 PM

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

Location: Moon Park Office Downstairs Classroom

The Mad Scientist will introduce the audience to a mysterious North Pole rick that turns out to be dry ice. Kids make bubbling potions, and experiment with popping corks, shivering quarters, and clouds of fog. Create slimy sludge to keep!

Veteran's Breakfast

Date: Friday, November 4

Location: Robin Hill Park

Time: 9-11AM



Breakfast will be served at the Robin Hill Center located at 949 Thorn Run Road. No reservations are required.

Halloween Spooktacular

Date: Wednesday, October 19

Location: Moon Park

Time: 4:30 PM-8:30 PM



Fee: Free

This event will feature a Trunk or Treat, inflatables, pumpkin carver, food trucks, hayrides, and more. The first 500 kids through the Trunk or Treat will receive a reusable tote bag.

We are looking for businesses, organizations, or individuals interested in hosting a trunk at this event. To find out more go to www.moonparks.org

Moon Township Halloween House Decorating Contest

Date: Friday, September 30th through Friday, October 28th

Location: Moon Township

Enter your home into the Moon Township Halloween House Decorating Contest. Starting Friday, September 30th send up to 6 pictures of your home to info@moonparks.org. Photos will be displayed online where the public can vote on them. The voting page will feature the addresses of the homes entered in the contest.

Moon Lights Holiday House Decorating Contest

Date: Monday, November 28th through Wednesday, December 21st

Location: Moon Township

Starting Monday, November 28th send up to 6 pictures of your home to info@moonparks.org. Photos will be displayed online where the public can vote on them. The voting page will feature the addresses of the homes entered in the contest.

Moon Lights Holiday Festival

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Time: 5:00 - 7:30pm

Location: Moon Park

Santa will ride into Moon Park atop a Firetruck at 5:30pm and light our Moon Park Christmas Tree at the Rotary Pavilion. Following the lighting of the tree, Santa will be available for photos and visits with children and families. Bring your letters for Santa to drop in his mailbox.

Park Programs and Events

Sports & Fitness Classes

All Star Tots

Dates: September 28th-October 12th

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 5:00-5:30pm

Ages: 4-7 (Co-Ed)

Cost: \$20 (Moon resident)/ \$25 (non-resident)

Location: Moon Park Basketball Court & Miracle Field

Children will learn the basic skills of t-ball/Wiffle ball, basketball, and soccer while developing balance, agility, and hand-eye coordination. Each week we will focus on a different sport.

Youth Flag Football (Co-Ed, Ages 4-14)

Dates: September 11- October 23

Day/Time: Sundays, 9:30 -11 AM

Ages: 4-14

Location: Moon Park Discovery Field

Cost: \$35 (Moon resident)/ \$40 (non-resident)

Our Youth Flag Football program is a Co-Ed program that teaches your child the fundamentals of the sport. The program will consist of 4 weeks of skills and drills clinics, followed by 3 weeks of scrimmages. The program will be led by volunteer coaches.

Interested in serving as a volunteer? Contact Tre Fowler at **412.262.1703 x406** or **tfowler@moontwp.us**. All volunteers must provide state clearances before the start of the program.

Youth Basketball Returns this Winter!

Details to be announced on moonparks.org and social media platforms this Fall!

For questions, contact Tre Fowler at **tfowler@moontwp.us**.

Pilates (Adults and Teens 15+)

Tuesday Morning Offerings

Dates: Session 1: September 6-October 11

Session 2: October 18-November 22

Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Location: Robin Hill Center

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

The Pilates method of body conditioning is a unique system of stretching/strengthening exercises that work the entire body. Expect to flatten your abs, strengthen your core muscles, increase flexibility, firm buttocks/thighs, and improve your posture. For all fitness levels. Bring a mat, light hand weights (3lbs or less), and water.



Barre (Adults and Teens 15+)

Dates: Session 1: September 14-October 19

Session 2: October 26-November 30

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 AM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 (Moon resident)/ \$50 (non-resident)

This class has a max participation number of 18 people. A total body workout that lifts your seat, tones your thighs, abs, arms, and burns fat. This workout includes elements of ballet, Pilates, and traditional toning exercises. The class starts with standing barre work. The class ends with core work and a series of deep stretches. Bring a mat and a pair of 1-3lb dumbbells. For all fitness levels.

Yoga Beginners and Beyond (Adults and Teens 15+)

Dates: September Sessions- 9/8, 9/22 & 9/29 (3 week session)

October Sessions- 10/6, 10/13 & 10/27 (3 week session)

Day/Time: Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Cost: \$30 (Moon resident)/ \$35 (non-resident)-3 week session

This class has a max participation number of 16 people. Please register online.

Yoga-curious or yoga-nervous? Then this is the class for you...No experience required! Instructor Jen Stratakis E-RYT 500, will lead you through an hour-long class, which includes standing and seated poses, breathwork, and guided relaxation. Modifications are given to accommodate everyone. With regular practice, yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm, and more. Bring a mat, water bottle, and any other yoga props you may have. Blocks are especially helpful.

Totally Toned (Adults & Teens 15+)

Dates: September 12- October 17 (6 weeks)

November 7- December 12 (6 weeks)

Day/Time: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM

Location: Robin Hill Center

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

This class has a max participation number of 15 people. Please register online. There are no drop-ins for this class. 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 and a mat.



Park Programs and Events

I am connected senior connection

What is the Senior Connection?

The Moon Township Senior Connection offers senior programming to anyone 55+ in Moon Township as well as all surrounding communities. Membership is Free with the one-time purchase of a membership card for only \$10.

Moon Township's Senior Connections Senior Center is located inside the Tapestry Assisted Living Facility at 550 Cherrington Pkwy, Moon Township, Pa. Phone #412/262-1703 x415

The Senior Center will be open for use by all members from 10am until 3pm Monday through Friday. Feel free to stop in or stay all day. Meet friends to socialize and have some fun. Cards, books, puzzles, games, ping pong, shuffleboard, crafts/coloring, music ... always available all day every day! Water, coffee/tea & hot chocolate provided.

Senior Connection Locations:

· Robin Hill Park (Carriage House and Robin Hill Center)
949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township, PA 15108

This location is offering a variety of programming and events and is currently the full-time location of the Moon Township Senior Connection.

· Tapestry Senior Living
50 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Township, PA 15108.

This location is temporarily closed and will reopen once the COVID-19 guidelines allow.

Registering for Programs and Events:

Payment is due at the time of registration. All current information & program guides are available in our blue Senior Connection information box. The box is located beside the front desk at the Senior Center. Information is also available at moonparks.org.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made less than 7 days before the event will incur a 25% cancellation fee. Refunds will be made to your account. No Show - No Refund. Unless noted in description/details.

SENIOR CONNECTION EVENT SCHEDULE (Senior Connection Members Only)

All Programs listed below require registration to attend unless noted

Registrations can be done at the Senior Center at Tapestry Senior Living on Wednesdays from 10am-2pm or by calling 412/262-1703 x415 or x404 Tues.-Thurs.

Daily programming for Senior Connection Members listed below begins September 6 at the Senior Connection:

Mondays

10:00-11:00 AM - Open swim
10:30 AM - Morning movie
Noon - Billiard games and brown bag lunch.
Bring your own or order Tapestry's kitchen and dine with friends
1:00 PM-2:00 PM - Open swim
1:30 PM-3:30 PM - Grief support group meeting (2X per month, ask at center for dates)
2:30-3:30 PM- Jigsaw puzzle time

Tuesdays

10:00 AM- Pokeno games
10:00-11:00 AM - Senior yoga (registration required)
11:00 AM - Tuesday Tea Party
11:30 AM- Ping Pong games (all skill levels welcome)
Noon - Brown bag lunch. Bring your own or order Tapestry's kitchen and dine with friends
1:00 PM - Brain games with Lisa
2:00 PM - Veterans weekly get together (come and share your stories)

Wednesdays

10:00 AM- Open swim
10:00 AM - Poker games (Are all welcome)
11:00 - LCR game (Left, Center, Right dice game)
Noon - Brown bag lunch. Bring your own or order Tapestry's kitchen and dine with friends
1:00 PM - Trivia challenge
2:00 PM - Bingo
2:00 -3:00 PM - Open swim
2:00 PM - Ping Pong & shuffleboard table games - Bring a partner & play

Thursdays

10:00 AM - Poker games (all are welcome)
10-11:00 AM-Senior Yoga (registration required)
11:00 AM - Fun crafts that anyone can do
Noon - Brown bag lunch. Bring your own or order Tapestry's kitchen and dine with friends
1:00 PM - Pinochle game
2:00 PM - Bingo

Fridays

10:00 AM-Noon - Open swim
11:00 AM - Jigsaw puzzle time
Noon - Brown bag lunch. Bring your own or order Tapestry's kitchen and dine with friends
Noon-3:00 PM - Piece and quilt club
1:00 PM-3:00 PM - Shuffleboard & Ping Pong table games- bring a partner & play

Register for events by visiting moonparks.org or by calling 412.262.1703 ext. 404 Tuesday-Thursday. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Park Programs and Events

Senior Yoga (Age 55+ Must be a member)

Dates: September 6- October 20 (No class on October 4 or October 6)

Days/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10-11 AM

Location: Tapestry Senior Living (550 Cherrington Parkway)

Fee: \$45

Come prepared to practice yoga postures, breathing exercises, and other relaxation techniques while improving your balance, strength, and flexibility. Instructed by April Santicola. The class will take place at Tapestry Senior Living (550 Cherrington Parkway).

Rock and Roll Extravaganza Show- vocals performed by "Hey Joe" followed by Lunch

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Time: Live entertainment starts at 11:00 AM

Location: Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Fee: \$18.00 per person

Register By: Registration for this event must be done by Wednesday, September 21

Don't miss the first event back at Tapestry. Enjoy a late morning performance of Rock-n-Roll hits sung by Joe Collinacin followed by a delicious hot buffet lunch along with beverages & dessert.

Line Dancing - Beginners to advanced are welcome

Dates: October 4 & November 1, 2022

Time: Classes begin at 10:30 AM to approx. 11:30 AM

Location: Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Fee: \$5.00 per class (cash only) – Register at the Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Register By: Register for October by September 20. Register for November 1 by October 18.

Boxcar Escapades Bus Trip

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

Time: Bus will depart the Carriage House in Robin Hill Park at 6:00 AM and return at approximately 8:00 PM.

Location: Johnstown/Altoona

Fee: \$170.00 per person

Register By: Registration and payment must be done by August 30, 2022. No refund for cancellation or no show!

This day trip will consist of transportation by Lenzner Coach Lines to Johnstown/Altoona, an AMTRAC train ride around Horseshoe Curve, Boyer Candy Shop, Benzel's Pretzel Outlet, lunch at Casino Restaurant (not a casino), the Railroaders Memorial Museum, and Oak Spring Winery. All gratuities and taxes included. A professional step-on guide will accompany our group. Each passenger must carry a valid photo ID. 30 participants are needed for this trip to go.

Halloween Murder Mystery Theatre Show and Lunch

Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Time: Noon

Fee: \$25.00 per person

Location: Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Register By: Registration for this event must be done by October 20

We'll start this spooky get-together off with pizza, punch, and dessert. Then it's time for mystery. Join in on the suspense of "Mobsters, Molls & Marinara". An interactive murder mystery will be performed.

Historical Speaker Series - Goodwife Clark (professional Historical Edutainer)

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM

Fee: Free

Location: Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Register By: Registration for this event must be done by October 25.

Back by popular demand is the Intrepid Pioneer's own Goodwife Clark a professional Historical Edutainer. Her period dressed presentation will be about "Martha Mae from Carlisle Jail".

Pie Bingo

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Time: Bingo begins at 1:00 PM

Fee: \$12.00 per person

Location: Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Register By: Registration for this event must be done by November 8.

Yes, you can win your Thanksgiving dessert! We will have 10-inch frozen apple or pumpkin pie prizes. Come enjoy apple cider, coffee, tea, and a variety of savory snacks to munch on.

Trivia Team Challenge and Donuts

Date: Monday, November 21, 2022

Time: The program begins at 11 AM with donuts and beverages

Fee: \$3.00 per person

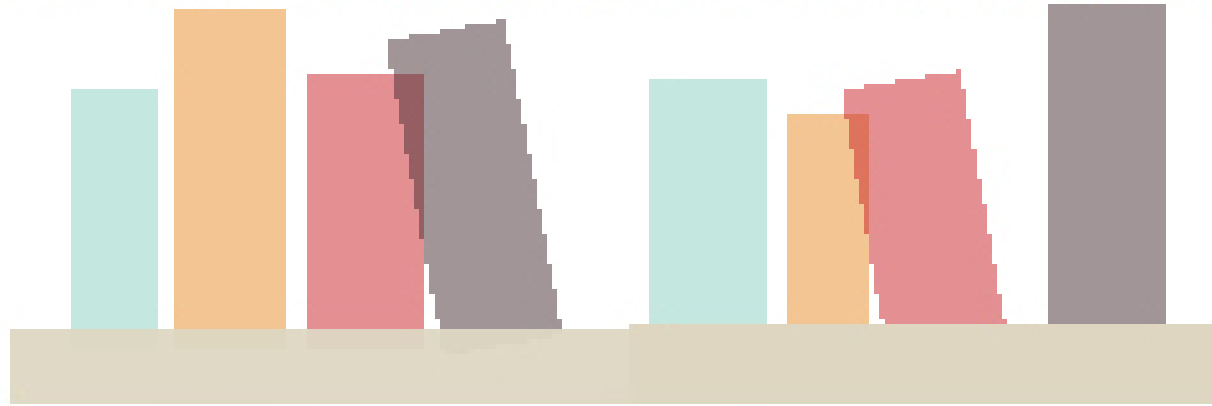
Location: Senior Connection at Tapestry Senior Living

Register By: Registration for this event must be done by November 14.

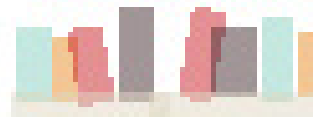
This event is for all the trivia buffs out there. Come and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea and donuts and trivia. You can make up your team of four or can be assigned to a team at the event. There will be various categories, team effort, lots of fun, and a great workout for your brain. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.



MOON LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE



**SEPTEMBER 22ND-24TH, 2022
@ MOON TWP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**



Thursday, September 22nd, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Friday, September 23rd, 10 AM-7:00 PM

Saturday, September 24th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

September 24, 2-4 PM, \$5 Brown Bag Clearance Sale

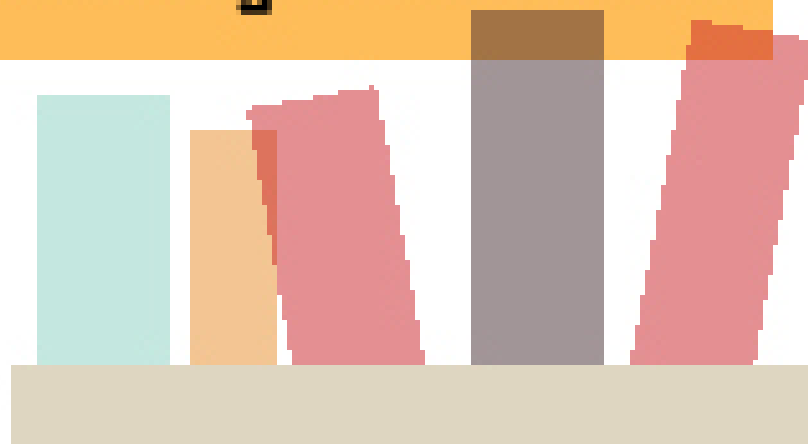
All Hardcovers: \$2.00

All Paperbacks: \$1.00

Toddler Board Books: \$1.00

CD Books: \$3.00

Music CDs & DVDs: \$1.00



Fill a Large Tote: \$25

Fill a Small Tote: \$15

Fill a Paper Bag: \$10

*Tote bags / paper bags will be provided at the sale. prices do not apply to personal bags. MTPL bags from previous sales are permissible.

Saturday, September 3rd
11:30 AM-1:30 PM @ Moon Library

MTPL Kindness Carnival & Fundraiser

Buy Some Delicious Treats...

KONA ICE

(10% of all Sales Donated Back to the Library)

Pork Fiction BBQ

(10% of All Sales Donated Back to the Library)

POPCORN & COTTON CANDY

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KIDS CRAFTS

SCAVENGER HUNT

FACE PAINTING

**Take part in kicking off our
Kindness Garden Project!**

**Each family will get a free kit to
create a contribution that will
brighten the community!**

TAX INFORMATION



“Hello. My name is John Wink. I am the Property Tax Collector for Moon Township and the Moon Area School District.”

- John Wink

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MOON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
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www.moontaxoffice.com

Property tax “season” is underway. The School District tax bills were mailed on July 1. If you did not receive your School tax bill, please contact Jordan Tax Service at 724.731.2311 to ask for it. Note that the obligation to pay property taxes is not relieved or delayed because one did not receive a tax bill. Discount opportunities are not extended either.

Taxpayers can still pay School property tax in person at the Tax Office. Hours have been established for such collection during the discount period. Jordan Tax Service will be onsite during these times to assist with collection. They are:

August 16	1:00 - 4:00 PM	August 29	1:00 - 4:00 PM
August 24	9:00 AM - Noon	August 31	9:00 AM - Noon

There is an installment option available for School taxes. No discount is permitted when using the installment option. If you wish to pay School taxes in installments, the first payment must be in the exact amount of the installment payment listed on the tax bill and must be paid by August 31, 2022. The remaining installment coupons will be mailed following receipt of the first payment. The due dates for the remaining 3 payments are September 30, 2022, October 31, 2022, and November 30, 2022. Installments paid after these dates are subject to a 10% penalty. A taxpayer who is delinquent by more than 10 days, on more than 2 installment payments will not be eligible for the installment option in the following school year.

The Tax Office in the Moon Community Service Center will be open for walk-in customer service Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Tax Office will be closed September 12-16, 2022

Jordan Tax Service should be the property owner’s first contact for questions regarding bills, payments, receipts, tax certifications, etc. Payments are processed in Jordan’s office in McMurray, PA. Jordan’s Customer Service Center is open Monday through Friday, (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM). Their phone number is **724.731.2311**.

I am available to provide service as necessary in the event questions are not routine. The best way to reach me will be at the e-mail I have established: john@moontaxcollector.com. I will be checking and responding to e-mails regularly. In e-mails, be sure to include complete property and contact information including a phone number. The office phone shown will also remain active. Messages can be left, but these may be checked less frequently. An appointment will be made if necessary.

The Moon Township real estate millage rate remains at 2.74 mills with a \$15,000 homestead exemption for those eligible. The homestead exemption is deducted from the property’s full assessment before the calculation of the tax owed. The Moon Area School District tax rate for the 2022-23 School year is 22.6746 mills with a \$7149 homestead exemption. The School District homestead exemption is dependent on gambling revenues, so it varies from year to year. To be eligible for the homestead exemption, the owner must live on the property as a primary residency. To obtain the homestead exemption, the owner must apply to Allegheny County through Treasurer John Weinstein’s office: www.alleghenycounty.us/real-estate/abatements-exemptions. Once approved, you do not need to reapply each year. If there is a change to the deed for any reason, you must reapply. Other property tax abatement opportunities exist and can be found at the County’s website: www.alleghenycounty.us/real-estate/abatements-exemptions. All abatement applications must be submitted to and approved by the County.

The County of Allegheny County assessor’s office determines the assessed value of all parcels in Allegheny County. Property taxes are determined based on the assessment value of the property. Changes in assessment do occur occasionally and when they do, it affects the tax across all 3 taxing bodies: County, Township, and School District. If you receive a notice from the County that your assessment has increased, anticipate receiving bills for the increased tax for the Township and School District. If you have a mortgage escrow, it would be advisable to notify them as to what has happened, so they do not ignore the additional bills.

Please notify the property tax office of any changes to the mailing address or homeowner’s name. Also, be sure to notify Allegheny County of these changes. Pay particular attention to this if you pay off your mortgage and become responsible for paying the taxes rather than the mortgage company.

Never hesitate to e-mail or call with any real estate property tax questions, comments, or concerns.



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

Tune in to Local Government

Watch Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area School Board public meetings on MAG-TV, Comcast channel 17, and Verizon channel 37. Schedule Information is available at moongovtv.us. View the meetings and MCA-TV's community-produced programming online at mca-tv.org.

Visit Moon Parks and Recreation

Get involved in the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. To see an up-to-date schedule of events, visit moonparks.org.

Stay Informed with Swift 911

Signup for Swift 911 calls at moonpolice.us. This system will call registered phone or cell phone numbers in the event of an emergency to share important community information.

Sign Up for Moon's E-newsletter

Receive monthly updates on news and events going on in the Township with Moon's free monthly email newsletter, Moon Township Monthly. Sign up today at moontwp.us (under Quick Links).

