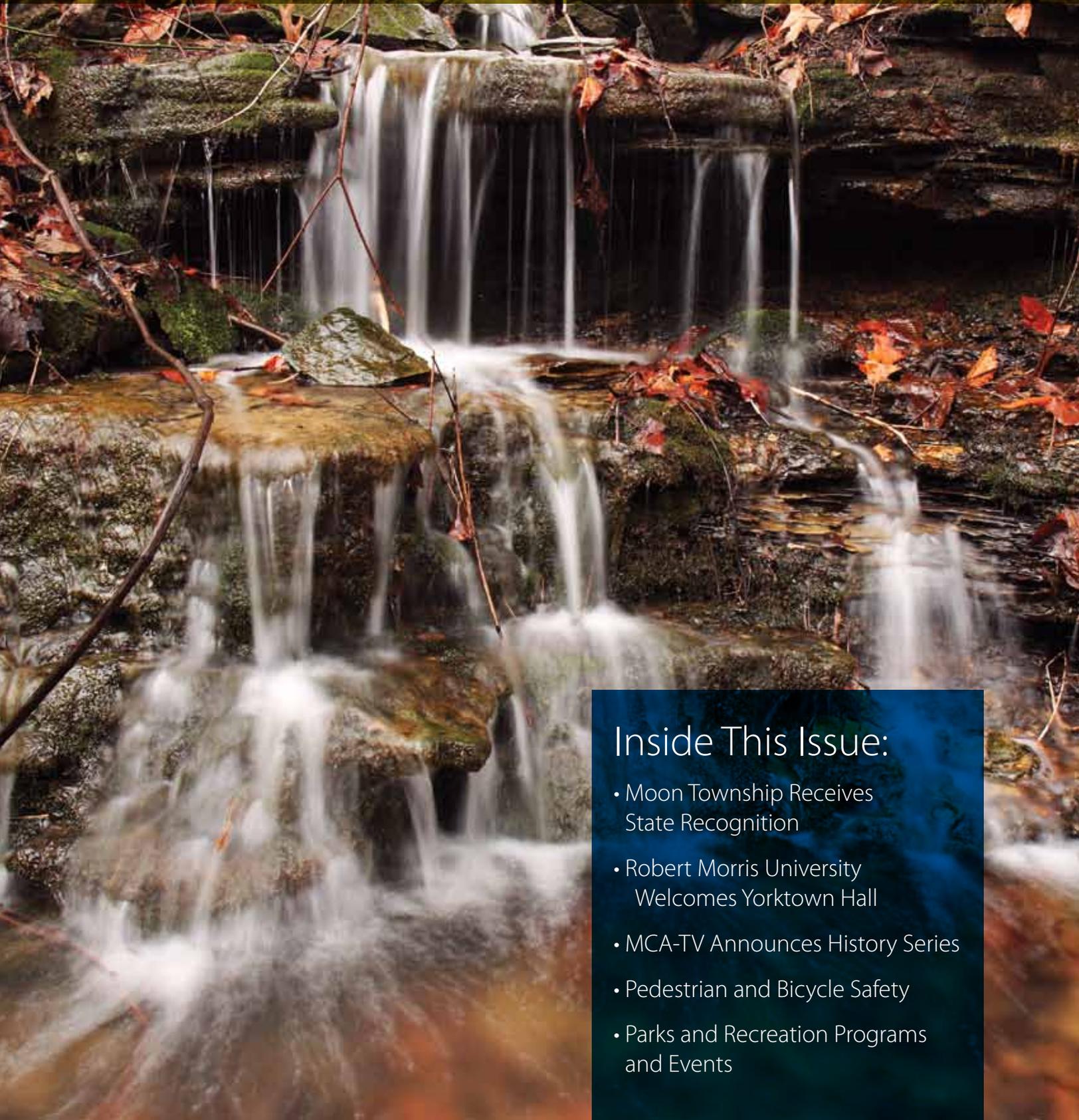


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## Other Moon Township Contact Information:

### Call 911 in an emergency

Moon Township Police Department  
412-262-5000

Moon Township Fire Department  
412-262-5004 (non-emergency only)  
412-262-5005 (emergency)

Moon Parks and Recreation  
412-262-1703

Moon Community Access Television  
412-269-1191

Moon Township Municipal Authority  
412-264-4300

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412-269-0334

Elected Property Tax Collector:  
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Moon Township welcomes your feedback on the "Moon Township Messenger" at [moontwp@moontwp.com](mailto:moontwp@moontwp.com) or 412-262-1700.

## Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming 2013-2014 holidays:

- Veterans Day: Monday, November 11
- Thanksgiving: Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29
- Christmas: Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25
- New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1

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## On the Cover:

Take a walk along the trails at Robin Hill Park and enjoy the scenic fall foliage. On the way see the log cabin, waterfall and a variety of wildlife.

**Photo Credit:** Greg Funka

## MOON TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZED AS A 2013 BANNER COMMUNITY



*Allegany County Executive Rich Fitzgerald (left) presents Moon Township's Banner Community award to Moon Township Manager Jeanne Creese (right) at the spring ALOM Conference.*

The Allegheny League of Municipalities named Moon Township a 2013 Banner Community for providing effective, efficient and accountable services to its residents and businesses. The designation also acknowledges Moon Township's efforts to inform and engage citizens through frequent and open communication, public events and community activities. A total of 21 municipalities were selected to be recognized as a Banner Community.



*State Representative Mark Mustio (fourth from left) and Senator Matt Smith (center) present Moon Township staff with a Banner Community Designation Citation for the community.*



*State Representative Mark Mustio (far right) and State Economic Development Manager Dan Alwine (far left), present on the behalf of State Senator Matt Smith, present the Board of Supervisors State Citations recognizing the 225th Anniversary of Moon Township, 50th Anniversary of Moon Township's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the township's achievement of PSATS' Outstanding Citizens Communications Award.*

## Moon Township Recognized for Outstanding Citizen Communication

Moon Township won the top honor, the 22nd Annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 45th Annual Citizen Communication Contest. This award is given to one township for its overall achievement and commitment to citizen communication. Moon Township also won first place in the Electronic Newsletters (*Moon Township Monthly*) and Cable TV Programs (*Soak it Up - A Storm Water Documentary*) categories and second place in the Newsletters Class 1 Category (*Moon Township Messenger*).



*Moon Township Manager Jeanne Creese (right), accepts the 22nd Annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award from Anna Swailes (left), executive board member for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. Swailes presented the award during PSATS' 91st Annual Educational Conference in April in Hershey.*

## ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES YORKTOWN HALL

Robert Morris University purchased the former Holiday Inn property on University Boulevard to be reconstructed into Yorktown Hall, a student residence. The Moon Township Board of Supervisors granted Robert Morris University a rezoning and conditional use application at a hearing that concluded on Monday, July 22, 2013.

- **Conditions of Approval:**
  - The developer shall satisfy the conditions of approval in a manner acceptable to the Township Planning Director, Engineer, Traffic Engineer and Solicitor within one year of the board's decision of approval.
- **Use Restrictions:**
  - Residents of the building shall be limited to 502 persons.
  - Robert Morris University shall provide, at its own expense, transportation for students to and from Yorktown Hall to RMU's Campus.
  - RMU, at its own expense, shall provide police services for Yorktown Hall.
  - Off-street parking and loading shall be maintained in accordance with the township approved parking needs analysis; any change requires prior township approval.
  - No outdoor storage is permitted.
  - RMU shall maintain a 50-foot buffer yard along the western boundary line of the property that borders the residential properties of Rosemont Drive.
  - Yorktown Hall shall not have vehicle access to Rosemont Drive.
- **Traffic Impact Study and Improvements:**
  - Due to the fact that Robert Morris University was not in session during pendency of the public hearing of the conditional use application, RMU was unable to complete realistic traffic counts for the traffic impact study required by the Zoning Ordinance. As a result, within six months of the date of the decision, July 22, 2013, RMU shall conduct and complete a new traffic impact study.



Robert Morris University's newest residential dorm, Yorktown Hall, is located at the former Holiday Inn property on University Boulevard.

*"The conversion of the Holiday Inn property to a full-time residence hall is a boon for both Robert Morris University and the Moon Township community. The number of students living on campus, which will top 2,000 this fall with the addition of Yorktown Hall, has doubled over the past 10 years. These students and their families patronize Moon businesses and many of our students perform community service projects throughout the Moon community including with schools and youth organizations. The university also is committed to helping to revitalize the University Boulevard business district and ensuring the safety of drivers and pedestrians along the boulevard. RMU's continued growth and success will bring positive attention and many new visitors to Moon, and we are proud to call the township our home."*

- **Dr. Greg Dell'Omo**, President of Robert Morris University

### FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS:

Chevron Corporation and Speedway LLC came before the Moon Township Planning Commission at the August 21, 2013 meeting. Check back to the winter 2014 *Moon Township Messenger* for more information on these new and exciting developments in the community.

Former Moon Township Planning Director, Adam McGurk resigned from his position in July 2013. Moon Township Manager, Jeanne Creese, and Building and Codes Administrator, Lora Dombrowski, are serving as the acting planning directors while the township works to fill the position. The planning department may be contacted at the Moon Township Administration Building at 412-262-1700.

## IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING PHYSICAL FITNESS IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Moon Township Police Officers make it a priority to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. Officers David Stitch and Michael Barravecchio have made physical fitness an important aspect of their lives, both professionally and personally.

“As an officer the first thing a person sees is your appearance, that is your first line of defense,” says Officer Stitch. “They size you up and how you appear physically, if you keep physically fit and in-shape it benefits you as an officer. The job is stressful at times, you go from low activity to high rate activity, and physical fitness affects you mentally.”

Officer Barravecchio has been competing in Powerlifting for 25 years. He has lifted on the local, state, national and world levels. Officer Barravecchio holds several world records in bench press and currently holds two world records that were achieved while representing the Moon Township Police Department. Officer Barravecchio and his wife have organized the Pittsburgh Monster Bench Press and Deadlift Competition for the past 14 years. The meet is held in the spring and features a category for all competitors as well as a separate category exclusively for policemen and firemen. The event attracts participants from all over the country, this year there were over 150 competitors and more than \$500 in cash prizes.

Officer Stitch has competed in the Pittsburgh Monster Bench Press and Deadlift Competition since 2007, he has always placed. This year Officer Stitch won first place in the police division benching 350 pounds, weighing 198 pounds, out of more than 45 participating officers. As someone who has always worked out, Officer Stitch belongs to three gyms, has a six-day a week fitness routine and follows a strict diet and daily meals. “Weight and power lifting are a passion of mine and have been for years,” says Officer Stitch. “I like to think that all of the time I spend in the gym gives me an upper hand when it comes to those who wish to do me, my peers or citizens harm that we deal with at the Police Department on a daily basis.” Several other Moon Township employees are involved in the annual Pittsburgh Monster Bench Press and Deadlift Competition as either participants or judges including Police Detective Mickey Lonkert, Detective Chuck Carr, Officer Joseph Brace and Pete Shandrick among others.



Michael Barravecchio spots David Stitch on bench at a past Pittsburgh Monster Bench Press and Deadlift Competition.

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

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

### Sign up for Swift 911 at [moonpolice.us](http://moonpolice.us)

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

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

Moon Township Police Department’s Home Alone Monitoring system automatically telephones a resident once or twice a day depending on their needs. If the resident does not answer the phone or responds that they are in need of assistance an emergency contact is called.

**In the event of an emergency** or to report an occurring crime or threat always call Moon Township Police Department’s Dispatch Center at 412-262-5000 or dial 911 for *immediate* assistance. Citizens may also call the Dispatch Center to speak with a Moon Police official regarding information related to a crime or victim of a crime and still remain anonymous if they choose to do so.

*Moon Township Dispatch Center*

412-262-5000

*Emergency Services*  
911

*Crime Tips Hotline*  
412-264-5202

*Callers may remain anonymous*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MOON TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL PREPARING YOUR PETS FOR EMERGENCIES



Fire Marshal Charlie Belgie Jr.

You should already have prepared an emergency plan for your family, but what planning have you done for your pets? Did you include their needs in the plan? Where are you going to house them? All of these questions and more need to be considered when preparing an emergency plan. Regardless of the type, gender or breed of the pet they each have their own special needs. Fire Marshal Charlie Belgie, Jr. suggests the following items should be included in an emergency plan to keep your pet safe and healthy.

- **Food and Water:** Have at least a three day supply of food and water in airtight containers. Canned food or dry food should be stored in plastic airtight bags and rotated with scheduled feeding.
- **Medical Needs:** Does your pet require special medicines? Keep a three day supply in a sealable plastic container.
- **Sanitation Needs:** Include a supply of pet litter and plastic disposable bags for cleanup in your kit as you do not know where you will be staying if you have an emergency.
- **Identification:** Pets should have some kind of identification on them. Chips, collar tags or rabies tag are suggested as they can be traced back to you. In the confusion of an emergency scene your pets may get separated from you and these IDs would provide a better chance of reunion with your pet, a spare leash may also be included.
- **Carrier Cases:** In case of an evacuation, do you have the necessary devices to transport them? Do you know where they may be acquired?
- **Buddy System:** Develop a buddy system with your neighbors, friends or family members to care for your pets during the emergency.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [READY.GOV](https://www.ready.gov) OR CONTACT FIRE MARSHAL CHARLIE BELGIE, JR. AT 412-262-5004.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – MTVFC LADIES AUXILIARY

*In memory of  
Gloria Belgie  
for her years of  
dedication to  
the MTVFC  
and the  
community.*

Alice McClester, Eilo Mae Gordon and other members of the Ladies Auxiliary went to the Court of Common Pleas on November 20, 1947 to apply for charter. Prior to applying for charter, the Ladies Auxiliary has been a working volunteer organization since the early 1940s. The Ladies Auxiliary has come a long way since this time and continues to have a welcome impact on the community.

Some of the activities the Ladies Auxiliary is most recognized for are the bake sale and raffle at the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company's Fish Fries held every Friday during lent, the Car Cruise at the end of August and the Flea Market and Plant Sale in May. What you may not know about the Ladies Auxiliary is that all of the money raised by the organization is tax free and goes to helping the Volunteer Fire Company. Over the years, the Ladies Auxiliary has been able to

provide numerous items the Fire Company is in need of. Some of those items include new tools and equipment, safety gear, an ice machine, refrigerator, stove and freezer. Although most of the items are bought by the Ladies Auxiliary from funds raised, many local businesses and residents also donate items. The Ladies Auxiliary is an important part of the community because the amount of help provided by the organization is so significant to the Fire Company.

Ida Thompson and Gloria Belgie are the current President and Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Thompson has been involved with the organization since 1983 and Belgie since 1955. Thompson first became involved through her mother and because her dad was a fireman, she later married her husband who was also a fireman. Belgie's involvement came through her mother-in-law, who is the mother of former Fire Chief and current Fire Marshal,

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## Serve Your Community as a Moon Township Volunteer Firefighter

Residents eager to learn how to become a member of the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company should email [recruiting@moontwpfire.com](mailto:recruiting@moontwpfire.com). Volunteer positions are available for all interests and ages that fall under the following volunteer requirements:

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

## MTVFC Offers Fire Extinguisher Training



The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company offers fire extinguisher training to small groups and organizations. Sessions include a brief lecture and hands on training teaching each participant how to evaluate whether or not to fight a fire with an extinguisher and how to operate a portable fire extinguisher safely and effectively. Contact MTVFC Chief John Scott at 412-262-1700 ext. 435 for more information and to schedule a training session. Fire extinguisher training is free; however, donations to the MTVFC are greatly appreciated.

# THANK YOU

The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company thanks the community for its support at the Classic Car Cruise that was held in August, everyone in attendance had a great time!

## VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, WE'LL BE THERE!



Valley Ambulance Authority is proud to serve as the designated community provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation for Moon Township. VAA also provides EMS services to neighboring communities including Findlay Township, Crescent Township, Coraopolis and Neville Island. The VAA headquarters is located on University Boulevard in Moon Township.

Stationed here are VAA's mobile intensive care units, staffed by dedicated, professional Paramedics and EMTs who are at the service of the community 24 hours a day, seven days week.

VAA has earned a reputation for providing prompt, professional emergency medical services. The total ambulance responses in all municipalities totaled more than 8,000 in 2012 with 2,300 of these calls in Moon Township. VAA also provided more than 4,000 non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transports to patients within its service area.

VAA is a non-profit municipal authority and, therefore, relies on community support and billing fees to fund its annual operating budget which totals more than \$3 million. Many residents are often surprised to learn that VAA receives no municipal tax revenue. Moon Township residents can support VAA through participation in its annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with unlimited emergency medical services and an opportunity to save money by providing a 50 percent discount on any outstanding balances related to emergency services. The subscription program also provides access to certain types of non-emergency ambulance services and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports.

The 2013 VAA subscription fees are only \$55 for a family or \$35 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. VAA also conducts an annual capital fundraising campaign to keep up with increasing expenses. Residents interested in contributing may submit a tax deductible donation by visiting VAA's website at [valleyamb.org](http://valleyamb.org).

Interested residents and businesses may sign up for VAA's CPR and First Aid training, monthly classes are held at VAA's headquarters. Group training classes can be scheduled at other locations within Moon Township. Township residents who are interested in scheduling a non-emergency transport, inquiring about CPR training or obtaining more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority may call 412-262-2620 or visit VAA's newly designed website at [valleyamb.org](http://valleyamb.org).

**Moon Township residents in need of an emergency ambulance should call 911.**



### LADIES AUXILIARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Charlie Belgie, Jr. "At the time there wasn't much to do in the community, it was very small, but joining the Ladies Auxiliary gave you a way to get involved," says Thompson. "It's very family oriented, everyone looks out for each other and helps one another."

The ladies of the auxiliary share many memorable experiences, when asked what their most notable experience was Belgie and Thompson had some splendid stories. Belgie's favorite moment came after the last fish fry. "It's like a party," says Belgie. "Everyone is gathered at the Public Safety Building to cleanup, but it's a lot of fun because everyone is together." Even though Thompson agrees with Belgie about the fish fry, her most memorable moment was the firemen's banquet. "This year for the banquet we went on a river cruise," says Thompson. "There was dinner and dancing and some people went to the casino before the night ended. It was good fun for the young and old."

Currently the Ladies Auxiliary has 18 members, but with the amount of events the organization has each year they are always looking for more members to help out. Regarding their experiences throughout the years Belgie and Thompson both say that being a part of the Ladies Auxiliary is a very rewarding experience and they feel good about what they do. Women interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary must be 18 years of age and live in the township; however, those interested in becoming a member before age 18 may become a junior auxiliary member at 16. The ladies have meetings once a month on Monday evenings at the Public Safety Building. Learn more about making a donation to the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company or on becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary by contacting Ida Thompson at 412-264-7263 or Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004.



Volunteers from the Ladies Auxiliary sell bake goods to raise funds for the MTVFC at the annual Fish Fries.

## SUMMER PROJECT REVIEW

*Moon Township's Public Works Department works year-round to keep the community's structures safe and aesthetic appearance well above standard. Below is a list of the most recent projects completed.*

### TRAFFIC SIGNALS

There are 24 traffic signals throughout the community owned by the Township of Moon. All signals are maintained by the Public Works Department through the tax dollars of residents and businesses. These traffic signals each have an indicator within the blacktop or overhead the signal that let the electronic traffic controller know there is a vehicle waiting to get through the light. "Stop Here on Red" signs that are parallel to the white stop bar on the road let the operator of the vehicle know where they should be positioned while waiting at a traffic signal. Within a car length of the white stop bar is a traffic loop that detects a vehicle; drivers must stop right before the stop bar to signal the electronic controller they are there. If a driver pulls up too close to the stop bar, or drives past it, the electronic controller does not detect the vehicle resulting in a delay in traffic signal change.

When there is a power outage, disruption of electrical service or malfunction of the traffic light follow these guidelines.

**Flashing Red:** Stop at the traffic light, yield, and proceed

**Flashing Yellow:** Slow down and proceed with caution

**Completely Out:** Treat the traffic light as a four-way stop sign

### NORTH FLAUGHERTY RUN BRIDGE PROJECT



*Construction was completed on the North Flaugherly Run Bridge. The project began in April in an effort to repair and strengthen the bridge structure.*

### ROAD PAVING PROGRAM

Youngblood Paving, Inc. concluded pavement of over 15 roads for the 2013 Road Improvement Program. The Township of Moon is currently compiling a list of the streets to be considered for the 2014 Road Improvement Program, the complete list will be announced in the spring.

### MOONCREST SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT – PHASE I

Over the next year, the Public Works Department will be replacing sidewalks on Juniper Drive and Oak Drive in Mooncrest. Phase I will begin in 2013, Phase II in 2014. There is no parking allowed on sidewalks during this time due to construction. Residents are asked to allow themselves extra time when driving in these areas for possible traffic delays.



*Public Works Facilities Manager Jim Henkemeyer, Public Works Employee John Stephens and Moon Police Officer Ian Lucas work together to repair a traffic signal and maintain traffic flow near Stoops Ferry Road.*

### Curbside Brush Pick Up

**OCTOBER 1 – NOVEMBER 1  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

The schedule will follow resident's regular garbage collection, simply place brush at the curb by 7 a.m. on pickup day. Brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and it should not be bundled or tied. Leaves are not accepted for pickup during this time.

### Leaf Pick Up

**OCTOBER 28 – DECEMBER 1  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

The schedule will follow resident's regular garbage collection, simply place leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on pickup day. Residents are asked to put leaves in bio-degradable paper bags, no plastic bags or boxes will be accepted. Bio-degradable paper bags can be purchased at any home improvement store. There will be no pickup on Veterans Day.

### Compost Drop-Off Site

**OCTOBER 26 – DECEMBER 8  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY | 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.**



Residents are welcome to drop off yard waste including tree limbs, leaves and plant matter to be composted at the Downes Fire Station located near the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road. Brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied. The township asks that residents do not discard of any materials at the composting site after hours unless special arrangements have been made with the township. To schedule a drop off during non-operating hours contact the Moon Township Administration Office at 412-262-1700. Violators will be fined.

Moon Township encourages residents to try composting at home. Composting food and yard waste diverts organic waste from the landfill and creates a rich soil additive for landscaping projects. A home composting guide is available on the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection website at [depweb.state.pa.us](http://depweb.state.pa.us).

## WATCH. VOLUNTEER. PRODUCE.

Tune in to MCA-TV to view a variety of community programming. Shows feature exercise, cooking, health care, education and government. View the full program schedule and watch online at [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org). Call MCA-TV at 412-269-1191 to order a DVD or Blu-Ray of your favorite program aired on MCA-TV or MAG-TV.

### MOON COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (MCA-TV)

Comcast channel 14 • Verizon FiOs channel 35

### MOON AREA GOVERNMENT TELEVISION (MAG-TV)

Comcast channel 18 • Verizon FiOs channel 37

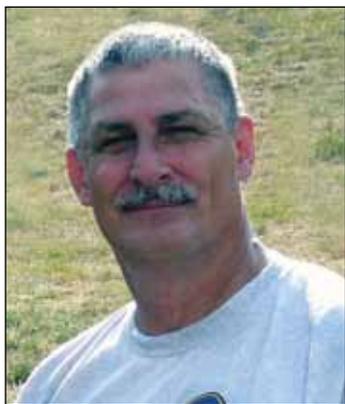


## Become MCA-TV's Next Community Producer

Do you dream of having your own cooking show but the only people who see you cook are your kids, spouse or family pet? Are your friends and neighbors constantly asking you for advice about gardening or DIY crafts around the house? If you answered yes to any of these questions or have had something similar happen to you then MCA-TV has what you are looking for! It's time to show what you're passionate about and become a community producer for MCA-TV. By becoming a community producer at MCA-TV you will be responsible for providing the original and entertaining productions MCA-TV adds to its programming schedule. MCA-TV is one of the most active volunteer organizations in the township and is looking for new and creative ideas to add to its schedule. It's never too late to make an impact within the community and not only encourage other members of the community to try something new, but also show what you love to do.

These are just a few ideas to encourage residents to take advantage of all MCA-TV has to offer. Choose an idea that fits you or create your own. Now is the perfect time to step outside and produce a new series! Call MCA-TV today at 412-269-1191 to get your TV show idea on air. The staff will gladly assist aspiring community producers throughout the process.

## Volunteer Spotlight – Frank Magnotta



Frank Magnotta

Meet Frank Magnotta, a MCA-TV community producer who has been volunteering with the station for three years. Other than occasionally making home videos of family vacations, Magnotta had no prior experience with filming or producing before becoming a part of MCA-TV. However, his lack of experience did not let that stop him from taking an interest in the volunteer classes offered at MCA-TV. "After seeing the ad flash across my television, I thought this would be a great opportunity to learn how to use the editing software," says Magnotta.

Rather than focusing on one main interest, Magnotta enjoys doing and learning as much as he can. Some of the things he has been involved with include helping with the volunteer training classes, working

during both Public Awareness Weekend and the Independence Day celebrations at Moon Park, doing instant replays for Moon football and working the cameras at Moon High School's Commencement Ceremony. Magnotta's most memorable experience over the past three years he has volunteered with the station is when a show he edited and produced was first broadcasted on television.

Future projects for Magnotta include working with a Coraopolis resident who is planning a children's craft and storytime show. When asked about his experience as a volunteer, he had nothing but good reviews. "I have a great time volunteering and would encourage others to do so also," says Magnotta. "The MCA-TV staff is there to assist you in any way they can and the other volunteers are very friendly and helpful as well. We are all there to help each other so no one fails." Stop by the MCA-TV office to learn more about becoming a volunteer at MCA-TV or call 412-269-1191.

## MCA-TV Produces Live Coverage of Moon High School Varsity Football

Moon Community Access Television is producing its twenty-eighth consecutive season of Moon Area High School varsity football. The production has evolved since the station's first football broadcast in 1985 into a five-camera production featuring high-quality graphics, slow-motion instant replay and sideline and play-by-play reporting. Call MCA-TV at 412-269-1191 for a DVD or Blu-Ray of this high-quality sports coverage.



MCA-TV Volunteers, Brian Schmidt and Bill Steinbach, bring sideline commentary and exclusive interviews to the screen during MCA-TV's live production of Moon High School varsity football coverage.

# MCA-TV PRESENTS HISTORY SERIES

Moon Community Access Television released two episodes of a four part history series in celebration of Moon Township's 225th Anniversary. Three episodes of the series were created by the Old Moon Township Historical Society and one by Sharon Community Presbyterian Church. Old Moon Township Historical Society President Earl Edwards produced all four episodes. The four part history series begins with very old history of the township and its surrounding areas then progresses to more recent times.

## TRAVEL JOURNALS

"Travel Journals" starts with the earliest records of human occupation of the area then moves to the adventures of five individuals who penned travel journals when they passed through Moon Township prior to 1760. The earliest journals are written by archaeologists as no writing survives. Edwards' program begins with the archaeology of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter located in Avella, Pennsylvania. A farmer noticed artifacts

associated with rockfalls along a creek and correctly guessed it

had been a rockshelter that was now covered by fallen rocks. The University of Pittsburgh became interested and hired a young archeologist, James Adovasio, to supervise the excavation. Results showed sporadic occupation for over 16,000 years making it, at that time, the oldest evidence of human occupation in North America. Humans in Avella, 35 miles away, would also have travelled here long before the pyramids of Egypt.

The next segment of "Travel Journals" covers the McKees Rocks

Mound, within the boundaries of Old Moon Township in 1788, 225 years ago. The 15 feet high, 85 feet long mound was built by the Adena people between 200 BC and 100 AD. The mound was later used by the Hopewell and Monongahela people and sometimes served as a burial site. 700 years later Andrew Carnegie hired someone to excavate the mound; today the mound is completely destroyed. Excavations in the late nineteenth century revealed 33 skeletons and numerous artifacts made of copper and shells. "Travel Journals" then moves on to the Monongahela culture of the Native American Woodland people who lived in western Pennsylvania, western Maryland, eastern Ohio and West Virginia from 1050 to 1635 AD. The Monongahela culture was gone before the Europeans arrived.

The program concludes with the written journals of five individuals: Conrad Weiser, a negotiator for Pennsylvania and Virginia travelled through Moon to make Indian alliances against the French; Father Bonnecamps, a Jesuit from Montreal who was part of a French expedition; George Washington, then a major in the militia who came representing the Governor of Virginia in an attempt to kick out the French; the final journal is the tales of two young girls who were taken captive by the Delaware Indians and drug back and forth across western Pennsylvania and Ohio until their escape three years later.

Edwards researched the stories for this program through a book titled "Pen Pictures of Early Pennsylvania" written by University of Pittsburgh Press and first published in 1938. The book is one of a series relating western Pennsylvania History written under the direction of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society.

## THE GREAT ESTATES

"The Great Estates", written by Debby Kennedy of the Old Moon Township Historical Society, showcases the old estates of Moon Township and Coraopolis Heights. During the industrial days of Pittsburgh, the heavy pollution in the city caused many wealthy families to build homes in suburban areas like Moon Township and Sewickley. Wealthy businessmen bought land in the area and built summer mansions or permanent homes. Three of the well-known mansions are Robin Hill, the Hyeholde and Flaugherty House. In the program Kennedy shows pictures of these estates and shares stories of the families who built them, some of these homes are gone today. This program was originally prepared as a slideshow at a combined meeting of both the Sewickley Valley Historical Society and Old Moon Township Historical Society.

## MOON TOWNSHIP REMEMBERS

Several Moon Township residents, both past and present, reminisce of their memories of the township discussing how it used to be and how it has changed through the years. Edwards shares photos with the residents to trigger memories and spark conversation.

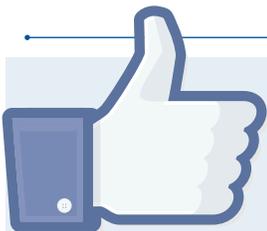
## HISTORY OF SHARON COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The ladies of Sharon Community Presbyterian Church share a detailed history of the ministry dating back to the 1700s. Sharon Church is the oldest church in the township and holds a lot of history of early families including those who have burial plots in the church's cemetery.

Viewers can find air dates and times for "Travel Journals" and "The Great Estates" on [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org). Premiere dates for the other two episodes of the history series will be released in the near future.



# CONNECT WITH TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS ON FACEBOOK



**“LIKE” THESE MOON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS ON FACEBOOK TO LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY AND SEE PHOTOS FROM PAST EVENTS.**

- “Moon Community Access Television”
- “Moon Parks & Recreation”
- “Moon Township VFC”
- “Moon Township Public Library”

## Electronics Recycling Day

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**  
**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

The Township of Moon’s Environmental Advisory Council in partnership with JVS Environmental will host an electronics collection to recycle unused and unwanted electronic items. This event will collect electronic items ONLY including; printers, copiers, computers, laptops and televisions. Electronics collections are open to Moon Township residents, businesses and surrounding communities.

## Trick or Treat Around the Township

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 6:30 - 8 P.M.**

Celebrate Trick or Treat night safely with friends and neighbors. Kids are asked to dress in reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. Parents are advised to accompany young children and teens are encouraged to stay in groups. Visits should be limited to well-lit homes. Be careful of barking dogs and unattended animals.

## Advisory Boards Accepting Applications

- **Moon Parks Advisory Board** – Term expiring January 2016. The Moon Parks Advisory Board aids the township in long range planning of parks, open space and greenways throughout the township; reviews all park policies, regulations and rules; makes recommendations for modifications to the Board of Supervisors.
- **Cable TV Advisory Board** – Term expiring January 2016. The Cable TV Advisory Board advises the director of the cable TV station in regards to programming, equipment, volunteers and all other areas relating to station operations; reports to and advises the Moon Township Board of Supervisors in regards to station operations and issues relating to cable television and franchise agreements.

Residents interested in being on an advisory board may submit a resume and application to the Moon Township Board of Supervisors. Contact the Moon Township Administration Office at 412-262-1700 for more information.

## A Gift that Lasts a Lifetime – Moon Township’s Memorial Garden Walkway

Give a special gift this holiday season with a personalized brick in Moon Township’s Memorial Garden Walkway, located between the Public Safety Building and Township Administrative Office. A gift of an engraved brick brings sentiment and enjoyment to friends and family for years to come.

Engraved bricks are placed in the walkway circling the township’s 9/11 Memorial and memorials honoring Moon Township’s public safety professionals and military service members. Bricks are available at a cost of \$65 for an engraved 4x8 inch brick; after the first purchase, additional bricks are \$50. Engraved 8x8 inch business bricks also are available for \$200. Brick donations support the continued development of the Memorial Garden. Contact Fire Marshal Charlie Belgie at 412-262-5004 to order a commemorative brick today.

## Sharing the Road – Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Moon Township is pedaling forward towards becoming a bicycle friendly community. Alternative modes of transportation such as walking and biking are growing in popularity, grants are offered to assist municipalities in promoting safe walking and biking practices.

Moon Township was recently awarded a grant through the Local Government Academy and Bike Pittsburgh for five bike racks that will be placed throughout the community. The township also applied for a “Pedals and Pedestrians” grant through the Heinz Endowments Internship Program with Sustainable Pittsburgh and the Local Government Academy. A committee has been formed to identify and designate Moon Township’s pedestrian and bicycle corridors by focusing on basic connectivity and safety improvements. The committee goals are as follows:

1. Ensure the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.
2. Educate the community about the advantages of sustainable transportation methods.
3. Promote positive motorist-bicyclist and motorist-pedestrian relations.

The committee plans to improve or create pedestrian and bicycle connections in several areas throughout the township including:

- Green space to green space
- Access to Moon Township’s extensive network of trails
- Hollow Oak Land Trust property to Moon Parks
- RMU to local businesses/Yorktown Hall
- Residents to schools
- High School to local businesses
- Moon to downtown Sewickley
- Gaps in sidewalks and bike paths

Residents interested in becoming involved in the committee may contact Moon Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Amy Ottaviani by email at [aottaviani@moonparks.org](mailto:aottaviani@moonparks.org) or call 412-262-1703.

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## SHARING THE ROAD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Moon Township Administration Building.

**BICYCLE SAFETY FOR MOTORISTS**

State law deems bicyclists to be drivers of vehicles and entitles them to the same rights on the road as motorists. Motorists are reminded to watch for cyclists on the road and treat them as they would any slow-moving vehicle.

- When approaching or passing a bicycle slowdown to a safe, cautious speed – do not tailgate.
- After passing a bicyclist do not slowdown or stop quickly. Vehicle brakes are more powerful than a bicycles and the driver of the vehicle could be responsible for causing a crash.
- Do not sound a vehicle horn close to bicyclists unless doing so to avoid a crash.
- When parallel parking make sure the coast is clear of pedestrians and cyclists before opening the car door to exit.
- Always look to see if someone is walking or riding in your path when backing out.
- Look for cyclists when making a left-hand turn. Cyclists who are crossing straight through the same intersection in the opposite direction may be going faster than you realize.
- Give cyclists or pedestrians the right-of-way when appropriate.
- Recognize road hazards that may be dangerous for cyclists, allow the necessary space for cyclists to safely ride through.

**BICYCLE SAFETY FOR BICYCLIST**

- Ride with reflectors – white for front, red for rear.
- Wear luminous clothing, fluorescent armbands and reflective belts.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Keep to the right, unless on a one way street or making a left hand turn; look behind and give the proper signal before moving off, changing lanes or making a turn.
- Follow the rules of the road, never run traffic lights or weave unpredictably in and out of traffic.
- Maintain your bike– brakes should work properly and tires should be inflated to the right pressure and be in good condition.
- Respect other road users, stop at pedestrian crossings.
- Watch your speed when cycling on busy streets and going downhill.
- Allow left-turning trucks to turn before moving ahead.
- Children under the age of 12 should not cycle on public roads unsupervised or wear loose fitted clothing that may get caught in the wheels or chain-set.



## MOON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HONORED

The Moon Township Board or Supervisors honored Moon Area School District Superintendent Dr. Donna K. Milanovich on her retirement. Dr. Milanovich's career as Superintendent of Moon Area School District began in July 2007. She first began her career teaching second grade at Bon Meade Elementary School in Moon Township in 1975. Dr. Milanovich accomplished a number of noteworthy feats during her tenure at Moon Area School District including overseeing the construction of the new Moon Area High School in 2011, the renovation of the old high school to the Moon Area Middle School in 2012 and the construction of McCormick Elementary in 2007. She also initiated an extended-day kindergarten program that evolved into a full-day kindergarten program for all children beginning in the 2012-2013 school year and established the Moon Area Online Learning Academy to meet the needs of students who desire an alternative setting. The Township of Moon wishes Dr. Milanovich all the best and thanks her for her hard work and dedication to the community.



*The Board of Supervisors presents Dr. Donna K. Milanovich with a proclamation on her retirement as Superintendent of Moon Area School District.*

## TAX INFORMATION

### THE MOON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX OFFICE REMINDS PROPERTY OWNERS:

The Township of Moon property tax payments is now at the 10 percent penalty amount that began on August 1, 2013 and will continue through December 31, 2013. If you cannot locate your original statement, the Property Tax Office maintains duplicate copies of all tax statements and would be glad to provide you with a copy. Reminder letters were sent to all property owners with outstanding township property taxes mid-September.

Moon Area School District property tax face (full) amount period ends on September 30 and the 10 percent penalty period begins on October 1 continuing through December 31, 2013. If you choose to pay in four installments, the remaining three installments are due by September 30, October 31 and the final by November 30.

The Property Tax Office always accepts postmarks for payment periods regardless of the tax.

**IMPORTANT: Only the current tax year is permitted to be collected in the local Moon Township Property Tax Office.** After December 31, all delinquent and unpaid taxes are to be turned over to the delinquent tax collection agency depending on the tax. For Moon Township (municipal) taxes, the agency is Keystone Municipal Collections. For the Moon Area School District taxes, the agency is Law Office of IRA Weiss. Once that occurs, additional costs will be added to the 10 percent penalty amount of the tax by those agencies for their collection services which could increase your bill significantly.

**Assessments:** Homeowners and business owners in Moon Township with a county assessment appeal, who are still waiting for the outcome of their case, do not wait to pay your tax statements. You will receive an exoneration on your assessment. Once the official documents from the county have been sent to the Property Tax Office, I will request a refund from the taxing bodies and a check will be sent to you. Please don't change or alter the original tax statement in anyway. If you have a concern, question or information regarding your assessment appeal, please contact the Property Tax Office to discuss. In order to have your assessment exonerated and tax payment amount reduced, I must have the official paperwork from the county for auditing purposes.

The Property Tax office will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day and November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

*Wishing everyone a safe and happy fall season – Catherine L. Tress*



## CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

### MOON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS STATE TITLE

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors recognized the Moon High School Girls Soccer Team in March. The team, under head coach Mr. Bill Pfeifer and his staff, were named the 2012 PIAA Girls "AA" State Champions. The girls had an outstanding season of 24 wins and two losses with an impressive 161 goals, 9 goals against and 18 shutouts.



*The Moon High School Girls Soccer Team receives a proclamation from the Moon Township Board of Supervisors recognizing its outstanding season.*

## Olie W. Olson, Jr. Remembered at Olson Park

A bench dedication was made at Olson Park this past summer in memory of Olie W. Olson, Jr. Moon Township acquired the park from the family of Olie W. Olson, Jr. over a decade ago. Olson Park, located at 442 Flaugherty Run Road, opened in 2005 to the public adding an additional 143 acres to the green space of Moon Parks.



Visitors to Olson Park can find magnificent trails with pedestrian bridges and a calming stream providing a natural escape from reality. Olson Park is a peaceful area for leisure activities and for pet owners to bring their furry friends. Trails are dog friendly, but all pets must remain on a leash at all times. The site was an original 4-H stop and old trading post on the Stoops Ferry Trail. Olson Park features everything western Pennsylvania nature has to offer.

## Youth Unlimited Volunteers Beautify Moon Parks

Moon Township's parks have a fresh new look after more than 75 volunteers from Youth Unlimited spent three days to improve, repair and beautify the green space.

Youth Unlimited is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry organization. Every other year, students from across the United States and Canada travel to a designated location to worship together and participate in spiritual activities. This year, Robert Morris University welcomed the Youth Unlimited Live It program into its campus. Live It provides an outlet for high school students to learn more about themselves and encourages youth to be an active part of the church body and engage their culture. Each student spends their time at Live It learning about their God-given potential and how their strengths and skill set can be used throughout life. Students who attend Live It have the option of choosing one of four tracks: arts, service, athletics or leadership.

Participants of the Do It, or service, track completed several projects at Moon's three parks this July. The trail areas of Olson Park were mulched, the vegetation growing near the stream was weeded and two pedestrian bridges were assembled and installed. Volunteers at Moon Park assembled and installed two mini pavilions by the tennis courts, weeded the flowerbeds, mulched and placed gravel around the trail at Nelson Pond and replaced the wood fence at the entrance of the park. The Robin Hill Park amphitheater was torn down and the fire escape and tables behind Robin Hill Center were scraped and painted. Moon Township is thankful for the commitment of these young students to brighten the community.



*Some of the volunteers from Youth Unlimited pause for a photo while working on the fence at Moon Park.*

## MOON PARKS INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT – KEN WOLF

Ken Wolf has been teaching Karate for Moon Parks and Recreation for the past 13 years. Wolf and his team of instructors of the Integrated Karate Systems class are able to teach and advance students through the ranks from white belt to black belt. Learn how Wolf got his 'kick' in Karate then join him this fall for a lesson.

"I started in martial arts in the late 1970s when I began taking Judo lessons to help me with wrestling. When I was hired by the Sewickley Police Department in 1981 I had a Sergeant whose two sons, Gary and Scott Pickett, were very accomplished in the martial arts. I started taking lessons with them at the Pennsylvania Karate Academy, after just a few lessons I knew that this was for me. I became so wrapped up in karate that I attended classes almost every day of every week at one on the several PKA locations. In 1986, Gary Pickett, Scott Pickett and I opened our own Karate school and gym. We called it Pickett Bros. Karate and Ken's Power House Fitness Center. Our facility incorporated karate, weight lifting, boxing, kick boxing, fitness classes and tanning beds. The business was a success and quickly grew to three school locations.

I received my black belt in 1986 and currently rank as a Fourth Dan (degree) black belt. Since starting in karate I have probably participated in over 200 tournaments and have won 200 to 300 trophies for competitions for Kumite (fighting), self-defense and Katas (weapons and open hand forms). I quickly realized that I loved to teach the martial arts and take our students to competitions. I received teaching certifications with the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) in 1989 and began teaching new cadets in defensive tactics and patrol procedures in the Pennsylvania Police Academies.

In 2000, I was approached by Stephanie Barravecchio, an employee at the time with Moon Parks and Recreation. She asked if I would be interested in starting and instructing a karate program. I was semi-retired at the time from karate, but decided that this could be a great thing for the kids and families in the community. Our school is called the Integrated Karate System. We incorporate several styles of the martial arts into the program. We start everyone out in the Okinawan Kenpo discipline. Thirteen years later we are still going strong and are currently teaching the class out of the Moon High School Wrestling Room. I now have seven blackbelts in my class, five of which started in the Moon Parks program. My two senior blackbelts, Tom and Mike Larrick, are my right-hand men and have been with me for 26 years. They are a big reason the program has become, and remains, so successful. I could not have done the program without them.

The program usually carries anywhere from 25 to 40 students, parents are strongly encouraged to take classes with their kids. The students are welcome to attend both classes, if desired, at no extra cost. New students are also provided a free uniform if they sign up and pay in advance for three months."

*-Ken Wolf*

### Karate

#### (Adults/Teens/Kids 6+)

Mondays & Wednesdays

October - May 2014

Moon High School Wrestling Room

6 p.m. (Beginners)

7 p.m. (Advanced)

\$45/month - Moon School

District Residents

\*Free Class, Monday, September 30

Online registration and mail-in form available in September.

This is a unique karate system tied together to cover all ranges of self-defense. The classes are led by Ken Wolf along with experienced instructors who hold black belts in Okinawan Kenpo and Wa Shu Mudokwan, as well as experience in Law Enforcement and Tournaments.

# MOON PARKS & RECREATION

## 2013-2014 Fall and Winter Programs and Events

Volunteer opportunities are available at Moon Park! Learn how to get involved with special events like Rec Basketball or the Halloween Spooktacular by contacting the Moon Parks office at 412-262-1703 or email [info@moonparks.org](mailto:info@moonparks.org).



[www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Moon Park Halloween Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 23 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Moon Park  
Come out for this FREE family friendly Halloween event. Activity stations, treat bags for the first 400 kids, hay rides, pumpkin decorating, and a picture booth sponsored by Walgreens. Come in costume and enjoy the fun! You will also enjoy a live performance by the Moon Area High School and Middle School Bands.

### HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMS

#### Recreation Basketball League 2013-2014

##### (Boys and Girls: Grades 3 - 8)

In-Person Registration: Wednesday, October 30 | 5 - 7 p.m.  
Township Administration Building  
Mail in form and online registration will be available in Oct.  
Draft: TBA

Practice Start: TBA

Practice Locations: TBA

\$50 Moon Residents

\*Multi child discount available, \$10 late fee after draft.

The recreational basketball league returns for another season. This is a league for girls and boys designed with a focus on skill development, including passing, shooting and dribbling. The league is open to all skill levels.

#### Yoga Basics (Adults/Teens 15+)

Tuesdays, October 8 - October 29 | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Township Administration Building Auditorium  
\$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-Residents, per 4-week session  
Instructor: Jen Stratakis  
Hatha Yoga includes poses, breath work and guided relaxation. Yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and mental calm with regular practice. Participants should bring a yoga mat or towel and water to class.

#### Pilates (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays, October 23 - December 4  
(No class November 27)  
8:45 - 9:45 a.m. | Robin Hill Center  
\$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session  
Instructor: Judy Elias  
Join certified instructor, Judy Elias, for Pilates! The exciting benefits of this class are improved posture, weight loss from exercise and a renewed positive sense of self! It is designed for all fitness levels. Participants should bring a mat or towel to class.

#### Morning Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays, October 21 - November 25  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Robin Hill Center  
\$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session  
Instructor: Neda Story  
Begin the morning with an energizing Zumba workout! Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves including salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba and hip-hop! Dance experience is not required.

#### Beginner Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays | 6 - 7 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room  
September 30 - November 4  
November 11 - December 16  
\$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session  
Instructor: Catherine Hollien  
This class is a great way to begin an exercise regime. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves including salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba and hip-hop! Dance experience is not required.

#### Kardio Hip Hop (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays | 6 - 7 p.m. | Rhema Christian School  
October 2 - November 6  
November 13 - December 18  
\$8 Drop-In fee  
Discount for full 6-week session:  
\$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-Residents  
Instructor: Kam Niskach  
Let Kam Niskach's energy and enthusiasm take your workout to the next level. Kardio Hip Hop uses today's hottest music to design a jam-packed hour of high intensity interval training.

#### Totally Toned (Adult/Teens 15+)

Mondays | 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room  
September 30 - November 4  
November 11 - December 16  
\$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session  
Instructor: Karla Tobias  
This class is designed to help tone your entire body including abs, thighs, back, arms and glutes. It is appropriate for all fitness levels. Bring hand weights, a mat and water.

### NEW PROGRAMS COMING SOON!

Outdoor Educational Programs with the Audobon Society of Western Pennsylvania. Please visit [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org) or contact us at 412-262-1703 for more information.

### NEW CLASS

#### Insanity Workout (Adults/Teens 16+)

Thursdays, November 7 - December 19 (No class Nov. 28)  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Township Administration Building  
\$45 Moon Residents/\$50 non-residents  
Instructor: Neda Story  
The hardest workout ever put on a DVD is now available in a live class lead by INSANITY certified instructor, Neda Story. No weights or equipment needed. Your body is your equipment! This class uses Max Interval Training in 3 to 5 minute blocks using plyometrics, cardio conditioning, core work and much more. You will be pushed past your comfort zone; you may want to sign up with a friend!

#### Zumba Fitness (Adults/Teens 13+)

Tuesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Robin Hill Center  
September 24 - October 29  
November 5 - December 10  
\$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session  
\*\$15 Discount available, call for details  
Instructor: Marci King

Thursdays | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Township Administration Building Auditorium  
September 19 - October 24  
November 7 - December 19  
Cost: \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session  
\*\$15 Discount available, call for details  
Instructor: Christie Covelli  
These 6-week classes are designed to have fun while you burn calories. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves including salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba and hip-hop that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required. Please bring water.

### ART/EDUCATION

#### Driver's Education/

#### Kennedy School of Driving (Teens)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 24 - October 24  
6 - 9 p.m. | Township Administration Building  
Registration: \$25 Residents  
\$30 Non-Residents, Course Fee \$350  
The Driver's Education course is instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and six hours of behind the wheel training, a certificate will be given that is accepted by most insurance companies. Participants must be 16 and have a learners permit for the on-the-road portion of the program. The balance of \$350 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

### HIGH TECH LEARNING

#### FPS Game Design (Kids, Ages 9-13)

Tuesdays, November 12 - December 17  
5 - 6:30 p.m. | Township Administration Building  
\$110 Moon Residents/\$125 Non-Residents  
Using a special program called Shootmania, students learn how to create and edit game maps allowing for exciting gameplay in environments that they design. Shootmania is kid-friendly because the more violent aspects of the typical first person shooter game have been eliminated. Students play an advanced version of laser tag in the worlds they create. Students will also learn how to record and share videos of the action in their worlds!

#### Video Game Design (Kids, Ages 7-10)

Tuesdays, November 12 - December 17  
6:45 - 8:15 p.m. | Township Administration Building  
\$110 Moon Residents/\$120 Non-Residents  
How would you like to create your own video game for you and all your friends to play? Students in this program learn how to use computers and specially designed software to create their very own video game. Students will follow the same process real video game designers use to create the games they play at home.

All events are weather dependent. Please visit [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) or call 412-262-1703 for the most up-to-date information.

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**Moon Township Wants to Hear Your Memories**  
In celebration of Moon Township's 225th Anniversary the township is asking residents, both past and present, to share their favorite stories and memories of people, places and how the township has changed through the years. E-mail stories and photos to [csargent@moontwp.com](mailto:csargent@moontwp.com) and then read the memories of others in the community online at [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com).

**Supervisors Meeting Minutes Available Online**  
At the July regular public meeting the Moon Township Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation to Boy Scout, Joshua W. Merow on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, an honor earned by only five percent of all Boy Scouts. Merow is a member of Boy Scout Troop 310 and earned 23 total merit badges. Merow held the leadership positions of Librarian, Web Master Aide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Instructor, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His Eagle Scout Service Project involved a landscape architecture project of Sharon Community Presbyterian Church where he led a group of scouts and adults in the design, planning, excavation, planting and final landscaping of over 30 pine trees to create a scenic barrier between the church parking lot and a school tennis court.

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### SUBMIT A QUESTION OR CONCERN ONLINE

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.com](http://moontwp.com) under Quick Links.

### TUNE IN TO YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Watch Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area School Board public meetings on MAG-TV, Comcast channel 18 and Verizon channel 37. Schedule information is available at [moongovtv.us](http://moongovtv.us). View the meetings and MCA-TV's community produced programming online at [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org).

### VISIT MOON PARKS AND RECREATION

Get involved in the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. Use your computer or smartphone to find the most current schedule information at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org).

### STAY INFORMED WITH SWIFT 911

Sign up for Swift 911 at [moonpolice.us](http://moonpolice.us). This system will call your phone in the event of an emergency or to share important community information.

### SIGN UP FOR THE E-NEWSLETTER

Receive monthly updates on news and events going on in the township with Moon's free monthly email newsletter, the *Moon Township Monthly*. Sign up today at [moontwp.com](http://moontwp.com) under Quick Links.