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Allison Eastham, Director MCA-TV  
Ashley Bureau, Communications Director  
Frank Vieira, Assistant Director MCA-TV

**Other Moon Township Contact Information**

**Always call 911 in an emergency**

Moon Township Police Department  
412.262.5000  
Moon Township Fire Department  
412.262.5004 (non-emergency only)  
Moon Parks and Recreation  
412.262.1703  
Moon Community Access Television  
412.269.1191  
Moon Township Municipal Authority  
412.264.4300  
Moon Township Public Library  
412.269.0334  
Elected Property Tax Collector: Catherine Tress  
412.299.7446  
Earned Income Tax Collector: Jordan Tax Service  
724.731.2300

Moon Township welcomes feedback on the Moon Township Messenger at moontwp@moontwp.com or call 412.262.1700.

Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming 2015 holidays:  
Sept. 7 Labor Day

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## The Cover

Fall is just around the corner and a lot is going on here in Moon! New hires, new programs, new events!

The Moon Township Messenger was arranged by Ashley Bureau and designed by Web & Graphic Designer Frank Vieira

Read the Fall 2015 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.com



## Meet Moon's Newest Employees

Moon Township is excited to announce three new hires this summer. Filling the positions of Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager/Planning Director and Communications Director.

Moon Township is thrilled to have these three individuals join our organization and look forward to seeing all that they accomplish in our community. The July edition of Government Review features interviews with Dawn Lane and Scott Brillhart. Visit [www.mca-tv.org](http://www.mca-tv.org) to watch that and other episodes.

### Dawn Lane - Township Manager

During the July public meeting, the Board of Supervisors announced the hiring of new Township Manager, Dawn Lane. Dawn previously worked for Ross Township where she recently resigned as the Finance Director. She and her husband have a large family with 6 kids and 9 grandchildren.

Dawn grew up in Robinson Township, PA and graduated from Thiel College with a business degree. She has over 25 years of municipal experience including positions in finance and management. She is excited about her new opportunity with Moon Township, saying, "I am delighted by the warm welcome I have received since starting in my role as Township Manager. Moon Township is a wonderful community and I am excited to be a part of its incessant growth."

### Ashley Bureau

#### Communications Director

Ashley started in May as the Township's new Communications Director. She is from South Bend, IN and earned her Bachelor's in Journalism/Public Relations from Indiana University at IUPUI.

While in school, she interned in the communications department for Fishers, IN and also in the media relations department for the Indiana Fever. Before joining our staff, she worked for a digital marketing agency in downtown Pittsburgh.

Ashley is excited to rejoin the public sector saying, "One of my favorite things about working in local government is becoming a part of a community and knowing that every day I go to work I have the opportunity to positively impact that community".



### Scott Brillhart

#### Assistant Manager and Planning Director

The Board also announced the rehiring of Scott Brillhart as the Assistant Manager and Planning Director in July. Scott previously held this position, before leaving in 2008 to work for Upper St. Clair as the Director of Community Development.

Scott has an extensive background in Planning and Community Development in the greater Pittsburgh region. He grew up in Indiana, PA where he also earned his undergraduate degree in Regional Planning at IUP. When he is not at work he likes to attend Pirates games, golf, and take family vacations.

"I always hoped that there would be an opportunity for me to come back to work for Moon Township, it is a great community and I am glad to be back and am excited to help with all the current and future projects we have planned here at Moon."





# VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

1000 Beaver Grade Rd. | 412.262.5004 | moontwpfire.com



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 4-10 is National Fire Prevention Week



### Moon Township VFC Car Cruise Sunday August 30

The Annual VFC Car Cruise will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at Moon Park. Thousands of vehicles will be on display from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The cruise is open to all classes of cars, trucks, motorcycles and specialty vehicles. More than 1,000 cars participate in the annual event. Enjoy great food and beverages and stay to hear the DJ and live band performance!

All proceeds benefit the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company so come out and support the firefighters and show off your special vehicles!

## Smoke Alarm Safety Tips

October 4-10 is National Fire Prevention Week! Did you know, according to the NFPA, 3 out of 5 home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms? Keep your family safe with these tips from the National Fire Protection Association.

- When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location".
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.
- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.
- For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

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# KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE



## VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



Valley Ambulance Authority ("VAA") 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.

In this edition, we encourage all residents to be safe this autumn season by following these helpful tips provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

## Parents: Autumn Tips to Help Keep Your Kids Safe and Healthy

Autumn often requires us to make changes in our lifestyle or routine due to weather, school activities, and upcoming holidays. Create habits to help you and your children stay healthy and safe throughout your lives.

Be active outdoors and indoors. Make fall yard work fun. Have kids come up with different ways to pick up leaves or pine cones (such as squatting, bending, leaning, stretching, or balancing on one foot). Provide kids with rakes and other tools that are kid-sized for comfort and safety. For indoor fun, play board games and computer games that encourage physical activity. Remember that children and adolescents should be active for at least 1 hour a day, and adults for at least 2½ hours a week. Apply sunscreen and insect repellent to protect you and your family from the sun, mosquitoes, and ticks, when appropriate.

## Take Steps to Prevent the Flu

The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year in the fall. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often and stay home if you get sick.

## Wash your Hands

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It's best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. If that's not possible, use alcohol-based hand rubs.

## Don't Drink and Drive

Everyone should know that alcohol use impairs skills needed to drive a car safely. It slows reaction time and impairs judgment and coordination. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 48 minutes. Don't drink and drive, and don't let others drink and drive!

## Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks!

Did you know? It is illegal to text while driving in Pennsylvania and 43 other states? Also, five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field. Reaching for a phone, dialing, texting and other uses of portable devices increases the risk of getting into a crash by 300%.

## Halloween Health and Safety Tips

- Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

For more safety tips, please visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/family/parentautumn/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/family/parentautumn/index.htm)

For more tips on the dangers of texting and driving, please visit: [www.stoptextsstopwrecks.org](http://www.stoptextsstopwrecks.org)

For more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call **412.262.2620** or scan the QR code listed below to visit our site at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)



## GREEN INITIATIVES

1000 Beaver Grade Rd. | 412.262.5000 | moonpolice.us



### This Season's Even Fresher

The second year of the revived Moon Farmers' Market is off to a great start. Stop by the Administration Building parking lot on Wednesdays this summer and pick up fresh, flavorful produce. Locally grown and prepared products will be available from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday through the end of September.

There are 18 vendors selling all sorts of items including fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, trout, bread, cheese, jams and jellies, soap, jewelry and more.

The Moon Aqua Club has volunteered to help with carrying bags to your car. The Farmers' Market accepts cash, credit, debit, SNAP and FMNP vouchers. Spend \$5 in SNAP and receive a \$2 coupon for fruits and vegetables. Reduce your plastic use by bringing your own bags and get entered into a raffle. Two rain barrels retailed at \$79 each and donated by Nova Chemical have been awarded. The more bags you bring and use, the more chances you have to win.

For more information about the Moon Farmers' Market call **412.262.1700**.

### WM At Your Door

Can't make it to our Recycling Day? Waste Management offers a residential curbside special materials pickup. The "At Your Door Special Collection" program allows Moon Township residents to easily and safely dispose of household materials.

There are three ways to schedule a collection:

1. Online at [www.WMatYourDoor.com](http://www.WMatYourDoor.com)
2. Call **1.800.449.7584**
3. Email [AtYourDoor@WM.com](mailto:AtYourDoor@WM.com)

After scheduling your collection date and time, a Waste Management representative will provide you with information and instructions for preparing your collection. More information on the program and a list of accepted materials can be found through the program's website at [www.WMatYourDoor.com](http://www.WMatYourDoor.com) or by calling **1.800.449.7587**.

## Fall Cleanup

As residents clean up their yards before winter, the Township's Public Works Department provides the following clean-up, pick-up, and drop-off programs to assist residents with this task.

### Compost Drop-Off

Saturday & Sunday Only  
October 24 - December 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Downes Fire Station

Residents may drop-off yard waste to be composted including: tree limbs, leaves, and plant matter. The Downes Fire Station (located at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road) compost drop-off site will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Township asks that residents do not discard of any materials at Downes Fire Station after hours unless special arrangements have been made. To schedule a drop off during non-operating hours contact the Moon Township Administration office at **412.262.1700**. Violators will be fined.

### Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Monday - Friday  
October 26 - December 4

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Downes Fire Station

There will be NO Saturday leaf collection. The schedule follows residents' regular garbage collection; simply place leaves and branches at the curb by 8 a.m. on pick-up day. Residents are asked to put leaves in bio-degradable paper bags. Loose leaves and leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up.

### Curbside Tree Branch Pickup

Monday - Friday  
October 5 - October 30

This program also follows the resident's garbage pick-up schedule. Tree branches should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied.

# GREEN INITIATIVES



## Rain Barrel Workshop

Moon Township Green Initiatives held a Rain Barrel Workshop at the Township's Administration building this Spring. Over 25 participants joined and created their own rain barrels to take home. The rain barrels were made from recycled olive containers from Greece, were outfitted with a hose bib and overflow and are ready for water capture.

### There are many benefits to harvesting rain water.

- Prevents Pollution: Collecting rainwater reduces stormwater runoff, which collects oil, fertilizer, garbage, etc. and is released, untreated, into our waterways.
- Save on your water bill: Lawn and garden irrigation in the summer accounts for 40% of residential water usage according to the EPA.
- Prevents flooding: Capturing stormwater on your property and releasing it slowly reduces chance of flooding and recharges the groundwater.
- Gives your plants a drink: Rainwater doesn't contain all of the chlorine and fluoride that is added to municipal water- your plants will love the natural stuff!

## Helpful tips to consider to improve water quality and protect our waterways:

When it rains, water flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, picking up debris and pollutants, directly into our waterways. By practicing the following healthy household habits, you can help keep these pollutants out of our streams and rivers, and eventually faucets, and improve the quality of our water.

- Take advantage of the new WM At Your Door service to properly dispose of used motor oil and automotive fluids, household chemicals, pesticides, oil, paint etc.- never flush these fluids down the toilet or dump in the storm drain.
- Avoid fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Instead try compost teas or other organic solutions for lawn and garden care.
- Plant native trees, grasses, wildflowers and groundcovers, which require less maintenance and will absorb more stormwater through increased root depth. For more information about converting your lawn to a native groundcover, visit: [www.moontwp.com/pdf/NativeGroundcovers.pdf](http://www.moontwp.com/pdf/NativeGroundcovers.pdf)
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost yard waste, save it for the twice annual brush and tree limb pickup, or bring it to Downe's Fire Station M-F 8am-5pm for municipal composting. Can't make it during those hours? Call 412.262.1700 to set up an appointment.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.
- Pick up after your pet and dispose of it properly, flushing is the best method. Leaving pet waste on the ground allows harmful bacteria and nutrients to flow into our storm drains and directly into our waterbodies.
- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels. Properly store pool and spa chemicals in a covered area to prevent exposure to stormwater as well as leaks and spills.
- Install rain gardens, rain barrels and permeable pavement to reduce impenetrable surfaces.
- Never dump anything down the storm drains!

## "Clean Water is Everybody's Business"

Thursday, September 24th 6-8 p.m.

Botanical Gardens

We all live in a watershed—the area that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, lake, estuary, wetland, aquifer, or even the ocean. Our individual actions can directly affect it. Working together we can help protect our local water resources.

Are you curious about the water where you live? Moon Township, North Fayette Township, Findlay Township and ASSET will present "Clean Water is Everybody's Business" at the Botanic Garden this September and learn about the impact you have on the watershed in your community.

Join us for an informational and interactive evening at the Botanical Gardens on Thursday, September 24th 6-8 p.m. to find out what you can do to help keep our water clean. Arrival time is 5:45 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Class size is limited. Moon residents can call the Moon Township office at **412.262.1700** to register. If you have questions about the event email Lora Dombrowski at [ldombrowski@moontwp.us](mailto:ldombrowski@moontwp.us).

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Beryl "Randy" Johnson with her family

### Remembering Dr. Beryl "Randy" Johnson

Dr. Beryl R. Johnson, or Randy to most people, was a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to improve the world around her. A Moon Township resident of over 30 years, Randy's impact on the community was substantial.

"She had energy, motivation, drive and ambition. She was a very strong person," her daughter, Karen Johnson describes. Randy's endless enthusiasm for projects is evident through the countless awards and recognitions that hang on walls and in frames throughout her home.

Randy, who was originally from Brockton, Massachusetts, settled into Moon Township after completing her master's and doctorate degrees in counselor education at the University of Pittsburgh. Throughout her lifetime, she was involved in numerous organizations, including Planned Parenthood, ASPCA, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Governor's Family First Task Force, the Allegheny County Conservation District and the Moon Township Parks and Recreation Board.

Randy was a true proponent of giving back to the community. She wrote letters to editors, supervisors and anyone that would listen. She spoke with conviction and true passion for every project she was involved in. "She said what she meant, and she was so, so smart," said Karen.

She was an essential contributor to the Moon Township Crime Resistance Program that started in 1975, helping to improve neighborhood watches through partnerships with the police department. More recently, Randy founded the annual Moon Township Parks and Recreation Earth Day program in 2000 and continued to contribute to the event up until her passing. The Moon Parks and Recreation Earth Day Celebration has grown significantly in 15 years and much of that can be attributed to Randy's continual efforts.

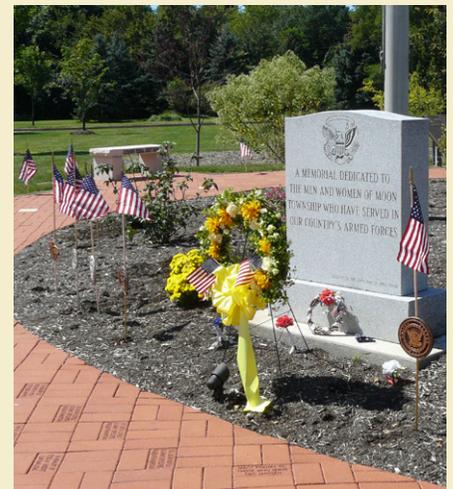
Dr. Beryl Randy Johnson will surely be missed, not only in Moon Township but all over the world. Her constant drive to always learn and do more--even hours before her passing, is a testament to her lifelong commitment to the betterment of our community.

### Moon Township VFC Open House

Come out to the Public Safety Building on September 19, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Open House! Meet the firefighters of our community and neighboring communities. There will be fire equipment and trucks on display, demonstrations by the firefighters, and activities for children. Moon Township Police and Valley Ambulance will also have equipment on display during the event. The open house is free and light food will be available. For more information, visit [www.moontwpfire.com](http://www.moontwpfire.com).

### Fire Extinguisher Training Program

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.



### Memorial Garden Bricks Available

Brick orders for the Moon Township Memorial Garden walkways can still be made. Commemorative bricks are a meaningful way to remember a loved one, honor a friend or family member or recognize a milestone. Bricks are available for \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick or \$200 for an 8x8" business brick. Brick orders will be accepted on an ongoing basis. More information and order forms are available on the Township website, [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com), or at the municipal building. Contact the township at **412.262.1700** to order a commemorative brick.

# IN THE COMMUNITY



## Unclaimed Property – Locate Money and Valuable Items That Could Be Yours

The Pennsylvania Department of Treasury is currently seeking the owners of \$2.3 billion in unclaimed property. Find out how some of this cash could end up in your wallet.

Unclaimed Property is any financial asset that has been left with a holder without activity or contact by the rightful owner for a specified period of time. Unclaimed property includes tangible items such as cash, coins, coin collections, costume or valuable jewelry, silver, gold, platinum, antiques, rare items, collectibles, and musical instruments. Funds also come to the State Treasury as part of the annual reporting of unclaimed accounts, safety deposit boxes, or seized property that banks, financial institutions, companies, and police departments are required to turn over to the state every year on April 15 after the accounts or items have been abandoned for three years. These are among a few of the items that are found in the unclaimed properties vault located in Harrisburg, PA. Anything of value may be submitted to the vault.

Moon Township issues several unclaimed property checks each year to residents who are owed money from their property taxes because they have overpaid or received an exemption or reduction. The township has three years to return the money to its proper owner and makes every effort to do so. Once three years have passed, the township must submit the money to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Moon Township verifies unclaimed property information checking the owner's name, lot, and block number to be sure it is correct with what is listed on the Allegheny County Property Records website. The township will issue a monetary check to the rightful property owner and if the check is never deposited or cashed the township will issue another check the following year for up to three years. If you were to find a misplaced check in your home that was issued by the township call the Moon Township Administration Office at **412.262.1700** to verify if the check is still able to be cashed or deposited. Expired checks may be able to be reissued or after three years the owner would need to contact the state to receive their money.

Many people may have money they do not realize they have and are encouraged to claim what is theirs. It is important to search every possible way your name could have ended up on a document. Search for companies, businesses and associations that you may have connections to. If you find something to be claimed, the website will take you through the steps to file a claim. Remember, the Pennsylvania Treasury will assist with any questions throughout your unclaimed property search or claim, free of charge.

Search for your unclaimed property today at [www.patresury.gov](http://www.patresury.gov) and click on Unclaimed Property in the toolbar. Once there, enter your name, fill in the spaces, and hit submit. Questions and assistance can be addressed through the Frequently Asked Questions page on the site or by calling the Pennsylvania Treasury at **1.800.222.2046**.

## Senior Citizen's Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Moon Area Senior Citizen Association (MASCA) celebrated their 25th Anniversary this April with a luncheon at the Carriage House at Robin Hill. More than 75 people attended the celebratory lunch, which was planned by Directors Kathryn Roth, Hilary House, Jo Borchart, Lorraine Keith, Vianna Sohn and Jena Brown. Moon Parks and Recreation joined the celebration and supplied a cake and an electric tea kettle gift.

In 1989 the Moon Township supervisors designated the Carriage House at Robin Hill Park to be used for the activities of Moon senior citizens. After several informal meetings, MASCA was established, with 48 members present, on October 2, 1989 with George Kennedy elected as president.

Community activities help raise funds to support the organization. Currently, MASCA members participate in Earth Day, Bunny Trail and the Father's Day Fun Fair. The organization also contributes to the Food Pantry, Moon Township VFC and the Moon Parks and Recreation Department. MASCA members meet monthly for lunch, a program and fraternizing. MASCA welcomes all new members for active membership. Anyone interested in joining the Moon Area Senior Citizens Association or for more information please contact Moon Parks and Recreation Office for a contact phone number.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**  
 Wednesday, October 21  
 4:30pm – 6:30pm – Moon Park.

Come out to this free family friendly Halloween event. Activity stations, treat bags for the first 500 kids, hay-rides, pumpkin decorating, giveaways from Chick-fil-A, picture booth sponsored by Walgreens, and much more! Come in family-friendly costume and enjoy the fun!

**Robin Hill Lunchtime Concerts**  
**12:00pm at Robin Hill Park**  
 o September 16 Sal Ventura (Piano)

**Robin Hill Park Winter Event**  
 Saturday, December 6, 9:00am-3:00pm  
 Come out to Robin Hill Park where the Moon Township Garden Club will be hosting their annual Greens & Things holiday sale in the main house, the West Hills Art League will have art for sale in the Carriage House and the Old Moon Township Historical Society will be welcoming visitors to the Coventry Log Cabin.

**Brunch with Santa**  
 Saturday, December 13  
 Two sittings available at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Pittsburgh Airport (450 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Twp.). Box brunch, crafts, and photos with Santa. \$10 per person. To register, please contact the Park office at 412.262.1703 or info@moonparks.org.

### Volunteer at with Moon Parks & Recreation

If you or your company is interested in volunteering at any of our special events please contact the Parks office at Robin Hill Park at 412.262.1703 or email info@moonparks.org.

### Pavilion and Robin Hill Rentals

#### Pavilions

Pavilion reservations are now open for Moon Park through September. All reservations must be made in person at the Parks office at the Robin Hill Center. All pavilions and fees are listed on our website at www.moonparks.org

#### Robin Hill Center

Robin Hill Center reservations can be made up to one year in advance. Reservations must be made in person. To receive the resident rate the contract must be signed and payments must be made by a Moon Township resident. All fees are listed on our website www.moonparks.org To schedule a tour of the Robin Hill Center, please call Amy at the Parks office at 412.262.1703 or email info@moonparks.org.

### TRICK-OR-TREAT

check moontwp.us in October for the official Trick-or-Treat date and time



# FALL PROGRAMS

## HEALTH AND FITNESS

### RECREATION BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Boys and Girls Grades 3rd -8th-KIDS-TEENS

*Registration:* Registration will be open Sept 21st.

*Draft:* Nov 7

*Practice Locations:*

Moon Elementary Schools

*Fee:* \$50 Moon residents \*Multi child discount available -\$10 late fee after draft.

### BEGINNER ZUMBA

*Dates:* Mondays

Oct 5-Nov 9

Nov 16 – Dec 14 (no class Nov 30)

(4 week session)

*Time:* 6:00-7:00 pm

*Location:* Moon High School Fitness Room

*Fee:* \$45 Moon Residents, \$50 Non-Residents, per 6 week session

*Instructor:* Catherine Hollien

### YOGA

*Dates:* Tuesdays

Sept 8-29

Oct 6-27

Nov 3-24

*Time:* 7:30-8:30pm

*Instructor:* Jen Stratakis

*Location:* Moon Township Municipal Building

*Fee:* \$40 Moon Residents, \$45 Non-Residents –per 4 week session

### Fall Tennis

*Dates:* Thursdays Sept 3-Oct 15

Pee Wee (Ages 5-7)

*Time:* 4:30-5:15pm

*Fee:* \$70 Moon residents \$84 non-residents

Jr Beginner (Ages 8-12)

*Time:* 5:15-6:15pm

*Fee:* \$105 Moon residents \$126 non-residents

Jr Advanced (Ages 10-15)

*Time:* 6:15-7:15pm

*Fee:* \$105 Moon residents \$126 non-residents

Private lessons are available, please contact the instructor for more information: kentjohnson@myway.com

### Core Conditioning/ Pilates

*Dates:* Wednesdays

Sept 16-Oct 21

Oct 28-Dec 2

*Time:* 8:45-9:45 am

*Location:* Robin Hill Center

*Fee:* \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents

per 6 week session

*Instructor:* Judy Elias

### KARATE

*Dates:* Mondays & Wednesdays Ongoing – Oct 2015 through May 2016

\*Free class, Wednesday Sept 30

*Times:* 6:00 (Intro) and 7:00 pm (Advanced)

*Location:* Moon High School Wrestling Room

*Cost:* \$45 Moon School District residents per month. Online registration and mail in form will be available in September.

### SENIOR WORKOUT

*Dates:* Wednesdays

Sept. 16 to Oct. 28

Nov. 4 to Dec. 9

*Times:* 9:30-10:30am

*Location:* Moon Township Municipal Building Auditorium

*Fee:* \$21 Moon residents/\$25 non-residents, per 6 week session

*Instructor:* Linda Francis

### ZUMBA FITNESS

*Dates:* Thursdays

Sept 17-Oct 22

Oct 29-Dec 10 (No class Nov 26)

*Time:* 6:30-7:30pm

*Location:* Moon Township Municipal Building – Auditorium

*Fee:* \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents

per 6 week session

*Instructor:* Paola Sanchez

### Women's Volleyball

*Dates:* Wednesdays mid-February 2016

*Times:* Games played 7:00-10:00 pm

*Location:* Moon Area Middle School Gym

*Fee:* \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents

### PIYO

*Dates:* Mondays

Aug 24-Oct 5 (No class Sept 7)

Oct 19-Nov 23

*Time:* 8:30-9:15am

*Location:* Robin Hill Center

*Fee:* \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents

### TOTALLY TONED

*Dates:* Mondays

Oct 5-Nov 9

Nov 16 – Dec 14 (no class Nov 30)

(4 week session)

*Times:* 7:15-8:15pm

*Location:* Moon High School Fitness Room

*Fee:* \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents, per 6 week session

*Instructor:* Karla Tobias

## ART/ EDUCATION

### SPLASH

Water/Mixed Media Art Classes (ADULTS)

*Dates:* Thursdays Sept 17-Oct 29

(8 weeks)

*Class:* "SPLASH SOME MORE"

Advanced/returning students

*Times:* 10:00am– 12:00pm

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

*Class:* "JUMP in with a Splash" Beginners

*Times:* 1:00-3:00pm

*Location:* Robin Hill Center – 949 Thorn Run Rd., Moon Twp. PA

*Fee:* Moon Residents \$74 Residents

Non-Residents \$79.

\*Fee does not include supplies.

### DRIVER'S EDUCATION

*Dates:* Tues & Thurs Sept 29-Oct 29

*Time:* 6:00-9:00pm

*Location:* Moon Township Municipal Building

*Fee:* Registration - \$25 Moon residents

\$30 non-residents, Course Fee \$375

For more information regarding Fall Programs visit our newly designed website:

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



## PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

### Moon Parks and Recreation Trail Sponsorships

During the July Board of Supervisors meeting, Title Source presented the Board of Supervisors and the Moon Parks and Recreation Department with a \$3,000 check to sponsor Olson Park. Title Source has been an official sponsor of the Trading Post Trail at Olson since spring of 2015 and have spent multiple days volunteering to help to maintain the trail.

Chevron partnered with Moon Parks and Recreation to sponsor the Robin Hill Log

Cabin Trail last September and will be continuing their efforts in maintaining the trail through their annual Week of Caring initiative. In addition to being a trail sponsor Chevron is a sponsor for events at Moon Parks and Recreation.

These stewardships will go towards funding for GPS and mapped trails, bridges, improved accessibility, wildlife cameras for web-linked nature moments and more.



### New Restrooms and Concession Stand

Moon Parks and Recreation has been busy updating existing and constructing new restrooms at Moon Park this summer. The project wrapped up in July, with complete renovations of the restrooms at the park office and the restrooms near the playground. Brand new restrooms were also constructed near Devenzio field, Moon Park amphitheater, and the tennis courts. New sustainable features were added to both the restrooms and concession stand.

#### Concession Stand:

- Skylights for daylighting and LED lighting

#### Restrooms:

- Lighting: motion sensors, LED lighting and skylights
- Water: low-flush toilets, waterless urinals, low-flow faucets with faucet sensors
- Ventilation: natural, no fans
- High efficiency hand driers to reduce paper usage

Moon Parks and Recreation would like to thank residents for their patience during the construction and renovation of these restrooms and look forward to continuing our efforts to improve our parks!



### Olson Park Update

A new playground was installed at Olson Park this summer! The playground equipment, which cost \$57,292, includes swings, a rope climber, boulders and a slide. The equipment was purchased from Playworld and Cre8Play and offers a unique, nature-themed twist to the original playground. The equipment is durable and safe and built through a combination of materials including concrete, GFRC (glass fiber reinforced concrete), steel, sculpting epoxy, composite wood and various plastics.

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 pet friendly, but we ask that all pets remain on a leash at all times while visiting the park.



# POLICE

1000 Beaver Grade Rd. | 412.262.5000 | moonpolice.us

## TIPS FOR A TOTALLY COOL BACK TO SCHOOL!

FROM THE MOON TWP POLICE DEPT

- 1 Be aware of posted speed limits and use extra caution in school zones.
- 2 Children and parents should always walk on the sidewalk!
- 3 Be sure to look both ways before crossing the street!
- 4 While waiting at the bus stop, be sure to stand six feet away from the curb.
- 5 If your child needs to cross the street after getting off the bus always cross in front of the bus. Walk on the side of the road until you are 10 feet in front of the bus before crossing the street. You should always be able to see the bus driver and the bus driver should always be able to see you

## Park and Walk Program

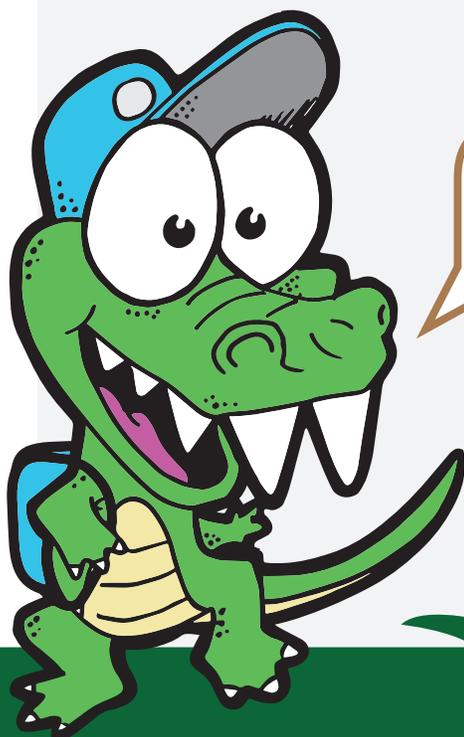
Moon Township Police operates a daily Park and Walk program in all Moon Township public schools. With this program, officers park their cars and walk into the school buildings. This not only provides extra security and safety in our schools, but also provides the police officer with familiarization of the physical layout of the school if he or she would have to respond to a critical incident.

## Child Safety Seat Fitting

The Moon Township Police offers a 24/7 child safety seat fitting station. Parents, grandparents or any caregiver may contact the Moon Township Police to make an appointment to have their child safety seat inspected, checked for recalls and properly installed. Any caregiver who might need a child safety seat and is not able to purchase one may be issued a new seat for free through our lend lease program. We stock rear facing infant seats, convertible seats, combination seats, high back and no back belt positioning booster seats.

## Safety on the Road

Don't forget! It is a primary violation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if a person less than 18 years of age is not properly restrained in a motor vehicle. The bottom line is, "Click it or Ticket." Our state law also requires that all persons less than age 12 shall wear a bicycle helmet while riding a bicycle. Caregivers may contact the Chief of Police if their children are in need of a bicycle helmet. We have all sizes in stock at no fee for those who are in need of them.



WELCOME  
BACK!

# TAX INFORMATION

1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 300 | 412.299.7446 | moontaxoffice.us  
(Located on the lower level of the Community Service Center,  
next to the MCA-TV studio.)

## Moon Township Property Tax Office

Moon Community Center, Lower Level  
1700 Beaver Grade Road Moon Township, PA 15108  
Office Phone 412-299-7446  
Office Fax 412-299-7420

[Home](#)
[Tax Due Dates](#)
[Qualifying Tax Relief](#)
[FAQ](#)
[Online Payment](#)
[Important Links](#)

“Hello! My name is Catherine Tress and I am the Property Tax Collector of our community.”

-Catherine Tress



## IMPORTANT TAX REMINDERS

The 2015 MASD, (moon area school district) property tax 2 % discount period will end on August 31, 2015.

As of September 1st through October 31, 2015, all full payments are at the FACE amount as listed on your statement.

If taxpayers choose to pay installments, the 1st installment is also due in the office no later than August 31st. If you have not received your payment coupons for the remaining 3 installments, please contact my office as soon as possible. Installments must be for the exact amount as listed on each coupon, if you wish to accelerate the payments, you can pay more than one coupon at the amount listed for that month. A random payment for different amounts other than the exact amount as listed on the coupons is not possible. Installment payments pay the FACE amount and the final payment is due no

later than November 30, 2015. Installments are also not payable through the moon property tax office website's online payments section.

*“As of August 1st, the Township of Moon property tax payments are at the 10% penalty amount until December 31, 2015.”*

Postmarked mail is always accepted for the deadline of any of the payment periods by my office.

## Stamps, and Taxes

From time to time, taxpayers ask why the property tax office does not supply return envelopes for mailed receipts. Unfortunately, due to the cost of postage and envelopes all taxpayers must supply their own self-addressed – stamped envelope if they wish to have a paid receipt returned through the mail.

There are 9787 parcels on the property tax rolls in Moon Township. If each required a return receipt the cost of postage would be  $.49 \times 9787 = \$4,795.63$  for the township, double that for the school and now we are at \$9,591.26. Typically there are about 500 tax payers that pay the MASD installment plan potentially increasing the cost of postage for return receipts to over \$10,000 in just one year and this amount does not include the cost of envelopes. Although approximately 4000 parcels have an escrow through their mortgage company, many require returned individual receipts and send their own self-addressed stamped envelopes same as homeowners without an escrow. It would not be fiscally responsible with tax payer money to have this type of expense.

### 2015 Moon Township Property Tax Due Dates

(millage rate is 2.74 mills)

**10 percent penalty: August 1 - December 31**

**Online Credit Card payments are available at [www.moontaxoffice.us](http://www.moontaxoffice.us)**



# MCA-TV

1700 Beaver Grade Road | 412.269.1191 | [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org)

the  
**Doctor**  
 is in  
**NEW EPISODE**

## New Shows Premiering on MCA-TV

There is always something new going on at MCA-TV! Keep your eyes out for these new shows! Look for show times online and tune in to MCA-TV on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35!

“So You Want to Paint” is a new show in development that gives viewers instructions on basic painting techniques. The show is currently in production look for it on [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org) soon!

The latest episode of “The Doctor Is In” premiered last month. The award winning program produces a new show quarterly throughout the year. The show, hosted by Moon Township resident and community producer Dr. Marc Schneiderman of Heritage Valley Medical Group, visits relevant topics in the medical field, including Paget’s Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Lupus Erythematosus and Annual Physicals.

Have an idea for your own show? Contact the studio to get more information on how to get started! Don’t forget to stay up to date on your favorite programs by visiting our website at [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org)!

## MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television  
 Comcast channel 14  
 Verizon FiOs channel 35

## MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television  
 Comcast channel 18  
 Verizon FiOs channel 37

## MCA-TV Training Courses

Spread the word! The next production class will take place in September. Make sure you tell your friends, family and coworkers to send an email to Allison at [aeastham@moontwp.us](mailto:aeastham@moontwp.us) for more information and to secure a spot!

## Become a Volunteer with MCA-TV

If you have completed the MCA-TV Production Class, we need you! Volunteers are needed to help with filming and production of current and new programs at MCA-TV. Make sure to check out the schedule on [MCA-TV.org](http://MCA-TV.org) for all the upcoming volunteer opportunities and productions at the station!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at MCA-TV, sign up for our next class session! MCA-TV offers a quarterly, free Television Production Training Course. Email Allison Eastham Director of Community Programing [eastham@moontwp.us](mailto:eastham@moontwp.us) for more information!

# MCA-TV

VISIT OUR NEWLY RE-DESIGNED WEBSITE:  
[MCA-TV.org](http://MCA-TV.org)

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# STAY CONNECTED TO MOON TOWNSHIP

## moontwp.com

Visit [moontwp.com](http://moontwp.com) for the latest township news and events. Your community is one click away.



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

### 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 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 a 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 registered phone or cell phone numbers in the event of an emergency or to share important community information.

### Like Us on Facebook

- "Moon Township"
- "Moon Community Access Television"
- "Moon Parks & Recreation"
- "Moon Township VFC"
- "Moon Township Public Library"
- "Moon Township Green Initiatives"