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Always call 911 in an emergency

Moon Township Police Department
412.262.5000
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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
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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 2016 holidays:

Christmas - December 23 - 26
New Years Day - January 2
Presidents Day - February 20

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Community Development



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The Cover

Our new logo has arrived! Check out our new look in the township and discover what makes Moon great!

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

Read the Spring 2017 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENT make it moon



A Letter From the Township Manager

I am pleased to report that the 2017 Township Budget was passed at the Wednesday December 7th Board of Supervisors meeting. There was no tax increase proposed for 2017 so the Township mileage will stand at 2.74 mils. The funds Included in the 2017 Budget are:

General Fund	\$14,127,913.00
Capital Fund	\$5,438,432.00
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$1,143,812.00
Local Service Tax Fund	\$1,919,206.00

The Township proposed revenue breakdown is as follows: 37% from real estate tax collection, 41% from local enabling taxes, (i.e. earned income tax, per capita, admissions, and mechanical devices) and the remaining 22% from Departmental Revenue such as cable TV franchise fees, PA state sales tax receipts, building permits, motor vehicle fines. Both the real estate tax and local enabling tax collections have seen slight increases over the past five years. These increases are in direct correlation with the number of new housing being built in Moon.

The Township expense breakdown is as follows: 40% towards public safety which includes police and fire, 17% public works, 8% parks, 9% transfer to capital reserve, 5% debt service and the remaining 21% to administration, community development and community library.

With the proposed revenues showing an increase in collections of 5.3% and the expenses showing a decrease of 3.7%, the Board of Supervisors was able to make a significant commitment to capital project outlays in 2017. \$1.8 mil has been designated for road construction, \$1,017,500 for public safety, \$580,000.00 to park upgrades, \$400,000 towards maintenance of various Township facilities and the remaining \$424,000 will go towards MCA-TV, Moon Golf Club, administration & engineering.

Overall the Township is in stable financial condition and the Board of Supervisors along with staff continues to work hard and diligently to find the best way to continue to the serve the residents of Moon in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

For a more detail analysis of each budget account, the 2016 Adopted Budget can be found on the Moon Township Website at www.moontwp.com

Dawn Lane
Township Manager



Meet Our New Parks Director!

This January, Moon welcomed its newest employee, Robert R. Brozovich. Robert is the new Director of Parks and Recreation. He is coming from Chartiers Township where he has served as the Parks and Recreation Director and managed the Community Center since 2015. Prior to that, he was the Parks and Recreation Director for North Fayette Township from 2007 until 2014.

Robert has 10 years of experience as an Executive Director in the non-profit field and 15 years of experience in the Parks and Recreation field. He is excited about his new opportunity with Moon Township saying,

“Moon Township has long been recognized as not only a great place to live but for its outstanding Parks and Recreation. I look forward to bringing my experience to continue to affect the quality of life here in a positive way”

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CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

Earl Edwards

HARB Board Member/ Local Realtor

Since 1966 when Earl Edwards and his family moved to Moon Township, he's made huge impacts on the community and continues to do so today. As a former South Dakota native, Earl moved to Moon to work for Joy Manufacturing as a Civil Engineer and be closer to his wife, Mary Ellen's family. He then went on to work for Dravo Corporation & Successors as a project manager until retirement in 2002.

In his early years of retirement, he volunteered for the U.S. Forest Service. His keen interest in archaeology led to volunteer jobs at Carnegie Museum of Natural History where he studied arrowheads that are over 3,000 years old. During this time, he served on the PALS (Patrons and supporters of Laura Dani) Carnegie Museum of Natural History support and volunteer group. With his interest in archaeology, Earl followed this passion and displayed an exhibit of arrowheads and spearheads at the Moon Township Municipal Building.

Edwards also volunteers with Moon Parks hosting their open house at Coventry Cabin 2-3 times a year and

helping out with various summer camps. These programs give Earl the opportunity to educate youth on archaeology based topics such as looking for arrowheads in the streams and Native American history in the area.

While his love for history is evident, Edwards is the president of the Moon Township Historical Society. During his time with this society, he created the Dr. Jockers Memorial Archives in the Municipal Building. Earl worked to catalog all of the items in the archive that are now accessible through a database search. To make residents more aware of local history, he has created historical signs. The signs are located around the township and there are more in the works. Two signs are along the Montour Trail, two are at Olson Park, one is at Robin Hill and one is at the Walmart Parklet at Carnot. It doesn't end there for Edwards though. He is a member of the HARB (Historical Architectural Review Board) board currently representing Moon Historical Society.

Edwards became involved after retirement as a life learner who wanted

to stay busy and try things he had never done before. This is when he became involved at MCA-TV. Over the past 15 years at MCA-TV, he has produced numerous shows such as "The Moon Township Bucket List." Edwards used this show as a way for viewers to join him as he rediscovered Moon's history and hidden gems. He is also a member of the cable advisory board for the station where he helps to further the progress of the station.

At the time Earl became a volunteer at MCA-TV, he also became a member of the Senior Men's Club and learned they were looking for a member to be a videographer for their programs. It seemed to be his destiny he said as producer and editor of the weekly meetings for members and viewers to see. He says, "Volunteering is a good way to enrich life."

History is not only a pastime, but a passion for Earl. In his quest for knowledge, he has given back to the community in a big way and does not plan on stopping anytime soon. He says, "Life goes quickly. Try each open door. What do you have to lose?"





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The Township holds an NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), as issued by the Pennsylvania Department (PADEP). The permit requires the Township to implement a Stormwater Management Program designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from its MS4 (storm sewer system), aimed at protecting and improving water quality in our streams and lakes.

To achieve compliance, the Township has adopted a written plan detailing compliance activities for each of the permit listed Minimum Control Measures (MCMs). Documentation and tracking of annual activities is key to demonstrating permit compliance. The Township completes an annual self-inspection and review of progress made throughout each permit year. In addition to the self-inspection, the Township files periodic reports on progress to PADEP. Formal reports are currently due biannually, but will become annual beginning in 2018. Reports require the Township to document its specific compliance activities for each MCM. Periodic on-site inspections of the Township's compliance are also performed by PADEP staff.

The following provides a brief summary of typical compliance requirements and activities for each MCM that are reviewed annually and reported to PADEP:

MCM #1

Public Education and Outreach – The goal of this MCM to provide information to the community regarding stormwater management, water quality and the Township's MS4 Program. The Township does this through a variety of outlets including this

newsletter, the Township website, newspaper ads, presentations to community groups and many others.

MCM #2

Public Involvement and Participation – The goal of this MCM is to encourage involvement of the community in the Township's Stormwater Management Program. The Township holds an annual presentation to discuss the Stormwater Management Program and encourages residents to attend and provide comment. Other involvement activities may include stream cleanups, litter cleanups and recycling events.

MCM #3

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – The goal of this MCM is to identify and eliminate polluted, non-stormwater discharges to our streams and lakes. This is done partially by implementation of an annual outfall testing and screening program. Additionally, many illicit discharges are discovered by members of the community. Only stormwater is permitted in the storm sewers. If you observe any dumping of any other material into a storm sewer or stream or notice any discharges of water that appears to be contaminated, please contact the Township to report. The Citizen Request System located on the Township website may be used to report concerns.

MCM #4

Construction Site Runoff Control – The goal of this MCM is to monitor construction sites to ensure implementation of proper erosion and sedimentation controls. The Township conducts routine inspections of all construction sites. Similar to illicit discharges,

members of the community may often observe potential stormwater pollution emanating from construction site. If you observe mud, sediment-laden water or other pollutants leaving any construction site into an adjacent roadway, property or stream, please contact the Township to report. The Citizen Request System located on the Township website may be used to report concerns.

MCM #5

Post Construction Stormwater Management – The goal of this MCM is to ensure proper operation of stormwater facilities throughout the Township. To do so, the Township implements an annual inspection program to review the operation of all detention basin, rain gardens, underground stormwater tanks, and other stormwater control facilities. Many of these facilities are owned by commercial establishment, developers or home owners associations. Throughout the year you may observe Township representatives completing routine inspections to confirm facilities are maintained and operating properly.

MCM #6

Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping – The goal of this MCM is to develop an Operation and Maintenance Program for municipal activates to protect water quality. The Township has developed a standard operating procedure for all operations, including material storage, vehicle maintenance and washing, and spill cleanup, among many others to reduce opportunity for introduction of pollutants to the Township MS4. Annual MS4 training regarding implementation of standard operation procedures is held for Township employees and officials.



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Project Lifesaver

Do you have a loved one with a disability who wanders away from your residence? Have you had to call 911 when they cannot be found? There is a program available here in Moon Township that may help to ensure their safety and provide caregivers some peace of mind.

Project Lifesaver is a monitoring program offered by law enforcement and emergency responders in 41 states using radio technology to find at-risk citizens enrolled in the program when they become lost.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and in a situation where time is critical, search times have been reduced from hours to days to minutes.

Moon Township police are one of the first area departments to be trained on the equipment, and in conjunction with Allegheny County and neighboring municipalities, began offering the program to residents in January 2015.

Project Lifesaver is free to Allegheny County residents. The equipment is paid for by drug forfeiture money and a grant from the Heinz Foundation.

If you are a caregiver for someone you think is eligible to enroll in Project Lifesaver, contact Moon Township police at **412.262.5000**



Keep Cars Locked

Do you park your car outside? If so, ensure the safety of your vehicle by always locking the doors. Don't forget to remove or hide all valuables in the vehicle out of sight. Call Moon Police Department's Dispatch Center at **412.262.5000** or dial 911 to report a crime or threat.

Solicitation Scams

Winter is a popular time for solicitors to take advantage of residents hibernating inside at home and knock on doors around the community. As a resident, there are a few things you can look for to ensure a solicitor is safe and honest.

In order to become a solicitor in the township of Moon, the police first conduct a criminal history check. From there, the solicitor is issued a bright yellow solicitation permit that includes Chief McCarthy's signature, his or her photograph and an embossed township seal. If you feel suspicious of a solicitor at your door, ask to see his or her permit. If he cannot provide the permit, contact the police department by emailing pmarmura@moonpolice.us.

Moon Police offer a "Do Not Knock" list for residents who do not wish to be called or visited by solicitors. To be added to this list, please email pmarmura@moonpolice.us.

EMERGENCY

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 may choose to remain anonymous.

Moon Dispatch Center
412.262.5000

Emergency Services
911

Crime Tips Hotline
412.264.5202

Callers may remain anonymous.



FIRE SAFETY make it moon

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Have you ever thought about becoming a firefighter? Join the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company Today! Qualifications for joining are:

- You must be at least 16 years of age.
- You must live within the Township of Moon.
- You will be required to pass a drug test and physical before being accepted into membership.

Applications can be obtained from any active firefighter, or you can stop in at any Fire Station. The VFC has training nights every Monday night at 7 p.m. Anyone who is interested in joining can stop by any station and talk to the firefighters and ask questions.

Lenten Fish Fries

Fridays during Lent
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Moon Township Public Safety Building

Join the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company for their annual Lenten Fish Fries. Both take-out and sit down dinners are available. Choose from fish, shrimp, chicken fingers, sandwiches and desserts. All dinners include fries and our special firehouse recipe coleslaw.

Sportsmans' Bash

Saturday, April 22
Noon - 7 p.m. (doors at 11 a.m.)

Moon Township Public Safety Building

Come out to the Public Safety Building for the Annual Sportsman's Bash held by the Moon VFC. Food and refreshments will be available and raffle drawings will be held every 15 minutes (you must be 18 years or older to enter). For tickets, see a Moon Twp. Vol. Fire Co. member or call **412.262.5006**.



PUBLIC WORKS

Moon Township Public Works Spring Cleanup Schedule

Curbside branch pick up will run Monday through Friday, April 3-28. The schedule follows the residents' regular garbage collection. The drop off site is open to Moon Residents at any time, just call the township office before you drop off any brush.

Residents are also reminded that the township offers FREE mulch and composed leaves at the Downs station with as much available as wanted.

For questions regarding the 2017 Spring Cleanup schedule, call Moon Township Public Works at 412.262.1700.

2017 Proposed Road Paving List

Boggs School Road
Darnley Drive
Fern Hollow Road-Triangle
Fern Hollow Road-to Old Thorn Run Road
Old Thorn Run Road
Olde Manor Lane
Spencer Court
Glenbrook Avenue
Cherrington Lane
Park Drive
Carnot Road



Welcome to Moon Township's new look! Moon is a place with a little bit of everything, and our new look embraces our history and a future that's even brighter. Our perfect location between Pittsburgh, the airport, and some of the major commercial hubs in the country make Moon an ideal landing spot for residence and business alike. As the home of Robert Morris University and the nationally acclaimed, Moon Area School System, we have created a welcoming environment for students and families. Stop by for a day or spend an entire lifetime. We believe that no matter what you are looking for you can...

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business

The perfect location between the airport and Pittsburgh

Access to every major mode of transportation: River, Rail, Highway, and Airway

A perfect blend of corporate and suburban lifestyle for employees.

home

An ideal location between the hustle and bustle of Pittsburgh and the country side of Western PA.

Brand new residential and commercial developments plotted for 2017.

The home of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins, and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Fifteen minutes from downtown Pittsburgh's cultural district and fine dining.

education

The home of Moon Area Schools, ranking amongst the highest in the nation in 2017.

The home of Nationally acclaimed Robert Morris University.

Surrounded by 32 Universities in the Western Pennsylvania region including Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh University, and Duquesne.

history

Moon Township was the first township settled in Allegheny County. The Township celebrated its 225th anniversary in 2016.

The township is home to the Air Force Reserve 911th Airlift Wing. Their roots in this area can be traced back to 1943.

In 1943, the federal government designed and built a housing plan known as Mooncrest for defense workers. Mooncrest residents produced armor plates, munitions and ships at the nearby Dravo Corp. during World War II.

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Protecting and Connecting Greenspace

New Collaboration

An exciting new collaboration has begun between Moon Township and local conservation organization, Hollow Oak Land Trust. Hollow Oak works to protect and connect greenspace in the Pittsburgh Airport corridor, with their headquarters at Robin Hill Park. The township's park system and natural beauty are complimented by two of the Hollow Oak conservation areas: Montour Woods and Boggs Run, totaling more than 360 acres of woodlands and 10 miles of woodland trails open year-round for hiking, trail running, dog walking and mountain biking.

The collaboration has linked Moon Park with the Montour Woods Conservation Area via a new trail connection to Downing Drive in the Londonbury residential area. This connection is an important first step to linking Moon Park to the Montour Trail through Montour Woods.

Hollow Oak is working with Moon Parks & Recreation to provide professional Trail Services in Moon Park, Olson Park and Robin Hill Park. Hollow Oak staff is assessing the parks' existing trails for sustainability and usability and providing recommendations

for trail improvements and additions. Moon Parks & Rec also utilizes Hollow Oak in managing volunteers who build and amend the trails.

Volunteer efforts

Many of the trails in Moon Township parks (and elsewhere) are built and maintained by the hard work of community volunteers. Moon Parks & Recreation partnered with Hollow Oak this season to manage the amazing volunteers who donated their time to improve the trails throughout Moon parks. Many of those volunteers are members of Hollow Oak Land Trust and residents of Moon Township and nearby communities. Big thanks to Title Source, Michael Baker, RMU and Chevron whose employees worked hard in the parks this year. Volunteers built and maintained over 2 miles of trail on nine projects in all three township parks. One project at Robin Hill Park was the hand-built trail connector from Beech Trail to the Log Cabin, which allows park users to enjoy a continuous loop on forested trails. Are you or your Corporation interested in volunteering in 2017? Contact the Parks Office at Robin Hill Park at 412.262.1703 or email aottaviani@moontwp.us

Looking ahead

Hollow Oak and Moon are working together on trails in 2017! In addition to new and improved trails in Moon, Robin Hill and Olson Parks, an exciting new project will nearly triple the size of Robin Hill Park by linking it to over 80 acres of township property. Chevron Corporation has generously donated funding to support this new trail system as well as Message Boards and signage. The Log Cabin Trail soon will lead to the new acreage and potential access points are being explored with residential areas along Thorn Run Road. Watch for more details (and more trails!) in the coming months. For maps and more from Hollow Oak Land Trust, check their Facebook page or www.hollowoak.org



Upcoming Events

Moon Park Bunny Trail

Saturday, April 15

11 am – 1 pm

There's no better way to celebrate spring than to Hop on Down to the Moon Park Bunny Trail. Have your photo taken with "DEWBERRY" the Moon Parks Bunny, courtesy of Moon Walgreens. Visit sponsor tents such as the Chick-fil-A Cow, make you own first aid kit with Med Express and others. Get creative under the big tent with arts & crafts and much more! Experience the Blue Ribbon Farms Pettings Zoo with bunnies, lambs, chickens and goats!

Earth Day at Robin Hill Park

"Fun is in the Forecast"

Saturday April 23rd

1 pm - 3pm

Visit Robin Hill Park to experience interactive programs such as National Aviary, Climbing Wall, Environmental Groups, Trail groups, Music, T-shirts, and more! Sponsored by Chevron, Moon Twp. Municipal Authority and others.

West Hills Art League

Robin Hill Park

Saturday May 14th

1 pm - 4pm

Come celebrate the Art League's 50th anniversary! This show has been a tradition at Robin Hill for many years. It features an eclectic blend of professional art ranging from abstract to traditional in all media. Entries exhibited for competition and sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and support local artists.

Summer Camps with Moon Park

June - August

Summer will be here before you know it! Check back with us soon for more upcoming information about the many weeks of summer camps we will be offering.

Programs



Spring Tennis

Dates: Saturdays April 15-June 3

Location: Moon Parks Tennis Courts

Instructor: Kent Johnson

Pee Wee (Ages 5-6)

Times: 12:30-1:00pm

Fee: \$80 Moon resident/\$96 non-resident

Jr. Beginner (Ages 7-14)

Times: 1:00-2:00pm

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

Jr. Advanced (Ages 7-14)

Times: 6:00-7:00pm

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



Splash

Water/Mixed Media Art Classes (Adults)

Dates: Thursdays April 6-May 25

Class: "SPLASH SOME MORE" Advanced/returning students

Times: 10:00am- 3:00pm

Fee: Moon Residents \$74 Residents, Non-Residents \$79. *Fee does not include supplies.

Location: Robin Hill Center - 949 Thorn Run Rd.

Instructor: Nancy Bush

This class is designed for new and returning students. This is an eight-week course designed to engage all students in the fun and exciting world of water-based materials. No previous experience is necessary - just a desire to have fun.

Driver's Education

Kennedy School of Driving (Teens)

Dates: Tues & Thurs March 7-April 6

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Location: Moon Township Municipal Building

Fee: Registration - \$25 Moon residents/\$30 non-residents, Course Fee \$375

Senior Programming

Sterling Circle with Sewickley Valley YMCA

(Adults 55+)

Dates: Wednesdays

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

Time: 10:00-12:00pm

Senior Workout w/Linda Francis

(Adults 55+)

Dates: Wednesdays March 8-April 12

Times: 9:30-10:30am

Location: Moon Township Municipal Building Auditorium

Fee: \$21 Moon residents/\$25 non-residents, per 6 week session (Drop In for \$4)

Instructor: Linda Francis

Pavilion and Robin Hill Center Rentals

Pavilions

Moon Park Pavilion rentals will begin for Moon residents at 8:30am on Monday Feb 13th at the Moon Parks office at Robin Hill. Non-residents may make pavilion reservations beginning Tuesday Feb 21st at 8:30am. All pavilion rental information 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 to the month. Reservations must be made in person. To receive Moon resident rate, the contract must be signed by and payments made by Moon Township resident. All fees are listed on our website at www.moonparks.org To schedule a tour of the Robin Hill Center, please contact the Parks office at Robin Hill Park by calling **412.262.1703** or email at info@moonparks.org.

More Programs!

For a complete list of Moon Parks and Recreation's programs please visit moonparks.org. If you are interested for signing up for a program or finding out more information please call us at **412.262.1703**, email us at info@moonparks.org or stop by the Robin Hill Center



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BECOME A SPONSOR

Moon Parks and Recreation is always looking to partner with area businesses and organizations to sponsor many annual events. These events include the Zumbathon for Parks, Moon Park Bunny Trail, Earth Day Celebration at Robin Hill Park, Family Fun Nights (Movies in the Park and Free concerts), Firecracker 5K Run & Walk, our "50th" Anniversary of the Parks Independence Day Festivities and many more. Sponsors can also impact our new amenities such as pavilions, athletic fields, benches, trees, our new Robin Hill Serenity Garden and the soon to be built Moon Park

Playground. Sponsors realize benefits and experience a long lasting return on their investments. Title sponsorships, naming rights, T-shirt logos and promotional opportunities at our events are just some of the ways a sponsor can gain exposure and impact thousands of residents and park visitors.

For more information about how to get involved in any of our 2017 sponsorship opportunities please contact Amy Ottaviani – Community Engagement and Partnerships at 412.262.1703 or by email at aottaviani@moontwp.us

Reminder!

The Moon Parks office has moved! We are now located in Robin Hill Park (949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township, PA 15108).

Our hours are Mon-Thurs
8:30-4:30, Friday 8:30-Noon.

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.)

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

-Catherine Tress, PQMC



Tax Information

The Moon Township Property Tax Office will be mailing the 2017 Township of Moon Property Tax Statements on April 1, 2017. The millage remains the same at 2.74 mils. The Homestead Exemption will also be at the same flat rate as it has been, \$15,000 is removed from the full assessment value of a property, and the tax is calculated on the remaining value. The Face amount is the full amount of the property tax; paid early a taxpayer receives a 2% discount and paid late, a 10% penalty is added to the face. For any calculations you may need to make on your property tax – always start with the full assessment value, deduct any exemptions you may receive and calculate the millage rate for that tax year. This gives you the face value. The Township of Moon adds a Per-capita tax per adult living in the household. It is a flat \$5.00 and is added to your property tax bill. The total amount is due depending on the period a taxpayer makes the payment. It is considered a head tax and has been included on the Township of Moon Property tax bills for many years. Most, if not all municipalities as well as school districts within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania charge a Per-capita tax and many charge a much higher amount. Moon Area School District no longer charges a Per-capita tax.

If a taxpayer receives a notice from Allegheny County Office of Property Assessments – regardless if it’s an increase or decrease – my office also receives a copy. This is the legal document giving me permission to request a refund from either the Township of Moon or Moon Area School District or both if needed. Each

tax year is treated separately, so I must have a “change order” for each tax year you successfully received an exoneration for your property assessment value from Allegheny County. If the property received an increase in the assessment value, my office may or may not be the biller. By law, a taxpayer must be provided 60 days to pay the discount and my office is not permitted to bill prior year taxes. Don’t be alarmed if you receive a bill from either Keystone Municipal Collections Group or the Law offices of Weiss, Burkhardt & Kramer, especially if you received notice of an increase in your assessment value. Please remember, Allegheny County notifies you of any change in value but it affects all three of the property taxes for your parcel. The assessment increase or decrease is the same for all three taxing authorities; the difference is in the millage rates and the tax reduction programs each taxing authority honors. Allegheny County also provides taxpayers with a flat homestead exemption - \$18,000 and both the county and Township of Moon honor the senior discount on those property taxes. Moon Area School district reduces the school property taxes by participating with the state’s gambling revenue program and this amount changes slightly each year.

Important Reminder

If there has been any change whatsoever in the mailing address, owner name or Mortgage Company with an escrow for your property, Please notify my office with the changes, 412-299-7446. Otherwise you may not receive your bill in the mail. Pa law states that regardless if you receive a bill in the mail, you are still responsible for payment of your property taxes. You will also need to contact Allegheny County Treasurer John Weinstein as well, 412-350-4100.

Online payments and other important information, such as holiday closings, tax relief forms and important links is available through my website at www.moontaxoffice.us

Property Owners are always encouraged to call the Property Tax Office with any questions whatsoever at 412-299-7446.

The payment periods are as follows:

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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Public Awareness Weekend is Quickly Approaching

MCA-TV is hosting its annual Public Awareness Weekend on March 24 & 25, 2017. Public Awareness Weekend is a two-day, 24 hour, live television broadcast featuring interviews with Pittsburgh-area nonprofits. Each group will have the opportunity to speak for 30-minutes to educate other about their cause and encourage the community to take part and volunteer. All interviews will air live during the event and periodically following on MCA-TV's cable stations Comcast channel 14 and Verizon Fios channel 35 reaching approximately 45,000 households in Moon Township and surrounding areas.

For more information on Public Awareness Weekend can contact Director Allison Eastham at Aeastham@moontwp.us or call MCA-TV at 412-269-1911.

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 offers Free Bulletin Board Service

Are you an organization or non-profit looking to get word out on your upcoming event? MCA-TV offers a bulletin board service for Moon Township residents to publicize their community program or event in-between regularly scheduled programming. The community bulletin board is an automated, computer generated, video graphics message service, provided free of charge to all Moon Township residents and non-profit groups and organizations.

Visit www.mca-tv.org and click on "Bulletin Board" for form guidelines and rules and to fill out the online submission form. Paper forms are available in the MCA-TV offices.

MCA-TV Film Fest Returning This Summer

MCA-TV is excited to announce the return of its annual Film Festival. The festival is in its sixth year, with films scheduled to air in May 2017. The Film Festival experienced tremendous success in its previous years. Approximately 50 local filmmakers submitted more than 75 films in a variety of genres. Previously, thanks to monetary donations from local companies, MCA-TV was able to award more than \$3,500 in prize money to the winners. For more information, visit www.mca-tv.org or email Director of Community Programming, Allison Eastham at aeastham@moontwp.us.



Saturday March 25th

Hollow Oak 2nd Annual Brewhaha

Robin Hill Park | 5:00-8:00 pm

The community is celebrating the local woodlands and trails of Hollow Oak Land Trust and you're invited! Save the Date for the second annual Brewhaha and sign up to receive info about future events and outings by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/brewhaha2017> or sending email to: info@hollowoak.org

- Five Pairings of locally sourced artisanal dishes with local craft beers
- Souvenir taster glass
- Take-home bottle of Biff's Special Saison Ale
- Hollow Oak Membership
- Auction, Raffle and Presentations
- Complimentary raffle entry for special prize
- Native wildflower Seeds and bike bottle opener
- And of course beer tasting!

Thanks to member support, Hollow Oak preserves over 400 acres of local woodlands, working with Moon Township Parks & Recreation to expand and connect trail systems, including Moon, Robin Hill and Olsen Parks. Montour Woods Conservation Area has over 10 miles of woodland trails open to you and your family year-round. Consider becoming a member today, which includes seasonal outings to explore nature close to home. For trail maps and more: www.hollowoak.org, info@hollowoak.org, (412) 264-5354, or visit our Facebook page.

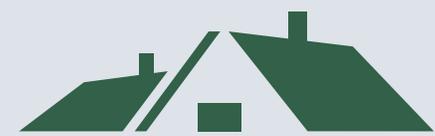
WM at Your Door Program

Can't make it to one of our Recycling Days? 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 WMatYourDoor.com
2. Call **1.800.449.7584**
3. Email 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 or by calling a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.



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For more information about the at your door collection please wmatyourdoor.com or visit the moon township EAC page at moontwp.us/environmentalad-council.html

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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 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. View the meetings and MCA-TV's community produced programming online at mca-tv.org.

Visit Moon Parks and Recreation

Get involved in the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. Use a computer or smartphone to find the most current schedule information at moonparks.org.

Stay Informed with Swift 911

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

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