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SOON IT WILL BE SNOW SEASON IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

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**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:  
December 24 - 25 (Christmas)  
January 1 (New Years Day)  
February 15 (Presidents Day)

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Community Development



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## The Cover

Buckle up Moon Township! Winter's on its way! This issue features safety tips for a safe and fun winter season.

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

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

## Welcome Moon Township's Newest Employees



**Shawwna Newburn**  
Staff Accountant

Moon welcomed two new employees this fall. In August, Shawwna Newburn came on as a staff accountant. Shawwna was born and raised in a small town outside of Steubenville, Ohio and recently moved back to the area from North Carolina. She has 9 years of experience working in local government, most recently as a Financial Analyst for Cornelius, North Carolina. When she is not crunching numbers at work, she enjoys boating and hiking in the mountains. Shawwna is very happy to be in Moon and closer to family in Ohio. "The thing that stands out the most to me about Moon is how genuinely nice everyone has been. From the citizens to the staff, it is a very welcoming place."

Natalie Thiess is the other newcomer to Moon Township! Natalie is the new Administrative Assistant to the township manager. She graduated with her B.A in English Pre-Law from IUPUI. Prior to her role with Moon, Natalie worked part-time for Ross Township as their Sustainability Coordinator in addition to helping with marketing and IT. She enjoys reading, painting and writing, and she is even working on a novel! Natalie is excited about her new role with Moon Township and the opportunity to continue learning and gaining experience in local government as she hopes to become a Township Manager one day. "My transition to Moon has been great! Everyone is very nice and helpful, and I think that says a lot, not just about our organization, but also about the community. The kindness shows how fantastic Moon is to live and work in."

Moon Township is very excited to have these two ladies on our staff and look forward to seeing all they accomplish!



**Natalie Thiess**  
Secretary



## Moon Year in Review

Public Safety responded to more than 8,500 calls for service.

Fire Company volunteers provided more than 500 hours of service for fire calls.

Community Development issued more than 272 permits valued at over \$87.7 million.

Code Administration conducted over 770 building inspections.

Community Development supervised the collection of 192,575 pounds of recyclable materials. Which equals 96.28 tons of electronics, 503 tires, 181 appliances and a decent amount of useable construction material and medical supplies.

Engineering managed \$9.25 million in new land development projects.

Parks and Recreation registered over 3,053 participants in over 30 programs, leagues and classes.

Finance Department managed \$12 million in revenues.

Moon Community Access TV welcomed 30 new trained volunteers.

Road Crews made improvements to more than 21 streets.



# VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

1000 Beaver Grade Rd. | 412.262.5004 | moontwpfire.com



Visit us today  
and learn how you can get  
involved with the Moon  
Volunteer Fire Company.

## Volunteer for the Moon VFC

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 and no more than 45 years of age. The maximum age requirement can be waived if you have prior firefighting experience.
- You must live within the Township of Moon.
- You will be required to pass a drug test and physical before being accepted into membership. There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee as well as a \$50 fee for the drug test. The \$50 will be reimbursed to you upon acceptance into the Fire Company and 1 year of service.

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.

## VFC Events



### Sportsman's Bash

Saturday, April 2

Noon - 7 p.m.

(doors open at 11 a.m.)

Moon Public Safety Building

Come out to the Public Safety Building for the Annual Sportsman's Bash held by the Moon VFC. Tickets cost \$30 and only 1,000 tickets are available, so grab yours today! Food and refreshments will be available and raffle drawings will be held every 15 minutes (you must be 18 years or older to enter). Tickets are available for purchase from any Moon firefighter.



### 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.

# KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE



## VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



Valley Ambulance Authority (“VAA”) is proud to serve as the designated 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.

## Winter Safety Tips

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

### Check your Heating Systems:

- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly and ventilated to the outside;
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys;
- Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly;
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available;



### Prevent Carbon Monoxide (CO) Emergencies:

- Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and/or garage.
- Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house.
- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas;
- Check your CO detector batteries regularly;
- Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headaches, nausea, and disorientation;
- Leave your home immediately if the CO detector sounds or if you have any symptoms of CO poisoning, and then call 911.

### Check on your Family, Neighbors and Pets:

In the event of a power outage, extreme cold temperatures or a large snowfall, please consider checking on family members and/or neighbors who may be at risk including young children, older adults, and the chronically ill.

Also, if you have pets, bring them inside during these periods of severe winter weather. If you cannot bring them inside, please provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen water to drink.

## Emergency Weather Kits for Home & Auto

### Home-Kit:

- Suggested items include but are not limited to:
- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers;
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged;
- Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and other lamps;
- Extra batteries; a first-aid kit and extra medicine;

### Auto-Kit

- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers;
- Booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction);
- Blankets; compass and maps;
- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries;
- First-aid kit and plastic bags (for sanitation)

## Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks!

Did you know? It is illegal to text while driving in Pennsylvania and in 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%!  
[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 visit our website at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)

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



# POLICE

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## Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Winter safety isn't limited to cautiousness on the roads. With less daylight and the holidays in full swing, it's important to stay safe while you're out and about this season.

While you're out shopping this winter, keep your valuables out of sight. It only takes seconds to gain access into a car and take what is in plain sight. Don't let this happen to you! Keep your doors locked and valuable items locked away in the trunk and out of sight.

If you decide to shop around online for the best deals, be careful which websites you make your purchases from. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is. Some online storefronts are a hoax and are set up to gain access to your bank account. Make sure you read your bank and credit card statements for any discrepancies or unauthorized transactions. Identity theft is real, and can happen to anyone, at any time. Here are tips from the Federal Trade Commission on how to protect your information:

### *How to avoid identity theft*

- Read your credit reports.
- Read your bank, credit card, and account statements, and explanation of medical benefits from your health plan.
- Shred all documents that show personal, financial, and medical information before you throw them away.
- Don't respond to email, text and phone messages that ask for personal information.
- Create passwords that mix letters, numbers, and special characters. Don't use the same password for more than one account.
- If you shop or bank online, use websites that protect your financial information with encryption. An encrypted site has "https" at the beginning of the web address; "s" is for secure.
- If you use a public wireless network, don't send information to any website that isn't fully encrypted
- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a firewall on your computer.
- Set your computer's operating system, web browser and security system to update automatically.

If your identity is stolen, the FTC says to flag your credit reports by calling one of the nationwide companies and ask for a fraud alert; order your credit report from each company and read through it carefully, if you see any mistakes or signs of fraud contact the credit reporting company; and create an identity theft report to help you get fraudulent information removed by filing a complaint with the FTC. More information about identity theft can be found at [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov).



## 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**

# IN THE COMMUNITY



## Dr. Robert A. Jockers' Memorial Archives Update

It has been 227 years since Moon Township was founded. As the oldest township in Allegheny County, Moon has transformed numerous times-- from farmland to industrial to an airport community to today. Moon has always grown to adapt with the changing times.

Often, we focus on the future of Moon Township; but what about the past? Thanks to local history fanatic and the president of the Moon Township Historical Society, Earl Edwards, we are able to take a look into some of Moon's earlier years in an easy way.

Earl and an intern spent about 2 months this summer organizing and cataloging the files, books, and other items that Moon Township has acquired over the years in the Dr. Robert A. Jocker's Memorial Archives

room. The archives are now all logged into a computer database that makes searching for information very simple.

"The Township was very supportive throughout the entire project--from hiring an intern to furnishing the computer for cataloging the items electronically. I am very grateful for all that they did to assist me and the Moon Township Historical Society in our efforts to preserve Township history." Edwards describes.

The Dr. Robert A. Jocker's Memorial Archives, located inside the Auditorium of the Moon Township Municipal Building, was created in 2013 to honor Dr. Jocker's numerous contributions to preserving the history of Moon Township. The repository is home to a number of historical pieces, ranging from old township maps to early

church histories to family biographies. The room is filled with local historical information, including items from Moon, Coraopolis, Crescent, Robinson and more.

The archives room is accessible to anyone during normal township office hours. Residents who are interested in looking through the archives should stop by the Administration Office. Contributions for the archive room are always accepted! If you are holding on to a piece of local history and would like to donate it to the Township, contact Lora Dombrowski at [ldombrowski@moontwp.us](mailto:ldombrowski@moontwp.us).

Moon Township would like to thank Earl Edwards and the Moon Township Historical Society for spearheading this project and all the work put into preserving the past for future generations to enjoy.



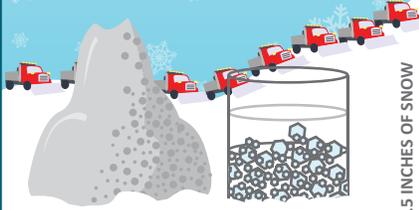
# PUBLIC WORKS

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## PUBLIC WORKS WINTER YEAR IN REVIEW (2014-2015)



OVER 64 INCHES OF SNOW  
WAS REMOVED FROM  
TOWNSHIP ROADS AND  
SIDEWALKS. 64.5  
INCHES OF SNOW  
WAS REMOVED FROM  
EACH ROUTE.



6,500 TONS  
OF SALT USED

5,000 GALLONS OF  
CALCIUM CHLORIDE USED

64.5 INCHES OF SNOW

# TIS' THE SEASON

**MOON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS, HARD AT WORK THIS WINTER TO KEEP YOU SAFE**

Last year, Moon Township received more than 64 inches of snow. But long before the first snowfall, Moon Township Public Works Department was preparing for winter weather. Each year, the township receives its first delivery of salt in October, but the planning starts months before that.

To tackle snow and ice, Moon Public Works divides the town into 15 snow routes, covering approximately 104 miles of roads, including 25 miles of state and county owned roads. The department's prioritization for road clearing is primary roads and bus routes, then secondary roads and state and

county roads, followed by subdivision streets and cul-de-sacs. In addition to clearing township roads, road crews help maintain township facility parking lots and some sidewalks.

Public Works coordinates with Moon Police and Moon Area School District to ensure public safety throughout the winter season. Moon Police Department monitors all road conditions during their routes and notify the Public Works Department for any late night call outs. The Public Works operations manager is in direct contact with the school superintendent for school delays, early dismissals and

keeping them aware of changing road conditions throughout the day.

As we approach the upcoming snow season, Moon Public Works is geared up and ready! Public Works provides essential services to the citizens of Moon Township in a prompt, courteous, safe, effective and cost efficient manner. Public works, through its dedicated employees, strives to plan, design, build, maintain, and operate public infrastructure in a manner that respects the environment and the ability of government to adequately preserve these assets for succeeding generations.

Use caution when approaching a snowplow. Snowplows typically operate at 25-35 mph.

Never pass on the shoulder side of a plow. Plows will move snow to the shoulders.

Don't assume plow drivers see you. Their fields of vision are limited.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Residents should be prepared too! Here are some tips for the upcoming snow season:

- Preparation is key! Make sure you have good tires on your vehicle and be aware of changing road conditions and how to brake on slippery roads.
- Help snow plow drivers do their job! Stay 100 feet (or 5 car lengths) from the maintenance vehicle so the driver can see you.
- Do not park on township roads between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- Do not plow or shovel snow from driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks into the streets.
- To help reduce the amount of snow that will be pushed back into your driveway during snow plow operations, pile snow near the road on the right side of the driveway. (diagram below)
- Place garbage cans and recycling containers back in the driveway entrance to avoid spillage. Questions pertaining to garbage collection should be made to the Moon Township Municipal Authority at **412.264.4300**.
- Remove portable basketball hoops, hockey nets, and any other obstructions from public roadways, cul-de-sacs and township right of ways.
- Residents with sidewalks are required to clear their sidewalks of snow.

## A SMARTER WAY TO SHOVEL YOUR DRIVE

Reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway when snowplows clear your street

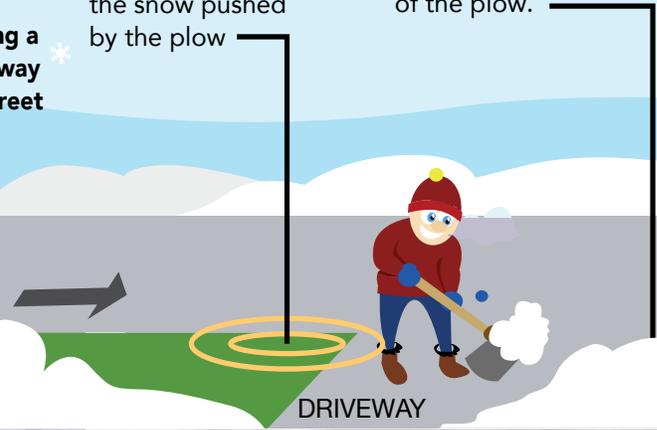


### Make a snow collection pocket.

Clear an area for the snow pushed by the plow

### Shovel in the same direction as traffic.

Pile snow downstream of the plow.



DRIVEWAY



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### BRUNCH WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 12**  
**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT**  
**PITTSBURGH AIRPORT**  
**(450 CHERRINGTON PARKWAY)**

Two seatings available at 10:30 & 11:30. Box brunch, crafts, and photos with Santa courtesy of Walgreens of Moon Township. \$10 per person. Call the Moon Parks office to register.

### 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](mailto:info@moonparks.org).

### Pavilion and Robin Hill Center Rentals

#### Pavilions

We will begin taking pavilion reservations for Summer 2016 on Feb 8th at 8:30am. For Moon Residents Only All reservations must be made in person at the **Parks office at Robin Hill Park**. All pavilions and fees are listed on our website at [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org).

#### Robin Hill Center

Robin Hill Center reservations may be made up to one year in advance. 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 [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org)

To schedule a tour of Robin Hill Center please call Amy at the Parks office at Robin Hill Park by calling **412.262.1703** or email at [info@moonparks.org](mailto:info@moonparks.org).

### ROBIN HILL PARK WINTER EVENT

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 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 Robin Hill Center, 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.



### TRICK-OR-TREAT

*Thank you residents for making this years' trick-or-treat fun and safe for everyone! We also want to thank everyone for attending this year's Halloween Spooktacular at Moon Park.*

# WINTER PROGRAMS

## HEALTH AND FITNESS

### SIZE / HIP HOP

**Dates:** Tuesdays Jan 5 – Feb 9, Feb 16 – Mar 22  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm  
**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon residents, \$50 non-resident, per 6 week class (Drop In for \$10)  
**Instructor:** Lori Peterson

### CORE CONDITIONING/PILATES

**Dates:** Wednesdays  
 Jan 6 - Feb 10  
 Feb 17 - Mar 30 (No class Mar 23)  
**Time:** 8:45-9:45 am  
**Location:** Robin Hill Center  
**Fee:** \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents per 6 week session (Drop In for \$10)  
**Instructor:** Judy Elias

### PiYo

**Dates:** Mondays | Jan 4-Feb 22  
 (No class Jan 18 or Feb 15)  
**Time:** 8:30-9:15am  
**Location:** Robin Hill Center  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents (Drop In for \$10)

### BEGINNER ZUMBA

**Dates:** Mondays  
 Jan 4-Feb 8  
 Feb 15-Mar 28 (No class Mar 21)  
**Time:** 6:00-7:00 pm  
**Location:** Moon High School Fitness Room  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon Residents, \$50 Non-Residents, per 6 week session (4 weeks \$30 / \$35)  
**Instructor:** Catherine Hollien

### TOTALLY TONED

**Dates:** Mondays Nov 16 –Dec 14  
 (no class Nov 30 - 4 week session)  
 Jan 4-Feb 8  
 Feb 15-Mar 28 (No class Mar 21)  
**Times:** 7:15-8:15pm  
**Location:** Moon High School Fitness Room  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents, per 6 week session (4 weeks \$30 / \$35)

### THURSDAY TOTALLY TONED

**Dates:** Jan 7-Feb 11  
 Feb 18-Mar 24  
**Time:** 7:30-8:30pm  
**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents  
**Instructor:** Karla Tobias

### YOGA: BASICS AND MORE

**Dates:** Tuesdays, Jan 5-Jan 26, Feb 2-Feb 23  
**Time:** 7:30-8:30pm  
**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building  
**Fee:** \$40 Moon Residents, \$45 Non-Residents per 4 week session  
**Instructor:** Jen Stratakis

### ZUMBA FITNESS

**Dates:** Thursdays, Jan 7-Feb 11, Feb 18-Mar 24  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm  
**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building  
**Cost:** \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents per 6 week session  
**Instructor:** Paola Sanchez

### SENIOR WORKOUT W/LINDA FRANCIS

**Dates:** Wednesdays Mar 2-Apr 6  
**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



### 2016 MOON PARKS AND REC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (WOMEN 18+)

**Dates:** Wednesdays starting mid-February  
 Registration will be open in December  
**Times:** Games run 7:00-10:00pm  
**Location:** Moon Area Middle School Gym  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon residents/\$50 non-residents

### KARATE (AGES 6 AND UP)

**Dates:** Mondays & Wednesdays Ongoing  
 Nov through May 2016  
**Times:** 6:00 (Beginners) 7:00 pm (Advanced)  
**Location:** Moon High School Wrestling Room  
**Fee:** \$45 Moon School District residents per month.



## ART/ EDUCATION

### SPLASH

#### WATER/MIXED MEDIA ART CLASSES (ADULTS 18+)

**Dates:** Thursdays Jan 21-Mar 10 (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

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

**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/ KENNEDY SCHOOL OF DRIVING (TEENS)

**Dates:** Tues & Thurs Mar 1-Mar 31

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

**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building

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

Our Health and Wellness programs are ongoing and a new session will begin immediately following the session listed above. For more information regarding Winter Programs, visit our newly designed website:

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



## PARKS AND RECREATION ANNUAL SUMMARY

Moon Parks and Recreation has had a busy and successful 2015! This year the parks benefited from some impressive facility and amenity development including new and improved restrooms, a concession building and new basketball courts at Moon Park, Devenzio Field improvements, Challenger Field ramps, a brand new nature themed playground at Olson Park, trail improvements at all parks that include signage, message boards, and maps and numerous benches, picnic tables, water fountains, security cameras and gates throughout the parks.

Annual parks and recreation events and programs were a huge success in 2015! The Moon Park Bunny Trail event welcomed over 1,000 people to visit the petting zoo, activity stations and take a picture with the bunny. The 2015 Earth Day celebration at Robin Hill included over 800 guests participating in hands-on

sustainable environmental activities with booths and demonstrations. Family Fun Nights and the 4th of July Celebration brought in thousands of residents to the amphitheater for music, movies and more!

Next year looks to be just as fun as 2015! In addition to our annual events and programs, look for new outdoor basketball youth and adult leagues in 2016 at the new Moon Park courts or check out our summer programs for kids for a fun and educational way to spend your break!

Moon Parks and Recreation strives to serve Moon Township through continual improvements of the parks and by providing recreational activities for community members of all ages! Any questions or comments regarding Moon Parks and Recreation can be sent to [info@moonparks.org](mailto:info@moonparks.org).



### Hit the trails this winter in Moon!

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you wish there were more trails and places to get outside nearby? If so, then check out Hollow Oak Land Trust!

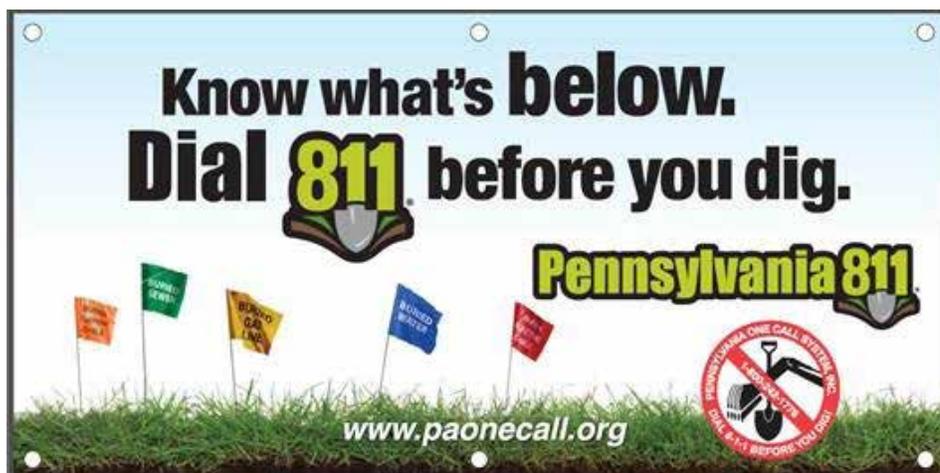
Hollow Oak protects over 300 acres of conservation areas in Moon Township open to the public for hiking, biking and enjoying nature. We are now developing a network of greenways that will link township parks to conservation areas to trails so people can enjoy nature close to home and work.

Even during the cold months, you can warm up with a hike or mountain bike ride at Montour Woods Conservation Area, whose 8+ miles of woodland trails are open to the public year-round. You may hear an owl or spot a fox and lovely Meeks Run is brimming with many species of minnows!

Consider becoming a member and receive invitations to special outings and events, such as owl prowls, night hikes (hot chocolate provided!), snowshoeing and more to keep you active through the winter.

Family Membership is just \$35 and supports land conservation and trail development right here in Moon. For trail maps and more: [www.hollowoak.org](http://www.hollowoak.org), [info@hollowoak.org](mailto:info@hollowoak.org), 412.264.5354, or visit our Facebook page to see the latest developments and initiatives.

# HELPFUL REMINDERS



## Are You Following PA One Call Guidelines?

In addition to obtaining the proper permits from the township, Pennsylvania State Law requires persons to make a PA One Call before digging with powered equipment. Some examples of activities that require a call include: building a fence, landscaping, installing a pool, installing a sprinkler system and more.

Pennsylvania 811 is the “call before you dig” company for all of Pennsylvania. The person doing the digging should call 3-10 days prior to excavation. If you are a homeowner and you’ve hired an excavator to do the work, the excavator is required by

law to call to have lines located.

The process is easy, just call **8-1-1** or **1.800.242.1776**, representatives are available 24 hours of the day, every day of the year. PA811 will then notify the utility companies nearby of your intent to dig. The utility companies are responsible to mark where their underground lines are located with colored flags, paint or chalk.

Keep your neighborhood safe by calling 811 and know what’s below. For more information on PA One Call requirements, visit [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org).

## 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 [WMatYourDoor.com](http://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 a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.

## Give the gift of a memory

Brick orders for the Moon Township Memorial Garden walkway are still available to 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.



# 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.)

## IMPORTANT TAX REMINDERS

As we approach the last few months of 2015, the property tax collection season for this year is winding down as well. Both Moon Township & Moon Area School District Property taxes are now in the 10% penalty amount until December 31 if property owners did not start an installment plan in August.

If a plan was started, the final installment is due no later than November 30, 2015. A 10% penalty is due on the installment amount that is outstanding past the due dates. Postmarked mail is always accepted.

Some information property owners should be aware:

Pennsylvania property tax collection law is very specific when it comes to payments accepted to satisfy property tax billings. A local tax collector cannot accept amounts

higher or lower than the full amount as listed on your bill for a particular payment period. The property tax office is not the same as a credit card company or a utility company. I cannot carry over a balance on your "account" for the following year. I cannot accept partial payments (unless the permitted installments and they have to be the exact 4 installment amounts as listed on the bill or coupons.), nor can we accept payments that are more than the amount indicated on your bill. Each year the property tax is audited by both Township and Moon Area School appointed auditing companies. One of the items they review is the underpayments and overpayments section of the final annual collection report.

At the end of the Face period for each tax, the property tax office mails reminder

notices. This is your only reminder that will be sent. If there has been a change in mailing or ownership, please contact my office regardless what a closing company may tell you and the county does not notify local tax collectors either. There are simply too many real estate transactions throughout Allegheny County for them to notify local collectors. It is up to the new, current or previous owner to notify us if there is a change.

As always if you have any questions whatsoever, never hesitate to contact my office.

The holidays are fast approaching; please have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

### 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 Prepares for Public Awareness Weekend

Join MCA-TV this spring at their annual Public Awareness Weekend! PAW is a two-day, 20 hour, live television event featuring interview broadcasts with Pittsburgh-area nonprofits. Each group will have the opportunity to speak for 30-minutes to educate others about their cause and encourage the community to take part and volunteer. All interviews will air live during the event and periodically following the event on MCA-TV's cable stations Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35 reaching approximately 25,000 households in Moon Township and surrounding areas. Any non-profit organization interested in participating in Public Awareness Weekend can contact Ashley Bureau at [abureau@moontwp.us](mailto:abureau@moontwp.us) or call MCA-TV at 412.269.1911. Interviews will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Check back to MCA-TV's website at [www.mca-tv.org](http://www.mca-tv.org) or Moon Township's website at [www.moontwp.com](http://www.moontwp.com) for more information once a date has been set for the event.

### 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

### Create Your Own Show!

MCA-TV is always looking for new content! If you have gone through the production training courses, and you have an awesome idea for a show for MCA-TV, pitch the idea to Community Television Director Allison Eastham today!

### MCA-TV Next Production Class

Do you want to learn about video production? MCA-TV offers free television production training courses! MCA-TV was fortunate to welcome 30 trained volunteers to the station in 2015! These new volunteers went through a 4-week training class, learning the basics of production. The class is free and offered quarterly throughout the year. Upon completion of the classes, volunteers are able to assist in production of our community programs.

The next production class is scheduled for January! Residents who are interested in going through the class to become a MCA-TV volunteer should email Director of Community Programming Allison Eastham at [aeastham@moontwp.us](mailto:aeastham@moontwp.us).

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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

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- "Moon Community Access Television"
- "Moon Parks & Recreation"
- "Moon Township VFC"
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