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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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Moon Township welcomes your feedback on the "Moon Township Messenger" at moontwp@moontwp.com or 412-262-1700.

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

- Independence Day: Thursday, July 4
- Labor Day: Monday, September 2

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On the Cover:

Celebrate with Moon Township as the community celebrates its 225th anniversary. See how the township has changed through the years on pages 4 & 5.

225th Anniversary logo design by Frank Vieira.

MOON TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES 225 YEARS – HISTORY IN REVIEW

The Township of Moon was founded in 1788 and is the oldest township in Allegheny County. The township evolved significantly since then from a farm-based community to a prominent business and residential area. The community was an original total area of 143 square miles and then developed into 55 smaller municipalities including the current neighboring townships of Fayette, Findlay, Crescent, and the borough of Coraopolis. Today Moon covers a total of 24.2 square miles and is home to approximately 24,000 residents, growing from a population of 1,526 in 1910. Robert Morris University and several national corporations have also made Moon their home. Local business headquarters include FedEx Ground, GlaxoSmithKline, Eaton Electrical Group, Nova Chemicals, Inc., Michael Baker Corporation, and Chevron.

Moon Township has a rich economic history. The township experienced significant economic growth in to the twentieth century when roadways such as the Sewickley Bridge and railroads such as the Pennsylvania & Lake Erie Railroad provided easy access to the township. The production of local industrial plants during World War II created a housing need for workers who were stationed at factories on Neville Island and along the Ohio River. Mooncrest was established to serve this need as the township's first planned residential development, built in 1943 by the Federal Government. Moon Township's largest percentage of growth came in 1952 with the opening of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Construction on the Penn Lincoln Parkway was complete one year later making the commute to downtown Pittsburgh from Moon Township possible in about 20 minutes. These two large development projects not only contributed to a population increase, but also led to a decade-long housing boom.

Today the Moon Township Board of Supervisors and administration continue to market the township as an exciting place to start a family or develop a business. The township makes it a priority to offer a variety of services and strives to continue tremendous growth that will keep the tax-base strong while maintaining green space.

MOON TOWNSHIP WANTS TO HEAR YOUR MEMORIES

In celebration of Moon Township's 225th Anniversary the township is asking residents, both past and present, to share their favorite stories and memories of people, places, and how the township has changed through the years.

E-mail stories and photos to

asergeant@moontwp.com

and read the memories of others in the community online at

www.moontwp.com. *Reminisce*

with one Moon Township family

on pages 4 and 5.



Moon Township Celebrates its 225th Anniversary

Old Moon Township Historical Society President, Earl Edwards, presented the Moon Township Board of Supervisors with a "Happy Birthday" cake at the April public meeting. The cake was decorated with the township's 225th Anniversary logo in honor of Moon's 225th Anniversary. The original Moon Township crest was designed in 1972 by Moon High School Senior, Janet Walsh and highlights the history of the township. The Old Moon Township Historical Society is recognizing the township through various projects including Historic Moon Township shows that are being aired on MCA-TV. Tune in to MCA-TV Comcast channel 14, Verizon FiOs channel 35 to view the productions. Turn to pages 4 and 5 to see how the township has changed through the years.

225 YEARS

A LOOK AT MOON TOWNSHIP NOW AND THEN

SPECIAL THANKS TO PRESIDENT OF THE OLD MOON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY, EARL EDWARDS, FOR HIS RESEARCH AND WRITTEN CONTRIBUTION.

THEN: BELL FARM

Bell Farm once sat on both Moon and Findlay Townships. The farm was established in the early 1920s by banker and coal businessman, John A. Bell Sr. from Carnegie, PA. Moon Township was primarily a farm country at this time and Bell decided to purchase a number of small farms combining them into one large 1,190 acre farm establishing a modern dairy and stock farm. Bell constructed over 20 buildings including a horse barn, cattle barns, pump house, creamery, office, garages, and residences for both married and single employees. The farm employed a total of 35 full-time employees and an additional 35 to 40 men were hired each summer. The large farm included a reservoir capable of holding 12,000 gallons of water, a creamery serving more than 200 milking cows, and several large barns. In 1927 Bell became ill and suffered serious financial problems so it was no longer possible for him to keep Bell Farm. The farm was sold to E. E. Reick, Pittsburgh Dairy owner and his partner, C.L. Nettrour. The farm existed until the 1940s when it was purchased by the U.S. Government to become the home of a new military airport.

Bell Farm



NOW: GREATER PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL

In 1941 the U.S. Government decided to build a new military airport in the Pittsburgh area to provide refueling of long distance military flights and better defense for the then Pittsburgh steelmaking center. The high elevation and rolling hills of Bell Farm and its surrounding properties provided 1,600 acres of easy to develop land making it the perfect place for the project. Construction of the new facility began in April 1942 costing a total of \$5.3 million. In 1945 the facility was no longer needed exclusively for military purposes and the U.S. Government gave up all but 105 acres that they kept for use as an air reserve training center. The old Allegheny County Airport was becoming inadequate and county officials saw the old military airport as a good opportunity for expansion to serve the local need for public air transportation. The Allegheny County Department of Aviation formed in November 1945 and soon developed plans to take over Moon Township's airfield. Ground was broken for the new Greater Pittsburgh International Airport public terminal on July 18, 1946. The terminal cost a total of \$33 million and was completed on May 31, 1952. Additions were added to the terminal and airport as airline usage increased through the years. Moon Township quickly changed from a rural area to an active suburban municipality.

On October 1, 1992, the new midfield terminal opened and all operations transferred over from the old terminal moving the airport business location to Findlay Township. Today, the airport is known as Pittsburgh International and is operated by the Allegheny County Airport Authority as a shared civil-military international airport. The old airport terminal was demolished and land was made available for an airport business park. Construction of the first commercial building in the business park began in 1999. Today, the airport office and business parks feature several office buildings and corporate headquarters.

Greater Pittsburgh International Airport – Pittsburgh International



THEN: Romance, contrary to some current ideas, did not start with the automobile. Taken in the original Bon Meade area of Moon Township, this picture is of Daniel McCartney (1854-1929) and his new wife, Vianna Biggerstaff McCartney (1856-1932).

There were a bewildering variety of carriages. This light, simple style with a folding top was variously called a horse-and-buggy or horse-and-carriage, it was sometimes called a roadster. What could be more romantic than Daniel in his boater and Vianna in her lavish hat with that fine black horse hitched to the roadster? The introduction of the automobile prompted the need for smaller "motoring hats" and veils to tie them down.



Picture is provided courtesy of their great-granddaughter, Dawne Sohn

NOW: Daniel and Vianna's descendants kept fine horses in Moon Township for generations. This Moon Township Quarter horse, The Jessie Rose, was borrowed by the bride for her 1985 formal wedding picture. Ellen Morris Caines posed with her new husband and Jessie Rose on the same McCartney property years later. White dress and cowboy boots and a beautiful side saddle on Dawne's bay horse tied the generations together. Rural parts of Moon Township are harder to find, but the romance of those old times lives on. Jessie Rose has a brick in the Moon Township Memorial Garden. Can you find it?



Thank you to Dawne Sohn, Vianna's daughter, for this picture.

THEN: PINE HILL MANOR, KAUFMANN ESTATE

Pittsburgh Industrialist, Harvey Childs II, purchased a 120 acre farm from the Thomas Sterling estate in 1908 and created Pine Hill Manor. Pine Hill Manor was acquired by a number of successive owners through the years during which large additions were added to the two-story, Federal design home. The Kaufmann family, affiliates of Kaufmann's Department Store that was once headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, purchased Pine Hill Manor residing there from 1941-1962. Servants lived on the grounds tending to the horses, gardens, and fields of the estate during this time.



Pine Hill Manor, Kaufmann Estate

NOW: MASSEY HALL, ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY

Robert Morris University was founded in 1921 by Andrew Blass in downtown Pittsburgh as the Pittsburgh School of Accountancy. In 1935, the school's president, Richard Khuen III, changed the name of the institution to the Robert Morris School of Business in honor of Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and financier of the American Revolution. The school purchased the estate of Oliver Kaufmann in Moon Township in 1962 where it built its first residential campus. Students on campus lived in the Kaufmann mansion. That same year the school became a non-profit institution and changed its name to Robert Morris Junior College and then, in 1969, it became Robert Morris College. Many years later, the Board of Regents decided to demolish what was once Pine Hill Manor and replace it with a large modern administration building that is now known as Massey Hall. In 2002 the school was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be named Robert Morris University.

Today, surrounding the Nicholson Center located at the heart of the campus are the five academic schools which offer more than 60 undergraduate programs and 20 graduate programs; the School of Business, School of Communications and Information Systems, School of Education and Social Sciences, School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science, and School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

In the future, the university plans to complete the campus loop road, creating one continuous circle around the perimeter of campus. The challenge of completing the loop road is the downhill descent between Massey Way and Campus Drive near the School of Business. The pine trees on this hill are a campus legacy and have been there since before Robert Morris was established, this was when the Kaufmann family owned the land for their summer estate, Pine Hill Manor. The university is working to take out as few pine trees as possible to complete this loop. The university also plans in the future to improve the main entry to campus making it more open to the community along University Boulevard.



Massey Hall, Robert Morris University

One Resident Reminisces About Life in Moon Township - Now and Then

Share your family's story and photos by e-mailing asergeant@moontwp.com. Read memories online at www.moontwp.com.

THEN: Sisters Vianna, Annabelle, Wilma June, and Jane Kennedy all had steady beaux when this picture was taken in the early 1940's. Each boyfriend showed up at the Kennedy's white farm house and parked his car along Brodhead Road in Bon Meade. Can you identify these great old cars? Hint: Try Google Images, see answers below.

This is a pre-WWII picture. The four boyfriends served in the United States military, putting their courting on hold. Gasoline was rationed and many cars were parked for the duration of WWII. When all four men returned home from serving overseas they married their Kennedy girlfriends. Each built a home on the Kennedy farm property.



Thank you to Dawne Sohn, Vianna's daughter, for this picture.

NOW: There are only three cars in this 2013 picture at the same Brodhead Road location between Patrick's Pub and the Crystal Garden Center. Why? The first car is not in the "Now" picture because the make is no longer manufactured. So you see, lots of great things live on only in our family pictures and memories.



PA for identifying the cars in the photo. Thank you to Jim Boffo, owner of Boffo Motors in New Brighton, PA for identifying the cars in the photo. Classic cars in top photo: 1940 Plymouth (last manufactured in 2001), 1936 Ford, 1938 Chevy, 1939 Chevy. Thank

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Moon Township PLANNING AGENCY/ COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT

{est. 1943,
 1955, 1989}

The Moon Township Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement Department was created in 1968. The department administers all of the regulations regarding future land development and improvements in the township. Today, the Planning Department works with the support of the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Planning Commission, and Zoning Hearing Board to enhance community development in Moon Township. The first plan was adopted in 1971 and created the blueprint for all of the Municipal Boards to adopt a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Comprehensive

Plan and Zoning Ordinance in 1989. The first Comprehensive Plan was officially adopted in 1990; it was then revised and updated in 2001. The most recent Comprehensive Plan is currently awaiting review and adoption by the Planning Commission and township officials. The Comprehensive Plan analyzes where we are now, where do we want to be, and how do we get there over the next 20 years with the ultimate goal of a truly sustainable community.

Moon Township Transportation Impact Fee Program

Municipalities like Moon Township who are experiencing residential, commercial, and industrial development often struggle to fund roadway improvements that will accommodate new development. In order to be proactive about transportation funding for necessary improvements, the Moon Township Board of Supervisors have authorized a study to examine the advantages of a Transportation Impact Fee Program. This program would assess fees on new development only. No fees would be assessed on current residential properties and businesses. The fees collected would be available for roadway improvements relieving some of the financial burden that is currently on township residents.

Transportation Impact Fees are a funding mechanism permitted by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). This is a program designed for growing communities that allows municipalities the option to enact fees on new development for the impacts that the development has on traffic and roads. The establishment of a Transportation Impact Fee Program takes roughly 12-18 months to complete and is a public process with advertised meetings. The process is facilitated by the Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee whose members are appointed by the Moon Township Board of Supervisors and will meet the second Wednesday of each month. The committee is made up of residents, local developers, and real estate professionals. The township has also engaged a Planning Consultant and a Traffic Consultant who will prepare the reports and will guide the committee through the process.

The Transportation Impact Fee Program process is done in three phases:

- 1) **The Land Use Assumptions Report** - the programs baseline report which establishes the municipality's current land development and patterns for future growth.
- 2) **The Roadway Sufficiency Analysis** - a study of Moon Township's current traffic levels, key intersections, and what improvements will be needed to accommodate new development.
- 3) **The Capital Improvements Plan** - a plan that takes information from the previous two reports and compiles a list of important transportation projects, costs, and establishes a schedule for completion of roadway and intersection improvements.

The final product identifies the roadway and intersection improvements that are vital for alleviating traffic congestion and assessing a fee to new developments based upon those improvements.

Moon Township is a growing community and an attractive location for residents and businesses who are seeking an excellent school district and a high quality of life. As a result, people regularly choose Moon Township as their home. The Moon Township Transportation Impact Fee Program will provide a method for moving goods, people, and services safely and efficiently through the township over a carefully designed roadway system that is partially funded by assessments on private development.

A public meeting for residents and businesses will be held to explain the Transportation Impact Fee Program process. Notification of the meeting will be posted at www.moontwp.com and MCA-TV, Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35. Residents with questions concerning the Transportation Impact Fee Program may contact the Planning Department at 412-262-1700. Find news and updates on the process online at www.moontwp.com.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AT ITS BEST
 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township
 412-262-5000 | www.moonpolice.us

Moon Township POLICE DEPARTMENT

{est. 1948}

Moon Township's Police Department was created in 1948 in Mooncrest with two part-time officers. When the township's population grew in the 1950's the township hired a full time police chief and four part-time officers. The first Moon Township Police Station was formed in Mooncrest in 1948 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colledge. By 1960 the department consisted of five full time officers and four part-time officers. Today, the Moon Township Police Department is a full-service police department with 30 full-time police officers working under the leadership of a Police Chief and Police Captain. Moon Township's Police Department also supports a full-time dispatch unit, which employs eight civilians and receives emergency calls for both Moon Township and neighboring Crescent Township. The police department provides community outreach programs including its Child Safety Seat Program and D.A.R.E. drug education program. The department strives to provide the highest quality emergency communications for residents through its Swift 911 and Home Alone Monitoring programs.

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

Moon Township Dispatch Center
 412-262-5000

Emergency Services
 911

Crime Tips Hotline
 412-264-5202

Callers may remain anonymous

Suspect a Crime; Call the Hot Line – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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

Sign up for Swift 911 at www.moonpolice.us

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

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

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

Board of Supervisors and Chief of Police Recognize Amy Hinch

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Police Chief, Leo McCarthy, recognized Amy Hinch at the January Board of Supervisors Public Meeting for her outstanding actions contributing to the safety of Moon Township. On Wednesday, December 5, 2012 Amy Hinch confronted a burglary suspect fleeing from her home. Hinch's quick thinking led to the arrest of a man who, once in jail, confessed to committing an additional 12 burglaries. Hinch's actions of quick thinking and to note observations by taking a photo of the suspect's vehicle with her camera phone assisted Moon Township Police officers in arresting the suspect within minutes. Hinch's assistance to the community is an inspiration and this delightful and remarkable girl has set an example for others as an exemplary citizen.



Moon Township resident, Amy Hinch, receives a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors and Chief of Police.

Police Sergeant Completes Drug Recognition Expert Program Improving Highway Safety



Police Sergeant Doug Ogden

Moon Township Police Sergeant, Doug Ogden, has been working with the Police Department for 17 years. Sergeant Ogden recently underwent training in the Drug Recognition Expert Program, a rigorous educational course that trains police officers to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs. Prior to going through DRE training, officers must complete the Basic Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Class, the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Course and have been recommended by another DRE.

A Drug Recognition Expert is specifically chosen for the program by his/her department and has successfully completed over 100 hours of intense Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program classroom and practical study. DEC coursework is completed through a three-phase training process:

1. Drug Recognition Expert Pre-School (16 hours)
2. Drug Recognition Expert DRE School (56 hours)
3. Drug Recognition Expert Field Certification (40 - 60 hours)

Included in the curriculum of the DRE program is to learn the seven categories of drugs and how they affect the body and know how to test people and identify the drugs they are on. Sergeant Ogden was also required to memorize a drug matrix and be able to recreate it on a blank piece of paper. He then had to interpret results and correctly identify drug categories based on an existing evaluation.

Police Officers and Public Safety Officials who complete the program are certified as a Drug Recognition Expert by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Nationwide, roughly half the DUI's made have drugs in the system as well," says Sergeant Ogden. "We have found in Moon Township a dramatic increase in DUI cases involving drugs and drugs with alcohol. I believe this increase is because our officers are better trained than in years past and they are able to identify these impaired drivers."

When a road patrol officer comes in contact with a driver he believes is impaired on substances other than alcohol he contacts a DRE. The DRE assists by continuing the investigation and then telling the officer if the driver is impaired and, if so, what category or categories of drug(s) the driver is on. By contacting a DRE to evaluate the suspect under arrest for possible impaired driving, the arresting officer can work with the DRE to determine if the signs are caused by an illness, injury, or medical condition or by drug impairment.

"I firmly believe every time we arrest an impaired driver we save a life," says Sergeant Ogden. "Maybe that person's life because they don't wrap themselves around a tree on their way home, maybe someone else's life because they don't hit someone else on that same trip home, maybe because they were arrested on Tuesday they don't get impaired and drive on Wednesday, maybe when their neighbor hears they were arrested they realize they could also be caught for DUI."

Sergeant Ogden is the first Moon Township Police Officer to undergo and complete the DRE Program. "If the public comes to believe there is a real likelihood of being apprehended if they drive impaired they will be less likely to drive impaired," says Sergeant Ogden.



*Fire Marshal
Charlie Belgie Jr.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOON TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL EMERGENCY SUPPLY LIST AND INFORMATION

The Department of Homeland Security and the Township of Moon's Emergency Management staff strives to educate and empower residents to take these simple steps to prepare for potential emergencies such as natural disasters, man-made disasters, and terrorist attacks. Moon Township is unique as to the many various types of emergencies or disasters that the community could be involved in. There are major transportation facilities within the township's

boundaries and the air, river, pipelines, and roadways are abundant and heavily used. Floods, industrial accidents, major fires, utility interruptions, and weather related disasters must also be taken into consideration.

Moon Township officials and staff ask residents to think ahead and do three key things in preparation for these types of incidents:

1. Prepare and maintain an emergency supply kit.
2. Prepare and update a family emergency plan.
3. Be informed as to the different types of emergencies your area of residence may be subject to.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

Below is a suggested list for a home emergency supply kit. It is important that each family reviews the list and considers where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet those needs.

1. Water, one gallon per occupant, per day, for three days; this is for drinking and sanitation
2. Food, at least three day supply of nonperishable food. Hand operated can opener
3. Battery powered radio equipped with NOAA Weather Capabilities, plus extra batteries
4. Flashlight and extra batteries
5. Family sized first aid kit
6. Whistle to signal for help
7. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for sanitation
8. Small tool box equipped with basic tools
9. Dust masks to help filter breathing air
10. Plastic sheeting and masking tape to seal off a living space
11. Communication devices and extra batteries
12. List of emergency numbers

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO FIT YOUR NEEDS:

1. Prescriptions and medications
2. Infant formula and diapers
3. Pet food and extra water for them
4. Fire extinguisher
5. Matches in a waterproof container
6. Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
7. Mess kits, plastic utensils, paper towels, paper plates and cups
8. Pencil, pens, and paper
9. Books and games for children

MOON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township
412-262-5004 (non-emergency only) | www.moontwpfire.com

Moon Township VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

{est. 1948}

Moon Township's Volunteer Fire Company was organized by 13 men in 1934. The safety needs of the community grew with the population over the next several decades. In 1992, the township purchased a 101-foot aerial ladder truck and 55-foot Squirt/Pumper to suit these needs. The Carnot Fire Station was built soon afterwards in 1993 to

house the Fire Companies' units. Today, the Township of Moon employs a full-time Fire Marshal who is responsible for reviewing building plans to ensure they comply with fire codes and regulations. A volunteer Fire Chief oversees the Volunteer Fire Department, Assistant Fire Chief, and more than 50 volunteers. Moon Township currently has four fire stations within the community – the Public Safety Building, Downes, Carnot, and Boggs Run. Volunteers respond to hundreds of calls annually ranging from fire emergencies to gas leaks and car accidents. Volunteers participate in weekly training sessions to stay knowledgeable of new procedures and techniques for handling emergencies. The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company relies on the support of the community through donations and its fundraising events throughout the year.

Serve Your Community as a Moon Township Volunteer Firefighter

Interested residents eager to learn how to become a member of the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company should e-mail recruiting@moontwpfire.com. Volunteer positions are available for all interests and ages that fall under the following volunteer requirements –

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

Take a Drive to the MTVFC Annual Car Cruise SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 | 11A.M. – DUSK | MOON PARK

Cruise into Moon Park this summer for the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Car Cruise. Take a walk through the display of collector cars while classic car owners show off their wheels. Enjoy some of the Volunteer Fire Company's famous char-grilled burgers and then check out the burnout pit that is sure to get engines revving and wheels spinning. All proceeds benefit the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company.

MTVFC Offers Fire Extinguisher Training

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

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

3550 University Boulevard, Moon Township
412-262-2620 | www.valleyamb.org

Become a Member of Valley Ambulance Authority Today

Valley Ambulance Authority is proud to serve as the designated community provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation for Moon Township. VAA also provides EMS services to neighboring communities including Findlay Township, Crescent Township, Coraopolis, and Neville Island. The VAA headquarters is located on University Boulevard in Moon Township. Stationed here are VAA's mobile intensive care units, staffed by dedicated, professional Paramedics and EMTs who are at the service of the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

VAA is a non-profit municipal authority and, therefore, relies on community support and billing fees to fund its annual operating

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

budget which totals more than \$3 million dollars. Many residents are often surprised to learn that VAA receives no municipal tax revenue. Moon Township residents can support VAA through participation in its annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with unlimited emergency

medical services and an opportunity to save money by providing a 50% discount on any outstanding balances related to emergency services. The subscription program also provides access to certain types of non-emergency ambulance services and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports. The 2013 VAA subscription fees are only \$55 for a family or \$35 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. VAA also conducts an annual capital fundraising campaign to keep up with increasing expenses. Residents interested in contributing can submit a tax deductible donation by visiting VAA's website at www.valleyamb.org

Interested residents and businesses may sign up for VAA's CPR and First Aid training, monthly classes are held at the Authority headquarters. Group training classes can be scheduled at other locations within Moon Township.

Township residents who are interested in scheduling a non-emergency transport, inquiring about CPR training, or obtaining more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority may call 412-262-2620 or visit VAA's newly designed website at www.valleyamb.org.



PUBLIC WORKS

Moon Township PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Moon Township's Public Works Department was organized in the early twentieth century. Today, the Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of all township-owned roads, properties and buildings. Approximately 12 road employees, a Public Works Facilities

Manager, and an Operations Manager make up the road department. By offering a number of services in-house, the Department of Public Works strives to save Moon Township thousands of dollars in construction and maintenance costs annually.

2013 Road Improvement Program



The following roads will be paved by Youngblood Paving Inc. beginning in late summer 2013 as part of Moon Township's Road Improvement Program. Please use caution when driving in these areas and be courteous of construction workers. Allow extra time for traffic delays and parking restrictions.

- Commerce Drive
- Commerce Avenue
- Commerce Drive Extension
- Amherst Avenue
- Ridge Road
- George Street
- Delaware Drive
- Pococen Drive
- McKee Drive
- Thorn Run Hollow
- Downing Drive
- Liberty Court
- Freedom Court
- Hemlock Drive
- Philomena Drive
- Gentry Road
- Downes Fire Station Lot
- Boggs Run Fire Station Lot

A seal coating will be applied to:

- Betsinger Road
- Jackson Road



Leaf Compost Available to Residents

Composting material can be used for numerous landscaping projects. Residents are welcome to pick up leaf compost at the Downes Fire Station Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. This compost was collected from fall and spring programs within the township. Please call the Moon Township Administration Office at 412-262-17000 to notify pick up.

WATCH. VOLUNTEER. PRODUCE.

Moon Community Access Television (MCA-TV)

Comcast channel 14
Verizon FiOs channel 35

Moon Area Government Television (MAG-TV)

Comcast channel 18
Verizon FiOs channel 37



1700 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township
412-269-1191 | www.mca-tv.org

Moon Community ACCESS TELEVISION

{est. 1984}

Moon Community Access Television was established in 1984 as a community-based network that provides public access, educational, and governmental programming to residents of Moon Township. The station began operating in January of 1985 from a one-room studio in the old Moon Area High School. More than two decades later, MCA-TV's studio relocated to the Community

Service Center and production equipment has advanced. Today, MCA-TV is shown locally on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35 reaching more than 25,000 households. The station has three full-time employees including a Director, Assistant Director, and Communications Director in addition to part-time staff. MCA-TV relies on the assistance of its community volunteers to provide high-quality, non-commercial television programming. The station recruits community producers and volunteers through its free television production training course that is taught on-site in the MCA-TV studio. MCA-TV works with Moon School District and Robert Morris University to produce programs and sporting events. The station also hosts its annual Public Awareness Weekend event where it invites nonprofit organizations into the studio to talk about their cause during a 21-hour live television marathon.

MCA-TV welcomed the addition of its sister station, Moon Area Government Television, in August 2011. MAG-TV is shown locally on Comcast channel 18 and Verizon FiOs channel 37. MAG-TV airs public meeting coverage of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors, Moon Area Board of Education, and Moon Township's neighboring municipalities. The station also provides government education programs designed to give viewers a better understanding of their local government.

Be on the Scene with MCA-TV BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY

Join MCA-TV as a volunteer at one of its upcoming Television Production Training courses. Classes are free and open to anyone looking to advance their knowledge of studio, camera, audio, and technical training. Successful completion of the 4-week course provides the opportunity to be an official MCA-TV volunteer. Active MCA-TV volunteers are provided with access to camera and studio equipment as well as the opportunity to be a part of shows produced for and aired on MCA-TV. Moon Township residents who successfully complete the course have the option of becoming a community producer and producing their own show to air on MCA-TV. Interested participants may contact mca-tv@moontwp.com or call 412-269-1191.

Electronics Recycling Day

SATURDAY – AUGUST 3, OCTOBER 5 | 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

MTMA 2012 Public Water Supply Water Quality Report

The Moon Township Municipal Authority 2012 Public Water Supply Water Quality Report is available to Moon Township residents as a PDF document online at www.moontma.com. Simply type www.moontma.com/aboutus/waterreport2012.pdf in the internet web browser to view the document. Residents may contact the MTMA with any questions at 412-264-4300 or visit the office located on the first floor of the Community Service Center at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 200.

The Moon Township Municipal Authority was organized in 1947 to provide the community with high quality water, properly functioning sewer systems, and regular garbage pick-up. Today, the MTMA is located in the Community Service Center and offers service to Moon, Crescent, and South Heights. The MTMA also provides water and sewer services to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Bases; wholesale water service to portions of Findlay Township; and wholesale sewer service to major areas of Robinson, North Fayette, and Findlay Townships. The MTMA has the lowest water rate in the airport area.

Moon Township MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

{est. 1947}

Hollow Oak Land Trust:

CREATING A GREENWAY TRAIL SYSTEM

Hollow Oak Land Trust is embarking on a partnership with Moon Township and local landowners to establish the Montour Woods Greenway, a 10-mile loop that will connect three natural amenities: 300-acre Moon Township Park, Hollow Oak's 260-acre conservation area, and the 46-mile Montour Trail.

The Montour Woods Greenway begins at the Montour Trail near Hassam Road and then follows the Meeks Run valley protected by Hollow Oak Land Trust climbing gradually through the woods up to Moon Park near Downing Drive. The trail connection will include some of the most beautiful and pristine woodlands in the region combining 10 miles of wooded trails on Hollow Oak's property with 3.5 miles of trails in Moon Park. Hollow Oak hopes to extend the greenway to the Moon Golf Club and another three miles down along Trout Run to the Montour Trail at Hookstown Grade Road.

The Montour Woods Greenway project is Hollow Oak's first step in creating a larger network of interconnected greenspaces that integrate conservation, recreation, and economic development. The resulting planning model will help other municipalities leverage the value of undeveloped greenspace by connecting natural amenities for outdoor recreation.

The trails of the Montour Woods Greenway will follow sustainable design practices that gently shed rainwater and minimize erosion. Paths will be relatively narrow as they climb through the woods and descend stream valleys for a scenic, intimate experience in nature. As with all Hollow Oak Land Trust property, the trails will provide public access to nature by foot and by mountain bike only. The impact of motorized vehicles provides too great an impact on habitat and on the natural serenity of these areas.

Hollow Oak is developing a land stewardship program for volunteer opportunities and community engagement. In one-day events groups of volunteers help improve trails and habitat while formally trained Land Stewards also learn the inner workings of nature to become ambassadors of these natural areas. Chevron Corporation and Keller Williams Realty have already taken advantage of these volunteer opportunities for their employees.

Hollow Oak Land Trust is supported by memberships and donations. Corporations, local businesses, and organizations are invited to contact Hollow Oak Land Trust for volunteer opportunities: 412-264-5354 or info@hollowoak.org. Moon Township residents are invited to become members of Hollow Oak Land Trust to support development of the Montour Woods Greenway over the next two years. Check back to the next edition of the *Moon Township Messenger* for updates on the Montour Woods Greenway Trail System.

Unclaimed Property

LOCATE MONEY AND VALUABLE ITEMS THAT COULD BE YOURS

The Pennsylvania Department of Treasury is currently seeking the owners of \$1.9 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 five years. These are among a few of the items that are found in the unclaimed property vault located in Harrisburg, PA. Anything of value may be submitted to the vault.

Moon Township reissues 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 five years to return the money to its proper owner and makes every effort to do so. Once five years have passed, the township must submit the money to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

After four years of dormancy, checks never deposited or cashed, Moon Township verifies unclaimed property information checking the owner's name, address, lot, and block number to be sure it is correct with what is listed on the Allegheny County Property Assessment website. The township then reissues another check to allow the new check to be deposited or cashed before the total five year dormancy period expires. If you were to find a misplaced check in your home that was issued by the township call the Moon Township Finance Office at 412-262-1700 to verify if the check is still able to be cashed or deposited. Stale-dated checks will be reissued if prior to the five year dormancy period; after five years the owner would need to contact the state to receive their money.

Many people, yourself or someone you know, may have money they do not realize they are entitled to 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.patreaury.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.

MOONCREST SECOND ROUND PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Winning photos and honorable mentions are on display in the Township Administration Building and also on the Historical Architectural Review Board page on Moon Township's website found at www.moontwp.com/historicarb.html. HARB received over 125 photos through both photo contests.



1st place
\$100 prize,
Steve George of
Moon Township, PA



2nd place
Betty Brunette of
Moon Township, PA



3rd place
Irene Poletti of
Moon Township, PA

Catherine L. Tress, Moon Township Property Tax Collector | www.moontaxoffice.us
 Online payments available | 412-299-7446 | 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 300



Moon Area School District Property Tax Statements will be mailed on July 1, 2013. Same as Allegheny County & Moon Township, the Moon Area School District's property tax millage rates must comply with the anti-windfall provision during a reassessment year. At the time of printing, 2013 millage rates could range between 17.5 mills up to 18.5 mills. (The actual final passage and approval is not slated until June 24, 2013.) This year's homestead exemption will be \$7,043 saving the taxpayer approximately \$129 as confirmed by the school's finance director. This amount will be reflected directly on property owner's tax statements and the final assessment value that they are taxed is listed on the bill.

Confusion often occurs when taxpayers read their assessment values on all three of their property tax statements from the county, township, and school. In 2013, each statement appears to have different assessment values. Why? This is because each property has a full assessment value which is the same starting figure for all taxing bodies; however, each taxing body has a different homestead exemption reduction amount. The reduced assessment value that property owners have been taxed is reflected after each taxing body subtracts their exemption amount for that government body and taxpayers are then taxed on the balance. Moon Area School District's homestead exemption amount will change each year because it is not a flat reduction; the amount of tax relief reduction is derived by the gambling revenue through Act 1. Currently we are in the face payment period for the Moon Township property tax which runs through July 31.

2013 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AMOUNTS:

- Allegheny County: \$18,000
- Moon Township: \$15,000
- Moon Area School District: \$7,043

2013 SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PERIODS:

- July 1 through August 31: 2% Discount period
- September 1 through October 31: Face (full amount)
- November 1 through December 31: 10% Penalty
- After December 31: Delinquent

Installments: First installment due by August 31, 2013. Remaining installments are due by the last day of September, October, and final in November.

Please remember if the billing address has changed such as a new mortgage company, no longer escrow, etc., property owners must notify my office and Allegheny County treasurer, John Weinstein, at 412-350-4100. Do not rely on the banks or closing companies to notify the Property Tax Office.

PROPERTY TAX OFFICE HOURS DURING TAX SEASON:

- Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Property Tax Office will be closed for the following holidays:

Fourth of July: Thursday, July 4, 2013;
 Labor Day: Monday, September 2, 2013

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July, special thanks to all of our military men and women for their service! – Catherine Tress



MOON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

1700 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township
 412-269-0334 | www.moonlibrary.org

Moon Township PUBLIC LIBRARY

{est. 1984}

Moon Township's community library service began in 1979 with one county bookmobile

visit per week. The Citizens Action for Education was formed during this time to promote the need for a library in the township. Friends to Establish a Library for Moon and Crescent Townships (FELMAC), later to become Friends of Moon Public Library, moved forward in their efforts to open a public library. FELMAC raised funds and got volunteers involved to run a library service in Allard and Hyde Elementary Schools that was open 6-7 hours. Over the next five years the library relocated to a 485-square foot room in the Moon Township Administration Building then to the basement of the 1,400-square-foot room in the basement of the Public Safety Building. The new facility included shelving, carpeting, and a collection of over 11,000 books. The library opened to the public in 1985 and expanded their collection to 25,000 books over the next decade. The new Public Library also offered interactive children programs and extended hours of operation. The Public Library moved to its present location in the Moon Community Service Center in 1994. Today, the Public Library is open on a full-time schedule and offers the public computer and internet service; online resources; book discussion groups; children, teen, and adult programs; and literature materials offered in a variety of media formats.

Summer Reading is Heating Up at the Library!



The season for shorts, flip-flops, and tank tops is right around the corner and that means Moon Township Public Library's annual Summer Reading Club is too! Summer Reading 2013 will kick off on Saturday, June 15 at 11 a.m. on the library's front lawn. Once again, thanks to our friends at Clearview Federal Credit Union, Radio Disney will be making an appearance livening up the celebration with some music and dancing. Kids in grades K-5 are invited to sign up for the library's summer game, Questyinz and those ages newborn-preschool can participate in the Read-to-Me program. Families can take advantage of all the free crafts and games that the day has to offer. Don't forget there will be food for sale as part of a fundraiser to benefit the library.

This year's teen theme is all about finding the secrets and treasures "Underneath the Surface". Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to dig in to some great new books and movies and to take part in specially designed programs. Come and spend an evening in The Shire celebrating all things Hobbit-related, or if Tolkein isn't your thing, try your hand at some concealed crafting with the library's "Under the Mug" program. Don't forget about all the prizes readers can earn just by reading a few minutes each day for six weeks. One teen reading club participant will be randomly chosen throughout June and July to win a prize basket each week. The teen who has read the most minutes at the end of the summer will be awarded a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Adults don't have to miss out on the fun. In fact, this summer the library is encouraging adult readers to find some "Groundbreaking Reads"! Read just four books over the course of the six-week program and earn the chance to be entered in to a drawing for one of six themed gift baskets. Play the library's Summer Reading Bingo Game to earn extra chances to win a prize. Don't forget about the great adult programming that the library has to offer like garden-inspired crafts and summer book clubs.

Renaming of Ewing Road Interchange to "Jack W. Wise Interchange"

On March 14, 2013 Representative Mark Mustio recognized the renaming of the Route 376 Ewing Road Interchange to Jack Wise Interchange at a ceremony held in the Moon Township Municipal Building Auditorium among Moon Township officials, staff, residents, Senator Matt Smith, and Dan Cessna of PennDot. Mr. Jack Wise has been involved in numerous community and regional economic development organizations through the past several decades. He is co-founder of the Moon Transportation Authority and Thorn Run Interchange project. Wise served as Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and the Treasurer of the Allegheny County Finance and Development Commission. Wise served on the Moon Township Board of Supervisors beginning in 1982, he served two years appointed and 6 years elected, serving as Chairman of the Board during his tenure.



State Representative Mark Mustio, Jack Wise, and State Senator Matt Smith.

PARKS & RECREATION

1350 Joe DeNardo Way (Ewing Road), Moon Township | 412-262-1703 | www.moonparks.org

Moon Township PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

{est. 1963}

Moon Township's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was created in 1963. Moon Parks began with the 300+ acre Moon Park in 1967 and Robin Hill Park in 1971; today Robin Hill consists of approximately 200 acres. The township acquired Boggs School and Olson Park, which opened in 2005, and added an additional 143 acres to its greenspace. Today, Moon Township's Parks and Recreation Department is staffed with a full-time Director, Assistant Director, Administrative Assistant, Maintenance

Supervisor, program staff, and maintenance staff. The staff is responsible for more than 600 acres of recreational space that is used for community recreation, events, programs, and camps. The Parks and Recreation Department is guided by the Parks Advisory Board who reports to the Planning Commission to make recommendations for modifications to the Board of Supervisors.

Moon Township Celebrates Independence Day

TOWNSHIP OF MOON 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 9 A.M. | CHERRINGTON CORPORATE CENTER

Lace up those running shoes and join Moon Parks for a family fitness event. Moon Parks in partnership with local sponsors is proud to host the Annual Township of Moon 5K Run/Walk. The 5K begins in the Greater Pittsburgh Orthopaedics Association parking area. Boost your fitness level with the course of challenging hills mixed with gently rolling paved roads around Cherrington Business Center and township roads. Register online today at www.moonparks.org.

US Army 28th 'Keystone' Division Concert Band

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 | 7 P.M. | MOON PARK

With a history of service that predates the American Revolution, the 28th "Keystone" Division Band, based in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, is among the top performing Army National Guard Bands in the nation today. The 40 member concert band will perform music from contemporary to classical, rousing Sousa Marches and beautiful ballads.

Moon Township Independence Day Celebration

THURSDAY, JULY 4 | 4 P.M. - 10 P.M. | MOON PARK

Join Moon Parks for live entertainment, kid's activities, food and merchandise vendors, and Zambelli Fireworks Internationale at its annual Independence Day Celebration! Kids' activities start at 4 p.m., entertainment at 7 p.m., and Fireworks after 10 p.m. Schedule of events is as follows: kid's activities, Arena's Performing Arts Centre, the Stony River Boys, Sarah Marince, Zambelli Fireworks Internationale. Arrive early for the most convenient parking.

MOON PARKS & RECREATION



2013 Summer and Fall Programs and Events

Volunteer at one of Moon Parks' upcoming events! Several exciting opportunities are available this summer including; Independence Day Celebration, Family Fun Nights, and summer camps.

Contact the Moon Parks office at 412-262-1703 or e-mail info@moonparks.org to learn more.

www.moonparks.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Fun Nights at Moon Park

Friday Nights, June - August

Live entertainment begin at 7:30 p.m.

Movies start at dusk.

Pack up the car with blankets and chairs to enjoy an evening at Moon Park Amphitheater. Family Fun Nights is a free event every Friday throughout the summer featuring live entertainment or a movie. Relax with friends and family and enjoy the fresh air and entertainment at Moon Park. There will be no event on Friday, July 5 because of Independence Day festivities that week.

Live entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m.

June 21- Pittsburgh Philharmonic

June 28- Lava Game, Cover Band

July 12- The Express, Jazz/Adult Contemporary

July 19- Swingin' Bobcat Big Band

Movies begin at dusk

July 26- Madagascar 3 (PG)

August 2 - Muppets (PG)

August 9 - Wild World of Animals, Live Entertainment Event

August 16 - Hotel Transylvania (PG)

August 23 - The Lorax (PG)

August 30 - The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)

Lunchtime Concerts at Robin Hill Park

Third Wednesday, June - September | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Enjoy some fresh air and a free lunchtime concert at Robin Hill Park this summer. The Lunchtime Concert Series features local artists at the Robin Hill Park Gazebo on the third Wednesday of every month.

June 19 - Brooke Annibale, Acoustic Folk Rock

July 17 - Steven Vance & John Garrick, Classical

August 21 - Jason Kendall, Jazz

September 18 - Frank Vieira, Country

HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAMS

Pilates (Adults/Teens 15+)

Thursdays | 10 - 11 a.m. | Robin Hill

July 18 - August 22

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session

Instructor: Judy Elias

Join certified instructor, Judy Elias, for Pilates! The exciting benefits of this class are improved posture, weight loss from exercise, a renewed positive sense of self and much more! It is designed for all fitness levels and we ask that you provide a towel/mat to class.

Morning Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Robin Hill

September 9 - October 14

October 21 - November 25

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session

Instructor: Neda Story

Begin the morning with an energizing Zumba workout!

Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, and hip-hop that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required.

Beginner Zumba (Adults/Teens 13+)

Mondays | 6 - 7 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room

July 8 - August 12

August 19 - September 23

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session

Instructor: Catherine Hollien

Zumba is a great way to have fun while you burn calories and begin an exercise regime. Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, and hip-hop that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required.

Zumba Fitness (Adults/Teens 13+)

Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Robin Hill Center

July 2 - August 6

August 13 - September 17

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6 week session

*\$15 Discount available, call for details

Instructor: Marci King

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Moon Twp. Administration Building Auditorium

June 27 - August 1

August 8 - September 12

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents, per 6-week session

*\$15 Discount available, call for details

Instructor: Christie Covelli

Zumba Fitness is a combination of Latin based dance moves; salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, and hip-hop that will really make you sweat! Dance experience is not required.

Kardio Hip Hop (Adults/Teens 15+)

Wednesdays | 6 - 7 p.m. | Rhema Christian School

July 10 - August 14

August 21 - October 6

Cost: \$8 Drop-In fee, discount for full 6-week session: \$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-Residents

Instructor: Kam Niskach

Let Kam Niskach's energy and enthusiasm take your workout to the next level. Challenge yourself with this jam-packed hour of high intensity interval training to today's hottest music. You'll be sweating and smiling!

Totally Toned (Adults/Teens 15+)

Mondays | 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. | Moon High School Fitness Room

July 8 - August 12

August 19 - September 23

Cost: \$45 Moon Residents/\$50 Non-Residents,

per 6-week session

Instructor: Karla Tobias

Totally Toned is designed to help tone your entire body including abs, thighs, back, arms, and glutes. It is appropriate for all fitness levels. Bring hand weights, a mat, and water.

Yoga Basics (Seniors/Adults/Teens Ages 15+)

Tuesdays | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Moon Twp. Administration Building Auditorium

July 9 - July 30

September 3 - September 24

October 8 - October 29

Cost: \$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-Residents, per 4 week session

Instructor: Jen Stratakis

This is the perfect class for the yoga-curious, no experience required! Hatha Yoga includes poses, breath work, and guided relaxation. Yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, and mental calm with regular practice. Participants should bring a yoga mat or towel and water to class.

Senior Workout (Seniors/Adults)

Wednesdays | July 3 - August 7 | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Moon Twp.

Administration Building - Auditorium

Cost: \$21 Moon Residents/\$25 Non-Residents, per 6-week session

Instructor: Linda Francis

Senior Workout will help seniors maintain a fitness level to stay mobile. The class is a LOW impact aerobics class that will work on balance and strengthening while having fun and meeting new people.

Summer Tennis (Adult/Teens/Kids Ages 5+)

Session I: June 17 - July 21

Session II: July 22 - August 25

Moon Park

Instructor: Kent Johnson

*Private Lessons are available; please contact the Moon Parks office for more information.

Pee Wee (Ages 5-6)

Tuesday/Thursday, 9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$10/week (\$50/session), 2 x week @ \$18/week (\$90/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$12/week (\$60/session), 2 x week @ \$22/week (\$110/session)

Junior Beginner (Ages 7-10 & 11-14)

Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$15/week (\$75/session), 2 x week @ \$25/week (\$125/session)

Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$18/week (\$90/session), 2 x week @ \$30/week (\$150/session)

Junior Advanced (Ages 7-10 & 11-14)

Tuesday/Thursday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$15/week (\$75/session), 2 x

week @ \$25/week (\$125/session)
 Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$18/week (\$90/session), 2 x week @ \$30/week (\$150/session)
 Adult Advanced Beginner (Ages 18+)
 Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$20/week (\$100/session)
 Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$24/week (\$120/session)
 Adult Intermediate Clinics (Ages 18+)
 Thursdays, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Moon Residents: 1 x week @ \$20/week (\$100/session)
 Non-Residents: 1 x week @ \$24/week (\$120/session)

EDUCATION

Driver's Education/ Kennedy School of Driving (Teens)

Monday - Friday | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Moon Twp. Administration Building
 June 17 - June 28
 August 5 - August 16
 Registration Fee: \$25 Residents/\$30 Non-Residents, Course Fee: \$350
 This Driver's Education course will be instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and 6 hours of in-car training, a certificate will be given that is accepted by most insurance companies. Participants must be 16 and have a learners permit for the on-the-road portion of the program. The balance of \$350 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

FPS Game Design (Kids Ages 9-13)

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

2013 SUMMER CAMPS

Western PA Baseball Camp (Teens/Kids Ages 7-14)

Monday - Friday | June 24 - 28 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Moon Park Baseball Fields
 Cost: \$150/week
 Moon Parks & Recreation is proud to "team up" with Moon's legendary baseball coach, Ray Bosetti for this instructional baseball camp. Players should dress for the weather and bring their own glove, bats (optional), water bottles and hats. Players should bring a lunch every day but Friday (pizza party). Players receive free camp T-shirt and certificate of attendance. Coach Bosetti and his staff will instruct the fundamentals of the game: base running, throwing, hitting, fielding, bunting, sliding, pitching & catching.
 *Contact Ray Bosetti to register for this camp: 412-264-4721, raybosetti@verizon.net

Summer Junior Olympics Camp (Kids Ages 4-12)

Monday - Friday | July 8 - 12 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Moon Park
 Cost: \$85 Moon Residents/\$95 Non-Residents
 Instructor: Jump Start Sports
 Junior Olympics Camp instructor, Jump Start Sports, will assist kids in having a meaningful week full of fun, learning, and new friendships! The one-week camp features a different sport each

day, enabling these young campers to learn about a variety of sports and to apply what they've learned by playing fun, low-key games. Parents are invited to come to the "Closing Ceremonies" held on the last day of camp. Participants will receive a t-shirt and a keepsake.

- Monday: World Cup Soccer
- Tuesday: Super Bowl Flag Football and Cheerleading
- Wednesday: NCAA Championship Lacrosse
- Thursday: World Series Baseball
- Friday: Olympics

Snapology Summer Camps (Kids Ages 5 - 12)

Monday - Friday | July 15 - 19 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and/or 1 - 4 p.m.*
 Location: Robin Hill Park
 Cost: \$140 Moon residents/\$150 non-residents (per session)
 Morning: Lego Basic Training-Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard. Become a Snapology soldier as you build your training camp, learn about Navy flags, design your Air Force jet and brave the seas in your Coast Guard boat. Who said kids can't join the military? Be all you can be with Snapology!
 Afternoon: Travel to the Nether with Snapology, but watch out for those creepers! Come bring Minecraft® to life using Lego® bricks. Create your own world including animals, creepers, and your very own Lego® Minecraft® character.

*If child is signed up for both morning and afternoon camps, Moon Parks will provide supervision between camps at no extra charge. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch.

Moon Parks Summer Camps (Kids Grades K-4)

Monday - Friday | July 22-26 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and/or 1-4pm*
 Apollo Shelter, Moon Park
 Cost: \$60 half day, \$100 full day - Moon residents/\$70 half day, \$110 full day - Non-Residents
 Moon Parks and Recreation will be hosting their own summer camps this year! Camps will be led by Ms. Lisa of the Moon Parks staff. Kids will enjoy creative crafts, fun games, exciting activities, nature walks on Moon Park trails, and exploring Nelson Pond. Snacks and water will be provided. Kids are welcome to bring their own snack.

*If child is signed up for both morning and afternoon camps, Moon Parks will provide supervision between camps at no extra charge. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch.

Mad Science Camps (Ages 5-12)

Monday - Friday | July 29 - August 2 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Robin Hill Center
 Cost: \$120 Moon residents/\$130 Non-Residents
 Instructor: Mad Science
 Moon Parks and Recreation is proud to offer Animals, Energy, and Robots (System 5): Explore the energy of motion and life under the ocean's surface in this fast-paced program of science fun for children. Learn about robots, green energy sources, Newton's three laws of motion and much more! Children build their own Robot Hand and explore renewable and non-renewable energy resources for power generation. They will explore the animal kingdom and learn about the life cycles of their favorite creatures.

Monday - Friday | July 29 - August 2 | 1 - 4 p.m.
 Robin Hill Center
 Cost: \$120 Moon Residents/\$130 Non-Residents
 Instructor: Mad Science

Moon Parks and Recreation is proud to offer Minerals, Machines, and Movies (System 4): Children will engross themselves in entomology (the study of insects) and search for clues to crack a case. They will have the chance to inspect fluorescing minerals and see how simple machines lighten your load. They will also discover why science is the real star of the big screen and move out of the

way of motorized toys. Finally, they will stage a statically charged indoor storm and go on a nutrient hunt.

*\$20 discount if participant enrolls for both morning and afternoon Mad Science camps. Moon Parks will provide supervision during hour between if registered for both camps. Child will need to bring a bag lunch.

British Sports Camps (Kids Ages 9-12)

Monday - Friday | August 5 - 9 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Endeavor Field, Moon Park

Cost: \$115 Moon residents/\$120 non-residents
 Instructor: Challenger Sports
 Motivate, Activate and Energize your child with Challenger Sports' new Multi Sports Program. Challenger's team of British coaches will provide your boys and girls, with a memorable week of nonstop action, fun and competition — all with a British Twist! Children will learn new British sports (Tag Rugby, Cricket, and Rounders) and develop new skills with team-building activities that include more than just running, jumping, catching, kicking and throwing! They will also learn about Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship and Leadership, while playing hard, having fun and making new friends. They receive a t-shirt and certificate.

Video Game Design Camp* (Kids Ages 8-12)

Monday - Friday | August 12 - 16 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Robin Hill Center
 Cost: \$130 Moon Residents/\$135 Non-Residents
 Our instructor for this week-long camp will be Hi-Tech Learning. How would you like to create your own video game for you and all your friends to play? Students in this program will learn how to use computers and specially designed software to create their very own video game. Students will follow the same process real video game designers use to create the games they play at home.

Adventures in Minecraft Camp* (Kids Ages 8-12)

Monday - Friday | August 12 - 16 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Robin Hill Center
 Cost: \$130 Moon Residents/\$135 Non-Residents
 Join with other Minecraft enthusiasts/fans/pros to complete a series of fun challenges and the ultimate collaborative project to demonstrate your crafting skills! Share and learn tips, tricks, and create new worlds with others in this ultimate digital environment. All campers will take home instruction on how to access a free version of the application and their completed projects at the conclusion of the program.

*If participant enrolls for both camps during 8/12-8/16, Moon Parks and Recreation will provide supervision during the 12 p.m.-1 p.m. hour at no additional charge.

VACATION GETAWAYS

Moon Parks and Recreation has partnered with Collette Vacations to offer some fantastic vacation opportunities. We have scheduled two new trips for 2013: Beauty of Brittan, featuring the Royal Horticultural Society on August 29 and Northern National Parks on September 13. For more information about this or other Collette trips, please visit www.moonparks.org or contact the park office at 412-262-1703.

ONLINE
 REGISTRATION
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 FOR PROGRAMS!

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SUBMIT A QUESTION OR CONCERN ONLINE

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

TUNE IN TO YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

View Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area School Board public meetings on MAG-TV Comcast channel 18 and Verizon channel 37, information is available at www.moongovtv.us. View the meetings online as well as a MCA-TV's community-produced programming at www.mca-tv.org.

VISIT MOON PARKS AND RECREATION

Check out the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. Use your computer or smartphone to find the most current schedule information at www.moonparks.org.

STAY INFORMED WITH SWIFT 911

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