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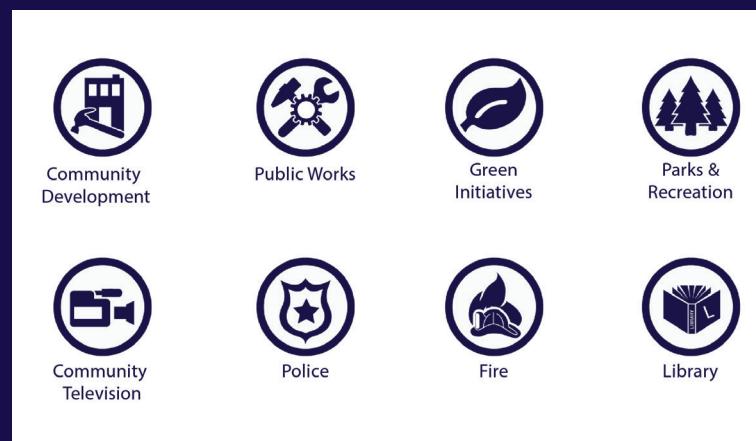
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Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming holidays:

Christmas - December 23
Christmas Eve- December 24
New Year's- December 31
Presidents' Day - February 21

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The Cover

This month features a photo of the 2020 Moon Lights Celebration photographed by Moon Resident Gary Margeson

The Moon Township Messenger was arranged by Communications Director Allison Ford and designed by Assistant Director Morgan Torchia

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT make it moon

A Letter from the Township Manager

It's hard to believe that we are already talking about the 2021-2022 winter season, but no matter how we feel about the season, it will be here very soon. So, as township staff prepares for the fun stuff, like Moon Lights, ice skating, and sled riding at Moon Park, we also must prepare for the cold weather and snowfall. Park hours will soon be running on the "dawn to dusk" schedule, picnic benches will be moved inside of pavilions, and restrooms will be closed until spring. Soon you will see public works vehicles equipped with plows and salt boxes so when that snow arrives they are ready to clear a path.

While we get ready for all of that, the Moon Beautification 101 campaign will continue. Some of the programs that are offered to residents are the result of the work of a very active Environmental Advisory Committee, which is made up of seven township residents. These residents, who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, volunteer their time to plan events throughout the year which are intended to help Moon become a more environmentally friendly community. Through this committee and staff member Lora Dombrowski, the following programs were offered to the resident in 2021:

- Annual Recycling Day, to help keep reusable items out of landfills, for example, usable construction materials, household appliances, electronics, tires, and some medical supplies
- Electronics collection days to gather unused and unwanted electronic items such as printers, copiers, computers, laptops, and televisions
- Stream bank clean-up along Montour Run and Flaugherdy Run
- Stormwater education and outreach
- PRC's Traveling Glass Recycling bin in partnership with MTMA
- Park and road cleanup

Another program that allows most Moon Township residents to dispose of household materials easily and safely is the "At Your Door Special Collection" program. This program is available all year long. If you are not familiar with the program, please contact MTMA for more details.

Why am I sharing all this information with you? Because as a government entity with an outstanding partnership with the MTMA, I believe we do a terrific job providing multiple options to recycle and properly dispose of unwanted items. These efforts keep waste off the sides of the roadways or in residents' yards. After my last article, I am happy to report that I received several telephone calls with suggestions and concerns of how much trash people toss out the windows of their cars or over a hillside.

If I asked what you believe the number one item is that Public Works crews pick up alongside roadways and throughout the Township for our annual recycling day collection, what would be your guess? I will give you a little hint, this item takes approximately 50-80 years to break down in a land fill. You can find a picture featuring this item in the June 2021 Monthly Newsletter which can be found online at moontwp.us.

So, as we move from fall to winter and then to spring, please know that the staff and volunteers in Moon are planning for the 2022 events, but without your commitment to assisting in keeping Moon litter-free, it will be difficult. Moon is a wonderful community, with many programs for the residents, so please reach out if you have questions, or need some assistance. But most of all, please do your part to keep the roadways and greenways clear of litter and debris and continue our efforts so people want to "Make it Moon," to live, to learn, to work, and to play. *Dave Lare*
- Township Manager

Municipal Buildings Update

The improvements to the Municipal Building and Downes Fire Station are well underway. This past March, the Township broke ground for the expansion of the Township Municipal Building and Downes Fire Station. These much-needed renovations will allow Moon Township to utilize its current buildings while accommodating changing requirements. For updates on construction, visit www.moontwp.us.



Also, be on the lookout for the groundbreaking for the new Police Station in the upcoming months.



Christmas Tree Pickup

The Public Works Department will offer curbside Christmas tree pickup for live trees only from December 27 through January 10. Residents are asked to place trees at the curb by 8 AM following their regular garbage schedule. All ornaments and decorations must be removed. Artificial trees are not accepted.

Compost Drop-off and Pickup

Residents may drop off yard waste to be composted including tree limbs, leaves, and plant matter. Please use biodegradable bags. Tree limbs should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied. Residents are reminded that drop-off is for yard waste only. Trash or other materials are not permitted. The composting program provides free mulch and compost to residents. Bring your containers and take as much as you need. The drop-off location is at the Public Works facility at Moon Park. Please notify Public Works before your arrival by calling **412.262.1700**.

Winter Plowing Rundown

The Public Works snow removal fleet includes 19 trucks and 1 sidewalk crew for the 2021-2022 season. To tackle snow and ice removal, Moon Township Public Works divides the town into 19 snow routes, covering approximately 173 miles Township Roads, 23 lane miles of State Roads and 8 lane miles of County Roads. The department's road clearing schedule goes off of priority. First, primary roads and bus routes are cleared. Then secondary roads and state and county roads are plowed, followed by subdivisions and cul-de-sacs. In addition to clearing Township roads, crews help to maintain Township facility parking lots.

Public Works coordinates with Moon Police and Moon Area School District to ensure public safety throughout the winter months. Moon Township Police Department monitors all road conditions during their routes and notifies the Public Works Departments of any late-night call-outs. The Public Works Operation Manager is in contact with the school superintendent for school delays, early dismissals, and ever-changing road conditions due to inclement weather.

As the Public Works Department prepares for the winter season, residents should be prepared too! Here are some tips for the upcoming winter season:

- Help snowplow drivers by staying 100 feet (5 car lengths) back so the driver can see you.
- Do not park on Township roads between 2 AM and 6 AM.
- Do not plow or shovel snow from driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks into the streets.
- To help reduce the amount of snow pushed by plows back into your driveway, pile snow near the road on the right side of the driveway.
- Place garbage and recycling containers back in the driveway entrance to avoid spilling. Questions about garbage collection should be directed to the Moon Township Municipal Authority at **412.264.4300**.
- Residents with sidewalks are required to clear the sidewalks of snow.
- Remove any portable basketball hoops, hockey nets, or any other obstruction from public roadways and cul-de-sacs.



Year in Review (2020-2021)

Crews were called out
28 times in 2020-2021

We used approximately
6000 tons of salt and
1500 gallons of calcium
chloride



Public Awareness Weekend

MCA-TV is proud to announce Public Awareness Weekend will be back on March 11 and 12. Public Awareness Weekend is a 24-hour broadcast featuring interviews with nonprofits. Each organization receives a 30-minute time slot to educate viewers on their cause and encourage them to get involved in their community. The interviews will air live during the weekend, then rebroadcast periodically throughout the year on MCA-TV, reaching approximately 45,000 households in Township and the surrounding communities. Any nonprofit interested in participating should contact Allison Ford at aeastham@moontwp.us or call **412.269.1191**. Interviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Promote Your Event for Free

Is your organization or nonprofit looking to get the word out about an upcoming event? MCA-TV offers a bulletin board service for Moon Township residents to publicize their community program or event in-between regularly scheduled programming. The community bulletin board is an automated, computer-generated video graphics message service provided free of charge to all Moon Township residents as well as nonprofit groups and organizations. Visit mca-tv.org and click on "Bulletin Board" to read the guidelines and rules and to fill out the online submission form. Paper forms are available in the MCA-TV offices.



SAVE THE DATE



MARCH 11 & 12

MCA-TV.ORG 9AM - 9PM

Production Classes

Have you ever wondered what it is like behind the scenes at a TV station? Well, here is your opportunity to find out! MCA-TV is offering FREE production classes to anyone interested. These one-on-one hands-on classes will teach you the basics of TV production from running a camera to producing your own show!

These classes are open to residents of any community. Any Moon Township resident who completes the course may choose to become a community producer. Community producers provide the original and entertaining productions of MCA-TV's programming schedule. Non-resident wishing to create a show to air on MCA-TV must work with a community producer who actively participates in the program development.

Classes are available on Wednesdays until 7 PM at the MCA-TV studio located at 1700 Beavergrade Road, Suite 140, Moon Township. To sign up, contact Allison Ford at aeastham@moontwp.us or call **412.269.1191** today!

MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television
Comcast channel 14
Verizon Fios channel 35
MCA-TV.org

MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television
Comcast channel 18
Verizon Fios channel 37
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Stormwater Pollution

Do Your Part. One Drop at a Time



What is Stormwater Pollution

When it rains, some of the rainwater soaks into the ground, and part of it flows over the ground and directly into creeks, streams, or rivers. This water that runs off into the river is called runoff, or sometimes stormwater runoff. Clever, huh? Sometimes this stormwater runoff gets polluted. Pollution is anything that harms natural resources, whether it is air, soil, or in this case, water. Sometimes the pollution is something you can see, like trash floating on top of the water. Other times you can't see the pollution at all, like when motor oil from a car washes into a nearby creek. Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in the United States. So, who is to blame? Who is making the water that we drink and swim in dirty? We all are... do your part, one drop at a time.

Why is Stormwater Pollution a Concern

It is of concern for two main issues: one related to the volume and timing of runoff water and the other related to potential contaminants that the water is carrying from human and animal activities. These contaminants are picked up as water from a storm or garden hoses and sprinklers drain from streets, parking lots, and lawns and enter the system through our catch basins and storm drains. From there, they are transferred straight to rivers and streams untreated.

Anything that is dumped or dropped on the ground or in the gutter contributes to stormwater pollution. Much of it is not biodegradable and is harmful to aquatic life and the cleanliness of the water that we swim in and drink.

Is there a difference between a storm drain and a sewer drain? Yes! They are two completely separate drainage systems. The sewer system takes all household wastewater from toilets, showers, and sinks and routes it through your plumbing system, and directs it to a treatment plant.

The storm drain is intended to route rainwater quickly off the streets during a heavy storm. Unfortunately, it takes all the runoff along with it. Chemicals, trash, debris from lawns, parking lots, and streets, either intentionally or accidentally spilled, goes straight into our waterways.

Is Stormwater Treated Before it Reaches the River

No! Stormwater systems flow directly into the rivers and streams. The cost of treating stormwater would be so high it would exceed available resources.

The Effects of Pollution

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients like fertilizer can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into recreation areas and create health hazards, often making river advisories necessary.
- Debris – plastic bags, bottles, grass clippings/yard waste, and cigarette butts – washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs. For more information visit moontwp.com/departments/stormwater.php

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POLICE make it moon

New School Resource Officer at Moon Area School District

Moon Township Police in conjunction with Moon Area School District are glad to announce the school resource officer (SRO) is back. A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a sworn law enforcement officer who is dedicated to counseling, educating, and protecting the school and community. Moon Area School District's (MASD) school-based officer is a full-time member of the district during the school year.

Having an SRO on campus is an extension of the strong relationship between MASD and the Moon Township Police Department. The presence of an SRO on campus is an additional resource for students, staff, and families.

In 2016, former Chief McCarthy applied for and received a grant to put the first School Resource Officer in Moon Schools. Officer Zane was selected to be the SRO and forged the way in defining the position. In 2019, the SRO program was discontinued due to financial considerations and the pandemic. During that time, Officer Zane was promoted to Corporal and took on a new role within the police department.

This year, the school district approached Chief Seamon about reinstating the SRO. We are proud to announce Officer Beachy will be filling this position to help keep our schools safe. Officer Beachy will be the primary SRO with Officer Hale taking the position as the backup when needed.

Both officers completed the SRO training and Officer Beachy is scheduled to assume his full-time SRO position in the schools at the beginning of 2022. Officer Beachy and Officer Hale both started with Moon Township in 2018 and have taken initiative on many community-oriented duties such as Santa Cop, Child Safety Seat Technician training, and more.

Moon Area School District and the Moon Township Police Department share the same vision and goal for the safest learning environment for the students and staff. We believe Officer Beachy, with the help of Officer Hale, will continue to build on the foundation Corporal Zane started in the schools and continue to make the SRO position in the schools a positive force that will continue to help make the High School and Middle School safer places and foster positive relationships with students and staff.

Operation Santa Cop

Each year, Moon Township Police team up with Froggy Radio to collect toys for the kids in need in our community. Every child deserves to experience the joy and magic of Christmas and the cops are able to fulfill area children's wishes with their annual "Santa Cop" drive.

Thanks to the generous donations from customers, the Moon Township Santa Police deliver hundreds of gifts each year to area children in need. Partnering with Froggy FM Radio and Walmart, the Moon Township Police Department collects donations of toys and gift cards and delivers them to local kids.

The Moon Township Police Department would like to thank Froggy FM and their listeners, the Moon Township Walmart, and residents of Moon and surrounding areas, for their heartwarming level of support over the years.

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. Please do not rely on email or Facebook for emergencies as these are not monitored on a 24/7 basis.

Residents may also call the Dispatch Center to speak with a Moon Police official regarding information related to a crime or victim of a crime. Callers may choose to remain anonymous.

Moon Dispatch Center - 412.262.5000

Emergency Services - 911

Crime Tips Hotline - 412.262.5202

Crime Tips Email - crimetips@moonpolice.us



OUR MISSION
The Moon Township Police Department is committed to protect and serve through compassion and excellence while providing police services in accordance with the law and sensitive to the priorities and needs of the community.



FIRE SAFETY make it moon

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Downes Fire Station Update

If you have driven down Beaver Grade Road, you may have noticed the Downes Fire Station is getting updated. This facelift to the previous Downes Fire Station will make the necessary accommodations for the changing requirements for fire departments to help protect the community. This extension to the building will provide the capacity to store four fire trucks and serve the growing east side of the township.

For more information about the expansions, visit moontwp.us.



The 2021 Year in Review

CALLS TO DATE

535

EMERGENCY CALLS TO DATE

1075.45

MAN HOURS IN TRAINING

675.5

GROUP EVENTS

115

TOTAL HOURS

1866

Volunteer for the Moon Township VFC

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

1. Current resident of Moon Township
2. Must have the time and willingness to respond to emergency calls, and work at various fundraising events, and attend fire school
3. Individuals in High School interested in the Junior Firefighter program:
 - Must be between the ages of 14 and 18
 - Must have a parent/ guardian's permission to join





2022 Park Pavilion Rentals

We had a record-breaking pavilion rental season at Moon Park this year! Our parks have been busier than ever, which is an awesome sight to see! As we near the end of the year, it's time to start thinking about the 2022 rental season.

The first day for Moon Township residents to rent a Moon Park pavilion for the 2022 pavilion rental season (May through October) is Monday, February 7, 2022. Due to construction at the Moon Township Municipal Building, the location is to be determined. Please check the Moon Parks website periodically at www.moonparks.org for additional details. Non-residents may begin reserving pavilions on the following Tuesday, February 15, 2022, by calling the Parks and Recreation office at **412.262.1703**.



Memorial Bricks

Help pave the Memorial Garden walkway by purchasing a brick engraved with a lasting message for an individual, organization, or business. Commemorative bricks are a meaningful way to remember a loved one, honor a friend or family member or recognize a milestone. Brick sponsorships are available for \$65 for an engraved 4x8" brick or \$200 for an 8x8" business brick. Donations support the Moon Township Memorial Fund for continued development at these memorial spaces.

NEW in 2021- The Memorial Garden at Moon Park has been moved to surround the Moon Park flagpole and redesigned to incorporate a more park-like feel complete with benches. When purchasing memorial bricks you may now choose which garden to place them in. For more information go to www.moonparks.org

Robin Hill Center Rentals

Robin Hill Center reservations may be made up to one year in advance. To receive the resident rate, the contract must be signed, and the payments must be made by a Moon Township resident. For additional information, please visit www.moonparks.org to schedule a tour of Robin Hill Center, please call **412.262.1703** or email info@moonparks.org.



Memorial Benches

Honor a loved one with a permanent memorial bench. Benches may be placed in parks or on trails and are available in a variety of designs and sizes. All benches include a personalized cast aluminum plaque. Full bench details and pricing can be found online at www.moonparks.org.





Special Events

Moon Lights Holiday Festival

Date: Saturday, December 4

Time: 5:00-7:30 PM

Location: Moon Park

Moon Park is your destination for holiday spirit and all things Christmas. This event will feature performances by local dancers and musicians, food trucks, craft vendors, games, and the big man himself...Santa Clause!

Santa will ride into Moon Park atop a firetruck at 5:30 PM and light the Moon Park Christmas Tree at the Rotary Pavilion. Following the lighting of the tree, Santa will be available for photos and visits with children and families. Be sure to bring your letters for Santa to drop in his mailbox.

Thank you to our Moon Park Holiday Light sponsors: Airport Fire FX, Brewer Airport Toyota, Citizen Care, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospitals, Heartland Homes at Village at Marketplace, Kendra White & Family, Moon Golf Club, T-Mobile, and West-Aircomm Federal Credit Union

Fireside Chats with Santa

Dates: Wednesday, December 8 & Thursday, December 9

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Rotary Pavilion

Fee: \$5.00 per child (Moon resident) / \$7.00 per child (Non-resident)

Santa Clause himself will return to Moon Park for this two-night event. Stop by and chat with Santa, drop off a letter for the north pole, and make s'mores in the fireplace. Each child will leave with a fun gift bag and wonderful memories. Attendance is limited, pre-registration is required for this event.



Park Programs and Events

Youth Programming

Art in the Park (Ages 5-12)

Dates: Wednesdays: December 1 & 8 (2-week mini session)

January 5-26

February 2-23

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Join Ms. Lisa for some adventures in art! We will explore many different mediums from drawing to painting, from collage to sculpture. We will be learning about artists from the past and letting them inspire us while creating original works of our own. The fee includes all materials.

Crafter-noons! (Ages 5-12)

Dates: Saturdays: December 18

January 22

February 12

Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Let's get crafty with a few friends! Join Ms. Lisa for some seasonal craft projects. Each workshop will feature at least 3 crafts that kids will take home. December will be holly jolly. January will be cocoa crazy. February will be a sweet Valentine time!

Nature Explorers (Ages 5-12)

Dates: Mondays: December 6 (Exciting one-day session with a special guest!)

January 3-31 (No class 1/17)

February 7-March 7 (No class 2/21)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Fee: \$40 Moon residents/\$45 Non-residents (per 4-week session)

December one day session, \$15/\$20.

Location: Galaxy Field

Spend some time in the park and explore all that nature has to offer. Educationally enriching activities focusing on science and nature will be combined with trail hikes, visits to Nelson Pond, and so much more.

Snapology Winter Program (Ages 5-12)

Date: Thursday, December 16

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Fee: \$25 Moon residents/\$30 Non-residents, per program date

In this How the Grinch Stole Bricks workshop, students will immerse themselves in the city of Whoville and the story of the Grinch! They will design machines to help the Grinch with his sneaky mission to ruin Christmas, build the city of Whoville, and create sleds to get from the top of Mt. Crumpit down to the city of Whoville! No matter what the Grinch says, it's going to be a blast!

Mad Science Flash Camp (Ages 5-10)

Dates: Thursday, December 9

Tuesday, January 11

Thursday, February 17

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Fee: \$25 Moon residents/\$30 Non-residents (Per Flash Camp)

December- This Winter Wonderlab program will have your kids gasping and laughing at our Mad Scientist's exciting and merry science experiments. The Mad Scientist will introduce the audience to a mysterious North Pole rock that turns out to be dry ice. Kids make bubbling potions and experiment with popping corks, shivering quarters, and clouds of fog. Also, they will create slimy sludge to keep!

January- Detective Science will have children using science to crack a case! The crime happens just before the Bustertown bakeoff. Mr. Baker's big, chewy, chocolate chip cookie is sabotaged, and his recipe is stolen. Analyzing all the evidence is what helps pinpoint the perpetrator.

February- In this program we will figure out how to build the strongest bridge. In this class, children will work together with their fellow civil engineers to build and test different bridge designs from Lego bricks. They learn about strong shapes and structures and use what they learn to create the strongest bridge possible. Then they test and improve their designs for strength and stability.

Safe@Home by Safe Sitter (Grades 4-6)

Dates: Wednesday, December 15, 4:30-6:00 PM

Monday, January 17, 3:00-4:30 PM

Thursday, February 24, 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Fee: \$25 Moon residents/\$35 Non-residents

Safe@Home by Safe Sitter® is a program designed for students in grades 4-6 to prepare them to be safe when they are home alone. Safe@Home is a 90-minute program that teaches students how to practice safe habits, how to prevent unsafe situations, and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies. Students are also introduced to the Safe Sitter® First Aid Chart and learn a system to help them assess and respond to injuries and illnesses.



Register for events by visiting moonparks.org or by calling **412.262.1703** Tuesday-Thursday. Payment is due at the time of registration.



Park Programs and Events

Fitness Classes

Hip Hop Cardio Fitness (Adults and Teens 15+)

Dates: Thursdays: January 6-February 24 (No class 1/20 & 2/17)

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-residents

Instructor: Amy Humberston

Join Amy for some cardio dance exercise! You can take the moves up to make them harder or modify them for any fitness level. Amy will help everyone with fun fitness through dance where everyone can leave feeling like they had a great workout and had fun! The class will include warm-up and cool-down also.

Yoga: Beginners and Beyond (Adults and Teens 15+)

Dates: Thursdays: January 6-27 (No class 1/20)

February 3-24 (No class 2/17)

Time: 5:15-6:15 PM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$30 Moon residents/\$35 Non-residents -per 3-week session

Instructor: Jen Stratakis

No experience required! Instructor Jen Stratakis E-RYT 500, will lead you through an hour-long class, which includes standing and seated poses, breathwork, and guided relaxation. Modifications are given to accommodate everyone. Bring a mat, water bottle, and any other yoga props you may have. Blocks are especially helpful.

Pound® Fitness (Adults and Teens 15+)

Dates: Tuesdays: January 4-February 8

February 15-March 22

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-residents (\$10 Drop-In)

Instructor: Karla Tobias

POUND® is a full-body cardio jam session, combining light resistance with simulated drumming. The workout fuses cardio, Pilates, strength movements, plyometrics, and isometrics.

Totally Toned (Adults & Teens 15+)

Dates: Mondays: January 3-February 7

February 14-March 21

Times: 6:30-7:30 PM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-residents (per 6-week session)

Instructor: Karla Tobias

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

Barre (Adults & Teens 15+)

Dates: Wednesdays: January 5-February 16

February 23-March 30

Times: 8:30-9:30 AM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-residents (per 6-week session)

Instructor: Judy Elias

Barre is a total body workout that lifts your seat, tones your thighs, abs, arms, and burns fat. This workout includes elements of ballet, Pilates, and traditional toning exercises. Bring a mat and a pair of 1-3lb dumbbells. This class is for all fitness levels.

Mat Pilates by Club Pilates (Adults & Teens 15+)

Dates: Wednesdays: November 17-December 22

Time: 10:30-11:30 AM

Location: Robin Hill Center

Instructor: Kimber Waldorf

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-residents. Rolling registration (will prorate session fee for missed classes) Join in at any point in the session!

Club Pilates class will incorporate all the key principles of Pilates such as postural alignment, breathing, core stability, controlled movement, and flexibility. The class is low impact. The class format may also be combined with other Club Pilates props such as weights, balls, therabands, and rings. Bring your mat and water.

Pilates (Adults and Teens 15+)

Date: Tuesdays: November 2 (Free Class)

November 9-December 14

January 4-February 8

February 15-March 22

Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Location: Robin Hill

Fee: \$45 Moon residents/\$50 Non-residents, per 6-week session (\$10 Drop-ins)

Instructor: Judy Elias

The Pilates method of body conditioning is a unique system of stretching/strengthening exercises that work the entire body. Expect to flatten your abs, strengthen your core muscles, increase flexibility, firm buttocks/thighs, and improve your posture. For all fitness levels. Bring a mat, hand weights, and water.



Register for events by visiting moonparks.org or by calling 412.262.1703 Tuesday-Thursday. Payment is due at the time of registration.



Park Programs and Events

I am connected senior connection

What is the Senior Connection?

The Moon Township Senior Connection offers senior programming to anyone 55+ in Moon Township as well as all surrounding communities. Membership is free with the one-time purchase of a membership card for only \$10.

Registering for Programs and Events

Event and program registrations are currently made by calling Moon Parks and Recreation at **412.262.1703 ext. 404** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. In-person registrations begin January 5, 2022, on Wednesdays from 10 AM-2 PM at the Carriage House. Payment is due at the time of registration. A full listing of current information, program guides, and monthly newsletters are always available at the Carriage House in Robin Hill Park in our Senior Connection Information Box. The box is located just outside the Carriage House entrance. Information is also available at www.moonparks.org.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made less than 7 days before the event will incur a 25% cancellation fee. Refunds will be made to your account. No show - No refund.

Senior Connection Locations

Robin Hill Park (Carriage House and Robin Hill Center)

- 949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township
- This location is offering a variety of programming and events and is currently the full-time location of the Moon Township Senior Connection.

Tapestry Senior Living

- 550 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Township
- This location is temporarily closed and will reopen once the COVID-19 guidelines allow.

Presenting Sponsors

UPMC for Life
UPMC Health Plan Medicare Program

 **Encompass Health**
Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley

Daily Drop-In Programming at the Carriage House (Senior Connection Members Only)

Fee: Most programming is free

Register: No registration unless specified

Location: The Carriage House in Robin Hill Park, 949 Thorn Run Road

Stop in or stay all day! The Carriage House will be open for use by all members from 10 AM-3 PM on Tuesdays through Fridays. Feel free to stop in or stay all day. Meet friends to socialize and have some fun. Cards, books, puzzles, games, ping-pong, shuffleboard, crafts/coloring, and music are always available. Coffee, tea, water, and hot chocolate will be provided.

Register for events by visiting moonparks.org or by calling **412.262.1703 ext. 404** Tuesday-Thursday. Payment is due at the time of registration.

COVID-19

Our most up-to-date guidelines can be found online at moonparks.org.

Free Daily Activities at the Carriage House for Moon Senior Connection (Ages 55+)

NOTE: The following schedule starts January 4, 2022.
For the current schedule, please visit our website at www.moonparks.org.

Tuesdays (Closed 12/21 Christmas Luncheon event and open until 1 PM on 2/8.)

- 10:00 AM - Pokeno games
- 11:30 AM - Spinning the oldies - Bring your albums & CDs or enjoy ours
- Noon - Brown bag lunch bunch - Bring your lunch and dine with friends
- 1:00 PM - Tuesday tea parties
- 2:00 PM - Card games & jigsaw puzzles

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM - Coffee & Conversation
- 11:00 AM - LCR game (Left, Center, Right dice game)
- Noon - Brown bag lunch bunch - Bring your lunch and dine with friends
- 1:30 PM - Creativity time (small crafts, painting, and more)
- 2:00 PM - Ping-pong & shuffleboard table games

Thursdays (Closed 12/2 Hartville, Ohio Christmas shopping bus trip, 12/23, and 1/13)

- 10:00 AM - Coffee & Conversation
- 11:00 AM - Bingo
- Noon - Brown bag lunch bunch - Free soup for lunch (December 16)
- 1:00 PM - Group trivia game
- 2:00 PM - Afternoon classic movie of the week

Fridays (Closed 12/10, 12/24)

- 10:00 AM - Senior chair yoga
- 11:00 AM - Ping-pong and shuffleboard games
- Noon - Brown bag lunch bunch - Bring your lunch and dine with friends
- Noon-3:00 PM - Peace and Quilt Club
- 1:00-2:30 PM - Painting class - January 14, 28, February 11 & 25 (Fee & Registration Required)
- 2:00 PM - Puzzles galore - crossword, word search, sudoku, and brain busters



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Park Programs and Events

Senior Connection Programs & Events (Senior Connection Members Only)

***All Programs listed below require registration to attend. For all registrations, please call 412.262.1703 x404 Tuesday-Thursday. In-person registrations begin in 2022 on Wednesdays from 10 AM-2 PM at the Carriage House**

Christmas Tree Decorating & Secret Santa Sign Ups (Ages 55+)

Date: Wednesday, December 1

Time: 10:30 AM-Noon

Registration – To participate in the Secret Santa gift exchange register before December 1

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

Fee: Free

Let's get our Christmas Spirit started. Help put your touch on our beautiful Christmas Tree. Hot chocolate, decorations, and a festive good time await. Then if you would like to participate, choose your secret gift recipient's tag. \$5.00 max. suggested for a gift.

Secret Santa Gift Exchange (Ages 55+)

Date: Wednesday, December 15

Time: 11:00 AM-Noon

Registration- Complete your Secret Santa tag and information on or before December 1 at the Carriage House

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

Please bring your wrapped \$5.00 gift with your recipient's tag# on their gift. Enjoy watching the smiles as presents are opened while partaking in holiday beverages and snacks!

Christmas Lasagna Luncheon (Ages 55+)

Date: Tuesday, December 21

Time: Choose your time slot - 11:30 AM or 1:30 PM when registering

Fee: \$15.00 per person

Register by: Tuesday, December 9

Location: Robin Hill Center

Let's take a break during the bustling holiday season and get together to celebrate Christmas. Wear your favorite festive fashions and enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert, and beverages. There will also be a sweet gift for all who attend!

After New Year's Eve Party (Ages 55+)

Date: January 4

Time: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Fee: \$10.00

Register by: Tuesday, December 28

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

Let's ring in the 2022 Senior Connection style! We will celebrate with hats, balloons, and lots of fun. Enjoy a delicious fish sandwich, side, and sparkling beverages followed by a sing-along to ring in the New Year.

Painting Class with Acrylics by Dee Ruckert, Professional Teacher & Artist (Ages 55+)

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Fee: \$10.00 per person per class

Register by: One week before each painting class

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

All supplies included. Please bring a painting apron or shirt. Beginners are welcome as well as experienced artists.

Pierogi Lunch and BINGO (Ages 55+)

Date: Thursday, January 13

Time: 12:00 Noon- 2:00 PM

Fee: \$6.00

Register by: Wednesday, January 5

Location: Robin Hill Center

Join us for a delicious pierogi lunch and beverages followed by BINGO games with grab bag prizes.

NEW Historical Speaker Series Part I (Ages 55+) Interpretive Living History-Colonial America

Date: Wednesday, January 19

Time: 11:00 AM

Fee: No Fee

Register by: Wednesday, January 12

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

This interactive presentation will give you a look into the frontier life of a family from the Scottish Highlands to Virginia in 1746. Hardships, new land, and the idea of liberty. Presented by The Intrepid Pioneers, Missy Clark. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Historical Speaker Series Part II (Ages 55+) Heinz History Center "World War II: Objects of Victory"

Date: Wednesday, February 2

Time: 11:00 AM

Fee: No Fee

Register by: January 26

Location: Carriage House at Robin Hill Park

This historical presentation will trace Pittsburgh's contributions to victory in World War II through the stories of five key artifacts. Presented by Heinz History Center and the Ambassador Program. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Roast Beef Dinner & Wine Pairings (Ages 55+)

Date: Tuesday, February 8

Time: 4:00-5:30 PM

Fee: \$18.00

Register by: February 1

Location: Robin Hill Center

A lovely dinner served by candlelight that will include beverages, salad, roast beef, potatoes, mixed vegetables, and rolls. Followed by coffee and dessert. Wine pairings by Kavic. Don't miss this fun event. Round tables of 4 only!

Doo-Wop Party featuring the "Doo Wop Drs." (Ages 55+)

Date: Friday, February 18

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Fee: \$15.00 per member and 55+ guests permitted with registration at the same fee

Register by: Wednesday, February 7

Location: Crescent Township Fire Hall, 79 McGovern Boulevard, Crescent

This is going to be an evening to remember. Senior Connection members may also register a guest that is not a Senior Connection member. Register and bring a friend. Bagged snacks and water included. Cash bar available.

Park Programs and Events

Moon Township Dog Park Coming Soon!

2020 was a record year for dog adoptions and purchases. We know that many community members have been anxiously awaiting the development of a dog park in Moon Township. Moon Parks & Recreation is excited to announce that we anticipate the new Moon Township Dog Park to open in the Spring of 2022.

The new Moon Township Dog Park will be attached to the greater Moon Park complex. Vehicle access to the park will be across from the new Downes Fire Station on Beaver Grade Road. A pedestrian path will link the Dog Park to the main Moon Park area across Ewing Road.

Sponsor Spotlight

Moon Township would like to thank West-Aircomm Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the 3-5-year-old Playground at Moon Park. The use of the playground has exploded over the past year and a half with our community members enjoying being in the park now more than ever. West-Aircomm is a full-service credit union offering a wide range of products and services designed to meet your financial needs. Today, they have nearly 21,000 members and over \$300 million in assets.

On September 15, 2005, West-Aircomm was approved for a 3-county community charter covering Beaver, Butler, and Allegheny Counties. This means West-Aircomm membership is open to all people that live, work, worship, or attend school in the 3-county area. Family members are also eligible for membership. Learn more at www.westaircomm.com.



You can support the new Moon Township Dog Park in a variety of ways:

- Visit www.moonparks.org
- Purchase a biscuit bench or picnic table for the Dog Park!
- Sponsor the Dog Park! Varying sponsorship levels are available!
- Join the Pup Lover's Club (a \$100 monetary donation OR a raffle basket donation) and receive a Wag Bag filled with goodies!
- Interested in getting involved? Contact our Community Outreach Coordinator Lauren Madison at **412.262.1703 X402** or lmadison@moontwp.us.

Thank you to our Dog Park Sponsors

Bachman Builders, Friendly Paws Pet Resort and Woofles Premier Pet Resort.

Thank you to those who have donated a biscuit bench, picnic table or agility item to the Dog Park

Foxwood Knolls Neighbors, Friendly Paws Pet Resort & Friendly Paws LITTLES, Heartland Homes at Village at Marketplace, Larry's Laundromutt, Rebdev, LLC, Woofles Premier Pet Resort.

Thank you to our recent Pup Lover's Club Members

Paws in the Sand Pet Treats, Paradise Paws Dog Grooming, Top Dog Pet Care Services, Jen's Yoga Zen, Haze and Gail Bischoff, Murphy and Alexander Hays, Rocket, Denali and The Perry Family, Bonnie and Greggory Blunkosky and Karly Welshons, Dove and Audra Senkevich, Lynne Schultz, Elsa, Flynn, and Karin Rooney, The Arnold Family and Barley and The Mangis Family





WM At Your Door Program

Can't make it to one of the electronic collections or recycling day? Waste Management offers a residential curbside special materials pickup. The "At Your Door Special Collection" program allows Moon Township Municipal Authority garbage customers to dispose of hazardous materials easily and safely such as garden chemicals, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, used motor oil, and more.

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 complete list of accepted materials can be found through the program's website at WMAtYourDoor.com or by calling a representative at **1.800.449.7587**.



MOON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REFUSE CUSTOMERS
COLLECTION

OF ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

SIGN UP 3 EASY WAYS

- 1** ONLINE AT: WMAtYourDoor.com
- 2** CALL: 1.800.449.7587
- 3** EMAIL: ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM

Additional information about this program is available from the Moon Township Municipal Authority at moontma.com or by phone at 412.264.4300.

A message from the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council 2017 in partnership with...

MOON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  township of MOON



Moon Township Municipal Authority
 1700 Beaver Grade Road
 Moon Township, PA 15108
 412-264-4300

www.moontma.com

2022 Refuse and Recycling Collection Calendar

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 = Solid Waste & Recycling Pickup

 = Holiday

***Pickup is one day late when the holiday observed by Waste Management falls on a weekday. When their holiday falls on Sunday, collection will be on Monday the next day. The solid waste weekly pickup maximum limit is 15 refuse bags and 2 bulky waste items. Customers desiring collection of a greater quantity should contact Waste Management to arrange a special collection.**

Household Electronic and Hazardous Waste Collection Program

by Waste Management for MTMA solid waste customers is available at no extra charge.

Automotive fluids and batteries, cleaners, paint, chemicals, electronic devices (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, phones, copiers, etc.)

Call Waste Management at **800.449.7587** or visit www.WMAtYourDoor.com for appointment pickup. See www.moontma.com for link to Waste Management's descriptive flyer.

Electronic Recycling Events for All Moon Residents

For electronics you may also contact Moon Township at **412-262-1700** or view web site at www.moontwp.us for scheduled electronic recycling events.

Recycling Guidelines

Curbside recycling collection will occur every week on the same day as regular curbside refuse pickup.



GREEN INITIATIVE

The list of recyclable material is as follows:

- (1) Aluminum cans.
- (2) Tin cans.

Do not recycle non-can items such as metal, foil, lawnmower blades, dog chains.

- (3) Plastics – Clean bottles, jugs, jars only . **No** plastic bags. Do not put recycling materials in plastic bags.

#1 PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate): Clear containers typically used for soft drinks and bottled water.
No food trays.

#2 HDPE (High Density Polyethylene): Colored or translucent plastic. Typically used for milk or juice containers and common household chemicals, **no** plastic bags.

Plastics NOT RECYCLED

Types #3 through #7, bags, film wrap, black PET trays or food trays of any type, plastic items such as, but not limited to flower pots, vinyl siding, records, VCR tapes.

- (4) Newspaper and Mixed Paper – Any clean paper that can be torn, copier paper, soft back books, colored paper, file folders, insides of hardback books, bar line paper, magazines, mail inserts, business cards, catalogues, telephone books, poster board, envelopes, greeting cards, chip board (cereal and other similar boxes must be flattened to reduce volume).

Do not recycle pizza boxes and other paper with food or grease contamination. These are disposed of with regular trash. **Do not** recycle shredded or small pieces of paper, nor plastic covered paper such as milk cartons or paper drink cups.

- (5) Corrugated Cardboard – Must be flattened to reduce volume with large items to be placed beside or below the recycling bin. Flattened boxes larger than 48" must be cut into smaller pieces to allow loading. Do not put solid waste in cardboard boxes. Cardboard is to be recycled.

Other NOT RECYCLED

NO glass of any type. NO styrofoam. NO rubber products. These are disposed of with regular trash.

Materials Requiring Special Handling

Material:

Latex Paint

Carpet

Refrigerators & air conditioners

Construction debris, logs, large branches
are **not** collected

Auto Parts & Tires **ARE NOT COLLECTED**

Disposal Method:

Dry up with kitty litter and dispose of with solid waste.

Secure in bundles less than 4 ft in length. Bundles must weigh less than 40 lbs.

Refrigerator door must be removed prior to pick-up.
Freon must be removed by a licensed technician and a required sticker placed on unit.

Call Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460 to arrange for a pick-up. Extra charge will apply.

Contact auto salvage yard, scrap metal dealer, tire dealer.



VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



The dedicated employees of Valley Ambulance Authority remain on the front line, providing life-saving treatment and transportation - 24 hours a day/7 days a week to the residents of Moon Township and the neighboring communities including Crescent Township, Coraopolis Borough, and Neville Island.

Our employees have been fighting a courageous battle during the COVID-19 pandemic with great efforts to provide maximum care and protection for our patients, VAA employees, and their families.

These efforts have led to a major increase in VAA expenses including the purchase of new personal protective equipment (PPE), increased training costs, and other COVID-19 related expenses.

How Can You Help?

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Since Valley Ambulance Authority is a non-profit entity, we rely heavily on community support and donations to fund our annual operating budget, which totals more than \$3 million.

A donation to VAA may also qualify for a new, enhanced tax deduction, as outlined in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Act contains incentives to encourage charitable donations to entities, like Valley Ambulance Authority, to help in our fight against this terrible pandemic.

The new deduction allows for up to a \$300 deduction per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) for charitable donations, even if a taxpayer does not itemize their tax return. Residents are urged to check with their tax advisors to see if they are eligible to take advantage of these new donation-related tax deductions.

Residents who are interested in donating to Valley Ambulance Authority are encouraged to visit our website at www.valleyamb.org and navigate to the "Donate Now" page.

We want to conclude by taking this opportunity to sincerely thank all residents and businesses of Moon Township, who have taken the time to demonstrate their support of our dedicated employees, through kind letters of support and donations of food and other items.

We encourage all residents to become vaccinated and continue their use of face masks, proper social distancing, and frequent handwashing to help reduce the spread of this dangerous virus.



MOON LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

2021 Winter Fest Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
1 PM-3 PM

PRE-ORDER FOOD ITEMS AND
DRIVE THRU TO GET YOUR GOODIES,
SEE SANTA, AND RECEIVE A BAG
WITH A HOLIDAY CRAFT AND
ACTIVITIES!

\$20- VARIETY BOX OF HOMEMADE COOKIES

\$1- BAG OF POPCORN

\$1- HOT COCOA

\$1- SARRIS CANDY BARS

ORDER YOUR HOMEMADE COOKIES, BUTTERY
POPCORN, RICH HOT COCOA AND MORE TO-GO BY
VISITING [HTTP://TINY.CC/WINTERFUNDRAISER2021](http://tiny.cc/winterfundraiser2021)
OR CALLING 412.269.0334



Property Tax Office

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

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

-Catherine Tress, PQMC



The Property tax office reminds everyone that we are now in the 10% penalty period for both the full Moon Area School district property tax and the Township of Moon property tax. We are also collecting the 4th and final installment by November 30, 2021, if you started an installment plan by the end of August.

If you have any concerns or questions if your tax has been paid, please don't hesitate to contact my office. You cannot check if your tax is paid through the online payment option on my website. This is a convenience service and is managed by a third-party company, unfortunately, I cannot provide the company with updates for payments made and we do not have staff to update the online data system.

It is for your convenience only to make your property tax payment. Please record your payment in your records or check with my office if you are uncertain before making a duplicate payment.

My last day to collect payments for the 2021 tax season is Thursday, December 30 and the office will be closed on Friday, December 31. It has been a pleasure serving the taxpayers of Moon Township. I hope my replacement is treated with the same respect and courtesy as everyone has shown me.

Catherine Tress
Moon Township Property Tax Collector
2010-2021



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STAY CONNECTED!

**Ask Your Smart Device
About Moon Township
Say “MAKE IT MOON”!**

In case you missed it, Moon Township collaborated with Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant to bring voice activated e-gov to resident's households. This will allow users to download the skill of “Make it Moon” through their Google or Alexa app and then speak to their device to ask about events in Moon or report a problem.

This feature also allows users to find out when events are going on by asking questions such as “When is trick or treat?” or “What do I do with my tree limbs?” In addition, it can be used like the e-gov service offered online through the municipality to report problems and ask questions.

