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

Labor Day – Monday, September 2
Veterans Day – Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving – Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29

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The Cover

Seniors move to Tapestry!
Meet the new Senior Connection.

The Moon Township Messenger was arranged by Communications Director Christine Ree and designed by Web & Graphic Designer Frank Vieira.

Read the Fall 2019 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.us.

A Letter from the Township Manager

It's true what they say. "Time flies when you're having fun." It's hard to believe that another summer is coming to an end. As I reflect back, I think the most exciting moment was the opening of the new playground and Clearview Federal Credit Union splash pad at Moon Park ... just in time for the annual Independence Day celebration. The event always draws an immense crowd, but it was wonderful to see kids and families enjoying these new amenities. It was a long time coming, and while Mother Nature caused construction delays, I hope you will agree that this new playground was worth the wait! In the rush to get it open, we did not have time for an official ribbon cutting ceremony before so now that everything is finished, mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 28 at 5:00 p.m. I hope you'll be able to join us at the playground as we recognize and thank everyone involved in this project.

A huge welcome to Stacey Sommerfield, our new Parks and Recreation Director, who joined us just a few weeks before two of Moon Township's biggest events – The 5K Glow Run and Walk on July 3 and Independence Day celebration July 4, which were better than ever.

We also welcomed Michelle Shuey to the role of Administrative Assistant at the police department. Michelle joins us as Patty Marmura retired after 27 years of service. Patty will be deeply missed as her dedication and love of our police force knew no bounds. We also said farewell to Bill Almsy who provided exceptional janitorial services for more than 30 years at various township facilities. We wish Patty and Bill all the best and hope they enjoy retirement.

Besides the opening of the new playground and Clearview Federal Credit Union Splash Pad at Moon Park, the long-awaited opening of the Moon Township Senior Connection located at Tapestry Senior Living facility, 550 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Township, PA 15108. Activities at the new location have expanded to five days a week, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Moon Senior Connection welcomes members from all communities, and it is free

to join. Read more about Moon Township Senior Connection on page 11 of this Messenger.

This summer marked the first time Moon Township partnered with the PA Department of Labor and Industry to participate in a program called My Work Initiative. The program allows students to learn vocational skills and take pride in their community through on-the-job training. Leah Blackwell worked in the Municipal Building helping Code Administrator Lora Dombrowski with a variety of clerical tasks. Leah attends Chatham University and is studying creative writing. She hopes to enter the master's program and eventually land a job as an editor. Oli Theodorsson worked in the Public Works Department helping crews in Moon Park and at the municipal facility with landscaping, events setup and litter cleanup. He says the best part about his job was getting to know his co-workers. Oli is a senior at Moon Area High School. He hasn't decided what he'd like to do once he graduates. Both Leah and Oli did a fantastic job and we wish them much success.

As much as I dread seeing summer come to an end, I'm looking forward to all the coming fall events. From the Wizarding Festival to the Halloween Spooktacular to Light Up Night and more, there is so much to enjoy. I'd like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers who help make these community events possible.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Moon Township staff for their dedicated service to our community. Please remember that if you have a concern about Moon Township, or you would just like to share your thoughts, you can alert us through the online Citizen Request System. You'll find it under the Residents tab at moontwp.com. Or you can call 412.262.1700.

Dawn Lane
Township Manager

Meet Our Parks & Recreation Director



Moon Township welcomed Stacey Sommerfield in June as the new Parks and Recreation Director. Stacey comes from the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority in Lewisburg, PA where she was the Executive Director since March 2015. She's aiming to get more people to unplug and head outdoors and is committed to building on the success of all our programs and events. Stacey purchased a house in Coraopolis and is looking forward to getting settled in her new job and her new home.



"My Work Initiative" Oli



"My Work Initiative" Leah

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

-Catherine Tress, PQMC



Reminders and Updates from the Tax Office

The Moon Area School District property tax statements were mailed on July 1, 2019. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the office for a duplicate. The discount and first of four installments must have been received by the office or postmarked no later than August 31, 2019. The remaining three coupons will be mailed to those taxpayers making installments, with the remaining due dates of September 30, October 31 and November 30. You cannot make random installment payments, and the amount must be exact or equal to the total sum of what is due for additional installments. My office mails the summary of all payments and total paid in December once all the payments have been received and finalized.

Please note: The last day for the Moon Area School District two percent discount period and the last day for the first installment to be in my office falls on Labor Day weekend. The office will be closed on Saturday, August 31. My office accepts postmarked mail, or you can pay online through my website until midnight of August 31.

There is a maximum of \$15,000 through this site. Please do not use the tax office online payment system if your property tax is more than that amount.

For those taxpayers that want to pay in person, the office is open from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, including August 29. I will accept payments in my office on Tuesday, September 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as discount since the office will be closed over the holiday.

We are now collecting the 10 percent penalty for the Township of Moon property tax until December 31.

A Few Things to Remember

My office is not notified by the county, and often the closing companies, about real estate sales. If you are a new owner, please contact the office to ensure we have the correct mailing address, whether you are paying directly or if you have an escrow. If you have refinanced, mortgage companies do not typically forward the statements but rather toss them, and my office has no way of knowing they did not get to the owner for payments.

If you choose to make an online payment through my website, ECSI is the company currently handling online payments. Please make a note of your transaction whether using the ACH service or credit card. The opening page of the website indicates how it will appear on your checking account or credit card statements. It will NOT necessarily say Moon Township or Moon Area School District, but it will list ECSI. If you are concerned, please call my office to confirm your payment prior to challenging it with the bank or credit card company if you know you made your property tax payment through my website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Office Closures

Labor Day - August 31 & September 2

Patriot Day - September 11

Columbus Day - October 14

Veterans Day - November 11

Thanksgiving - November 27, 28 & 29



TRAILS R US:

Do you know Moon Township has the largest trail system in western Allegheny County? Hikers, dog walkers, runners and mountain bikers enjoy the beautiful woodland trail system, owned by Hollow Oak and open to the public year-round.

Over 10 miles of trails stretch from Moon Park to Londonbury to the Montour Trail at Hassam Road. In 2020, a new trail bridge will link the Montour Trail directly to these woodland trails.

Hollow Oak is supported by member donations, which help build and maintain trails, study fish and amphibians, and plant trees for healthy local forests. Members also help protect new greenspaces, such as Trout Run Conservation Area on Hookstown Grade Road near the former YMCA. There, nearly two miles of scenic trails offer a great hilly destination if you don't mind a unique view of Costco. ;-)

If Trails R You...

- **Mountain Bike Race, 4th Annual, Moon Park** - Sept. 22nd
- **Trail Race (5K, 10K, Half Marathon), Montour Woods** - Sept. 29th
- Trail Volunteer Mondays - 5:30pm
- Casual Hikes - Tuesdays, 6:00pm

For trail maps and more info:

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GREEN INITIATIVES make it moon

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Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, October 5

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council, in partnership with JVS Environmental, hosts electronics collection days to gather unused and unwanted electronic items. These events collect electronic items only, including printers, copiers, computers, laptops and televisions. Only one television per vehicle will be accepted. Other items, such as appliances containing FREON and fluorescent lighting will be collected for a fee. Recycling collections are open to Moon Township residents only. Proper ID is required.

Walk the Moon

Saturday, October 5

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Moon Park, Olson Park and Robin Hill Park

Get out and explore the trails! Enjoy a guided nature walk at one of Moon Township's three parks and take home some giveaway items. This is a free, family-friendly event hosted in partnership with Hollow Oak Land Trust.

Farmers' Market

Wednesdays, through September 25

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Building



Trick-or-Treat

Thursday, October 31

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

It's time to stock up on Halloween candy as the little ghosts and goblins will be knocking on your door! Please remember to drive carefully around the township. This is an exciting night for kids and they often forget the usual safety precautions.

New Resident Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

6:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

New to Moon Township? You're invited to attend our upcoming New Resident Meeting. Come meet our supervisors and staff, learn about the township, ask questions, and share your ideas. Not-so-new residents who want to become more familiar with township services are also welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call 412.262.1700 to RSVP.

Are You Getting the Information You Need? Take Our Survey

Moon Township strives to keep residents informed about the happenings in the municipality. We invite you to participate in a survey that should take less than 10 minutes to answer. Your feedback will help ensure we meet your needs. Please visit moontwp.us/survey to access the survey. The deadline to participate is September 30.

TAKE OUR SURVEY
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Field of Dreams

Former Mooncrest Resident, Now Giants' Scout, Hopes to Rebuild Childhood Baseball Field

Bob "Mazz" Mariano grew up with his three brothers in Moon Township's Mooncrest neighborhood in the 1960s and 70s. It wasn't easy. Even then the community knew its share of hard times, despite the prosperity happening around the rest of Moon. But Mariano recalls a brighter side. "It was one of the best places to grow up," he said. "People in other parts of Moon looked down on our neighborhood but living in Mooncrest was a badge of honor for us."

Mooncrest was the first development in Moon. The federal government built the community in 1943 as a Defense Housing Project for workers who built landing ship tank vessels (LSTs) at the nearby boatyards on Neville Island. The LSTs transported men and materials to enemy battlefields and were crucial to the Allied victory in World War II.

After the war, the United States Air Force operated Mooncrest as housing for those working at the 911th base. In 1958, the government sold it to private developers who then sold individual units to landlords or new owners. Eventually, Mooncrest became home to the township's first municipal building, first police station and an elementary school. The neighborhood also included a small grocery store and barbershop.

Mariano reminisced about playing with the other neighborhood kids. He recalled there always being something to do, be it a simple game of kick-the-can or a more extravagant

project like creating a haunted trail in the woods at Halloween. He especially enjoyed the pickup baseball games on the unkept field. "It was a small field with lots of weeds and ruts and a rusty backstop," he remembered. "There were power lines running through right field, so any ball hit there was an automatic home run."

As Moon Township grew, Mooncrest and its residents became less central and more peripheral to the greater community, and the kids living there often didn't have the means to participate in activities outside the neighborhood. That's why it was a big deal when Gary Sheffler arranged for local little league baseball teams to play the Mooncrest kids on the scraggly field. "He dragged the field with his Volkswagen Beetle, bought team t-shirts for the kids, and set up a speaker system and concession stand," said Mariano. "It was something special for us kids."

Years later, Mariano played varsity baseball for the Moon Tigers before graduating in 1976. "I learned more about the fundamentals of baseball from Ray Bosetti than anyone else," he said of his former coach. "He really prepared me for the future."

The future came calling when Mariano tried out for and earned a spot on the Little Pirates, a traveling youth baseball team sponsored by the Pittsburgh Pirates of Major League Baseball. The team played a summer schedule of 90 games against other teams

in the tri-state area, including 10 at Three Rivers Stadium. "That's when things really took off for me," he said. He received several offers of athletic scholarships and chose to attend Gulf Coast Community College. "I'd received offers from Point Park College (now University), Missouri and Iowa as well, but I figured the weather was more suitable to me in Florida."

That was the beginning of a baseball career that spans more than four decades. After college, Mariano signed with the New York Yankees as an undrafted free agent and played six seasons of minor league baseball in the Yankees' and Baltimore Orioles' organizations, primarily as a third baseman.

Mariano worked as a minor league coach, manager and roving batting instructor for several MLB teams after his playing career ended. In 2005, he joined the San Francisco Giants organization where he spent seven years as the minor league batting coordinator. He then became manager of the Fresno Grizzlies, and later the Sacramento River Cats. Since 2016, Mariano has been a member of the Giants' scouting staff.

Throughout his career, Mariano often thought about how to give back to the community where he grew up. He supports Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs, which was founded by the late Sister Rene Procopio and offers a variety of services, including afterschool programs, summer camps, and GED classes.

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Mariano (right) with brother Jack at Moon High School

But always in the back of his mind was the dream of rebuilding that baseball field that created so many fond memories.

He'd hoped to play in the major league and earn a salary large enough to pay for the field himself. His dream was to name it after his mom and dad who spent much of their free time teaching their son the game, and later driving him more than an hour each way to all those Little Pirates games. But sometimes fate has its own idea.

The new field will be called Mooncrest Christian Faith Field in acknowledgement of the gift of land from the Faith Community Christian Church in Mooncrest, which owns the property where the original ballfield existed. Reverend Thomas Bracken, Sr., the Senior Pastor, said he'd been told about the field by members of the Mooncrest Baptist Church, which owned the property since its establishment in 1950 until 2014. Pastor Tom, a former girls' softball coach, dreamed of restoring the field for use by the Mooncrest community, as well as girls' softball teams who often take a back seat to boys' teams for field access. So, when the church received an inquiry about purchasing the empty lot, his heart told him to hold off. And when Mariano arrived with his idea, Pastor Tom knew this is what he was waiting for. One might wonder if Sister Rene, who loved the children of Mooncrest, is busy orchestrating miracles from heaven.

With the location secure, the next step is to

begin raising funds to cover construction and amenities. "I won't cut any corners," pledged Mariano. "It's important to do this right. From managing water runoff to bleachers and lighting, we're going to build something special here."

And something special it will be. Mariano's vision for the field is that it will be a place where all are welcome to play, and today's Mooncrest kids will receive top priority. "They'll learn the game of baseball from volunteer coaches who also act as mentors who can help build self-esteem and teach social skills, teamwork and discipline," said Mariano. Pastor Tom added, "We'll have baseball clinics and maybe some visits from celebrities, but it's not just about learning the game. We want to minister to the total child."

Mariano hopes to secure grants from Pirates Charities as well as the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and MLB Players Association Youth Development Foundation. An important factor in the awarding of the grants is being able to show community support for the field as these sources of funding offer a match of funds donated by individuals, businesses and other organizations. If you'd like to help build this field of dreams, please visit bob-mazz-mariano.org. You'll find a link to a GoFundMe page organized by Reverend Bracken. All proceeds go directly to the development of Mooncrest Christian Faith Field.



Mariano (center) with brothers Jack (left) and Jeff



Mariano (left) with brother Jack on their first little league team



Mariano (center) with Giants' greats Jim Davenport (left) and Joe Amalfitano



POLICE make it moon

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Tips for a Safe and Fun Halloween

While it's important to take safety precautions all year long, the time around Halloween tends to be more dangerous than usual. Everyone should be alert and aware of their surroundings and the dangers that can present themselves to children and adults. Consider these Halloween safety tips to ensure a fun time for everyone:

Costumes

- Choose costumes, wigs and accessories that are fire-resistant.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Use face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Make sure the costume is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Trick-or-Treating

- A responsible adult should accompany young children.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review an acceptable route.
- Agree on a specific time children should return home.
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and to stick with their friends.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.

Around the Home

- Walk your property before Halloween to be sure driveways and walkways are even and clear of debris, and that any obstacles are clearly marked, such as stakes, exposed roots or holes.
- Ensure that your front yard, walkway and entry way are well-lit so that those unfamiliar with your home can safely navigate.
- Set up decorations with traffic flow in mind. Place them to prevent tipping over, blowing away or becoming a tripping hazard.
- Avoid any kind of open flame. Consider using battery-operated candles or LED lighting as a safe alternative.
- Do not drape costumes or other fabrics over light bulbs, which generate heat and can start a fire.

Driving

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.



Farewell Patty Marmura

The Moon Township Police Department congratulates Patty Marmura on her recent retirement. Patty joined the department as a part-time administrative assistant in August 1992, working for three police chiefs during those 27 years. She says she enjoyed every minute of it and there wasn't a day she didn't look forward to going to work. She'll miss the people the most but looks forward having more time to spend with her husband Rich, her children and her five-year-old grandson Eddie, as well as her sisters and close friends.

Michelle Shuey will fill some big shoes as the new administrative assistant. She started in July, having previously worked as an administrative assistant for Greentree Borough. Michelle and her husband are parents to a 13-year-old son. She enjoys attending soccer games and spending time with family and friends. Michelle had the fortunate opportunity to work alongside Patty during the last days before her retirement. Patty assured everyone that Michelle will do a great job filling the role.

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 don't rely on email or Facebook for emergencies as these are not monitored on a 24/7 basis.

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. Callers may choose to remain anonymous.

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Emergency Services • 911

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, October 26

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration website offers a wealth of information regarding drug identification, use prevention, and treatment options. Visit getsmartaboutdrugs.gov.

Moon Township residents may drop off unwanted and expired prescription drugs year round in the collection box located in the police station lobby at 1000 Beaver Grade Road.



Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2019

Fire Prevention Week serves as a yearly reminder to review home fire safety preparedness. This year's theme is: Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape! Did you know that you may have as little as one to two minutes to get out of your home safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds? Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. For help with making an escape plan, as well as more fire safety tips, visit nfpa.org.

Open House Saturday, October 12 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Public Safety Building

Bring the family to the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company community open house and meet your volunteer firefighters. Explore the fire trucks, get some fire safety and prevention tips, learn how to operate a fire extinguisher and more! Kids will enjoy a bunch of fun activities.

Member Profile Eddie Reynolds

A sophomore at Robert Morris University, Eddie Reynolds is studying psychology and criminology. He hopes to eventually obtain a master's degree and pursue a career in criminal justice. Eddie joined the MTVFC in 2016 as a Junior Firefighter while in high school. "I joined the fire company because I wanted to help the community. I like helping people, and I thought I'd be good at firefighting." He added, "My dad and my grandfather were firefighters in other communities." Eddie says he's enjoying the things he's learning and the experiences he's having as a firefighter, but the best thing about being a part of the MTVFC is the sense of family. "We all look out for each other, and I feel close to everyone," he said.

On a side note, anyone interested in serving as a firefighter may be eligible for a FireVEST scholarship. Formed by CCAC, the Allegheny County Executive Office and the Allegheny County Fire Academy in 2009, the program offers a full scholarship to any associate degree or certificate program at CCAC, as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy, in exchange for a five-year service commitment as a volunteer firefighter within the county. This can be a great opportunity for high school students planning for college. Visit ccac.edu/FireVEST_Scholarship_Program.aspx to learn more about the FireVEST scholarship program.





PUBLIC WORKS make it moon



Rain, Rain, Go Away

Mother Nature has taken a toll on our community recently as two wet years in a row have led to many stormwater drainage problems. The calendar year 2018 was a record-setting year in the airport area with 57.83 inches of precipitation (includes rain and melted snow). The normal amount is about 36.85 inches. As of July 23, we've received 38.97 inches.

Stormwater runoff is an ever-increasing problem which is intensified by excess water from parking lots, roads, driveways, sidewalks and roofing. These all increase the peak flows of water during storm events and snow melt, causing scouring of the stream bed, erosion of stream banks, enhanced sedimentation in flatter areas of the stream, and flooding at greater frequency and magnitude. The water also carries pollutants such as fertilizer, motor vehicle oil, pet waste and yard refuse into the waterways.

The Federal Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of pollutants into waterways without the appropriate permits. Municipalities regulated as municipal separate storm sewer systems, also known as MS4 communities, have independent legal obligations related to stormwater management. These obligations are implemented through their MS4 permits with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Moon Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in 2018. It identifies actions the township will take to meet the requirement of a minimum 10 percent reduction in discharge of sediment and a 5 percent reduction in discharge of nutrients from the township's MS4 within a five-year period. Among these actions is a combination stream restoration projects and water quality improvements to existing stormwater detention basins.

Public works crews have inspected and cleared the 24 township-owned stormwater basins of vegetation and debris to ensure they function properly. Stormwater basins are designed to collect stormwater from the surface and release it at a controlled rate so that downstream areas are not flooded or eroded. Crews also have been inspecting and repairing the catch basins on township roads, especially as roads are resurfaced through the road improvement program. Maintenance includes regularly clearing the grating of debris so that drainage is not inhibited, and periodically cleaning out the trap at the bottom.

Residents are reminded that dumping leaves and yard waste over a hillside or into a ravine on their property may eventually block stormwater discharge pipes or impair the flow of water through the stormwater drainage system. Anyone participating in home composting is advised to be sure to use a designated area that does not affect the outflow of stormwater systems.

With all the precipitation we've received, underground mines and natural springs are full of water. It doesn't take much rain to cause pooling in grassy areas or a larger flooding issue. It's possible to redirect spring water into the stormwater system, but mine water must be handled differently due to the contaminants it contains. Moon Township supports the Montour Run Watershed Association in its stewardship of the watershed's resources. Since 2000, the not-for-profit, volunteer organization has been working in cooperation with private landowners, other organizations, local municipalities, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and others to address problems such as water quality, flood control, stream bank erosion, and abandoned mine drainage in and along the Montour Run Watershed. To learn more, visit mrwa.info.

Curbside Leaf Pickup

Monday – Friday
November 4-27

The schedule follows residents' regular garbage collection.* Place leaves at the curb by 8 a.m. on pickup day. Please use biodegradable paper bags. Loose leaves and leaves in plastic bags or boxes will not be picked up.

Curbside Tree Branch Pickup

Monday – Friday
November 4-27

The schedule follows residents' regular garbage collection.* Place branches at the curb by 8 a.m. on pickup day. Branches should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied.

**Please note: Areas west of University Boulevard will be picked up either on Thursday or Friday. Residents in these areas should have materials out for collection by 8 a.m. Thursday. There will be no pickup on Veterans Day.*

Compost Dropoff/ Pickup

Saturdays & Sundays
November 2 – December 8
Downes Fire Station

Residents may drop off yard waste to be composted, including branches, leaves and plant matter. Please use biodegradable bags. Branches should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and should not be bundled or tied. This dropoff is for yard waste only. Trash or other materials are not permitted. The composting program provides free mulch and compost to residents. Bring your own containers and take as much as you need. The Downes Fire Station is located at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road. Please notify Public Works prior to your arrival by calling 412.262.1700.



PARKS & RECREATION make it moon

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Moon Township Senior Connection members celebrated a special moment in August as the program moved into the Tapestry Senior Living facility. With more than 430 members, the Senior Connection is a group of vibrant seniors aged 55 and older. The program started in March 2017 at the Carriage House at Robin Hill Park after the township hired Celeste Fryz as Senior Citizen Event Director.

“There is a large population of people over 55 in this area that was underserved,” said Fryz. “The township recognized this gap and felt the time was right to add a seniors program. We want Moon Township to be an all-inclusive community with programming available for all ages and abilities.”

She continued, “We offer activities and events to suit all interests. Most importantly, we build friendships and camaraderie, which is what many of our seniors really need. The world can be somewhat depressing when you’re dealing with loneliness, medical issues or just the effects of aging on the body. I heard a lot of stories about people whose social activities consisted of doctor’s appointments. And now I’ve seen a lot of people’s lives brightened by the time they spend at the Senior Connection. We’re a family.”

As the Senior Connection membership grew, space at the Carriage House became tight. While more popular events were held at the mansion at Robin Hill, capacity was at a maximum. Then, almost out of the blue,

something wonderful happened.

Executives from Tapestry Senior Living approached Moon Township offering to host the Senior Connection at their new, modern facility located at the former Embassy Suites hotel property. The company purchased and renovated the building to provide assisted living and memory care services.

“Tapestry couldn’t be more excited to partner with the Senior Connection,” said Christopher Blum, CEO at Tapestry. “Celeste just has this amazing energy. Together we talked about how the group was really outgrowing its current space and brainstormed about what the senior community wanted. What you see is the outcome of that collaboration. We love the idea that we’ve helped design something for the Senior Connection to continue to grow for years to come.”

He added, “For Tapestry, it’s just a natural fit with our philosophy. Tapestry residents have always been active members of the larger community. Whether it’s a beer tasting at a local brewery, a painting class, worship or fishing trips, Tapestry residents are always out breaking down the imaginary walls that can sometimes grow around a senior community. So this opportunity to partner with the Senior Connection is perfect. We’ve been able to work with the Moon Township team to design something really special that we hope fosters that link within the community. The facilities are great, but the biggest benefit is the human connections that people forge.

For some folks that happens at a Zumba or water aerobics class, but for others it’s just sharing a cup of coffee or a meal at one of our restaurants. Those connections lead to healthy people and a vibrant community.”

Senior Connection activities have expanded to five days a week, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members are welcome to stop in during these hours to play cards and board games, build puzzles, use the computer lab, watch TV or just hang out and enjoy each other’s company. The center has a pool table and electronic darts and open swim times will start soon. Scheduled classes include senior fitness activities, ballroom and line dancing, crafts, brain games and a movie of the week. There will also be special events and bus trips. A schedule of daily activities is posted at the center.

The Senior Connection is open to anyone aged 55 and older. The group welcomes members from all communities, not just Moon Township. It’s free to join, so stop by the office anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to sign up. The Senior Connection is located at Tapestry Senior Living at 550 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Township, PA 15108.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with daily activities or to share their interests or hobbies is welcome. Contact Celeste Fryz at cfryz@moontwp.us.



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1000 Beaver Grade Road | 412.262.1703 | moonparks.org

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2020 Park Pavilion Rentals

The first day of pavilion rentals for the 2020 season for Moon Township residents is Monday, February 10 at 8:30 a.m. Reservations must be made in person at the Moon Township Municipal Building. Thereafter, reservations can be made at the Parks and Recreation office at Moon Park. Non-residents may reserve a pavilion beginning Tuesday, February 18. All pavilions and fees are listed at moonparks.org.

Robin Hill Center Rentals

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



Special Events

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Now Open! Clearview Federal Credit Union Splash Pad at Moon Park Playground

Moon Township thanks Clearview Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the new splash pad at the Moon Park playground. This is a 10-year partnership that will provide years of fun and play for children and families in Moon and surrounding areas.

"We're excited to partner with Moon Parks and Recreation to sponsor the brand new splash pad!" said Ron Celaschi, Clearview CEO. "This sponsorship is the perfect reminder that we're all kids at heart."

Stacey Sommerfield, Moon Township Parks and Recreation Director commented, "The Clearview Federal Credit Union Splash Pad has brought an exciting new energy to Moon Park. On summer days it provides a safe space for our community to gather, meet new people, and cool off. It's been great to see the park come to life with the addition of this new feature."

Moon Wizarding Festival Saturday, September 7 • 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. • Moon Park

This amazing event will feature artisans and crafters, music, games, muggle quidditch, crafts, food trucks, drinks, beer and wine, costume and trivia contests, and much more! Thank you to our sponsors: Kenny Ross Toyota of Moon Township, Family Chiropractic Center, Main Event, Express Employment Professionals, and Eclipse Physical Therapy.

Amphitheater Schedule:

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Brooke Surgener (Folk-Pop/Cosplay)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Grace Kendall (Ukulele-based Wizard Rock Singer/Songwriter)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Trivia Contest presented by Pittsburgh Bar Trivia, sponsored by Wigle Whiskey

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Muggle Snuggle (Wizard Rock Duo)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Costume Contest

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tonks and the Aurors ("The Bruce Springsteen of Wizard Rock!")

Hoggywarts Moon Campus (Saturn Pavilion) Schedule:

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Iceman Reptile Show

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

National Aviary Owl Meet & Greet

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

DIY Wands and Crafts presented by Hobby Prodigy

Lunchtime Concert at Robin Hill

Wednesday, September 18

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Gazebo

The Hermie Granati Duo Unplugged takes the gazebo stage as the last lunchtime concert of the 2019 season. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the outdoors surrounded by the natural beauty of Robin Hill Park. Hot dogs, drinks and snacks are available for a small cost.

Pup Parade

Saturday, September 28

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Moon Park Clearview Pavilion

Attention all Dog Lovers! Our second annual Pup Parade needs you, your family and your furry four-legged family too. Fun, frolicking quality time. Vendors, giveaways, food truck, pup ice cream cups, bones and water. All pups must be leashed and have current vaccinations. This is a free event, but we are asking each participant to bring a donation of dog food to help The Paws Squad, a nonprofit organization that rescues dogs and cats from a kill shelter in Logan, W.V.

Halloween Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 23

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Moon Park

This family-friendly event features a treat bag for the first 400 children, pumpkin painting, a trick-or-treat trail, a DJ, hay rides, and more. Admission is free and open to children ages 10 and under.

Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

Monday, November 11

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Robin Hill Center

In honor of all of those who have served our country, and in recognition and gratitude, we invite all veterans and their guest to enjoy a pancake breakfast on us.

Moon Lights Holiday Festival

Thursday, December 5

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting

Moon Park

Enjoy an evening of music, crafts, story time, ice carving, hayrides, Christmas carols, and snacks as we light up Moon Park and wait for Santa to arrive on the fire truck. This event is entirely outdoors this year, so please dress for the weather. Admission is free.

Brunch with Santa

Saturday, December 7

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Moon Township Senior Connection

\$5 children and seniors; \$6 adults

Don't wait in line for hours at the mall just for a few moments with Santa! Kids will have the opportunity to meet and eat with Jolly Old Saint Nick himself! The event features a pancake breakfast, carolers, and seasonal crafts. This year, we're hosting brunch at Tapestry Senior Living, 550 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Township, PA 15108. Tickets are sure to sell out quickly.



Parks & Recreation Programs

Fitness

Beginner's Zumba®

Adults and Teens 13+
Mondays, September 9 – October 21; no class 10/14
Mondays, October 28 – December 9; no class 12/2
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 residents; \$50 non-residents, per 6-week session
Instructor: Catherine Hollien
This class is designed for you to have fun while you burn calories. It is a great way to begin an exercise regime. Zumba Fitness® is a combination of Latin-based dance moves: salsa, cumbia, soca, flamenco, samba, hip-hop, and more that will really make you sweat! Dance experience not required.

Bitty Ballet®

Ages 2.5-5
Wednesdays, September 11 – October 16
Wednesdays, November 6 – December 18; no class 11/27
5:15 – 5:55 p.m. (Level 1: 2.5 – 3.5 years old)
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. (Level 2: 3.5 – 5 years old)
Tuesdays, September 10 – October 15
Tuesdays, November 5 – December 17;
no class 11/26
10:00 – 10:45 a.m. (all levels)
Robin Hill Center
\$80 residents; \$85 non-residents for each session
Bitty Ballet® is a program designed for preschool age children as an introduction to dance. Ballet is a wonderful stepping stone to encourage group participation, listening to an instructor and a true love of dance and movement. Simple ballet positions and moves also encourage physical activity and controlled body movements in toddlers.

Pilates

Adults and Teens 15+
Wednesdays, October 9 – November 13
Wednesdays, November 20 – December 18 special holiday session – \$37.50/\$42.50
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$45 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.

Totally Toned

Adults and Teens 15+
Mondays, September 9 – October 21; no class 10/14
Mondays, October 28 – December 9; no class 12/2
7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Moon High School Fitness Room
\$45 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.

Pound®

Adults and Teens 15+
Tuesdays, September 3 – October 8
Tuesdays, October 15 – November 19;
11/5 class at Robin Hill
Tuesdays, November 26 – December 17; special holiday session – \$30/\$35
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Municipal Building
\$45 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, plyometric and isometric poses. Through continual upper body motion using our lightly weighed exercise drumsticks, called Ripstix, you'll turn into a calorie-torching drummer, POUNDING off pounds as each song flies by! Bring a mat and water.

Senior Workout with Linda Francis

Seniors 55+
Wednesdays, October 2 – November 6
Wednesdays, November 13 – December 18
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Municipal Building
\$21 residents; \$25 non-residents, per 6-week session; \$4 drop-in
Instructor: Linda Francis
Come out and meet our instructor, Linda Francis! This class will help seniors maintain a fitness level to stay mobile. It is a "LOW" impact aerobics class that will work on balance and strengthening while having fun and meeting new people.

Yoga: Basics and More

Adults and Teens 15+
Tuesdays, September 3-24
Tuesdays, October 8-29
Tuesdays, November 5-26; 11/5 class at Robin Hill
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Municipal Building
\$40 residents; \$45 non-residents, per 4-week session; \$12 drop-in
Instructor: Jen Stratakis
Whether you are yoga-curious or yoga-proficient, this is the class for you. No experience required. Instructor Jen Stratakis, E-RYT, will lead you through an hour-long class, which includes standing and seated poses, breathwork and guided relaxation. Modifications are given to accommodate all levels of yoga experience. With regular practice, yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm and more. Participants should bring a yoga mat and water. Namaste!

Arts

Splash – Water/Mixed Media Art Classes

Adults 18+
Thursdays, September 19 – November 7
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Robin Hill Center
\$74 residents; \$79 non-residents *
This class is designed for new and returning students. This is an eight-week course designed to engage all students in the fun and exciting world of water-based materials. No previous experience is necessary – just a desire to have fun. A supply list will be given at the first class for new students. Fee does not include supplies.

Youth / Teens

Teen Drivers Education

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 24 – November 7; no class 10/31 and 11/5)
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Moon Township Municipal Building
\$25 registration fee (residents); \$30 (non-residents) paid to Moon Parks and Recreation
\$425 balance is paid directly to Kennedy School of Driving
This 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 learner's permit for the on-the-road portion of the program. The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and is payable to Moon Parks and Recreation. This fee will secure your space in the class. The balance of \$425 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

Safe Sitter® Babysitting and Safety Class (Grades 6-8)

Choose one session:
Saturday, September 28
Saturday, October 19
Sunday, November 10
Saturday, December 14
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Municipal Building
\$50 residents; \$60 non-residents
Do you feel ready to stay home alone, watch your brothers and sisters while your parents are gone, or babysit for younger children? Then maybe it's time for Safe Sitter®. This program is for young teens in grades 6 through 8 who are ready to learn the skills they need to care for themselves and younger children. In addition, Safe Sitter® teaches young teens life and business skills so that they know how to be prepared, be responsible, and be considerate whether they are babysitting or doing odd jobs for family, friends, or neighbors. Maximum capacity is 16 students.

Recreation Basketball League

Boys and girls, grades 3-8
Tuesday, October 1 – registration opens
Saturday, November 2 – clinic
TBD – draft/last day of registration
Practices start week of December 9
Practices held at Moon Area elementary schools
Saturday games at Moon Area Middle School
\$55 residents; \$65 non-residents; \$10 late fee after draft
Multi-child discount available
The recreational basketball league returns for another season. This is a league for girls and boys designed with a focus on skill development, including passing, shooting and dribbling. The league is open to all skill levels.

Teacher In-Service Day/No School: Monster Mash!

Ages 5-12
Monday, October 14
Program 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:30 a.m.; late pick up by 5:30 p.m. (included)
Robin Hill Center
\$35 residents; \$45 non-residents
Join us for a monstrously good time with crafts, games, snacks, and fun! We will dance the day away and brew up a smashing good time.



Parks & Recreation Programs *(continued)*

Good Little Witch's Tea Party

Ages 5-12

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$10 residents; \$15 non-residents

Join us for some tasty potions and scrumptious treats! We will have a wickedly good time with stories, games, crafts and more. So, grab your brooms and fly on over, but we do ask you leave your black cats, bats, and rats at home. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone attending must be registered.

Teacher In-Service Day/No School: Pirate Party!

Ages 5-12

Tuesday, November 5

Program 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; early drop off at 7:30 a.m.; late pick up by 5:30 p.m. (included)

Robin Hill Center

\$35 residents; \$45 non-residents

Arrrrrr you ready to join us for a treasure of a day? Come aboard and set sail for some fun and games!

Holiday Tea Party

Ages 5-12

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Center

\$10 residents; \$15 non-residents

Enjoy holiday cookies, cocoa and crafts at our cozy holiday tea at Robin Hill Park. Carols and candy are just a few of the fun things you can look forward to as we deck the halls with comfort and joy! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone attending must be registered.

Senior Connection

Unless otherwise noted, all Senior Connection activities and events are held at the Moon Township Senior Connection Center located at:

**Tapestry Senior Living
550 Cherrington Parkway
Moon Township, PA 15108**

Register for events by calling 412.262.1703 ext. 404 Tuesdays through Thursdays. Payment is due at time of registration.

Senior Connection Daily Programming

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Open to anyone age 55 and older. Come and enjoy fun and friendship at our new location! We're now open five days a week. We offer many activities to suit many interests. Daily schedules are available at the center.

Events such as music bingo, luncheons, dinners, dances, etc. Will begin after the first of the year. Please watch for these events to be announced at the Senior Connection at Tapestry after December 1.

Gateway Clipper Autumn Serenade

Friday, October 18

Bus departs Senior Connection Center at 10:00 a.m.; returns around 3:00 p.m.

\$80 per person

Travel by deluxe motor coach and enjoy a lovely afternoon cruise on our famous three rivers. The cruise features a delicious lunch buffet and singing entertainment by Joe Navarro. Hopefully you will get to enjoy the changing of the fall leaves too. Come and have some fall fun. Register by Friday, October 4.

Meadows Bus Trip

Thursday, November 7

Bus departs Senior Connection Center at 11:00 a.m.; returns around 6:00 p.m.

\$35 per person

Reserve your spot today! Travel by deluxe motor coach to the Meadows Casino & Racetrack for an afternoon of fun and games. You will receive a \$25.00 slot bonus upon arrival when you show your photo ID. Register by Thursday, October 31.

Ogleby Holiday Bus Trip

Tuesday, December 10

Bus departs Senior Connection Center at 2:30 p.m.; returns around 10:00 p.m.

\$80 per person

Kick off your holidays by traveling by deluxe motor coach to Ogleby Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia. We will start at their life size nativity and visit some specialty shops. Then on to the Wilson Lodge for a buffet dinner including beverages and dessert followed by The Ron Retzer Trio Christmas Show. A tour guide will then join us for a wonderful trip through the famous Festival of Lights. Register by Tuesday, November 26.

Other Senior Programs

Driver's Education for Seniors: AARP Courses (Seniors 50+)

Refresher Class

Monday, October 7

8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Full 8-Hour Class

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28-29

8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

\$15 AARP members; \$20 non-members

Please call or email the Moon Parks office to register for this class. Payments by check are due no later than one week before class. Checks should be payable to AARP. Payments can be mailed to or dropped off at the Moon Parks and Recreation Office. Limit of 18 students.



Register for Events

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



Don't Believe the Label: Flushable Wipes Clog Sewers

Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable and/or flushable, including baby and adult personal hygiene products, household wipes and cleaning towelettes. While they will flush down the toilet, it's not at all safe to do so.

Unlike toilet paper, these products do not break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer line, especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots or other obstructions already existing. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a very costly sewer repair.

When these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together, causing very large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines and tangles in pump stations. These situations require repair or replacement of equipment, which affect

sewage rates.

John Riley, general manager of the Moon Township Municipal Authority, reported that MTMA charges the lowest water rates in the region, as well as competitive sewage rates. This is the result of proper facility maintenance and the ability of MTMA to manage and conduct many of their projects themselves.

"I urge everyone to help keep our rates low by knowing what's not appropriate to flush," said Riley. "Keeping these items out of the sewer system avoids costly repairs that would eventually have to be passed on to our customers."

For more information about MTMA or to learn more about sanitary sewer backup procedures, visit moontma.com or call **412.264.4300**.



The following items should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- Any wipes, including disinfecting, cosmetic, baby, pet, first aid or jewelry
- Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues (Kleenex)
- Disposable diapers
- Bio-pads (healthcare products)
- Cotton swabs
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Moist towelettes
- Consumer items that are not toilet paper
- Grease and oil
- Medication
- Chemicals

MOON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY



Recycling Rules Refresher

The Moon Township Municipal Authority reminds residents of the following recycling rules:

Accepted recyclable materials include:

- Aluminum cans
- Bi-metal cans
- #1 and #2 plastic bottles, jars and jugs only (no food trays)
- Newsprint
- Mixed paper
- Cardboard
- Magazines

Materials not accepted include:

- Glass
- Plastic #3-#7, including Styrofoam
- Food-soiled paper/cardboard (pizza boxes, food wrappers)
- Plastic bags
- Plastic food trays
- Paper beverage cups
- Shredded paper
- Non-can metals

Contact the MTMA office at **412.264.4300** if you have service issues concerning garbage or recycling. General information is available at **moontma.com**.

WM At Your Door Program

Can't make it to one of the electronics collections or our recycling day? Waste Management offers a residential curbside special materials pickup. The "At Your Door Special Collection" program allows Moon Township residents who have Waste Management services to easily and safely dispose of household materials.

After scheduling your collection date and time, a Waste Management representative will provide you with information and instructions for preparing your collection. More information on the program and a list of accepted materials can be found through the program's website at **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...

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New Shows Air on MCA-TV

MCA-TV is excited to announce it's added three new shows to its great lineup.

Our newest show, Estate Planning with Your Legal Concierge, discusses the importance of wills and estate planning. Moon Landings talks to local residents to find out how they landed in Moon and gives them a chance to tell their story. And Living Style with Lisa gives viewers tips and tricks on how to decorate and entertain with things they already have around the house.

Tune in to watch these new programs! They air on MCA-TV, Comcast channel 14 and Verizon Fios channel 35. Visit mca-tv.org for a schedule of dates and times.

Promote Your Event!

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.

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
moongovtv.us

Get Started in Television: Volunteer at MCA-TV

Do you have an idea for a television show? Curious about video production? Enroll in MCA-TV's free television production training courses and explore the possibilities.

This fun, hands-on course consists of four classes that cover the basics of camera operation, lighting, audio and editing. After completing the course, you'll be an official MCA-TV volunteer, ready to assist with any MCA-TV production. Classes are open to residents of any community.

Moon Township residents who successfully complete the production training course may choose to become a community producer. Community producers provide the original and entertaining productions of MCA-TV's programming schedule. Non-residents wishing to create a show to air on MCA-TV must work with a community producer who actively participates in the program development.

Production training courses are held quarterly at the MCA-TV studio. The next class runs from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays for four weeks beginning October 3 at the MCA-TV studio located at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 140, Moon Township, PA 15108. To register, contact MCA-TV Director Allison Eastham at aeastham@moontwp.us or call **412.269.1191**. Space is limited.

Moon Township Public Library

invites you to

\$30

IN ADVANCE

\$35

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OCTOBER 19, 2019
6:30-9PM

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