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Fall 2021



The Return of the Moon Township
Spooktacular

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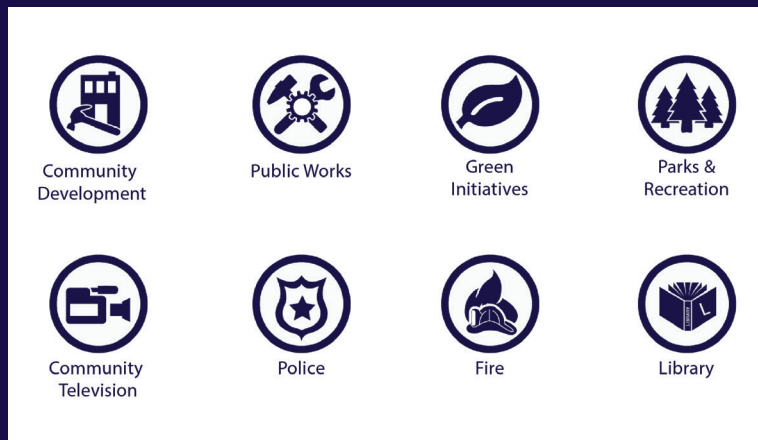
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Thanksgiving Day - November 25

The Day After Thanksgiving - November 26

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The Cover

This month features a photo of the 2020 Halloween House Decoration Contest Winner Brad Bruzio

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

Greetings from the municipal offices as we move into the fall season. I certainly hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the summer season safely. As far as Township operations, staff has continued daily operations in typical fashion, or as close as possible while adhering to COVID protocol which has become part of the day-to-day operations to protect both residents and staff.

This fall and into the spring of 2022, I would like to ask all residents to join me in a new initiative I would like to refer to as Moon Beautification 101. The idea came to me after attending the annual EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) Earth Day event in April.

During the EAC event, groups were assigned to plant flowers and trees or clean up litter throughout Moon Park. My eight-year-old grandson and I jumped in to do litter clean-up, and what a wonderful lesson for him. We concentrated on the area adjacent to the Saturn pavilion and the bathrooms near the Amphitheatre. As we quickly filled our 13-gallon bag with paper products from the local take-out restaurants, my grandson said to me, "geez, there's a garbage can right over there. Why can't people use it?"

In Moon Township, we have individuals, businesses, and groups that volunteer to clean up roadways. However, the amount of litter is more than the volunteers can keep up with. One volunteer that most everyone is familiar with, retired Chief of Police Leo McCarthy, wrote in March of 2021, "I did litter pickup yesterday on Stoops Ferry Road and filled 27 bags with trash, just the tip of the iceberg really." A few years ago, the staff did a volunteer event and picked up litter along Old Thorn Run Road. Honestly, I do not recall how many bags of trash we picked up, but it was amazing what people just left lying around or tossed out their vehicles.

In every community, there is an area out of the way or secluded from every day public travel. These are the areas that public works usually finds treasures such as TV's, tires, large furniture, and paint cans. However, there is no cause for illegal dumping in Moon Township. Between the MTMA refuse and recycling program and other township programs there are acceptable alternatives. If you would like more information on those programs, visit: <http://moontma.com/Garbage%20&%20Recycling/garbage.html> or <http://www.moontwp.com/residents/garbage-recycling.php>.

Early in my municipal government career, a sensible man said to me, "the main concern of our residents is what they can see out their front door or back door and not what is happening outside their view." Through my 31 years in municipal government, I have found that to be true, and unless you walk along the roadway, if your home has frontage on a well-traveled road, or if you spend time at the township parks; you may not realize just how much litter accumulates.

However, in Moon Township, most residents care very much about how the community appears. So, this fall, Moon staff is asking that you join us in kicking off an extra effort to keep Moon Township roadways and parks clear of litter and debris. Also, if you and your family, local business owner, or corporate office would like to adopt a road, please reach out to the township. We would be happy to assist you in that application process.

I appreciate your consideration in taking part in Moon Beautification 101.

Dawn LaF
- Township Manager

Welcome to our New Employee!

This spring, Moon welcomed Casey Schmidt as the new Public Works Administrative Assistant. Casey will be answering calls and questions at the Public Works Garage for residents. Casey loves playing sports in her free time and reminiscing of her college volleyball and softball playing days.

Casey is enjoying her time with Moon, saying "I love working with the local residents and being able to directly connect with people. I get to interact with different people every day keeping it exciting."

Moon Township is excited to have Casey on board and looks forward to more residents being able to meet her.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT make it moon



Municipal Buildings Update

You probably have noticed the Municipal Building and Downes Fire Station are under construction. 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 the township to utilize their current buildings while accommodating changing requirements. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

Be on the lookout for the groundbreaking of the new Police Station this fall as well.

Thank you to Our Summer Help

Moon Township wants to thank all of the summer employees who worked to make Moon a great place to live, learn, work, and play. From our summer camp counselors to our public works employees, our summer help is a crucial part of making Moon beautiful. If you would like to work for Moon Township next summer, keep an eye out for our job openings at moontwp.us for more information.



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 site is located in Moon Park across from Nelson Pond. Please notify Public Works before your arrival by calling **412.262.1700**.

Curbside Leaf Pickup

The Public Works Department will offer curbside leaf pick up beginning November 1 - December 2, Monday through Friday. The schedule will follow the resident's regular garbage collection date. Simply place the leaves at the curb by 7 AM on pick-up day in a biodegradable bag. No plastic bags or cardboard boxes will be accepted. There will be no pickup on Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, or the Friday following Thanksgiving.

Curbside Brush Pickup

The Public Works Department will offer curbside brush pick up beginning November 1 - December 2, Monday through Friday. The schedule will follow the resident's regular garbage collection. Simply place the brush at the curb by 7 AM on pick-up day. The brush should not exceed six feet in length and four inches in diameter and it should not be bundled or tied.

All pick days are weather-dependent. Items placed properly at the curb will be picked up.



Moon Beautification 101

No littering! Take your food wrappings, drink containers, and another potential litter home with you and dispose of it in your trash or recycling at home.

Keep a bag in your car and dispose of your trash properly once at your destination.

Keep your yard clean and free of things that can blow into the street and become litter.

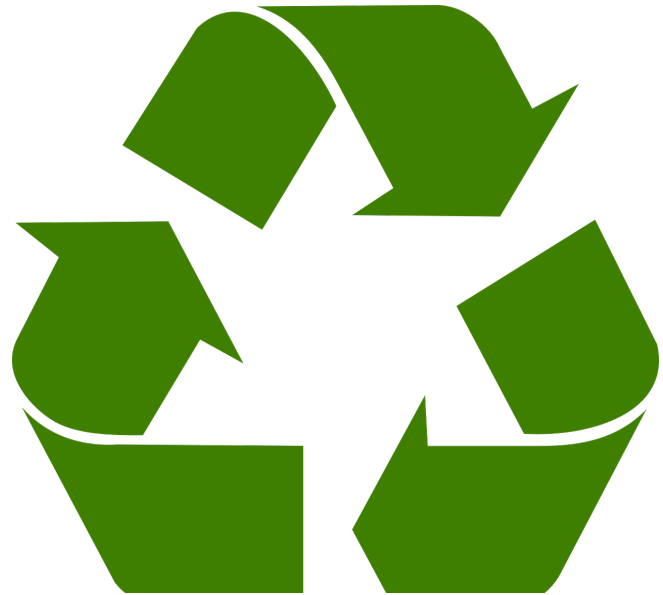
When you visit a park, remember to take out what you bring in.

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

At home, make sure garbage and recycling bags are tied securely so that loose papers and other items can't fall out and become litter.

Participate in community recycling events, like our electronic and glass recycling days.

Properly dispose of bulky household waste items by contacting Waste Management.



There is ONE MONTH Left for the Farmers' Market

The Moon Township Farmers' Market is now open through September. The market runs on Wednesdays from 3:00 PM.-6:30 PM at Moon Park (1350 Joe DeNardo Way).

Many new vendors have signed up for the season, so be sure to stop by and see what they have to offer including the freshest produce, meats, dairy, and baked goods.

The market takes pride in being a traditional producer-only market where all vendors must grow or make at least 75 percent of their products for sale. All vendors meet strict health and safety guidelines. The market accepts cash, debit, and credit cards.

Visit the Township table with news about sustainability, Parks and Recreation, and Township-wide events.

Sponsors:

Encompass, Health and Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley

T-Mobile

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MOON
FARMERS' MARKET

WEDNESDAYS
@ MOON PARK
3:00-6:30PM



GREEN INITIATIVE make it moon



Environmental Advisory Council Clean Up

A group of volunteers and friends from the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council and the Montour Run Watershed Association gathered near the Riverview Playground in Crescent Township on Saturday, May 8 for an inaugural cleanup of Flaugherty Run.

Armed with pruners and garbage bags, the dedicated team cleared knotweed and trash from the streambank between the park and the mouth of Flaugherty Run near the Glenwillard Boat Club. Crescent Township Public Works also assisted by picking up the trash after the cleanup.

Knotweed is a non-native, invasive species that can be seen growing in dense masses along roads and streams in our area. Invasive species like knotweed crowd out native plants which are important for the health of watersheds. Eradicating knotweed without herbicides can require several years of chopping down growth before the plants can generate seeds and spread.

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 residents who have Waste Management services 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**. Additional cleanups are planned and volunteers are always welcome. Check for updates on the Moon Township and EAC Facebook pages

Electronics Recycling Days

Saturdays: October 2

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Public Works Garage 1115 Stevenson Mill Road

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.

Glass Recycling Collection Events

Saturday, October 9 - Thursday, October 14

Special Collection Hours

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

In response to the removal of glass from many residents recycling programs in the Pittsburgh area, Pennsylvania Resource Council (PRC) launched a network of pop-up glass recycling events. These events recognize that glass remains a recyclable material with vibrant demand in the regional and national recycled marketplace.

The collection event hosted by Moon Township will be from Saturday, October 9 to Thursday, October 14 at the Moon Township Public Works Building located at 1115 Stevenson Mill Road, Moon Township, PA.

The types of glass accepted are:

- All colors of glass bottles, jars, and jugs only
- Caps, lids, and labels are acceptable
- Containers must be empty

For more information on the PRC Collection events please go to prc.org/glassrecycling.

Moon Township Spooktacular

Date: Wednesday, October 20

Time: 4:30-6:30 PM

Location: Moon Park

Moon Parks and Recreation's annual Moon Halloween Spooktacular returns to Moon Park this October. This event will feature a Trunk or Treat, pumpkin painting, food trucks, and more. The first 500 kids through the Trunk or Treat will receive a T-Mobile bag and munchkin pumpkin.



Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treat will be on the 31st!

- Make sure your child's costume fits properly and that they can see clearly.***
- Apply makeup instead of wearing a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and they can obstruct a child's vision.***
- Be sure the costume is visible at night. If a costume is dark in color, add some reflective tape on the front and back.***
- Purchase a costume that is flame retardant.***
- Arrange for an adult or responsible teenager to accompany younger children when Trick or Treating.***
- Make sure kids never approach an unlit house, or enter a house of people you don't know very well.***
- Carry a flashlight.***
- Be aware of traffic.***
- Use sidewalks when possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street-facing oncoming traffic.***
- Do not accept rides from anyone but a family member.***
- Instruct all trick-or-treaters not to sample treats until they are home and the treats have been examined by an adult.***
- Inspect treats at home in a well-lit area and throw away anything opened, partially unwrapped, or not in its original wrapper.***
- Call the police if you find any suspicious treats.***



PARKS & RECREATION make it moon



2021 Park Pavilion Rentals

The 2021 pavilion rental season runs through October 2021. Please plan ahead for fall rentals. Weekend rentals in September are expected to sell out soon. Pavilions are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please have several dates and pavilions chosen in case your first choice is not available. We offer both weekday (Monday-Friday) and weekend rentals.

Reservation and payment must be made by a Moon resident to receive the resident rate. Rentals cannot be made in another person's name to get the resident rate. All agreements, payments, and communications must come from the resident.

Pavilions and fees are listed at moonparks.org. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 412.262.1703 for pavilion availability and to arrange a pavilion rental.

Memorial Benches

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

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 moonparks.org.

All dates, times, fees, and registration procedures are subject to change due to COVID-19. Please visit www.moonparks.org for updates and changes

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 rental information, please visit moonparks.org/parks/rentals.asp. To schedule a tour of Robin Hill Center, please call 412.262.1703 or email info@moonparks.org.



Special Events

Movies in the Moonlight

Dates: Fridays (September 3, 17, & October 1)

Fee: FREE

Location: Moon Park Amphitheater

Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? How about a movie under the stars at Moon Park! All movies start at dusk. We are featuring a throwback film series featuring some of our favorite movies from the past. We hope to introduce a new generation to films their parents enjoyed. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread out on the hillside. Thank you to our generous event sponsors: Club Pilates of Moon and T-Mobile.

- Friday, September 3- An American Tail (8:30 PM)
- Friday, September 17- Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone (7:30 PM)
- Friday, October 1- Hocus Pocus (7:30 PM)

Moon Rocks

Date: Saturday, September 11

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: Moon Park Amphitheater

Fee: FREE

Spend your Saturday night under the stars enjoying local bands rock the stage. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite snacks. Thank you to our generous event sponsor: T-Mobile.

Saturday, September 11- Allegheny Brass Band (Patriotic Pops)

Park Programs and Events

Robin Hill Lunchtime Concerts

Date: Wednesday, September 15

Time: Noon

Location: Robin Hill

Fee: FREE

Enjoy an hour of free music on the lawn at Robin Hill. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite snacks. Parking at this location is limited. Please allow time for parking and consider carpooling. Thank you to our generous event sponsor: T-Mobile.

Wednesday, September 15- Doo Wop Dr's (Doo Wop & the 50s)

Moon Township Halloween House Decorating Contest

Dates: Friday, October 1-Friday, October 29

Location: Moon Township

Do you have the spookiest house on the block? Does your home scare neighborhood children? Enter your home into the Moon Township Halloween House Decorating Contest. Starting October 1 send up to 6 pictures of your home. Photos will be displayed online where the public can vote on them. The home with the most votes by Friday, October 29 will win a trophy and gift basket. Photos should be emailed to info@moonparks.org. This event is open to Moon Residents only.

Moon Township Veteran's Brunch

Dates: Friday, November 5

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: 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 guests to enjoy breakfast on us. Breakfast will be served at the Robin Hill Center located at 949 Thorn Run Road. No reservations are required.

Moon Lights Holiday House Decorating Contest

Dates: Monday, November 29 - Wednesday, December 22

Location: Moon Township

Would your home put the Grizwold's to shame? Could your lights be seen from space? Starting Monday, November 29 send up to 6 pictures of your home to info@moonparks.org. Photos will be displayed online where the public can vote on them. The home with the most votes on Wednesday, December 22 will win a trophy and gift basket.

The voting page will feature the addresses of the homes entered in the contest. For inspiration check out the 2020 entries on the Moon Parks & Recreation Facebook page. This event is open to Moon Residents only.

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. The 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 our 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. Bring your letters for Santa to drop in his mailbox.

Thank you to our generous event sponsor: T-Mobile

Sports & Fitness

Co-Ed Youth Flag Football (Ages 4-14)

Dates: Sundays: September 12-October 24

Time: 10-11:30 AM

Ages: 4-14

Fee: \$35 Moon Residents/ \$40 Non-residents

Location: Moon Park Discovery Field

Flag Football is back at Moon Parks and Recreation. This fun program is designed to teach young players lifelong skills for the game. Our season will consist of 4 weeks of skills and drills, followed by 3 weeks of practice games. All practices and games will be monitored by our volunteer coaches. This program does not include any travel games. Players will be provided all materials as well as a Moon Parks T-Shirt. Please dress in weather-appropriate, comfortable clothing. A big THANKYOU to our 2021 T-shirt Sponsor Brewer Airport Toyota. We Need Volunteer Coaches! Coaches will need clearances before the program starts. Any coach who wishes to volunteer please call 4122.62.1703 x 406 or email abott@moontwp.us.

Women's Sand Volleyball League

Dates: Tuesday, September 7 – October 5

Time: Games at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 PM

Age: Women 18+

Cost: \$35 Moon Residents, \$40 Non-residents

Location: Moon Parks Sand Volleyball Court

Sand Volleyball returns to Moon Parks for a Fall League! All skill levels are welcome. Join an existing team or start a new one! This volleyball league is open only to women 18 and over and registration is required. If you wish to register as a team or with a group, you must each individually register and include your team's name in the question box.

Due to only having one outdoor court, this program will be limited to 6 teams. The schedule will be made after all registrations are completed and will be distributed in early September.

55+ Slow Pitch Softball (Ages 55+)

Dates: September 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Ages: 55+

Fee: \$15 Moon Residents/ \$20 Non-residents

Get your baseball bat and gloves out and come down to the ball field! Fall softball is here and Moon Park is excited to continue a fun active program. Teams will be picked each day with light baseball activity and plenty of old stories to share. Bats and balls will be provided. Make sure you bring a glove, water, and stretch before getting to the field.

All-Star Tots (Ages 4-6)

Dates: Mondays: October 11, 18, 25

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Ages: 4-6 years old (Co-Ed)

Fee: \$20 Moon Residents/ \$25 Non-residents

Location: Galaxy Field

This program will allow kids to learn the fundamentals of traditional sports while allowing outdoor fun. Each week will concentrate on a new sport - soccer, wiffleball, and kickball. The program's objective will be to teach and provide basic coaching and guidance while working on individual improvement. A t-shirt, balls, bats, and other equipment will be provided. Please bring a water bottle and dress weather appropriate.

Park Programs and Events

Totally Toned

Dates: Mondays: September 13 – October 18

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

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

Location: Robin Hill Center

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 and a mat.

Barre

Dates: Session 1: Wednesdays: August 25–September 29

Session 2: Wednesdays: October 6–November 11

Time: 8:30 AM

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

Location: Session 1: 8/25, 9/1, 9/8 – Moon Park

9/15, 9/22, 9/29 – Robin Hill Center

Session 2: All dates at Robin Hill Center

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. The class starts with standing barre work. The class ends with core work and a series of deep stretches. Bring a mat and a pair of 1-3 lb dumbbells. This class is for all fitness levels.

Hip Hop Cardio

Dates: Thursdays: August 19-September 30 (Off September 16)

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

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

Location: 8/19-9/9 – Moon Park 9/23-9/30 – Robin Hill Center

Join Amy for some cardio dance exercise! You can take the moves up to make them harder or modify them for any fitness level. Our instructor wants to help every with fun fitness through dance where they can leave feeling like they had a great workout and had fun! The class will include warm-up and cool-down also. Amy has been teaching Zumba, Insanity, and more since 2009.

Pound

Dates: Tuesdays: September 14–October 19

Time: 7:00 PM

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

Location: Robin Hill Center

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 weighted exercise drumsticks, called Ripstix, you will turn into a calorie-torching drummer, POUNDing off pounds as each song flies by! Please bring a mat and water.

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Yoga Beginners and Beyond

Dates: Session 1: Thursdays: September 23–October 14 (4 weeks)

Session 2: Thursdays: October 28–November 11 (3 weeks)

Time: 5:30 PM

Fee: \$40 – Moon Resident/\$45 Non-residents (Session 1)

\$30 – Moon Resident/\$35 Non-residents (Session 2)

Location: Robin Hill Center

Yoga-curious or yoga-nervous? Then this is the class for you...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. With regular practice, yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm, and more. Bring a mat, water bottle, and any other yoga props you may have. Blocks are especially helpful.

Post-Thanksgiving Field Day (Ages 6-12)

Date: Monday - November 29

Time: 10 AM–2 PM

Age: 6-12 years old

Fee: \$20 Moon Residents/\$25 Non-residents

Location: Moon Park

Enjoy the last day of Thanksgiving break at the park! Our goal is to get kids outdoors for a fun-filled day. One part of the program will be an outdoor exercise section where activities will be located around Moon Park focusing on heart rate, flexibility, and strength. The second part will be an educational craft section located inside the Moon Park Clubhouse concentrating on nutrition, metabolism, and hydration. Activities will be appropriate for all abilities.

Youth Programming

Art in the Park

Dates: Wednesdays: September 29–October 27 (No class 10/20)

November 3–November 24

December 1 & 8 (2-week mini session)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Fee: \$50 Moon Residents/\$55 Non-residents (per 4 week session)

December mini session \$25/\$30

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

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: Saturday, October 23

Saturday, November 20

Saturday, December 18

Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Fee: \$20 Moon Residents/\$25 Non-residents

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

Let's get crafty with friends! Join Ms. Lisa for some seasonal craft projects. Each workshop will feature at least 3 crafts that kids will take home. October is a spooky season, November will be a feast of fun, and December will be holly jolly!

Park Programs and Events

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

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

Monday, October 11, 3:00-4:30 PM

Tuesday, November 2, 3:00-4:30 PM

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

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

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

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.

Sensory Night Hike (Ages 5-12)

Date: Saturday, October 2

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Fee: \$5 Moon Residents/\$8 Non-residents

Location: Drop off and pick up at Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

Join Ms. Lisa and the staff for a night hike in Moon Park. We will have different sensory activities through the hike. We will follow Moon Park Lunar Loop from Devenzio Field to Nelson Pond, about 1.5 miles. Kids should have a small backpack with a flashlight and water bottle. They must dress for the weather in close-toed shoes. We will meet at the Moon Park office downstairs classroom, and we will return there for pick up. All hikers will receive a take-home snack at the end of the hike.

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Nature Explorers (Ages 5-12)

Dates: Mondays: September 27- October 25 (no class 10/11)

November 1-November 22

December 6 (one-day bonus session with a special guest)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Fee: \$40 Moon Residents/\$45 Non-residents

(per 4 week session), December bonus session, \$15/\$20.

Location: Moon Park Office Classroom (downstairs)

Instructor: Lisa Shaughnessy and Moon Park Staff

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.

Mad Science Flash Camps (Ages 5-10)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Fee: \$25 Moon Residents/\$30 Non-residents- Per Flash Camp.

Halloween Party \$35/\$40.

Location: Moon Park Office Clubhouse (downstairs)

pH Factor, Tuesday, September 21- In pH Factor, students explore the crazy chemistry of acids and bases in this fascinating program on the pH scale. Students are challenged to bring a mystery liquid to a perfect pH balance.

Mad Science Spooky Halloween Party, Thursday, October 26- During this spooktacular party, children will be amazed by the antics of Count Eggbert as he struggles to fit back into his coffin after a night of feasting. THIS SESSION ONLY: pizza, popcorn, and lemonade included!

Brixology: Vehicles, Thursday, November 18- In Brixology, students will use unique Mad Science designed LEGO kits to build an engineering-themed project.

Winter Wonderlab, Thursday, December 9- This festive program will have your kids gasping and laughing at our Mad Scientist's exciting and merry science experiments. Kids make bubbling potions, experiment with popping corks, shivering quarters, and clouds of fog, and create slimy sludge to keep!

2021 Moon Wizarding Festival

Date: September 18, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Moon Park

Witches, Wizards, and Muggles - Please join us for the Third Annual Moon Wizarding Festival. This amazing event is brought to you by Moon Parks and Recreation and will feature artisans, crafters, music, games, Quidditch, crafts, food, drink, and costume contest. This event is free and open to all ages!

The event will feature 30+ artist and craft vendors, exciting non-profit organizations, and food vendors to bring you all the treats off the trolley.

We will welcome back the rock stylings of Muggle Snuggle and Hawthorn & Holly, as well as a visit with snakes from Iceman Reptiles, potions with Mad Science and much, much more. Dress in your wizarding finest for a chance to win a prize in our costume contest that will finish off the day.



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. 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 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, PA 15108

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, PA 15108.

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

COVID-19

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

Senior Connection Programs & Events

Open House for Senior Connection Members and Prospective Members

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Time: 10 AM-3 PM

Fee: Free to all members and prospective members interested in joining the Senior Connection

Register: No registration – just drop in!

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

It's been too long! Stop in and see some old friends, play cards, play a game, do a craft, work on a puzzle, or meet some new friends. Prospective members come and see what we're all about. There will be free coffee, lemonade, snacks, and goodies. No registration is required. There will be a free concert at Robin Hill featuring The Doo Wop Drs at noon.

*There is a \$10.00 one-time fee for any new Senior Connection members.

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

Date: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

(Beginning Thursday, September 16)

Time: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Fee: Free

Register: No Registration

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

Stop in or stay all day! Beginning Thursday, September 16, the Carriage House will be open for use by all members from 10 AM until 3 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Feel free to stop in or stay all day. Meet friends to socialize and have some fun. Cards, books, puzzles, games, laptop computers, and crafts are always available. Please bring your beverage and or your snacks/ lunch.

Free Daily Activities at the Moon Senior Connection

Tuesdays (Closed 12/21)

- 10:00 AM - Pokeno
- 11:30 AM - Robin Hill Walking Group (September and October)
- 1:00 PM- Tuesday tea parties

Wednesdays

- 11:00 AM - LCR game (Left, Center, Right dice game)
- 2:00 PM- Creativity time (small crafts, painting...) - Beginning October 6

Thursdays (Closed 11/11, 11/23, and 12/2)

- 11:00 AM - Bingo
- Noon - Soup for lunch (October 7, November 18, and December 16)
- 1:00 PM- Group trivia game

Fridays

- 10:00 - 11:00 AM - Beginner Chair Yoga (Begins Friday Septmber 17th and is ongoing)

Muddy Rose Pottery Field Trip (Transportation is on your own)

Date: Monday, September 20

Time: 1:00 PM until you complete your project

Fee: \$25.00 payable that day to the studio. (Depending on your choice of project, you may have to return to the studio for project completion.)

Register: By Monday, September 13

Location: Muddy Rose Pottery, Crestmont Shopping Center, 2475 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township

Join the Senior Connection as we travel to Muddy Rose Pottery Studios for an on-site field day. Transportation to the studio is not provided. While there you will be able to choose from the following 4 projects. Sign up early. Space is limited! No walk-ins.

Choice #1 - Creating/throwing your bowl or vase on the wheel

Choice #2 - Hand-building a functional platter with stamping, engraving, with or without handles

Choice #3 - Glaze a functional mug or bowl

Oglebay Oktoberfest Overnight Bus Trip

Dates: Departing - Sunday, October 3

Returning - Monday, October 4

Time: Pick up at the Carriage House in Robin Hill Park on 10/3 at 10 AM

Return to the Carriage House on 10/4 around 3 PM

Fee: \$195.00 per person for double occupancy room, \$240.00 for single occupancy room

Register: By Tuesday, August 24

Includes- Roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation, admission to the Oglebayfest activities at The Hess Shelter and The Wagon Shed for your German fare, festivities, music, and fun. The next stop is Oglebay Institutes' Phil Maxwell Artists and Gourmet Market featuring regional foods and handcrafted wares. Also, enjoy the area's skilled artisans at work. Transportation will then take everyone to the Wilson Lodge for check-in, then off to the Dinner Show. Wake up and enjoy the Mountaineer Breakfast Buffet followed by admission to the Mansion Museum. Afterward, we will be shopping at the Hilltop, Palm Room, and The Greenhouse. All taxes, baggage handling, and gratuities included.

Cancellation Policy: Once booked, a \$50.00 cancellation fee will be applied per reservation.

Painting with Pastels, Music, and Lunch

Date: Tuesday, October 12

Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Fee: \$12.00 per person

Register: By Tuesday, October 5

Location: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township

Don't miss this chance to see a professional artist at work creating a 27 X 40 pastel masterpiece all set to music. Followed by a delicious lunch, dessert, and beverages. The finished piece will be displayed at the Senior Center.

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.

Halloween Costume Party

Date: Wednesday, October 27

Time: 12:00 Noon-2:30 PM

Fee: \$8.00 per person

Register: By Thursday, October 21

Location: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township

This is your chance to get creative, have some spooky fun, and enjoy a pizza lunch. We will also have games and prizes. Something extra too... a dance demo by Arena's Dance offering a variety of music and dances for you to try.

Autumn Dance

Date: Saturday, November 6

Time: 6:30-10:00 PM

Fee: \$15.00 per person

Register: By Tuesday, October 26

Location: Coraopolis Elk's Lodge, 1150 Stoops Ferry Road, Moon Township

Calling all dancers and music lovers! Enjoy live musical entertainment from the '50s, '60s, and '70s provided by "The Eclectics", a professional 6-piece band. Coffee, soft drinks, and a cash bar will be available. There will be snacks to munch on too! This will be a fun evening for all. Couples and singles are encouraged to attend.

Music Bingo

Date: Monday, November 15

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Fee: \$8.00 per person

Register: By Tuesday, November 9

Location: Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township

This is a fun favorite of the Senior Connection. Enjoy an afternoon of oldies music combined with Bingo. If you haven't tried it, you're missing out. Prizes, beverages, and a snack bag will be provided.

Sponsored by  **UPMC for Life**
UPMC Health Plan Medicare Program

Hartville Ohio Shoppers Delight Bus Trip

Date: Thursday, December 2

Time: Departing: 10:00 AM at the Carriage House in Robin Hill Park

Returning: Approximately 6:30 PM to the Carriage House

Fee: \$25.00 per person

Register: By Tuesday, November 23

Back by popular demand! Includes round trip Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation. Upon arrival at the Hartville Kitchen, we will be greeted and given a gift and coupons for various shops & food purchases. Lunch will be on your own at the Hartville Kitchen or indulge at the wonderful bakery. The bus will then take us to the Hartville Marketplace for shopping or visiting their eateries. Join us for a full day of fun, bargain hunting, and getting some of your Christmas gift list taken care of.

** Please bring a mask in case the COVID restrictions require one at that time. *



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!

After successful completion of the course, you will become an official MCA-TV volunteer, ready and able to assist with any MCA-TV production.

These classes are open to residents of any community. Any MoonTownship 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 6 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 Utilizes Updated Production Trailer for Moon Football

MCA-TV is excited to use their updated production trailer for Moon Area High School football games this fall. The all HD trailer allows the station to film and produce home high school football games to re-air on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon channel 35. Be sure to tune in to see the great coverage of local sports!



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

Bulletin Board

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.





Local Police Department Offers a Helping Hand

Every fall, the Moon Township Police Department holds a food drive to collect food to donate to the West Hills Food Pantry. Each year, officers donate nonperishable items and spend the day helping out at the local food pantry before the holiday season. Consider donating to the West Hills Food Pantry this holiday season. They've helped thousands of families in the West Hills area for the past 25 years, and they depend on the generosity of the community.

Buckle Up! Let's Not Meet by Accident

Buckling up is the most effective way to protect yourself in the event of a crash. Statistics show that wearing a seat belt is always safer if there is an accident than not wearing one. Following these helpful tips could help save your life and keep you from meeting our police by accident.

Always wear a seatbelt when riding in a car.

Make sure your seatbelt goes across your hips and below your stomach.

Make sure the shoulder strap goes over your collarbone and away from your neck. It should cross over your chest.

Check to make sure all seatbelts work properly before driving.

Children should be in the correct safety seats until they meet the requirements by law and children under 13 should never be in the front seat.

For more information on installing a child's car seat, contact the Moon Township Police Department. Officers in the department are trained as child safety seat technicians, who can inspect and install the seats properly. If you are a Moon Township resident, you can call and schedule an appointment to have your car seat safely installed and inspected.



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.

Moon Dispatch Center
412.262.5000

Emergency Services
911

Crime Tips Hotline
412.264.5202

Crime Tips Email
crimetips@moonpolice.us





FIRE SAFETY make it moon

Fire Prevention Week October 3 - 9

This year's FPW campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises, you must take action!

What is your alarm telling you?

SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and needs to be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have "end of life" sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Volunteer Spotlight - Alan Morrow

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors recognized Alan Morrow at the August Supervisors Meeting by awarding him a Certificate of Appreciation, in honor of his outstanding contributions to the safety of the Township of Moon.

Alan faithfully served as a Moon Township firefighter and a Moon Township police officer protecting the community for many years where he was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame and recognized as Fireman of the Year in 1987 and 1988 respectively.

Last February, Alan was recognized as the VFW Firefighter of the Year for Pennsylvania.


Over the past two decades, Alan has been a major supporter of Post 402 contributing on various levels. He has coordinated Memorial Day parades, volunteered for VFW fundraisers, and much more.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Alan arranged for fire trucks and police cars to conduct a drive-by Honor Guard convoy for aging veterans in the area.

Alan continues his active role protecting Moon Township as a Fire Fighter today. We thank him for his dedication to the Township of Moon and the safety of its community.



TAX INFORMATION




Moon Township
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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Tax Due Dates
Qualifying Tax Relief
FAQ
Online Payment
Important Links

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

-Catherine Tress, PQMC



A friendly reminder from the Moon Township Property Tax Office, Catherine L. Tress, Tax Collector

The Moon Township Property Tax Office, Catherine Tress Tax Collector wishes to remind everyone that the FACE period for the Township of Moon property taxes ended on July 31. The office notified owners if they had a mortgage company listed, but had not paid from their escrow by the discount date of May 31. Many had refinanced or are new owners. Despite what you may be told at your closing whether it's a refinance to a new bank or if you are a new owner, this office does not necessarily get notified by the county or your new bank. Please check the county website if they have the accurate information listed for your property and/or check with your new bank if they have paid your Township of Moon Property taxes. The 10% penalty amount is due from August 1 through December 31, 2021. You are not delinquent until January 1, 2022, at that time all unpaid taxes are sent to the delinquent collector, and additional fees and penalties are added.

Please note; the website has a convenient tab to pay your property taxes online. The company processing these payments either by credit card or ACH (e-check) only processes the payments and reports to my office these payments. They do not update the data provided to them for the convenience of paying online for property owners. In other words, you cannot check through the tax office website if your tax has been paid. Your information will appear again and again and potentially duplicate payments can be made. The online payment service is free to the taxing authorities and the property tax office. A convenience fee is charged to the user.

Please keep track of your payment to avoid duplicates and waiting for the taxing authority to issue you a refund. Allegheny County has dedicated staff and a technology department that can update and list the payments made. It would not be cost-effective for the taxing authorities in Moon Township to provide that same service.

The Moon Area School District property tax discount is through August 31. If the installment option is chosen you must have had your first installment into the office no later than August 31. The exact amount must be paid; you cannot make a random amount. The installment option is permitted through the passage of ACT 77 and approval of the Moon Area School board. It permits 4 exact installments, which is also how the software is set up following the provisions of the legal ability to pay installments and posting the payments. You can pay more installments at once, but it must equal the exact amount of 2 or more installments. Unfortunately, you cannot pay installments using the website for online payments. Many banks offer E-checks, which you can check with your banking institution if you wish to pay using your bank.

Installment coupons are mailed to you from the property tax office after the 1st installment is received for your property. You are not entitled to the 2% discount if you chose installments.

The property tax office hours are listed at the bottom of your statements or on the office website. Please don't hesitate to call the office if you have questions or concerns.

MOON LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE



**SEPTEMBER 9TH-12TH, 2021
@ MOON LIBRARY BUILDING**



Thursday, September 9th, 10 AM-7:00 PM

Friday, September 10th, 10 AM-7:00 PM

Saturday, September 11th, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Sunday, September 12th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

All Hardcover: \$2.00

All Paperbacks: \$1.00

Toddler Board Books: \$1.00

CD Books: \$5.00

Music CDs & DVDs: \$1.00

Fill-a-Tote: \$25.00



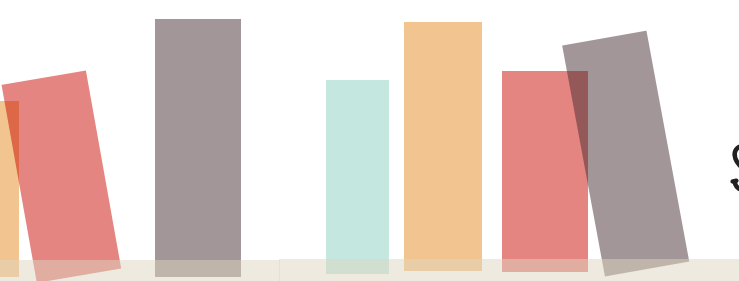
GRAB A TREAT WHILE YOU SHOP!

Sept. 9- Coffee (\$1) & Donuts (\$2)

Sept. 10- Hot Dog Meal (\$5)

Sept. 11- Popcorn (\$1) & Cotton Candy (\$3)

Sept. 12- Muffins & Cookies (\$1 each)





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5-8pm
Robin Hill Park, Moon, PA 15108

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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.

