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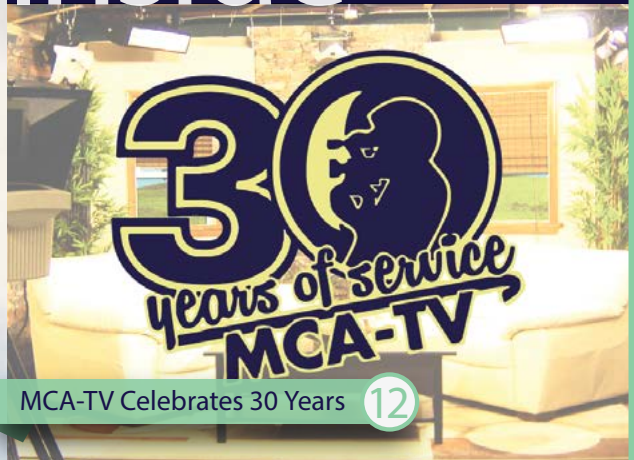
## SPRING, IS COMING

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Library

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## Other Moon Township Contact Information

### Always call 911 in an emergency

Moon Township Police Department  
412.262.5000  
Moon Township Fire Department  
412.262.5004 (non-emergency only)  
Moon Parks and Recreation  
412.262.1703  
Moon Community Access Television  
412.269.1191  
Moon Township Municipal Authority  
412.264.4300  
Moon Township Public Library  
412.269.0334  
Elected Property Tax Collector: Catherine Tress  
412.299.7446  
Earned Income Tax Collector: Jordan Tax Service  
724.731.2300

Moon Township welcomes feedback on the Moon Township Messenger at  
moontwp@moontwp.com or call 412.262.1700.

Township offices will be closed in observance of the upcoming 2015 holidays:

Friday, April 3      Good Friday  
Monday, May 25      Memorial Day

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Public Works



Green Initiatives



Parks & Rec



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## The Cover

Spring is coming to Moon Township! Parks & Rec Move to Robin Hill and MCA-TV celebrates 30 years of service.

The Moon Township Messenger was arranged by Communications Director Jill Liberto and designed by Web & Graphic Designer Frank Vieira

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





## Mark Your Calendars

### *Moon Township's Electronics Collections*

**Saturday, March 7**  
**Saturday, August 1**  
**Saturday, October 3**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council in partnership with JVS Environmental host quarterly electronics collections to gather unused and unwanted electronic items. Only one TV per vehicle can be accepted.

These events collect electronic items only, including printers, copiers, computers, laptops and televisions. Electronics Collections are open to Moon Township residents, and residents of surrounding communities.

### *Moon Township's Recycling Day*

**Saturday, June 6**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for Moon Township's Annual Recycling Day. This event is open to Moon Township residents, proper ID is required. Accepted items include: usable construction materials (wood must be at least four feet long), household appliances, electronics, and some medical supplies. Only one TV per vehicle can be accepted. Please call Lora Dombrowski with any questions at 412.262.1700 ext 110.

Moon Township's Environmental Advisory Council, with the assistance of community volunteers, hosts this annual event the first Saturday in June to keep reusable material out of landfills. The four recycling vendors that participate are Liberty Tire, JVS Environmental Services, Construction Junction, and Global Links



**All collections will take place at the:**  
**Moon Township Municipal Building,**  
**1000 Beaver Grade Road.**

## Littering

### ***Keep Moon Township Beautiful!***

Keep the landscape of Moon Township beautiful! No one wants to see the hillsides and parks in our township defaced by careless littering. Put your trash in the can.

Littering is a crime – fines can range up to \$300 for the first offense.

Please clean up after your pet! It is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their dog. Owners can be fined up to \$600. Be a good neighbor and bring a baggie along on your walk!

## Wind Power

Moon Township's facilities are now operating on 100% wind energy! With utility costs on the rise, we're tapping into cleaner and greener ways to power our township facilities, including utilizing less conventional energy sources. As a result, we made the switch to wind power through a group energy purchase.

All services will remain the same, and no windmills are being installed in the township. There will be no loss of power if there is no wind. We simply chose a 100% wind power option through our service provider and changed our energy supplier. Thanks to the switch, we will save 42% on our electric bills.

Wind energy is also available to residents. If you're interested in changing the way your home is powered to affordable, clean and renewable energy, sign up here: [groundswell.org/energy](http://groundswell.org/energy). Want to learn how to conserve energy and receive rebates for energy efficient appliances? Check out Duquesne Light's Watt Choices program here: [duquesnelight.com/WattChoices](http://duquesnelight.com/WattChoices)



## Project Lifesaver

Do you have a loved one with a disability who wanders away from your residence? Have you had to call 911 when they cannot be found? There is a new program available here in Moon Township that may help to ensure their safety and provide caregivers some peace of mind.

Project Lifesaver is a monitoring program offered by law enforcement and emergency responders in 41 states using radio technology to find at-risk citizens enrolled in the program when they become lost.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and

a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and in a situation where time is critical, search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes.

Moon Township police are one of the first area departments to be trained on the equipment, and in conjunction with Allegheny County and neighboring municipalities, began offering the program to residents in January.

Project Lifesaver is free to Allegheny County residents. The equipment is paid for by drug forfeiture money and a grant from the Heinz Foundation.

If you are a caregiver for someone you think is eligible to enroll in Project Lifesaver, contact the Deputy District Attorney's office at 412.350.3138.



## Congratulations!

The Moon Township Police Department was one of 45 Western Pennsylvania police departments recently honored with a Platinum Award from AAA East Central for their outstanding efforts to make roadways safer for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Platinum Award, AAA's highest honor, was given to "Commendable Leaders" for their safety efforts and enforcement activities geared toward making communities safer. Congratulations MTPD!

## EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency or to report an occurring crime or threat, always call Moon Township Police Department's Dispatch Center at **412.262.5000** or dial **911** for immediate assistance. Citizens may also call the Dispatch Center to speak with a Moon Police official regarding information related to a crime or victim of a crime and may choose to remain anonymous.

**Moon Dispatch Center**  
**412.262.5000**

**Emergency Services**  
**911**

**Crime Tips Hotline**  
**412.264.5202**

## Suspect a Crime? Call the Hotline.

Contact the Moon Police Department's Crime Tips Hotline to leave an anonymous message regarding the suspicion of criminal activity or with information on a crime, person who committed a crime, or victim of a crime. Call the hotline at any time, day or night, at **412.264.5202** or email **crimetips@moonpolice.us**. Many times the assistance of others saves someone from becoming a victim or helps current victims of crimes.





# VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

1000 Beaver Grade Rd. | 412.262.5000 | moonpolice.us



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lenten Fish Fries

**Fridays during Lent**  
**11 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

#### **Moon Township Public Safety Building**

Join the MTVFC for a Lenten meal at an upcoming Fish Fry, held every Friday through Lent at the Public Safety Building from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both take-out (412.262.5006) and sit down dinners are available. Choose from fish, shrimp, chicken finger dinners, sandwiches, and desserts. All dinners include fries and our special firehouse recipe cole slaw.



### Sportsmans' Bash

**Saturday, March 28**  
**Noon - 7 p.m. (doors at 11 a.m.)**

#### **Moon Township Public Safety Building**

Cost per tickets: \$30 - only 1,000 tickets available for purchase. Raffle drawings will be held every 15 minutes (must be 18 or older to enter). Food and refreshments will be available.

Tickets available for purchase from any Moon firefighter or call Lee Bilby 412.264.1985.



### Car Cruise

**Saturday, August 29**

#### **Moon Park**

More than 1,000 cars participate in the annual summer event. Great food and fun for the entire family



## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Moon Township Public Works Spring Curbside Yard Waste**

Curbside yard waste pick-up will run March 16 through April 3, Monday through Friday. The schedule follows resident's regular garbage collection. Simply place leaves and branches at the curb by 7 a.m. on pickup day. Residents are asked to put leaves in bio-degradable paper bags. No plastic bags or boxes will be accepted. Bio-degradable paper bags can be purchased at any home improvement store.

### **Moon Township 2015 Road Program**

The following streets are slated to be paved this year:

- Bendix Drive
- Bertly Ridge Drive
- Boeing Drive
- Bonnie Brea
- Centerdale Drive
- Christler Court
- Coralwood Drive
- Ewing Road
- Gilshire Drive
- Havenwood Drive
- Jenny Lynn Drive
- Lark Drive
- Lockhead Drive
- Lycoming Drive
- Meadowbrook Drive
- McCaffrey Drive
- Moreland Drive
- Pine Drive
- Robin Hill Park
- Southward Drive
- White Oak Court



# KEEP IT GREEN

## The Solar Solution

Moon Township recently became one of just four communities to kick-off the first phase of the Solarize Allegheny campaign. Solarize Allegheny is a community outreach program that helps to reduce the barriers for home and business owners to install solar energy systems. The campaign, which is funded by the Heinz Endowments and managed by non-profit marketing agency SmartPower, began in February.

Moon Township leaders, along with the Green Initiatives office, code officials, and the Environmental Advisory Council, applied to participate in Solarize Allegheny.

Glen Farley, chairman of the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Committee, said, "The biggest misconception is that people think that solar doesn't work here, but we get more energy from the sun than Germany. Germany is the leading solar nation, yet they only receive as much sun as Alaska. Most people don't realize that solar works even better here in southwestern Pennsylvania, and a home in Moon Township can create as much solar electricity as a home in Arizona by simply adding an extra solar panel or two."

During the 20-week campaign (which ends in June), Moon Township residents and business owners can get information about the campaign and access an online platform to find out if your home or business is good for solar by visiting [SolarizeAllegheny.org/MoonTownship](http://SolarizeAllegheny.org/MoonTownship). Having a copy of your electric bill handy when you visit the site will be useful in providing accurate information. If your home is a good candidate for solar, you

can request a quote from local solar installers who are participating in the campaign and who have been pre-screened to assure that they are qualified, experienced, and reliable businesses. The installers may call or visit the property owner to gather all the information necessary to create a quote. The customer will receive quotes from two to four installers. The online system provides a simple comparison of those quotes and assures that the customer is getting accurate information from installers, as well as quality equipment and warranties.

The other communities participating in Solarize Allegheny are South Fayette Township, the Point Breeze neighborhood in the City of Pittsburgh, and the coalition of Etna and Millvale boroughs. Phase 2 will begin in another four communities in Allegheny County in late Spring 2015.

You can help with Solarize Moon Township. If you are interested in hosting an informational gathering in your neighborhood, at your workplace, or at your organization, please contact Rebecca Kiernan at 412.262.1700 or by email at [rkiernan@moontwp.com](mailto:rkiernan@moontwp.com)

"Our hats off to your solar installers. They made the experience of installing GREEN technology a pleasure."

*Don - Kennett Square PA*







## Watershed Association Gets Results

*By Bill Macek – Treasurer, Montour Run Watershed Association*

Longtime local residents remember the days Montour Run was considered a “dead” stream. Pollution in the forms of de-icing fluid draining from Pittsburgh International Airport and abandoned mine drainage (AMD) from upstream locations conspired to make Montour Run inhospitable to all but the toughest living creatures. Today the stream abounds with life thanks to the efforts of many people and organizations, spearheaded by the Montour Run Watershed Association (MRWA).

The MRWA was incorporated in 2000. Its purpose is to improve water quality within the 36 square mile watershed that encompasses parts of Moon, Findlay, North Fayette and Robinson Townships along with Coraopolis Borough. The Pittsburgh International Airport makes up nearly one quarter of the watershed.

MRWA has earned an excellent reputation with the state, federal and local municipal governments, regulatory and funding agencies, as well as other local watershed groups. It takes a non-political common-sense approach to finding effective solutions to water quality problems and obtaining results. As such, MRWA was the proud recipient of the prestigious 2009 Karl Mason Award presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals.

What is a watershed? It is an area of land where all of the water that drains from it goes to the same place. In this case, the “place” is Montour Run.

The stream is much more vibrant today than in the “dead” days of earlier decades. The Pittsburgh International Airport’s switch to non-toxic plane de-icing compounds was a critical step in reducing toxic ammonia levels. McLaren’s Run is part of an Act 167 Water Quality Improvement program included in Moon Township’s stormwater ordinance. Certain subbasins in the McLaren’s Run watershed must reduce stormwater peak flows when there is new development. Moon Township also has an MS4 permit which requires inspection of stormwater outlets discharging to streams tributary to Montour Run. If there is flow during dry weather flow in the stormwater

outlets, the Township samples and analyzes for pollution.

MRWA has made significant strides towards improving the water quality of the watershed through stream bank stabilization projects and constructing four AMD treatment systems. A fifth project is in the works. Over \$1 million in grant funding has been raised for these projects, resulting in nearly 10 miles of improved stream water quality through reduced acid and suspended metals. Acidity and metal sedimentation create conditions in which small invertebrates (called “bugs” by many non-scientists) and minnows cannot thrive and become food for larger species. Montour Run now has a healthier pH and a diverse population of invertebrates supporting the food chain.

Until funding for its next AMD project is secured, MRWA is working in cooperation with the Montour Trail Council to obtain grants to stabilize stream bank along three troublesome areas of Montour Run. Cooperative activities are also planned with the Hollow Oak Land Trust.

Many local residents may be surprised to learn Montour Run is stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission every year with rainbow and brown trout. These stockings commenced in 2003 after stream conditions were proved suitable to carry these sensitive fish species. The Forest Grove Sportsmen Club conducts trout stocking as well. Small mouth bass, walleye, panfish and catfish are among the many kinds of fish that are also now caught in its waters.

MRWA is an all-volunteer organization. Our volunteers help in conducting our annual springtime stream “bug count”, staffing a booth at Moon Park’s Earth Day celebration and interacting with people at the Trout Unlimited “Cabin Fever” event. Assistance is also appreciated when we perform routine maintenance at our four passive AMD projects. We always encourage new members to join and interested bystanders to participate at our events.

MRWA is a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. For further information, please go to our website at [www.MRWA.INFO](http://www.MRWA.INFO).



# KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE



# VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



## Recognized for Advanced Pediatric Readiness

Valley Ambulance Authority (“VAA”) is proud to serve as the designated community provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation for Moon Township. VAA also provides EMS services to neighboring communities including Findlay Township, Crescent Township, Coraopolis and Neville Island.

Moon Township residents in need of an emergency ambulance should call 9-1-1.

VAA's mobile intensive care units are staffed by dedicated, professional paramedics and EMTs which are stationed at our headquarters located at 3550 University Blvd. in Moon Township - 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.

VAA has earned a reputation for providing prompt, professional emergency medical services. Last year, Valley Ambulance Authority responded to more than 2,300 emergency ambulance calls in Moon Township.

Total ambulance responses in all municipalities totaled more than 7,500 in 2014. VAA also provided more than 4,000 non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transports for patients within our service area.

Valley Ambulance Authority, a non-profit municipal authority, relies on community support and billing fees to fund its operating budget which totals more than 3 million dollars annually.

Residents are often surprised to learn that VAA receives no municipal tax revenue!

Moon Township residents can support VAA through participation in its annual subscription program. The subscription program provides residents with unlimited emergency medical services and an opportunity to save money by providing a 50% discount on any outstanding balances related to emergency services. The subscription program also provides access to certain types of non-emergency ambulance services and discounted rates for wheelchair van transports.

The 2015 VAA subscription fees are only \$60.00 for a family or \$40.00 for an individual. Paid subscriptions are effective from March 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016.

To keep up with increasing expenses, Valley Ambulance Authority also conducts an annual capital fund raising campaign. Residents interested in subscribing or contributing can submit a tax deductible donation by visiting VAA's web site at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)

To schedule a non-emergency transport, inquire about CPR training or to obtain more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call 412.262.2620 or visit our website [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org).



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

To obtain more information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority or to send a tax deductible donation, please call **412.262.2620** or visit VAA's web site at: [valleyamb.org](http://valleyamb.org)



## Water Service During Vacation

Going away for an extended period of time? The Moon Township Municipal Authority offers a service to have water service terminated at the curb stop for persons whose homes are vacant for an extended period of time. Water and sewer service charges do not accrue to your account during the period of termination. There is no charge to MTMA water customers for this service if done during normal work hours.

Call the Authority office at **412.264.4300** to schedule an appointment to occur during normal business hours.

Provide at least 24-hour notice of your return. In order to schedule the water turn-on during normal operating hours.

A person must be present within the home when the service is turned back on. Another option is for you to shut off the master valve which is near the water meter in your home. If the home is vacant for an extended period of time, this will help prevent significant flooding within the home should there be a plumbing failure while it is vacant. However, unless service is terminated at the curb, minimum charges will continue to accrue during the vacancy.



## At Your Door Special Collection

Beginning April 1, 2015, Moon Township residents will have a new service available to dispose of household hazardous waste right at your door. As part of the residential solid waste and recycling contract with Waste Management, you have a convenient opportunity to dispose of your household generated special materials – safely, easily, and responsibly.

### How Does It Work?

1. To participate, you must set up a collection appointment.

There are three ways to schedule a collection:

Go to: **WMAYourDoor.com**

Call: **1.800.449.7587**

Email: **AtYourDoor@WM.com**

### 2. Preparing for Collection

The collection kit includes an instruction sheet and other items to help pack and secure your household generated special materials. Please read the instruction sheet included in the kit.

### 3. Material is Collected

On the scheduled date, the customer service technician will collect materials directly from your home. They will sort and pack the materials for proper transportation, recycling, and disposal. Participants will receive a postage-paid survey card to complete and mail back to help track the program.

### 4. Too Much Material?

Remember, this service is available year-round – just schedule another collection! Small quantities may be combined with your neighbors. Waste Management Call Center representatives are available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Leave a message after hours, weekends, and holidays. Email the Call Center: **AtYourDoor@WM**

This chart shows the typical materials Waste Management collects that must be placed inside the kit for collection.

**This chart shows the typical materials we collect that must be placed inside the Kit for collection. Plus those items that may be placed outside the Kit.**

Examples of Acceptable Materials that MUST be placed <u>inside</u> the Kit Bag				
Automotive Products Antifreeze Brake Fluid Cleaner Hydraulic Fluid Transmission fluid Motor Oil Oil filter Polish Wax Gasoline Diesel fuel	Paint Products Latex Oil-based Thinners Artist's paint Spray paint Stain Sealer Caulk  Mercury Thermostats Thermometers Switches	Household Cleaners Ammonia Cleaning Compounds Floor Stripper Drain Cleaner Tile/shower cleaner Rust Remover	Flammable & Combustible Materials Kerosene Solvent Certain cleaners  Swimming Pool Chemicals Pool Acid Chlorine: tablets, liquid	Garden Chemicals Insect Sprays Weed Killers Herbicide Fertilizer Pesticides  Misc. Household Batteries Hobby Glue
Acceptable Materials for <u>Outside</u> the Bag				
Vehicle Batteries  Up to 4	Fluorescent Tubes and CFL's  Up to 5  (placed inside their original sheaths or taped together)	Televisions  Up to 1	One Computer System: 1 each-  CPU/tower Monitor Keyboard Mouse Desktop printer	Electronics (with circuit Boards): CD Rom, VCR, cell phones, DVD/CD/tape player, Related Cords Up to 25 lbs.

Unacceptable Materials	
Items Improperly Packaged for Transportation	All Medicines
Biological Waste	Empty Containers
Construction Materials	Asbestos
Smoke Detectors	Tires
Unknown Materials	Radioactive Material
Pressurized Cylinders	Fire Extinguishers
Ammunition	Explosives
Leaking Containers	Unlabeled Containers
Items in Containers Over 5 Gallons	Business supplies from homes
Commercial Products	Trash, including bulky items

**MATERIAL THAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:** We do not collect any materials in unlabeled or leaking containers. If you have questions about proper disposal for non-acceptable items, commercial chemicals or hazardous materials in containers larger than five gallons in size, please contact the Call Center (800) 449-

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# TAX INFORMATION

1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 300 | 412.299.7446 | [moontaxoffice.us](http://moontaxoffice.us)  
(Located on the lower level of the Community Service Center,  
next to the MCA-TV studio.)

## 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

[Home](#)[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



## 2015 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

### A Reminder From the Tax Office

The Moon Township Property Tax Office will mail 2015 municipal property tax statements on April 1, 2015. As a reminder, all property owners need to notify the tax office if any changes have occurred such as new owner, deed change, no longer have an escrow, etc. The property tax office does not get notified routinely and a property owner is responsible for their property taxes whether they receive a bill or not. The office number is 412-299-7446.

All outstanding 2014 property tax payments for both Moon Township and Moon Area School District were turned over in January 2015. A property owner needing any information about a particular delinquent tax must contact the appropriate agency that sent the notice. Only general questions can be answered by the Moon Property Tax Office once a tax has been turned over as delinquent. In accordance with the 2009 resolutions passed by Township and School officials, the tax office is only permitted to collect taxes in the calendar year they were billed.

### New ACT for Property Tax Collectors:

Toward the end of 2014, the Pennsylvania state legislature passed ACT 164 affecting Property Tax Collectors across the Commonwealth.

Beginning in 2015, All Tax Collectors MUST be qualified. A copy of the qualification certificate must be on file with the municipality. Each subsequent year a tax collector is in office, in order to maintain qualification status, ongoing continuing education credits must be earned. DCED working with the Pennsylvania Tax Collector Association will implement and oversee these changes and ongoing education programs.

Please check the property tax office website for office hours, holiday closings, important property tax information and online payment information. Never hesitate to contact the office with property tax related questions. For more in-depth issues, setting up an appointment is recommended and welcomed.

### 2015 Property tax information at a glance:

The 2015 municipal tax mileage will remain the same as 2014 at 2.74 mills.

The 2015 Homestead exemption will remain at \$15,000. The property's FULL assessment value will be reduced by this amount and the tax is calculated by multiplying the mileage rate and reduced by 2% if paid by the end of discount period, May 31.

The 2015 senior citizen tax relief program, (Act 77) will permit a 30% reduction in assessment value of the property and then the millage is calculated based on the lower amount. This reflects a reduction from previous years and now mirrors the county allowance. Act 77 is a senior program, applied through the county and is based on age, income, primary residence and length of time in your home. A link for the forms to be sent to the county and instructions can be found at [www.moontaxoffice.us](http://www.moontaxoffice.us) under the qualifying tax relief tab.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Department of Community and Economic Development  
Governor's Center for Local Government Services

Catherine L. Tress

has successfully met  
the training and education requirements  
for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's designation of  
Qualified Tax Collector  
Year 2014

*Chang H. Hwang*  
Deputy Secretary  
Community Affairs & Development

*C. Anne Harker*  
Secretary  
Department of Community & Economic Development





949 Thorn Run Road | 412.264.5354  
hollowoak.org

## Land Stewards Wanted

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

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

Corporate and business groups are invited to participate in trail maintenance projects. Individuals can join us Wednesday evenings for trail maintenance. Like our Facebook page to receive updates on location.

Hollow Oak is a member-supported organization. Family Membership is just \$35 and supports land conservation and trail development right here in Moon. For trail maps and more:

[www.hollowoak.org](http://www.hollowoak.org),  
[info@hollowoak.org](mailto:info@hollowoak.org),  
412.264.5354



## Hollow Oak Land Trust: Preserving Greenspace in Moon Township

By Kathleen Macie



### What is a land trust?

A land trust such as Hollow Oak is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve land and protect it from development by acquiring land through donations, purchases or conservation easements. Hollow Oak focuses on protecting and connecting greenspace in the Pittsburgh Airport Corridor.

### Where are the conservation areas in Moon?

The Hollow Oak Land Trust office is located at Robin Hill Park. The land trust owns over 320 acres of land and two conservation areas in Moon, with another 60-acre conservation area nearby in Kennedy Township. Montour Woods Conservation Area, on Hassam Road near the Montour Trail, includes 260 acres of woodlands and wetlands with over eight miles of trails (trail map available at [www.hollowoak.org](http://www.hollowoak.org)).

### What is the land used for?

Protecting land serves a dual purpose – to preserve habitat for wildlife and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for people. The Hollow Oak land will never be developed, which means the habitat will be preserved in perpetuity. The land is also open to the public for hiking, biking, and research and education.

### How is the community involved?

Volunteers help build and maintain trails, plant trees, control invasive species, monitor water quality and help nurture the wildlife habitat. Residents frequently hike, mountain bike and walk their dogs on the trails at Montour Woods. For more info: [info@hollowoak.org](mailto:info@hollowoak.org).



# MCA-TV

1700 Beaver Grade Road | 412.269.1191 | [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org)



## Celebrating 30 Years of Service!

Moon Community Access Television is celebrating 30 years of service in Moon Township! The cameras began rolling at MCA-TV on January 14, 1985, and the station has provided quality programming and coverage of local events ever since.

The continued success of the station is due in large part to the thousands of volunteers who have contributed their time and creative talents over the past three decades. "MCA-TV would not be where it is today without the support of our volunteers and the Moon community over the past 30 years," said Jim Koepfinger, the township's director of technology and communication and who has been with MCA-TV since day one.

The station houses a studio with three HD cameras, editing suites, and a full production trailer to shoot on location. In addition to government and educational programming, MCA-TV offers extensive coverage of Robert Morris University and Moon High School sports.

MCA-TV is shown locally on cable stations Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35 reaching more than 40,000 households in Moon, Coraopolis, Crescent, Findlay, Neville, North Fayette, and communities north and west of the township on Verizon.

## MCA-TV Training Courses

Do you want to learn about video production? MCA-TV offers FREE television production training courses.

The fun, four-week course will get you in studio and familiar with the equipment that makes the "magic" of TV happen. Classes take place at the MCA-TV studio located at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 140.

Email [mcatv@moontwp.com](mailto:mcatv@moontwp.com) if you are interested!

## MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television  
Comcast channel 14

Verizon FiOs channel 35

## MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television  
Comcast channel 18

Verizon FiOs channel 37



## Frank Vieira Joins the MCA-TV Staff

You may have spotted Frank Vieira's guest appearance on the MCA-TV show "Mia Cucina", interviewing guests during the station's Public Awareness Weekend, or rocking it out on stage at the township's Fourth of July celebration – and now he's on staff as the Assistant Director of MCA-TV. In addition to overseeing the Moon Area Government (MAG-TV) channel, Frank is responsible for the township's website and producing much of the creative content and artwork for the township's departments (including the Messenger).

A native of New York, Frank graduated from Robert Morris University 2012 and has adopted Pittsburgh as his second home. When he's not singing on stage with his band on the weekends, he enjoys date night and spending time with his fiancé Deb Ostrander. Welcome Frank!





# PARKS & RECREATION

949 Thorn Run Rd. (Robin Hill Center) | 412.262.1703 | moonparks.org



## NEW HOME FOR PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks & Recreation Department offices have moved! The department is now located at the Robin Hill Center, 949 Thorn Run Road. Only the department's address has changed - all other services and contact information remain the same. The former office in Moon Park will serve as a public restroom and park's storage facility.



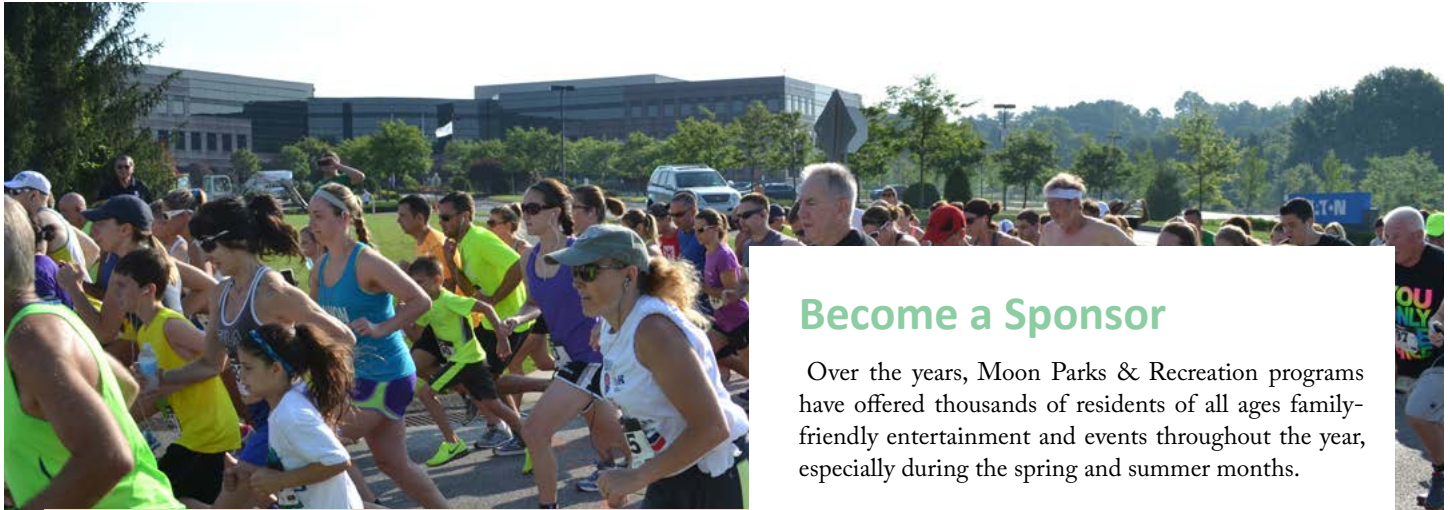
## "TITLE SOURCE" LEND A HELPING HAND

On Friday, October 24, 2014, Title Source spent the early part of the day away from work and volunteered at Robin Hill Park. With perfect weather conditions, Title Source employees braved the bugs and outdoors and helped tidy up Robin Hill Trails, Coventry Log Cabin, and the area behind Robin Hill Center.

"Title Source is proud to partner with the Moon Parks & Recreation Department to help improve the quality of life for Moon

Township residents. In every community we work in, we strive to work with residents and the neighborhoods to make a positive impact. We hope that our time working in Robin Hill Park will provide hours of enjoyment for everyone. Our team members look forward to returning in the future to continue this essential work," said team leader Tricia Somerville.

Thanks to Title Source for helping to beautify Robin Hill Park.



## About Us

Moon Parks & Recreation offers residents a diverse array of leisure opportunities throughout the year. With a strong emphasis on maintaining green space in the community and connecting people to nature, Moon Parks oversees 600+ acres of park space including: Moon Park, Robin Hill Park, Olson Park, MoonCrest Knowledge Connection, neighborhood play lots, and the proposed Riverfront Park on the Ohio River.

The following amenities are available throughout the park system:

**Walking & Hiking Trails, Tennis/Basketball Courts (lighted), Athletic Fields, A Variety of Pavilions, Coventry Log Cabin, Herb Garden, Robin Hill Center, Amphitheater, Gazebo, Play Areas for all Ages, Nelson Pond**

## What's in it for you?

Moon Parks & Recreation is seeking out family-friendly sponsors to partner with us to grow our programs, events and facilities.

**Sponsors can get involved in several ways:**

**Gain naming rights to athletic field**

**Gain marketing exposure through advertising banners on fields**

**Sponsor a particular event, T-shirt logs and media benefits**

**Sponsor a park amenity or trail**

**Sponsor playground equipment and or pavilions**

**Sponsor donation amenities such as park benches, tree plantings and more**

## Become a Sponsor

Over the years, Moon Parks & Recreation programs have offered thousands of residents of all ages family-friendly entertainment and events throughout the year, especially during the spring and summer months.

### Our Larger Events Include:

#### **Moon Park Bunny Trail**

April 4, 2015, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **Robin Hill Earth Day**

April 19, 2015, 1-3 p.m.

#### **Father's Day Fun Fair**

June 21, 2015, noon - 2 p.m.

#### **Family Fun Nights**

Friday evenings June – August

#### **Twp. of Moon 5K Run & Walk (Moon Park)**

Sunday, June 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

#### **Twp. of Moon Independence Day Celebration**

July 4, 2015 - 4 p.m. fireworks at 10 p.m.

#### **Halloween Spooktacular (Moon Park)**

October, 21, 2015, 4-6 p.m.

## Start your sponsorship today

By becoming a Moon Parks & Recreation sponsor, you'll receive a variety of benefits including name recognition in our promotional mailings, media benefits on our email blasts and ad space on our website. For higher level sponsors you'll receive name and logo recognition on banners at the event, T-shirts, a promotional booth and much more!

### Contact

**412.262.1703**

Director – Lance Welliver- [llwelliver@moonparks.org](mailto:llwelliver@moonparks.org)

Assistant Director – Amy Ottaviani- [aottaviani@moonparks.org](mailto:aottaviani@moonparks.org)



# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## Karate: Adults and Children (Ages 6 and up)

**Dates:** Mondays & Wednesdays Ongoing – through May 2015

**Times:** 6:00 (Beginners) and 7:00 pm (Advanced)

**Location:** Moon High School Wrestling Room

**Fee:** \$45 Moon School District residents per month. Online registration and mail in form will be available in September.

## Beginner Zumba (Adults and teens 13+)

**Dates:** Mondays Jan 5-Feb 9 Feb 16-Mar 23

**Time:** 6:00-7:00 pm

**Location:** Moon High School Fitness Room

**Fee:** \$45 Moon Residents, \$50 Non-Residents, per 6 week session

**Instructor:** Catherine Hollien

## Totally Toned (Adults & Teens 15+)

**Dates:** Mondays Jan 5-Feb 9 Feb 16-Mar 23

**Times:** 7:15-8:15pm

**Location:** Moon High School Fitness Room

**Fee:** \$45 Moon residents/ \$50 non-residents, per 6 week session

**Instructor:** Karla Tobias

## Core Conditioning/Pilates (Adults & Teens 15+)

**Date:** Wednesday Jan 7-Feb 11 Feb 18-Mar 25

**Time:** 8:45-9:45 am

**Location:** Robin Hill Center

**Fee:** \$45 Residents/\$50 Non-Residents per 6 week session

**Instructor:** Judy Elias

## Club Glue- Arts and Crafts Workshops (Ages 6-12)

**Date:** Mon March 16 (Erin go bragh!), Tues

**Time:** 9:30-11:00am

**Location:** Robin Hill

**Fee:** \$10 Moon residents, \$15 non-residents (per workshop)

**Instructor:** Lisa Shaughnessy

## Earth Day

**Sunday, April 19**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Robin Hill Park – 949 Thorn Run Road**

**Admission: FREE**

## West Hills Art League - Art Show

**Sunday, May 10**

**1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Robin Hill Center – 949 Thorn Run Road**

## Driver's Education Kennedy School of Driving

**Dates:** Tuesday and Thursday March 3-April 2

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

**Location:** Moon Township Municipal Building

**Fee:** Registration - \$25 Moon residents \$30 non-residents, Course Fee \$350

## Spring Tennis

**Thursdays (8 week session)**

**Lessons for Ages 5 and up**

**Begins Thursday, April 16**

**Moon Park Tennis Courts**

**1350 Joe DeNardo Way**

**Fees:** Please visit our website or contact the Moon Park office.

## Bunny Trail

**Saturday, April 4**

**11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Moon Park – 1350 Joe DeNardo Way**

**Admission: FREE**



Find more programs and event details at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org). Register for any of the listed programs by calling the Moon Park office at **412.262.1703** or by e-mailing **info@moonparks.org**. Online registration open for select programs, visit our website for more information.

## Pavilion and Robin Hill Center Rentals

### Pavilions

We began taking 2015 Moon Park pavilion rental reservations for Moon residents on Monday, February 9. Deposit and payment are due at the time of reservation. To get Moon resident rate, the contract must be signed by and payment made by a Moon Township resident.

All reservations must be made in person. All pavilions and fees are listed on our website at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org)

### Robin Hill Center

Robin Hill Center reservations can be made up to one year in advance. Reservations must be made in person. To receive Moon resident rate the contract must be signed by and payments made by Moon Township resident. All fees are listed on our website [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org)

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

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Visit [moontwp.com](http://moontwp.com) for the latest township news and events. Your community is one click away.



### Sign Up for Moon's E-newsletter

Receive monthly updates on news and events going on in the Township with Moon's free monthly email newsletter, **Moon Township Monthly**. Sign up today at **[moontwp.com](http://moontwp.com)** (under Quick Links)

### Submit a Question or Concern Online

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

### Tune in to Local Government

Watch Moon Township Board of Supervisors and Moon Area School Board public meetings on MAG-TV, Comcast channel 18 and Verizon channel 37. Schedule information is available at **[moongovtv.us](http://moongovtv.us)**. View the meetings and MCA-TV's community produced programming online at **[mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org)**.

### Visit Moon Parks and Recreation

Get involved in the many events and programs offered by Moon Parks and Recreation. Use a computer or smartphone to find the most current schedule information at **[moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org)**.

### Stay Informed with Swift 911

Sign up for Swift 911 at [moonpolice.us](http://moonpolice.us). This system will call registered phone or cell phone numbers in the event of an emergency or to share important community information.

### Like Us on Facebook

**"Moon Township"**

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