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SUMMER 2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PHOTO CONTEST WINNER  
AMY POWELL - SUMMER MEMORIES AT NELSON POND

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A staple of Moon Park is back from his retreat in Minnesota

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**Township offices will be closed:**

Independence Day-Observed July 3

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## The Cover

This month's cover features a photo by Moon Resident Amy Powell

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

Read Summer 2020 Moon Township Messenger and past editions online at moontwp.us

## A Letter from the Township Manager

As we enter the summer of 2020, and as I compose this article, the Coronavirus Pandemic or COVID-19, whichever you prefer, is still lurking around. We have gone from the Red Phase to Yellow Phase and now the Green Phase. The operation of the Township did not shut down during the Red Phase, but we did adjust work schedules and how we handled the public to adhere to the protocol, set forth under the CDC guidelines. Once into the Yellow Phase, employees returned to their regular shift, offices opened to walk-ins, and parks were open for green space activity. The county turned to the Green Phase on June 5, but it still comes with challenges for all of us.

The Board of Supervisors and staff certainly understand the frustration that some are feeling. Parks, playlots, and the splash pad finally get to open. Ballfields are groomed and ready to play, so organized sports activities are setting guidelines and getting ready to start playing. Tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts are all open and people are playing, but how on earth is this accomplished with each of us having to use their own tennis-pickle-basketballs?

At the June 3, 2020 meeting, the Board of Supervisors decided to honor Independence Day with a fireworks display. The decision was not easy, because no matter what we know we will not please all. Therefore, the decision was to first move the fireworks from Moon Park to the RMU campus. Second, increase the physical size of the fireworks in anticipation that they will fly higher to be seen by residents from their homes. RMU graciously has allowed the vendor to set up the fireworks display on their campus; however, both RMU and the Township agree that due to COVID-19 protocol, **THE CAMPUS WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO ANY VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND/OR PARKING** for the display. We encourage residents to observe the fireworks from the safety of their home and should refrain from traveling to see the fireworks. Residents should also maintain social distancing and avoid large gatherings.

The most challenging aspect for the Board and staff to predict is what type of financial impact, if any, this will have on the Township. Please be assured we are monitoring this closely and will continue to do so throughout the year. As COVID-19 continues to create uncertainty, be assured that the elected officials and staff are striving to serve and protect you. For updates on all township activities, please either visit the Township website at [www.moontwp.us](http://www.moontwp.us), join the Moon Township Facebook page, or call 412.262.1700.

Stay Safe.

*Dawn Lane*  
- Township Manager

## Moon Township Photo Contest

This spring, we held a photo contest on our Moon Township Facebook page for residents to send in their favorite summer photos from around the Township for a chance to be featured on the cover of this edition of the Messenger.

Congratulations to Amy Powell, who submitted two great photos at Nelson Pond! Some of the other staff favorites include:

- Erin Manna
- Gary Margeson
- Teresa Abitabilo Gallagher
- Kristin Butler

Thank you to everyone who submitted an image! Connect with us on Facebook for more photo contests in the future. [Facebook.com/MoonTownship](https://www.facebook.com/MoonTownship)



## Want Your Photo featured in the Moon Messenger

Hop online and head over to our Facebook page at [facebook.com/moontownship](https://www.facebook.com/moontownship). Like our page and submit your best "Moon" photo for a chance to be featured in the fall edition of the Moon Township Messenger. This season's cover was shot by Township resident Amy Powell.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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## Help Make the 2020 Census Count

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

The time is now. Help shape your future, and your community's future, by responding to the 2020 census.

Most households received their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census between March 12–20. These official Census Bureau mailings include detailed information and a census ID for completing the census online.

In addition to an invitation to respond, some households will receive a paper questionnaire (sometimes known as the census form). You do not need to wait for your paper questionnaire to respond to the census.

The 2020 census is for everyone.

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to begin.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Public Works department will be starting off the 2020 Road Program with 2 streets from the list to be paved, LaRue Drive and McCormick Road. Paving is scheduled to begin in June. It is possible that more streets will be added later in the paving season. Please use caution when entering a work zone.



## Compost Drop-off/ Pickup Downes Fire Station

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 own containers and take as much as you need. The Downes Fire Station is located at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Ewing Road. Please notify Public Works prior to your arrival by calling **412.262.1700**.

In addition to normal summer maintenance and grass mowing, crews will be performing maintenance on retention ponds and assisting the Miracle League field contractor to comply with municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) requirements.

# COMMUNITY make it moon



## The Moon Township Farmers' Market is Back!

### *Now Located at Moon Park*

The Moon Township Farmers' Market returned on Wednesday, June 3. To adhere to and follow the safety guidelines from Allegheny County, the market has moved to 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. Give yourself a night off from cooking and take-home dinner from one of the prepared foods vendors.

The market takes pride in being a traditional producer-only market where all vendors must grow or make at least 75 percent of their own 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.



## 2020 Community Engagement Guides Now Available

Moon Township offers a variety of opportunities for businesses and organizations to invest in the health and wellness of our community by funding events, programs, and open space improvements. Residents of Moon Township, as well as neighboring communities, value our parks and activities as part of their everyday lives. Be a sponsor and increase your exposure in the community, develop deeper relationships with your customers, and build a positive image.

The 2020 Sponsorship Guide is now available for all businesses and organizations both in hard copy and online at [moontwp.us/business/sponsorships.php](https://moontwp.us/business/sponsorships.php).

Look for the 2020 New Resident Guide, full of helpful information for new and existing residents. Learn about township administration, police, fire, community development and engagement, parks and recreation, MCA-TV and much more. This guide is available at the Municipal Building kiosk and online at [moontwp.us/residents/new-resident-guide.php](https://moontwp.us/residents/new-resident-guide.php).

## Neighborhood Association Forum Meetings

Moon Township is looking for opportunities to engage local neighborhood associations and Homeowners Association (HOA) organizations to provide support and resources. The forums will serve as an opportunity for appointed representatives from HOA's within Moon Township to meet and discuss issues and concerns and to learn what is happening in the township. Representatives are encouraged to join the Moon Township Community Development team on Thursday, July 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Moon Township Municipal Building to connect and exchange ideas and solutions. All interested HOA representatives should email [aottaviani@moontwp.us](mailto:aottaviani@moontwp.us).

## New Trail Extension

New park trail maps are available at all park facilities, trail head message boards, and online. Maps indicate trail names, sponsors, levels of difficulty, and other amenities such as bridges, parking areas, and restrooms. Trails sponsorships are still available for a new Moon Park parameter Trail (3.25-mile loop) and Olson Park western slope trails (Flaugherty and Silver Trail). Go to [moonpark.org](https://moonpark.org) trails page and or stop in the Moon Township office, Robin Hill Center, or Moon Park office for more information.

Be on the lookout for the opening of the new Moon Park Lunar Loop Trail. Lunar Loop Trail is approximately 3.25 (5K) around the perimeter of Moon Park.





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## MOON TOWNSHIP

*Sponsor Guide*

## What's in A Name?

Naming rights are a great long-term marketing and community relations strategy that has proven beneficial with brand recognition and community exposure. Moon Township has naming rights partners enjoying this elite club, including Clearview Federal Credit Union Splashpad, Clearview Federal Credit Union Pavilion, Falconi Moon Township Automotive Pavilion, Rotary Pavilion, Kenny Ross Field, Brewer Airport Toyota Scoreboard, Robert Morris University MCA/TV Green Screen, Amrock Disc Golf (coming soon), Calgon Carbon Fountain at Robin Hill, and trail sponsors, Ampco, Columbia Sportswear Co., Amrock, and Chevron Corp.

We have many new naming opportunities available to get your name out and increase the visibility of the company in the community. The new 2020 Event Sponsorship Guide is available on-line or by contacting Amy Ottaviani at [aottaviani@moontwp.us](mailto:aottaviani@moontwp.us) to see the great partnership opportunities from in-kind to presenting event sponsorships available.

***What's in A Name? A great business opportunity to get your name out-in a beautiful park setting where people laugh, socialize, and play!***

### Available in Now for Naming Rights Sponsorship:

- Moon Park Pavilion
- Full Size-Galaxy Field
- New (2) Pickleball Courts
- Moon Pond Fishing Dock
- Moon Park Volleyball Court

## 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 easily and safely dispose of hazardous materials 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**.







# GREEN INITIATIVES make it moon

## Moon is a Tree City USA Community

Moon Township was named a 2019 Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Township achieved this recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: creating a tree board or department, adopting a tree-care ordinance, dedicating an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The dedication and investment made into trees in Moon Township gives back to the community. Throughout Pennsylvania, only 3.8% of communities are Tree City USA's.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like Moon Township make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

## Earth Day

*Peace, Love, & Pine Trees*

*Earth Day Celebration*

*Sunday, August 16- 1:00 p.m.*

*Moon Park*

Jump on the Earth Day Express at Moon Park this August to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. This year's theme is Peace, Love, and Pine Trees.

This event has been re-designed to accommodate COVID-19 guidelines for safety. Moon Township's Green Team staff and Moon Garden Club members will be on hand to host an Express Lane at Moon Park for Earth Day themed giveaways and activities to take home.

Bagged giveaway includes:

- Earth Day T-shirts – designed by Elementary school children in Moon
- Native Tree – Seedling/Sapling courtesy of Bartlett Tree Company
- Native Specials Flower Bulbs – courtesy of Moon Township Garden Club
- Earth Day coloring pages from Moon Parks and Recreation
- "SWAPS" from West Hills Area Girl Scouts
- Plus, more!

**Presenting Sponsors are:**

Moon Township Municipal Authority and Bartlett Tree Company

Supporting Sponsors are:

Moon Township EAC and Moon Township Garden Club

## Electronics Recycling Days

*Saturdays:*

*August 1, October 3*

*10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.*

*Municipal Building*

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





## Brewer Airport Toyota Film Fest Success!

The Brewer Airport Toyota Film Festival returned for its ninth year on June 6. We want to thank everyone for their submissions. A panel of Pittsburgh-area film experts judged submissions based on a point system. The following films took home awards in the following categories:

- **Best Short Film- The Tenant by Devin Pingree**
- **Best Feature Film- A Shot of Irish by Andrew Calvetti**
- **Runner-up Short Film- Loopy by Anthony Peduzzi**
- **Runner-up Short Film- Persephone by Balint Oltvai**
- **Runner-up Feature Film- L-3301 by Anthony Cundro**
- **Runner-up Feature Film- Uninvited Guests by Caroline Collins**

The 2020 Film Festival is sponsored by Brewer Airport Toyota of Moon Township, Clearview Federal Credit Union, Dr. Mark Schneiderman, and Lerro Corporation. Check the schedule at [mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org) to see the rebroadcast of the winning films.

## Promote Your Event for Free

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

## MCA-TV

Moon Community Access Television  
Comcast channel 14  
Verizon Fios channel 35  
[mca-tv.org](http://mca-tv.org)

## MAG-TV

Moon Area Government Television  
Comcast channel 18  
Verizon Fios channel 37  
[moongovtv.us](http://moongovtv.us)

## Production Classes

MCA-TV relies on volunteers to film, produce, and star in our productions. If you ever wondered what it would be like to work in television, this is your opportunity to do so by signing up for our free quarterly production classes. These classes are open to residents of any community.

The training course is a series of four hands-on classes providing the basics of camera operation, lighting, audio, and editing. Successful completion of the course provides the opportunity to be an official MCA-TV volunteer, ready and able to assist with any MCA-TV production.

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

Several MCA-TV original shows have won national and state-wide awards including "The Doctor Is In" produced by Dr. Marc Schneiderman, and "Soak it Up: A Storm Water Documentary". These award-winning shows express the evident value of community-produced programming.

Classes run from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesdays for four weeks beginning Wednesday, August 5 at the MCA-TV studio located at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 140, Moon Township, PA 15108. To register, contact MCA-TV Director Allison Ford at [aeastham@moontwp.us](mailto:aeastham@moontwp.us) or call **412.269.1191**. Space is limited.





# POLICE make it moon

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## Moon Police Department Offers Vacation/Vacant House Watch

As summer is approaching, many people plan to take a trip to enjoy the beautiful weather and time off from school. There are several things you can do if you are worried about your house while you are away. If you are planning to be away for an extended period, you can place your home on the Moon Township Police house check list. This is a free service offered to Moon Township residents to help keep our community safe. This does not replace other security measures that should take to protect your home. It does inform our officers that you are away and when possible, they will check the exterior of your residence to ensure that it is secure. Vacant homes for sale or remodel can also be placed on the list.

To place your home on the house check, do the following:

- Call our dispatch the day before or a short time before the house will be vacant.
- Provide the date the house will become vacant and the date of your return to the house.
- Provide an emergency contact person and phone number that we can contact if problems are found.
- Provide us with any special circumstances such as vehicles that will be left in the driveway or persons who may be checking or working in residence periodically, etc.
- Be sure to call and cancel your house from the list as soon as someone returns to the residence.

Useful Tips:

- Leave blinds open in their usual position.
- Have mail and packages picked up, forwarded, or held by the post office.
- Lower the sound of your telephone ringer and answering machine so they cannot be heard outside.
- Stop newspaper deliveries.
- Arrange to have your grass cut in the summer and your walk and driveway shoveled in the winter.
- Ask a friend to pick-up “throw-away” newspapers and circulars.
- Use automatic timers to turn lights on and off in various parts of the house at appropriate times.
- Consider connecting a radio to a timer.
- Tell dependable neighbors when you plan to be away and join with your neighbors to keep a close watch on what is happening in your area. Working closely with them is a good way to prevent crime.

Disclaimer – Notifying the police department that you are leaving your home and the details of your absence will allow officers to make extra patrols through your neighborhood. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that your home will not be burglarized or vandalized while you are gone.



## 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

Email Crime Tips - [crimetips@moonpolice.us](mailto:crimetips@moonpolice.us)



# FIRE SAFETY make it moon

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**2020**  
BY THE NUMBERS  
As of 5/1/20

**165**

fire calls answered

**345**

man hours (on duty incidents)

**358**

total man hours (training work detail)

**169**

Training/ Work Details

## Thank You for Years of Support

The Fire Company will no longer be collecting Aluminum Cans at the Public Safety Building. Since 1993, the Volunteer Fire Company has donated a total of \$26,224.05 to the "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" fund at West Penn Hospital. The funds were raised from individual gifts and through the proceeds of their can sale and garage sale. This program provides relief for children who have been through the trauma of a burn injury by supporting both their physical and emotional recovery.

We would like to thank the residents and businesses who have donated over the past 20 years and made this donation possible. Thank you for your support. While we are no longer accepting cans at the Public Safety Building due to the price of aluminum and work needed for this program, we look forward to working together in the future.



## Sportsmen's Bash

### Tickets on Sale

The annual Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company Sportsmen's Bash is rescheduled to Saturday, September 26 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building located at 1000 Beaver Grade Road. Tickets, which include food and refreshments, are available for a \$30 donation. Tickets purchased for the original April date will be honored. Contact a fireman or visit one of the fire stations on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. to obtain a ticket.



## Car Cruise

Sunday, August 30

11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Moon Park

Don't miss the annual MTVFC car cruise! Check out the cars and enjoy the DJ and live music. If you want to show off your wheels, come to the park and pick a spot to settle in. The cruise is open to all classes of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and specialty vehicles. The gate opens at 7 a.m. The event is free to attend, but make sure to show your support by visiting the food booths sponsored by the firemen and the ladies' auxiliary. All proceeds benefit the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company. For more information visit [moontwpfire.com](http://moontwpfire.com).

**\*Due to the COVID-19 crisis and ever-changing situation, please check the Parks and Recreation website at [MoonParks.com](http://MoonParks.com) for updates on events and programs.**





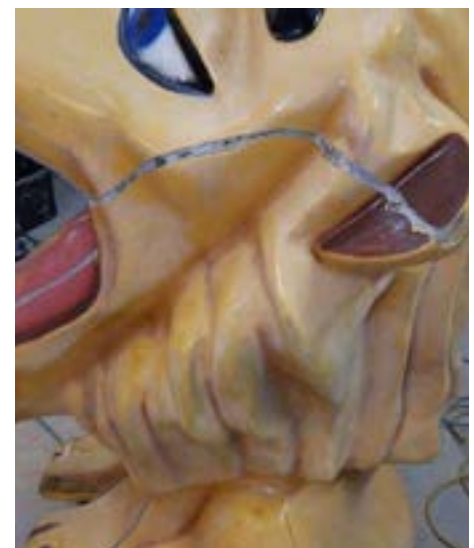
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## Leo the Lion

You may remember Leo the Lion as a lifelong member of Moon Park. You might not know that Leo is actually Moon Park's 2nd lion drinking fountain. The first fountain was donated by the Lions Club to Moon Park in the 1960's and replaced in the 1980's. When the new playground and splashpad were installed in 2019, Leo's future was uncertain. Years of use had left him with faded paint, water damage, failed plumbing, and a large crack up one side. Thankfully, Leo's restoration was made possible through generous community support. This past fall, Leo took a trip to Minnesota where he received a full restoration from the last lion drinking fountain designer left in the United States. He was sandblasted, repaired, re-plumbed, and repainted. In early June Leo will journey back to Moon park and will be reinstalled at the playground. Check out Leo's transformation to remain a vibrant member of the Moon Park for many years to come.



**Thank you to all of the local businesses who donated to make Leo's restoration possible.**

# Park Programs & Events



## New Amrock Disc Golf Course at Olson Park!

We are happy to announce another new partnership and naming rights with Amrock Corporation.

The popularity of disc golf has grown in recent years and Olson Park now features a new 6-hole course for both experts and newcomers to the game. This six-hole course is open to enjoy, new signage is soon to arrive, and keep your eyes open for an official ribbon cutting once social distancing restrictions lift.



## Pickle-Ball Courts

Check out the 2 new Pickle-Ball Courts at Moon Park. The courts are located above the batting cages when you enter the park on the left-hand side with access to restrooms and parking.

If you are not familiar to the game, it is a cross between badminton, tennis, and ping pong. The nets are lower (34") and it is played with paddles and a whiffle ball. The lower net, light ball weight, and the fact that the balls must bounce before volleying make it more accessible to people of all ages and abilities while still being competitive. The courts are free to use.

## 2020 Park Pavilion Rentals

Pavilions are still available for the 2020 season.

All pavilions and fees are listed at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org). Please take note of the updated fees for 2020. To reserve a pavilion please call the Moon Parks office at **412-262-1703 ext 404**.

## Robin Hill Center Rentals

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

## Display Your Child's Artwork at Moon Park

Looking for a fun art project for your child while they are at home that you can cherish forever? We are now accepting orders for the next phase of children's art tiles. The cost of the first tile is \$100. There is also the option to add a second tile to keep for yourself with the purchase of a tile for Moon Park. The second tile of the same design can be purchased for \$55. Ensure that your child's art is a part of Moon Park for years to come by ordering by July 1, 2020. For more information, visit [moonparks.org/resources/sponsorships.asp](http://moonparks.org/resources/sponsorships.asp)



# Park Programs & Events



## Brewer Airport Toyota Pavilion

Moon Township is proud to announce the latest naming rights partnership with Brewer Airport Toyota.

This summer, residents and visitors will be able to enjoy the brand-new Brewer Airport Toyota Pavilion at Moon Park. The pavilion has all new lighting, electric, and tables. The pavilion officially opened after the ribbon cutting on May 27. All pavilion rentals are available through Moon Parks and Recreation at [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org).

Brewer Airport Toyota is a long-term partner with Moon Township Parks and Recreation. They have donated and sponsored the Glow Run, 4th of July events "Kids Zone", MASD Football Broadcasts, Brewer Airport Toyota Film Festival, Moon Recreational Youth Basketball and Flag Football leagues, and much more.

Naming rights are available for the following amenities at Moon Park: pickleball courts, volleyball court, and Nelson Pond fishing dock. Email [aottaviani@moontwp.us](mailto:aottaviani@moontwp.us) or call 412.852.2582 for more information.

## Special Events

### Lunchtime Concerts at Robin Hill

Wednesdays: July 15th, August 19th, and September 16th  
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Robin Hill Gazebo

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the outdoors surrounded by the natural beauty of Robin Hill Park. Concerts are free to attend.

*July 15th-Swing Time*

*August 19th-Doo Wop Dr's*

*September 16th-RML Jazz*

### Moon Rocks

Saturdays: July 11th, and August 15th  
8 p.m.

Moon Park Amphitheater

Spend your Saturday night under the stars enjoying local bands rock the stage. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite snacks.

*July 11th-Tuned Up*

*August 15th-Pink Noise*

### Moon Family Friday Movie Nights

Fridays: July 24th, July 31st, August 7th, and August 28th

Movies start at Dusk

Moon Park Amphitheater



**July 24th  
Onward**



**July 31st  
Detective Pikachu**



**August 7th  
Addams Family  
Movie (2019)**



**August 28th  
Frozen II**

## Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors

Clearview Federal Credit Union  
Brewer Airport Toyota  
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Engineering Inc.

Express Employment  
Professionals  
Acceptance Insurance  
Heritage Valley Health System





## Programs *(continued)*

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# Fireworks Are ON!

July 4, 2020

Moon Township Parks and Recreation is sad to announce there will be no Independence Day celebration in Moon Park this year due to COVID-19 limitations, but there will be fireworks!

This year we still invite families to spend the 4th of July at Moon Park, playgrounds, picnic facilities, field and courts will all be open to enjoy. As Pennsylvania continues to reopen for business, regardless of the guidelines and recommendations that are presented in the next several weeks, it is apparent social distancing is one practice that will remain far beyond July 4. For that reason, the Township made the difficult decision to not host an Independence Day celebration at Moon Park this year. We believe this decision is best for everyone in the interest of public health.

Moon Township will still be hosting their annual firework display, just from a different location. This year, the fireworks will be launched from Robert Morris University. Residents should observe the fireworks from the safety of their home and should refrain to traveling to see the fireworks. The university will be closed to traffic and closed for public parking viewing. We feel this is the best option for us to still be able to celebrate with you from afar and maintain social distancing guidelines.

The Moon Township Parks & Recreation website will have details about alternative fun activities as the holiday gets closer.

## *Love Local - Thanks for Making it Moon*

The capacity of an individual and of a community is measured during times of crisis. The courage, commitment, and dedication that our residents and community have shown to our Township has been nothing but remarkable.

Our community rallied around our local businesses and provide an outpouring of support during this pandemic. Local businesses are owned and operated by your neighbors! They care about and are invested in the well-being of your community and its future! We appreciate that our residents supported local businesses and thank all of our local businesses that were able to stay open and provide services for our residents. We can't thank you enough. We are all in this together! Thank you for Making it Moon!







# Programs *(continued)*

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**\*Due to the COVID-19 crisis and ever-changing situation, please check the Parks and Recreation website at [MoonParks.com](http://MoonParks.com) for updates on events and programs.**

## Summer Camp

Due to COVID-19 restrictions Moon Parks and Rec made the difficult decision to cancel their traditional 5-day summer camp. We look forward to its return in 2021. This summer we will offer two alternative programs.

## Summer Program 2020- Ages 5-12

Dates: June 16-August 13

Time: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: Moon Park Office Clubhouse (basement)

Fee: \$40 per child, Moon School District

Resident/\$45 non-resident -per week.

While we are not offering our traditional camp, we will be offering a great half day drop-off program. We understand that kids need to get outside, interact with their peers, and get active this summer, and we have staff who are looking forward to seeing your child and providing them with quality activities. Families have the choice of Morning (8 am -12 pm) or Afternoon (1 pm - 5 pm).

### Week 1- Green Team:

Tuesday, June 16 & Thursday, June 18

### Week 2- Creative Critters:

Monday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 24

### Week 3- Dino-mite Dinosaurs:

Tuesday, June 30 & Thursday, July 2

### Week 4- Wizarding Week:

Monday, July 6 & Wednesday, July 8

### Week 5- Full STEAM Ahead:

Tuesday, July 14 & Thursday, July 16

### Week 6- Christmas in July:

Monday, July 20 & Wednesday, July 22

### Week 7- Space is the Place:

Tuesday, July 28 & Thursday, July 30

### Week 8- Halloween in August:

Monday, August 3 & Wednesday, August 5

### Week 9- Beach Week:

Tuesday, August 11 & Thursday, August 13

## Day Camp In A Bag- Ages 5-12

Pick Up Dates: Wednesdays, June 17-August 12

Time: 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Location: Moon Township Farmer's Market, Moon Park

Fee: \$20 for starter bag, \$5 for "refills"

Moon Parks and Recreation is happy to offer a Day-Camp-In-A-Bag program for kids age 5-12!

How this program will work:

Register your child for their reusable bag for \$20, per child. Bags can be picked up at the Moon Township Farmer's Market at Moon Park starting on Wednesday June 17th from 3-6pm. The first \$20 registration can be made online or by calling the Moon Parks office and paying with a credit card. Each week, you can bring the bag back for a "refill"

for \$5, which can be paid at the Farmer's Market (cash or check only).

We will have additional starter bags available at the market but will be in limited supply.

Families must register for the starter bag to be able to purchase the "refills". Starter bags will have a rolling registration and will be available until Aug 5th through the online registration.

## Mad Science: Secret Agent Lab (Ages 6-12)

Date: Monday-Friday, August 17-21

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$125 residents/\$130 non-residents

Location: Robin Hill Park

Develop your special agent and detective skills in this super hands-on week of camp! Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence- from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Secret agents in training will use science and awesome technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in the investigation.

## Lunch Hour Fun Hour (Ages 5-14)

Date: Monday-Friday, August 17-21

Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15 residents and non-residents

Location: Robin Hill Park

Moon Parks and Recreation is happy to offer a Lunch Hour Fun Hour for kids attending the Mad Science and/or Snapology summer camps at Robin Hill on August 17-21.

Please note, this is only for kids attending these camps!

Kids should bring a bag lunch and Moon Parks staff will provide supervision, a treat, and some fun activities for the hour between camps.

\*\*Lunch Hour Fun Hour is available to kids attending Mad Science and/or Snapology camps for the week of August 17-21. Please check our activity list for registration.

## Snapology: Science of Superpowers (Ages 5-14)

Date: Monday-Friday, August 17-21

Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$145 residents/\$150 non-residents

Location: Robin Hill Park

In Snapology's Science of Superpowers program, children will learn about the science behind their favorite heroes' powers. Students will learn about gravity, aerodynamics, forces, motion, and much more as they learn about flight, super villain fights, and superhero vehicles.

Note: Mad Science and Snapology are contracted camps provided by these companies. These are not part of the Moon Parks and Recreation 10-week Summer Program. No early drop off/late pick up is available for these camps.

## Teen Drivers Education

Date: Monday-Friday- Please check [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for dates

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$25 registration fee (Moon residents) \$30 (Nonresidents) paid to Moon Parks and Recreation. Balance of the class fee, \$425, is paid directly to Kennedy School of Driving.

Location: Moon Township Municipal Building  
This course will be instructed by the Kennedy School of Driving. Upon successful completion of the 30 hours of theory and 6 hours of in-car training, a certificate will be given that is accepted by most insurance companies.

Participants must be 16 and have a learner's permit for the on-the-road portion of the program. The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and is payable to Moon Parks and Recreation. The fee will secure you space in the class. The balance of \$425 is paid to Kennedy School of Driving at the first class.

## Fitness

**\*At the time of publication some fitness classes remain on hold. Please check the Moon Parks Website at [Moonparks.us](http://Moonparks.us) for the most current class offering.**

## Totally Toned (Adults & Teens 15+)

Dates: Mondays -Check [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for upcoming dates

Times: 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Location: Robin Hill Center

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

Instructor: Karla Tobias

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

## Pound (Adults and Teens 15+)

Date: Tuesdays -Check [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for upcoming dates

Time: 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Location: Moon Township Municipal Building

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

Instructor: Karla Tobias

POUND is a full-body cardio jam session, combining light resistance with simulated drumming. The workout fuses cardio, Pilates, strength movements, plyometric, and isometric poses. Through continual upper body motion using our lightly weighed exercise drumsticks, called Ripstix, you will turn into a calorie-torching drummer, POUNDing off pounds as each song flies by! Bring a mat and water.

**Register for events by visiting [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org) or calling 412.262.1703 ext. 404 Tuesdays through Thursdays. Payment is due at time of registration.**



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## Yoga: Basics and More (Adults and Teens 15+)

Dates: Tuesdays – Check [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for upcoming dates

Time: 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Location: Moon Township Municipal Building

Fee: \$40 residents/\$45 Non-residents -per 4-week session (\$12 Drop-In)

Instructor: Jen Stratakis

Whether you are yoga-curious or yoga-proficient, this is the class for you. No experience required. Instructor, Jen Stratakis E-RYT, will lead you through an hour-long class which includes standing and seated poses, breathwork, and guided relaxation. Modifications are given to accommodate all levels of yoga experience. With regular practice, yoga can improve lung capacity, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, mental calm, and more. Participants should bring a yoga mat and water. Namaste!

## Pilates (Adults and Teens 15+)

Date: Wednesdays -Check [www.moonparks.org](http://www.moonparks.org) for upcoming dates

Time: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Location: Robin Hill

Fee: \$45 residents/\$50 non-residents, per 6-week session (\$10 Drop-Ins)

Instructor: Judy Elias

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

## Seniors

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senior Center at Tapestry continues to be closed until further notice. Also, after much consideration, sadly, we will not be offering any in-person events or programming throughout the Summer months.

We will continue to mail monthly newsletters to all members that will include any information on contactless programming and on your own activities.

Senior Activity Kits- Starting Wednesday, June 17th take home activity kits for seniors will be available weekly at the Moon Township Farmers Market. The kits will include crafts, games, projects, treats, etc. Every week will be new & exciting. The cost will be \$3.00 per kit per week (cash only) and is available to Senior Connection Members. Please know that a limited number of kits will be available, and we will do our best to accommodate demand. We want to give a special thanks to our partner, UPMC for life, for allowing us to provide this fun service.



# Glow Out and Run- Virtual 5k Glow Run

The 2020 Moon Park Glow Run moves to a virtual platform this year. Never run a virtual race before? Fear not! The format may be different, but we promise you it will be a good time.

Sign up before June 26th to guarantee yourself a custom cast medal and amazing long sleeve tie dye race shirt. Then run at home between July 1st and July 15th. Track your time and enter it online. Race bags with shirts, medals, and other fun swag can be picked up every week in July at the Moon Farmers Market.

Since there will not be official timing this year, we will not be awarding time trophies. But do not worry, you can still win a trophy. We will be awarding spirit awards. Submit your photo on this Facebook event page and be entered to win a one of a kind race trophy. We will have awards for best outfit, best glow family, best pet outfit, and many more. A full list of categories will be released by June 5th. This year we are offering a 5k or 10k race option. Do you know a Moon senior who might want to participate? We also have a senior option for anyone 55+ who would like to commit to walking 5k within the race period.

For your safety we do not recommend running at night. This year we show our **Moon spirit in neon day-glow colors!**

## Thanks to our generous sponsors

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Register for events by visiting [moonparks.org](http://moonparks.org) or calling 412.262.1703 ext. 404 Tuesdays through Thursdays. Payment is due at time of registration.



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

-Catherine Tress, PQMC



# Tax Information

## Reminders and Updates from the Property Tax Office

Important Reminders from the Moon Township Property Tax Office

I hope all the residents and property owners in the Township reading this are doing well and hanging in there, despite the last few months of unprecedented stress and anxiety in our country.

A few reminders for paying your Township of Moon property tax, the yellow statements were mailed April 1st. (If you did not receive a statement, please call the office immediately so we can mail a duplicate.)

Located at the bottom of your statement, (with office hours and website information) is a notice regarding the tax office closure due to the COVID-19 crisis. While the Community Center opened on May 18, the Property Tax Office remains closed. Currently and until further notice, the tax office is collecting payments by U.S. Mail, online through the tax office website, or through E-checks via your bank.

Moon Township Municipal Authority has given my office permission to allow property tax payments to be dropped at their drop box located outside of the library, but absolutely no cash. I appreciate your patience and understanding during this crisis. We are processing payments and making deposits into the Township account as always as well as answering your questions when you call. Please do not come to the office in person; if you need a receipt, simply drop us a note with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Due to the volume of people that routinely come into the tax office to pay and based on the current news regarding the virus, I do not anticipate the office to open to the public for at least the next few months. Updates can be found at [www.moon-taxoffice.us](http://www.moon-taxoffice.us) or please call the office.

For those affected by Governor Wolf's stay at home orders, the Township of Moon has extended the discount period to pay your Township of Moon property tax from May 31 to July 31, 2020.

The Moon Area School District property tax statements will be in the mail by July 1, 2020. The discount is through August 31. If you choose to pay installments, the first installment can be made in July, but must be received by August 31. The office will mail the remaining 3 installment coupons to your address on file; there is no discount if paying installments.

As more information becomes available or any changes occur affecting the property tax payments, I will post updates to my website and voicemail.

Please stay safe, stay healthy, and do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.

Inspiration for the day, week, month, and year.

"May we make the world a little kinder and more compassionate by reminding ourselves that often it is the random acts of kindness that most benefit all of us." - Anonymous

# Moon Township Municipal Authority



## Don't Believe the Label: Flushable Wipes Clog Sewers

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

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

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

sewer rates.

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

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

For more information about MTMA or to learn more about sanitary sewer backup procedures, visit [www.mtma.com](http://www.mtma.com) or call 412.264.4388.



## MTMA 2019 Public Water Supply Water Quality Report

The Moon Township Municipal Authority 2019 Public Water Supply Water Quality Report is available to residents as a PDF document online at [www.mtma.com/wqt/waterreport2019/pdf](http://www.mtma.com/wqt/waterreport2019/pdf). Residents may contact MTMA at 412.264.4388 to request a mailed, printed copy or they may visit the first floor of the Community Service Center at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 200 to pick up a copy at the front desk.

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

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





# VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY



Valley Ambulance Authority, along with the other public safety entities in Moon Township, has taken significant actions in our collective efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our community safe.

Beginning in early March, Valley Ambulance Authority began extensive planning and developed training programs, implemented new procedures, and purchased new personal protective equipment (PPE) to provide maximum care and protection for patients, VAA employees, and their families.

Throughout this unprecedented pandemic, many dedicated employees have been on the front line, fighting a courageous battle to provide life-saving treatment and transportation – 24/7 – to residents of Moon Township and the neighboring communities including Crescent Township, Coraopolis Borough, and Neville Island.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As a nonprofit entity, Valley Ambulance Authority does not receive any municipal tax revenue. They rely heavily on community support and donations to fund the operating budget which totals more than \$3 million dollars annually.

Residents who are interested in donating to Valley Ambulance Authority are encouraged to visit the website at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)

A new federal law called the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act contains tax incentives to encourage donations to charitable entities, like Valley Ambulance Authority, to help in the fight against this terrible pandemic.

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

Valley Ambulance Authority sincerely thanks all residents and businesses of Moon Township who have taken the time to demonstrate their support through kind letters of support and donations of food and other items.

If you need further information about the life-saving services provided by Valley Ambulance Authority, please call **412-262-2620** or visit the website at [www.valleyamb.org](http://www.valleyamb.org)



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## 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.

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- "Moon Township VFC"
- "Moon Township Public Library"
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