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## A Message from Council



### GEESE MANAGEMENT

The Township Council is pleased to announce the success of our geese management strategies. Over the past several months, the harassment techniques we have been using have proven to be a safe and effective tool in removing a majority of the geese from Township recreational parks and athletic fields. This strategy requires the use of border collies to chase the geese on a regular basis from the parks and fields. In addition, the Township has been working with the USDA performing goose reproductive control activities (egg adding). This strategy has resulted in the reduction of 244 additional geese in Moorestown. Efforts will be heightened for Family Fun Day (Sunday, September 12) to help ensure a clean and pleasurable environment.

### APPEARANCE COMMITTEE BUSIER THAN EVER

The professional and respectful demeanor of the Appearance Committee, currently led by Chairperson Janice Powell, has resulted in "appearance partnerships" with applicants for new and renovated buildings, signs, and landscaping.

Future expansion of the Lutheran Home, renovation of the commercial offices in West Moorestown by Liberty Bell Bank, and the renovation of the Romano Gas Station on Chester Avenue are among the major presentations that the Appearance Committee has dealt with recently.

Concern over the quality of the lighting along Main Street is being addressed. Committee members and township professionals are working hard to eliminate the lighting issues that have been brought to their attention.

### WEST MOORESTOWN TASK FORCE

As the Task Force enters the homestretch, its impact has been both subtle and direct on the lives of the residents in this district. Many residents have felt the direct impact of this Committee with the increasing enforcement of ordinances that serve to improve the quality of life of all residents. From abandoned car removals to residential and commercial property maintenance concerns, the Committee has worked hard to improve the appearance of West Moorestown. The next two meetings are on September 22 and October 21 at 7:30pm at Town Hall.

### TOWNSHIP JOINS SHARED SERVICES FORUM TO SAVE TAX DOLLARS

In July, Council agreed that the Township will actively participate in the Burlington County Shared Services Forum in an effort to stretch tax dollars.

### STUDENT MEMBERS APPOINTED TO RECREATION COMMITTEE

Each year, Town Council appoints two student representatives to the Recreation Advisory Committee. This year, Council appointed Sarah Himmelstein and Thomas Cassel, both Juniors at Moorestown High School.

Students are encouraged to provide Sarah and Tom with their thoughts and ideas and concerns about the Township's parks, recreation programs, etc. The members of the Committee, including Chair Guy Giordano, look forward to the active participation of these two young representatives.

## Police Department

Accessing [www.moorestown.nj.us](http://www.moorestown.nj.us)  
to Gain Up-to-Date Emergency  
Information

Moorestown is constantly looking for ways to upgrade its capabilities for assisting residents in time of emergency. The Police Department wants residents to be aware and urge that they go to the Township website to get up-to-date information on emergency situations such as heavy weather events that may be in progress affecting the Township and residents. As always, if you have an emergency, dial 911.

We would also like to remind you that canvassing for door-to-door sales requires a permit. Please do not hesitate to report violators.

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### HYDRANT FLUSHING

Public Works will be flushing hydrants October 1-31, 2004 between the hours of

10pm and 5am. This procedure is necessary to flush accumulated mineral sediments from the water mains. Some water discoloration and/or lower pressure may occur during this time. It is advisable to check the water for discoloration prior to washing clothes.

#### LEAF PICK UP

Each year the Department of Public Works picks up leaves in the fall. Since not all trees lose their leaves at the same time, we try to arrange our pick-up schedule accordingly. Rotation of districts is done each year. The 2004 Fall Leaf Collection schedule for your area will be mailed and posted on the website in the near future. Visit our web site for more detailed information.

### HOUSE NUMBERING

To ensure that you can be found in an emergency, please be sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street so that emergency personnel can quickly find your dwelling or business. Numbers should be in Arabic numerals,

3" x 1/2" stroke width for homes. Businesses require 6" x 1" stroke width. Numbers should be secured to the front door of the structure, be of contrasting color, and unobstructed by shrubs or fixtures.

### HEALTH ALERT


The Burlington County Department of Health issued a Health Alert advising that a 1-year old thoroughbred mare in Cumberland County and an adult pony in Camden County were diagnosed with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). To date, five mosquito pools in Burlington County have tested positive for EEE. Citizens can avoid mosquito bites and reduce the risk of EEE and WNV by:

1. Applying insect repellent;
2. Wearing long sleeves and pants;
3. Repairing or installing screens; and
4. Cleaning gutters and drains; keeping dry - old tires, pool covers, ditches, containers, birdbaths, etc.

Go to [www.state.nj.us/agriculture](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture) or call (609) 588-5181 for more information.

October 4, 2004 is the last day to Register to Vote for the General Election

**NORMAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

DISTRICT	DAY	BRUSH	LARGE APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL AND TIRES
	Once-a-week trash collection resumes the 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Sep	Monthly brush collection will be suspended during the months of Nov and Dec; it will resume in Jan, after leaf collection is completed. <b>TO BE PLACED CURBSIDE BY</b>	
1	MON	1 <sup>ST</sup> MON OF MONTH	1 <sup>ST</sup> FRI OF MONTH
2	TUE	2 <sup>ND</sup> MON OF MONTH	2 <sup>ND</sup> FRI OF MONTH
3	WED	3 <sup>RD</sup> MON OF MONTH	3 <sup>RD</sup> FRI OF MONTH
4	THU	4 <sup>TH</sup> MON OF MONTH	4 <sup>TH</sup> FRI OF MONTH
BUSINESS DIST 1 & 2	TUE & FRI		
BUSINESS DIST 3	TUE & FRI		
COMPLEXES WITH DUMPSTERS/CONTAINERS	FRI		

**HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

HOLIDAY	DIST 1	DIST 2	DIST 3	DIST 4
Labor Day-9/6	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
Columbus Day-10/11	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
Thanksgiving-11/25-26	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	WEDS
Christmas Day-12/25/04	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
New Years 2005-1/1	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE

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**Fall Recreation Activities**

include a variety of Sports and Cultural Interests

- Intramural Soccer Leagues for children Grades K-8
- Field Hockey Leagues for girls Grades K-6
- Flag Football Leagues for boys and girls Grades 1-8
- Adult/Child Bowling League (Playdrome) Children's Ages 6-14
- Informal Co-ed Bowling Program for adults at Laurel Lanes
- Ballet Lessons at the Community House (starting for girls that are 5 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Step Dancing Classes at the 3rd Floor Recreation Center (children ages 6 and older and adults)
- After-school/Evening programming at the Church Street Recreation Center for Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School and High School students
- Swimming programs at the Community House;
  - Lap Swimming for women on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
  - Family Swim on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Soccer League Registration Deadline Sep 15
- Soccer League Team Assignments Sep 18
- Soccer League First Game Oct 2
- Field Hockey Registration Deadline Sep 14
- Field Hockey Team Assignments/First Game Sep 19
- Flag Football First Game Sep 11 and 12
- Adult/Child Bowling League Registration Deadline Sep 24
- Adult/Child Bowling League First Meeting Oct 5 and 6
- Ballet Lesson Start Date Sep 11 and Sep 15
- Informal Co-Ed Bowling Start Date Oct 1
- Step Dancing Start Date Sep 20
- Church Street Recreation Center Opening Sep 17
- Lap Swim Start Date Sep 9
- Family Swim Start Date Sep 10 and 11
- In-Person Recreation/Travel Basketball Registration Oct 7 and 9

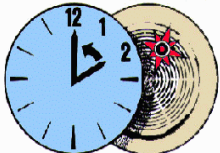
**MEND CELEBRATES 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development, Inc. (MEND) will be celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a gala Dinner Dance at the Regency Palace in Mount Laurel on the evening of October 15, 2004.

Founded by 9 Moorestown churches in the summer of 1969, MEND has become one of the most successful nonprofit affordable housing developers/owner/managers in New Jersey. The organization, now active in affordable housing throughout Burlington County, continues to own and manage 241 apartments in Moorestown where MEND has played a vital role in helping the Township meet its affordable housing needs.

For information on tickets and souvenir program ads for the October 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, please contact Patricia Seidman at 856-722-7070, ext. 17 or email her at [pseidman\\_mend@hotmail.com](mailto:pseidman_mend@hotmail.com)

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**



**CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

Please remember to change your smoke alarm batteries on Sunday, October 24, when you change your clocks back one hour.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES  
**CLOSED**  
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**MOORESTOWN LIBRARY**

It's Alive @ Moorestown Library this Fall!

It's livelier than ever at the Library this fall, especially for the under 21 crowd! October 17-23 is Teen Read Week, established to encourage young people to "read for the fun of it." In addition to displays of books selected to tempt teen readers, we will be hosting a classic horror movie night to celebrate our theme, "It's Alive @ Your Library." Check the Library website for details.

Younger children can look forward to a lively new story hour session this fall. If your child is 3 (by October 1, 2004), 4 or 5 years of age, mark your calendars for September 14 at 7PM, for story hour signup here at the Library.

And for those of us over 21, stop in anytime to read the latest newspaper or magazine, check out a movie on tape or DVD, get the information you need online or in print or from the reference librarians, take home a music CD of your favorite artist or an audio book to listen to in the car and, of course, check out a good book.

Whatever you are looking for, you can find it at Moorestown Library.

**Mark Your Calendar Now**

**RABIES CLINIC AND 2005 DOG LICENSES**



Moorestown will be holding its annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, January 15, 2005 from 9am until 12pm at the Public Works Garage, 601 East Third Street. (Snow date January 22, 2004). Dog Licenses are renewable by January 31, 2005. An application

form is available on line and it will also be printed in the Winter Newsletter.

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

at **Strawbridge Lake**

Sunday, September 12 - 1pm to 6pm

Come out for a free day of family fun. This fun-filled day of free family activities, such as stage shows, live music, face painting, moon bounce, pony rides, slides, clowns and more will be hosted by the Moorestown Family Fun Day Committee.

**ELECTION NEWS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE POLLING PLACE FOR DISTRICTS 14 AND 19 **MAY** BE RELOCATED FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTION DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. IF YOU RESIDE IN THESE DISTRICTS, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT FOR YOUR POLLING PLACE OR CALL US AT 235-0912.

**November 2, 2004 - General Election - Polls open 6am until 8pm**