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Money magazine has confirmed what we already knew – “Moorestown is the Best Place to Live in America.” Needless to say, the Township Council and Township staff are most honored by this designation and we know that you, the residents and volunteers of the community, feel the same way. After reviewing over 1300 communities in America that have great schools, a thriving job market, safe streets and plenty to do, Moorestown was named No. 1 and you, the residents, are to be congratulated for always insisting on what’s best for our community.

With much excitement in the air about this distinguished recognition and overwhelming desire to honor our citizens, Councilperson Ann Segal is spearheading a volunteer committee, consisting of residents and business owners, that is planning what she has called a “year-long celebration of events.” The first event will kick off on September 10<sup>th</sup> (4-7pm) (rain date September 11<sup>th</sup>) with the Mayor leading a town tour on Main Street to be followed by Neighborhood Block Parties throughout town. Private sponsorship is being sought for these events, as well as, for a more permanent memorial honoring our town.

For updated information on these and future events, visit [www.moorestown.com](http://www.moorestown.com) and click on “Make It Moorestown.” If you are interested in becoming involved or volunteering for the “Make It Moorestown” celebration committee, please contact Co-chair Beth Scanlan at [bethscanlan@msn.com](mailto:bethscanlan@msn.com) or 856-213-9256 or Co-Chair John Logue at [JJJAIR@aol.com](mailto:JJJAIR@aol.com) or 856-234-4143.

In keeping with the “No. 1 Place to Live in America” recognition, the Township Council, on July 25, 2005, proudly approved funding for the expansion of the library. This has been a long-awaited improvement in our community and we are certain that the residents will enjoy the expanded and upgraded facility when it is complete. For more information, see the Library Director’s commentary on page two.

## Department of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Division of Building and Inspections, needs to relay important information to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the event the State should declare a Disaster Declaration as a result of a natural disaster. In the event of a disaster, in order for an affected property owner to qualify for a low interest loan, when structural damage has occurred, FEMA must be notified, within 24 hours. So, if your home or business incurs damage, please contact the Division of Building and Inspections at 235-0912 Ext. 3018, as soon as possible. A team of damage assessors will be sent out to estimate the cost of repair and replacement and help you with your application.

**STREET CLOSING**  
CENTERTON ROAD (BETWEEN CREEK AND HARTFORD)  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 7AM UNTIL 2PM  
PLEASE PLAN ALTERNATE TRAVEL ROUTE

## Home Improvements

It has come to the attention of the Department of Building and Inspections that many of our residents are making home improvements without first obtaining a construction permit. This is a violation of the Uniform Construction Code and carries a penalty of \$2,000. The installation of raised patios, steps or finished basements requires zoning and building approval. In order to provide a safe environment for everyone, please contact the Construction Office for information on obtaining a construction permit.

On a different subject, if you have any below grade plumbing fixtures, please make sure the plumbing system has a backwater valve. There have been several incidents, especially during heavy rains, when raw sewerage from the street has backed up into homes. The installation of a one way valve at the building drain will prevent thousands of dollars in damages and cleanup.

## WATER and SEWER rate ADJUSTMENTS

Please take notice that water and sewer rates for township residents and businesses, profit and non-profit, have been adjusted. The increases vary depending on the usage. You may review the changes on line at [http://www.moorestown.nj.us/council\\_committees\\_boards/town\\_council/index.cfm#ordinances](http://www.moorestown.nj.us/council_committees_boards/town_council/index.cfm#ordinances) or by calling the Township offices and requesting a copy of the enacting ordinance(s). **Water is a Precious Resource; Please be Mindful of Your Usage.**



## 2005 NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 9 - 15

During October, the Moorestown Fire Dept will host its “Great Escape Contest” designed exclusively for the second graders of Moorestown. This contest teaches the children how to be prepared for a fire emergency. All second graders are asked to submit pre-planned Home Fire Escape drawings. The “Grand Prize Winner” is awarded a \$100.00 savings bond and a ride on a fire truck in the Annual Moorestown Lions Club Holiday Parade. Fire District Number 1 will be Celebrating its’ Annual “Fire Safety Outdoor Display” on Friday, October 14 from 7-9pm in

the Library parking lot located at 111 West Second Street. Moorestown, Maple Shade and Merchantville Fire Companies will be displaying fire fighting techniques. There will be free food and handouts for both adults and children. Fire Department trading cards will also be available.

Please remember to change your smoke alarm and carbon dioxide detector batteries on Sunday, October 30, when you change your clocks back one hour.

# Public Works

## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - 2005-2006


| Holiday              |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Labor Day            | Sep 5             |
| Columbus Day,        | Oct 10            |
| Thanksgiving Holiday | Nov 24 and 25     |
| Christmas Day        | Dec 26 (Observed) |
| New Year's Day       | Jan 2 (Observed)  |

| District 1 | District 2 | District 3 |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Tuesday    | Wednesday  | Thursday   |
| Tuesday    | Wednesday  | Thursday   |
| No Change  | No Change  | No Change  |
| Tuesday    | Wednesday  | Thursday   |
| Tuesday    | Wednesday  | Thursday   |

| District 4 |
|------------|
| Friday     |
| Friday     |
| Wednesday  |
| Friday     |
| Friday     |

**TOWNSHIP CLOSED**  
**September 5**  
**October 10**  
**November 11\*, 24, 25**  
**December 26**  
**January 2, 2006**  
**There will be no trash collection on these days.**  
**\*Trash Collected**

### ONCE-A-WEEK Trash collection will resume September 5, 2005

| DISTRICT                             | DAY  | BRUSH   | LARGE APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL & TIRES   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
|                                      | Once-a-week trash collection resumes the first week of September | Monthly brush collection will be suspended during the months of Nov and Dec; it will resume in Jan., after leaf collection is completed.<br><b>TO BE PLACED CURBSIDE BY MONDAY FOR PICK UP DURING THAT WEEK</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 1 & 2                       | TUE & FRI  |   |   |
| BUSINESS 3                           | TUE & FRI  |   |   |
| COMPLEXES WITH DUMPSTERS/ CONTAINERS | FRI  | <i>Please remember to schedule your trimmings and clean up projects to coincide with Brush Collection</i>   |   |

**LEAF PICK UP** Pursuant to the New Jersey Storm Water Management Regulations, leaves may not be placed in the roadway or within ten feet (10') of storm drain inlets. The 2005 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. In an effort to help our crews perform in a safe and efficient manner, please park off street, if possible; travel a safe distance from leaf collection vehicles; and do not attempt to pass these vehicles while they are operating. **"Your safety and the safety of other motorists and pedestrians is our highest priority!"**

**HYDRANT FLUSHING** Public Works will be flushing hydrants October 1-31, 2005 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.

## MOORESTOWN LIBRARY

Library history was made July 25, 2005 when Town Council unanimously adopted a bond ordinance to finance the renovation and expansion of the Library. Construction is expected to start next spring and finish in early 2007. Before construction starts, bid documents will be prepared, contracts awarded, financing arranged and the second floor cleaned out. Progress reports will be posted in the Library and on the web page starting in September.

Your Library card is now your entree to using the Internet. Starting September 12th, you must have a valid card in good standing (unexpired and no money owed) to sign on to the Internet computers. Update your card and pay off your fines now so you can enjoy the full range of the Library's rich print, multimedia and reference resources.

Mark your calendars for fall story time registration Monday, September 12 at 7pm; Teen Read Week, October 16-22, focusing on nonfiction treasures; and the fall book sale November 4 and 5.



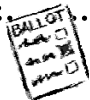
After 26 years of service, Cliff Pfeider, the Township's tree expert, has decided to retire. Mr. Pfeider has been a tremendous asset to the community and his expertise and knowledge regarding the town will be surely missed. We thank Cliff for his service and commitment.

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The fall recreation activities include a variety of sports and cultural interests including: intramural Soccer Leagues for children in grades K through 8, Field Hockey Leagues for girls in grades K-6, Flag Football Leagues for boys and girls in grades 1 through 10 (limited availability), an Adult/Child Bowling League for children ages 6 through 14 at the Playdrome, an informal Co-ed Bowling Program for adults at Laurel Lanes, Ballet Lessons at the Community House for girls that are 5 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, Step Dancing Classes on the third floor of the Church Street Recreation Center for children (ages 6 and older) and adults, after school and evening programming at the Church Street Recreation Center for Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School and High School students, as well as swimming programs at the Community House; Lap Swimming for women on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and Family Swim on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

|  |               |                                    |
|--|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Soccer League Registration Deadline              | Sep 14        | Family Fun Day at Strawbridge Lake |
| Soccer League Team Assignments                   | Sep 17        | September 18                       |
| Soccer League First Game                         | Sep 24        | 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm             |
| Field Hockey Registration Deadline               | Sep 13        | ~                                  |
| Field Hockey Team Assignments/First Game         | Sep 18        | <b>MAIN STREET EVENTS</b>          |
| Flag Football First Game                         | Sep 10 and 11 | Autumn in Moorestown               |
| Adult/Child Bowling League Registration Deadline | Sep 23        | Saturday, October 15               |
| Adult/Child Bowling League First Meeting         | Oct 4 and 5   | 10:00 am until 4:00 pm             |
| Ballet Lesson Start Date                         | Sep 10 and 14 | ~                                  |
| Arts and Crafts Start Date                       | Oct 8         | Candlelight Night,                 |
| Informal Co-Ed Bowling Start Date                | Oct 7         | Friday, November 4                 |
| Step Dancing Start Date                          | Sep 8         | 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm              |
| Church Street Recreation Center Opening          | Sep 16        | ~                                  |
| Lap Swim Start Date                              | Sep 8         | Holiday Parade                     |
| Family Swim Start Date                           | Sep 9 and 10  | Saturday, December 3               |
| In-Person Rec/Travel Basketball Registration     | Oct 6 and 8   | Noon                               |
| Open Gym/Upper Elementary School                 | Oct 19        |                                    |



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### LAST DAY TO

- Register to Vote for General Election October 11
- Apply for Absentee Ballot by mail November 1
- Apply for Absentee Ballot in Person November 7
- General Election November 8**
- Polls open 6am - 8pm

### MEND Annual Dinner Dance - October 14, 2005

Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development, Inc. will be celebrating on October 14th with a gala Dinner Dance at the Cherry Hill Hilton. This event will begin with a Cocktail hour at 6:30pm, followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30pm. This is MEND's primary annual fundraiser; net proceeds of the event help MEND to maintain its 241 units of affordable rental housing in Moorestown. Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. For information on Tickets, Sponsorship Opportunities and Souvenir Program Ads for the anniversary celebration, please contact MEND at 856-722-7070, Extension 19.