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### **O R N E R** Library Improvements and Expansion

The Township Council is pleased to announce that discussions have begun with the Library Board so that the long anticipated Library improvements and expansion project may get underway. Members of Council have been attending the Library Board meetings in order to follow discussions and provide input and it is anticipated that the Library Board will have presented a formal plan to the Township Council by the time this newsletter is received by you. We will keep you apprised of developments on this important project.

### Governmental Efficiency Task Force To Be Appointed

As you may have read in the newspaper over the past several months, the Township Council has been examining and scrutinizing the Township's finances and taking steps it feels necessary to prepare the community for its future obligations. In a further stride to achieve this goal, it is anticipated that the Township Council will be discussing the idea of and appointing members of the public to sit on a governmental efficiency task force for the 2006 budget. The purpose of the task force will be to review the current and next year's budget and develop various strategies and ideas for improving the Township's financial policies.

### SUMMER LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

The Township is enforcing mandatory "odd-even" sprinkling restrictions. Under these restrictions, homeowners with odd-numbered addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days; likewise, with even-numbered addresses. Automatic sprinkling systems are prohibited everyday between 9am and 5pm. Hand-held watering is legal during daytime hours on the correct day. These restrictions become effective on May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions, please call **Public Works at 235-3520**. Please be aware, that while Moorestown has set forth local policies, any provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey during the warm months will be in addition to and will supersede the local policies.



### An Important Advisory from the Police Department

In the continuing interest of being prepared in times of emergency, Moorestown Township Emergency Management, in conjunction with Burlington County Emergency Management, is in the process of determining the number and location of domestic livestock i.e., horses, farm animals, etc. that would need care/sheltering in the event of a disaster within the township. Along those lines, we are also interested in identifying volunteers, transportation assets and temporary shelter locations for such animals. Please contact Detective Lieber at [llieber@moorestown.nj.us](mailto:llieber@moorestown.nj.us) or Patrolman Peter Parker at [pparker@moorestown.nj.us](mailto:pparker@moorestown.nj.us). For more information please call the Police Department at 235-0130.



### U.S. Census Questionnaire Arriving

The U.S. Census Bureau has expanded the American Community Survey (ACS) which provides accurate and up-to-date social, economic, and housing profiles on communities throughout the nation. This survey will allow the Census Bureau to conduct a short-form-only census in 2010 which will provide socio-economic information every year, rather than just once a decade. A sample of different households in Moorestown will receive the ACS questionnaire to complete and return by mail. Response to the ACS questionnaire is mandatory. The U.S. Census Bureau is also recruiting permanent part time workers to conduct interviews with those households that do not complete the required questionnaire. Interested persons can call the Census Bureau at 1-800-262-4236.

### Home Improvements

Please be reminded that approval from the Zoning Department is needed for common improvements such as fences, sheds, pools, patios, additions, garages and minor interior renovations such as finishing a basement. A zoning permit is necessary for the aforementioned items in order to ensure that the proposed construction is within the requirements of the Moorestown Zoning Ordinance. So before you begin that new project, please call the Zoning and Building Department at 856-235-0912 to see if any permits are required.

### A SALUTE TO PAST FIRE CHIEF AND BOARD ADMINISTRATOR KARL A. SHELLEY



Congratulations to **Karl A. Shelley**, Fire District 1. Karl Shelley, who has served the Fire Department and residents of this community for the past 40 years, retired on March 1, 2005. Mr. Shelley's invaluable contributions to this township are much too extensive to list herein. However, as many of you know, Mr. Shelley has made a tremendous difference in our community and we are most grateful for his service. We would like to wish Mr. Shelley a long and fulfilling retirement (even though we are quite sure we will still be seeing him on the scene). Thank you Karl Shelley for your service and commitment to Moorestown Township.

We would also like to wish **Ms. Patricia Rodi** and **Ms. Cindy Smithen** the best in their future endeavors. Both were long-time employees for the Township of Moorestown. We wish you the best.



Township offices will be closed:

May 30

July 4

September 5

There will be no trash collection on these days.

During Summer Vacation

PLEASE REMEMBER,

Our Children Are Playing

Outside...

Be Aware, Slow Down and

Drive Carefully!

IMPORTANT DATES

Primary Election – June 7

Registration Deadline – May 31

Going on Vacation? For your convenience, you can obtain an ABSENTEE BALLOT from the Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

# PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS



District	Regular Trash Day
1	Monday
2	Tuesday
3	Wednesday
4	Thursday

### COLLECTION SCHEDULES

#### Summer Trash Days\*

Monday & Thursday
Tuesday & Friday
Tuesday & Friday
Monday & Thursday

#### Brush Collection\*\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Holiday	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Memorial Day - May 30	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Independence Day - July 4	Thursday Only	No Change	No Change	Thursday Only
Labor Day - September 5	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

\* Summer Trash Schedule effective June 20 – September 5  
 \*\*Brush material should be placed at the curb by Monday for pickup sometime during each designated week.  
 Please remember to schedule your trimmings and clean up projects to coincide with Brush Collection!

## ATTENTION TO MAIN STREET STREETSCAPE OWNERS

Just a reminder that after the Township Contractor finishes cleaning the planters and mulch beds this month, you must continue to keep these areas free of debris and weeds throughout the year. In fact, you are responsible to maintain the entire area between your building and the street. Keeping the area safe, clean and attractive is in everyone's best interest so that we can continue to enjoy our Town Center.

### Enjoy a green lawn - Naturally

Did you know?...One half acre of lawn produces over 6000 pounds (3 tons) or approximately 260 bags of grass clippings per year! Grass clippings left on the lawn will decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. Clippings consists of 80% water and decompose quickly. That is money saved on fertilizers, lawn bags, water useage and land fills. Lawn mowers installed with mulching blades create grass clippings easily. Keep the blades sharp! Grass should be kept approximately 3 inches tall. If thatch seems to be an occuring problem, be careful not to overwater or overfertilize, which can easily be avoided by using clippings.

## MOORESTOWN LIBRARY

**Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds**  
Joust Read

Kids can take off on flights of fantasy and let their imaginations run wild through reading during the **Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds** summer reading program at the Library. Sign ups begin Monday, June 6, at 7 pm, for a summer of reading, games, story times, crafts, performances and special events. Teens will **Joust Read** in a separate program of activities, including a medieval stage fight. Sign ups start Monday, June 27, at the Reference Desk. For more information, please contact the Library at 234-0333. All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library, who invite you to join them in enhancing Library service to everyone.

## SUMMER RECREATION – Recreation Department - 235-0912

**PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**—Beginning June 28. Many activities including games, sports, arts and crafts, a carnival at Perkins Center for the Arts, as well as, other organized contests, field trips, and special events are planned.



**When:** Weekdays 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.  
**Locations:** Roberts School, New Albany Recreation Center, Fullerton Memorial Park, and Salem Road Park.  
**Registration:** Children may be registered on the playground their first day of attendance.

**PLAYGROUND SWIMMING**—In connection with the Playground Program, there will be open swimming at the Community House Pool on weekdays 1pm to 4pm beginning on June 28.

### ANNUAL PHILLIES HOME RUN DERBY- MAY 20 - JEFF YOUNG PARK



**Boys & Girls** - Ages 7, 8 and 9 – 5:30pm -- Ages 10, 11 and 12 – 6:15pm, Ages 13, 14 and 15 – 7:00pm. **Description:** Using a pitching machine, each contestant hits 10 pitches. Points are scored for fair balls, distance hits, and homeruns. Engraved plaques are awarded to all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place finalists, with a chance to move on to the regional finals. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall Recreation Office.

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

A series of six concerts scheduled on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm beginning in late June. Concerts will take place on the lawn at Perkins Center for the Arts. Featured sounds include Dixieland Jazz, "Big Band", show tunes and Sounds of the Symphony. The concerts are free - just bring a blanket or lawn chair!

### SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM

•• Weekdays 9AM-11AM and 1PM-3PM **Auditions:** Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28 9AM-11AM and 1PM-3PM **Location:** William Allen III Middle School Auditorium. **Description:** Children will receive a six-week rehearsal schedule and will be involved in all aspects of putting on a musical show from set construction to production. **Production Dates:** August 4, 5 and 6

MOORESTOWN DAY – JUNE 11 – 9AM – 3PM  
 "A CELEBRATION ON MAIN STREET"  
 SIDEWALK SALE, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT  
 WALKING TOURS OF HISTORIC MAIN STREET



**ROTARY RUN**  
 JUNE 4 – 8:30 am  
 Beginning and Ending at the Community House

**"The Corn Will Be As High As An Elephant's Eye"**  
 In The  
**MOORESTOWN THEATER COMPANY'S**  
 Third Annual All-Ages Family Summer Musical

## Oklahoma!

July 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, & 16, 2005 • 7:30 PM  
 July 10 & 16, 2005 • 2 PM  
 Moorestown Friends School • 110 E. Main Street  
 For Tickets Or Audition Information (May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>),  
 Please Call 856 / 778-8357  
 Or Visit [www.moorestowntheatercompany.org](http://www.moorestowntheatercompany.org)



**Nipper Preview**  
 at The Evergreens  
 Sunday June 5,  
**For More Info**  
**Please Visit**  
[www.nipper2005.org](http://www.nipper2005.org)