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*Happy
New Year*

Moorestown Messenger

COUNCIL

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The Township Council would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and to invite you to the Annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on January 9, 2006 at 7pm at Town Hall. (An Official Action meeting will follow.) Please join us.

Council took action on many issues in 2005, some of which you will see the effect of in 2006. To name a few, Council approved the exciting Library renovation plan; commissioned the Government Efficiency Task Force which proposed many ways to further improve our financial position; and implemented a cutting edge "Reverse 911" system to improve police communications.

Following the town's designation as the "Best Place to Live in America," Commerce Bank presented the Township with a \$100,000 gift to be utilized in constructing a playground at Wesley Bishop Park. We are sure that this gift will be greatly appreciated by a lot of little youngsters. Ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2006.

Council appointed an 11-member Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. This Committee will consider alternative ways to preserve our rich history. Upon completion of a thorough study, alternatives will be presented to Council. In addition, in an effort to enhance control over the demolition of historical structures in town, Council strengthened the Township's existing demolition ordinance. Under the amended ordinance, the Zoning Officer will have 180 days, as opposed to 120 days, to review an application. The increase in the number of days allows additional time for alternatives to be considered. The ordinance also increases the age of a building, determined to be historical, from 70 years to 75 years. Finally, the ordinance increases the minimum square footage of a structure, identified as needing approval, from 250sf to 500sf.

Council also approved preliminary funding to begin improvements to the Municipal Building. The funding will help to relieve overcrowding in Town Hall, provide temporary space and cover the costs associated with a consulting architect to advise on various alternatives for improving the floor space within the municipal building.

As part of the Township's ongoing effort to link bikeways throughout town, Council applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from the NJ Department of Transportation, under the Safe Streets to School Program, to construct a bikeway along the Bridgeboro/Westfield Road corridor. Once completed, the bike path will connect the Upper Elementary School and the High School/Middle School complexes.



"The Flexible Flyer and Sled Stokes Hill"

Celebration Committee sponsors a Winter Carnival

The next event sponsored by the Make It Moorestown Celebration Committee will be a Winter Carnival built around the Flexible Flyer and Stokes Hill scheduled for January 21, 2006 from noon until 8pm. There will be a historic collection of Flexible Flyers, invented in Moorestown and tested on Stokes Hill, and memorabilia on display at the Lutheran Home on Main Street, an ice sculpture commemorating the Flexible Flyer, and sledding events on Stokes Hill. This is a great way to beat the winter doldrums and enjoy another treasure of our community that helps make Moorestown "America's Best Place To Live." For updated details, go to moorestown.com and click on the "Make It Moorestown" logo on the top right-hand side of the home page.

An Important Message from the Police Department

CITIZEN NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Township's citizen notification system (a.k.a. Reverse 9-1-1) is officially up and running. The Township plans to utilize this system to inform the public on important police and public works announcements. These announcements can be town-wide or neighborhood specific depending on the instance. The system currently has a data base of only listed phone numbers within the Township. While we are currently pursuing measures to obtain unlisted numbers within the Township, residents and business owners with unlisted numbers may contact the police department to subscribe immediately to this service.



In the winter of 2005, the Township received several complaints concerning the fact that some property owners did not clear their sidewalk as required by law. This makes it difficult for children walking to school, shoppers in the downtown area, the postman, meter readers, and others. We would like to remind you of your responsibility to clear the sidewalk in front of your property. The Township's ordinance states that *each and every owner and/or tenant of land abutting upon a public highway, where the adjacent sidewalk is paved, shall remove all snow and ice from such adjacent sidewalk for a width of not less than four feet within 12 hours of daylight next after such snow and ice shall fall or be formed thereon. In the event that any owner or tenant shall fail to remove snow and ice as required, the Director of Public Works shall cause the same to be removed, and the cost of such removal shall be assessed to the*



SNOW REMOVAL

property owner. Fines can also be imposed. So, please be aware of the law and remove snow in the required timeframe.



RABIES CLINIC AND 2006 DOG LICENSES

Moorestown will be holding its annual Rabies Clinic on January 14, 2006 from 9am until 12pm at the Public Works Garage, 601 East Third Street. (Snow date-January 21, 2006). Licenses will be sold at the clinic; however, payment can be made by check only. All dog licenses expire on January 31st of each year and must be renewed by then, otherwise a late fee will be assessed. If you do not renew your license at the clinic, you may obtain a 2006 license in person at Town Hall or by mail. Proof of rabies inoculation (valid through October 2006), proof of spaying/neutering, if applicable, and a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to Moorestown Township, must accompany the application. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if applying by mail. See application for fees.



Home Improvement Contractors

Under the recently adopted "Contractors' Registration Act," signed into law in May 2004 and amended in November 2004, every business engaging in the business of making or selling home improvements, whether an individually owned business or a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other business entity, is required to register annually with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, unless specifically exempted under the Act. **Registration should have occurred by December 31, 2005;** however, if you were unaware of the law and are in the home improvement business, doing business in Moorestown, you may wish to delay no longer. To identify the types of businesses that are considered to be home improvement contractors or to obtain a copy of the law online, go to <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/contractors/statsregs.pdf>. To obtain an application packet on line, go to <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/contractors/hicpacket.pdf>.

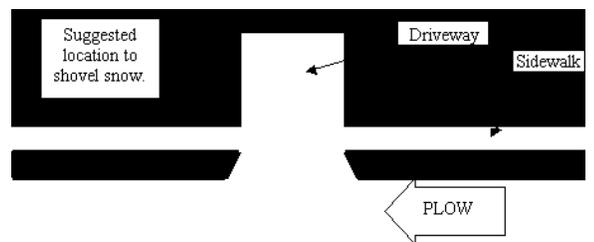
Public Works

Winter is here and the roadways will be snow covered, so, how can we work together to get through it? Every town and county in the State has a snow plan. The primary purpose of a snow plan is to organize safe travel ways during snowstorms. Unfortunately, some inconvenience may be caused to residents as snow is moved off of the streets. In order to make the Township of Moorestown's snow plan effective, it requires the cooperation of many people including the Public Works Department, the Police Department, businesses, contractors and the residents of Moorestown.

Please remember that Township crews put forth maximum effort during snowstorms, with prolonged storms becoming very tiring to the operators running the snow removal equipment. Equipment breakdowns, staffing availability and abrupt changes in the weather all have drastic effects on snow removal efforts. Weather conditions constantly change and in order to control drifting snow, ice or other special problems, we often must alter our snow fighting strategy in the midst of the snow removal operations. It is for this reason, we cannot tell you exactly when your street will be plowed. However, you can be assured that we know you are there and we will be there.

Here are some wintertime tips that may be of assistance to you.

- Pile snow from your driveway on the downstream side of the driveway. Then, if the plow hits the pile, it will be moved onto the grassy area and not back into your driveway. See diagram.
- If you are leaving town for an extended period of time (holidays, vacations, etc.) find suitable off-street parking. This will ensure your car's safety, as well as, assist in our snowplowing efforts.
- Be a Good Neighbor and help others who may not be physically able to shovel or who may find walking on the snow or ice too treacherous - reach out to your senior neighbors.
- Children should not play in snow piles or snow banks at the side of the road.
- Be kind to service personnel. Place your trash/recycling containers on a cleared area. Do not perch them on top of snow piles.
- Help prevent street flooding and icing - Clear snow away from storm sewer catch basins.
- Fire Hydrants - for your safety and the safety of your property, assist the Township Fire Department by clearing the area around the fire hydrant.





2006 WINTER AND SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS



Basketball Leagues: Girls
Boys

Basketball Clinics: 2nd and 3rd Grade Boys/Girls
Arts and Crafts Session
Bowling Youth Program
Bowling League - Adult Mixed
Ballet Lesson Series

Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: 5th and 6th Grade
Volleyball Co-ed Open Gym: 7th and 8th Grade
Indoor Tennis with Larry MacCluen
Fundamental Skills with Larry MacCluen

Lacrosse Girls' League

Tennis Lessons with Larry MacCluen
Golf Lessons (ages 5-14) with Larry MacCluen
Fundamental Skills Program
(ages 4-6) with Larry MacCluen
Arts and Crafts Session
Golf Lessons (ages 10-Adult)– Willowbrook Golf Club

WINTER

Team Assignments
First Game
Team Assignments
First Game
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date (Saturdays)
Starting Date (Wednesdays)
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date

Wednesday, December 28th
Saturday, January 7th
Wednesday, January 4th
Saturday, January 7th
Saturday, January 7th
Saturday, January 7th
Tuesday, January 17th
Tuesday, January 10th
Saturday, January 21st
Wednesday, January 25th
Thursday, January 5th
Friday, January 6th
Tuesday, January 3rd
Tuesday, January 3rd

SPRING

Registration Deadline
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date
Starting Date

Friday, March 3rd
Tuesday, March 21st
Week of March 27th
Week of March 27th
Week of March 27th
Saturday, April 1st
Thursday, April 27th

MAYOR TO PROCLAIM "KINDNESS WEEK"

Did you notice?! The Kindness Campaign was one of many factors mentioned in the press coverage about Moorestown's selection as Best Place to Live in America. Moorestown joins other communities across the US and the world in taking a stand for, and creating, a culture of respect and kindness - for Valentine's week and all year long.

Moorestown's Kindness Campaign continues into its 11th year with Kindness Week February 13-19, 2006. Designated *Kindness Ambassadors* from each of our schools will participate in the annual Proclamation Ceremony at Town Hall.



Visit www.actsofkindness.org for more information about the *Random Acts of Kindness Foundation*.

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY

Get ready for some exciting changes as Moorestown Library begins our long awaited expansion and renovation. The plans are approved and construction is scheduled to begin in March 2006. We plan to stay open as much as possible while we renovate, although Library users will be entering the Library through a new main entrance into our meeting room. We ask our patrons to be patient during the anticipated 18 months of construction. Expect some noise, limited access to some collections and relocations of some services (and seating!) during the building project. However, our beautiful new two-story service area will be well worth the temporary inconvenience.



AARP

Each year, the AARP provides free tax services for senior citizens and low/moderate income people. Contact Town Hall for more information.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

YOUTH TIPLINE 642-7485
POLICE DEPARTMENT 235-0130
ADMINISTRATION 235-0912
MUNICIPAL COURT 235-0922
PUBLIC WORKS 235-3520
PARKS & RECREATION 235-6344
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 234-4193
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 235-9022
PUBLIC LIBRARY 234-0333
PUBLIC SCHOOLS 778-6600

PROMOTING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

We would like our residents and business owners to be informed about happenings in town. So, we are promoting our free online subscription service which will alert you to important Police and Emergency Advisories, Council, Board and Committee meetings, recreation programs, registration deadlines, upcoming events, etc. If you would like to subscribe, go to www.moorestown.com/subscriptions/index.cfm and sign up today. This service is highly recommended.

**Township offices will
be closed on:**

January 16
February 22
April 14

There will be no trash collection on these days. See the Holiday Trash Collection Schedule on Pg 4.



The 2006 School Board Election will be held on April 18, 2006. Polls will be open from 3PM until 9PM. Be sure to get out and vote.

To find out more about the elections and where your polling place is located, call the Township Clerk.

OTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

PSE&G 1 800 436 7734
VERIZON 1 800 275 2355
COMCAST 856 354 1880
BURL CO HGHWY 1 609 726 7319
NJ STATE HGWY 1 856 486 6630



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JAN – APR 2006

2006 HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE				
Day and Date (Observed)	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
New Years 2006 - *Observed, Monday, 1/2/06	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, 1/16/06	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Presidents' Day - Monday, 2/20/06	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Good Friday - Friday, 4/14/06	No change	No change	No change	No change

2006 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FORM

Name of Owner: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057
 Mailing Address (if different): _____
 Dog's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Breed: _____
 Color(s)/Special Markings: _____ Rabies Expiration: _____
 Sex: M or F Spayed/Neutered Date: _____
 Size: Small Medium Large Cost until 1/31 \$ 7.00 if spayed or neutered
 Hair: Short Medium Long License Type: New or Renewal \$10.00 if not spayed or neutered

Please note that State law prohibits municipalities from issuing licenses if the rabies expiration is prior to November of the licensing year, i.e., prior to November 1, 2006. If your rabies expires prior to November 1, you must obtain a new certificate prior to obtaining a license or you must obtain a note from the veterinarian advising that a new shot cannot be given.
 Enclose a check made payable to Moorestown Township, Certificate of Rabies, Certificate of Spay/Neuter, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail to: Dog Licensing, Township of Moorestown, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057.