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The Township Council would like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year and to invite you to the Annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on January 7, 2008 at 7pm at the William Allen Middle School on Stanwick Road. An Official Action Meeting will follow the Reorganization Meeting. Please join us.

The Township Council and staff would also like to take this opportunity to recognize John T. Terry, Township Manager, for his twenty-two years of distinguished service to this community, the municipal staff and the Township Council over the years. Mr. Terry is a man of genuine character and extraordinary abilities. His leadership has helped make Moorestown the great town it is. We are truly appreciative to him for his dedication and leadership and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Council and staff would also like to extend a warm welcome to Christopher J. Schultz, Moorestown's future Township Manager. Mr. Schultz comes to Moorestown from Holmdel Township where he served as the Township Administrator. Mr. Schultz holds a BA from Richard Stockton State College, along with a Masters of Public Administration from Rutgers University. He also holds a MS degree in Public Safety Management from St. Joseph's University. In his new position, Mr. Schultz will oversee the operations of 7 departments and he will supervise over 160 full-time employees. In order to ensure a smooth transition, Mr. Schultz will act as Assistant Township Manager until February. Beginning February 1st, Mr. Terry's official retirement date, Mr. Schultz will take on the full Township Manager title and responsibilities.

TOWN HALL UPDATE

In November 2007, the Township Council solicited qualification statements from architects interested in partnering with us to address the Town Hall project. Forty two (42) submissions were received. Council appointed a subcommittee to review the submissions and to make a recommendation on which firms should be further considered. This recommendation is expected to be made in mid-January. Thereafter, Council hopes to select the firm most qualified to work with Moorestown to address the Town Hall project. As developments occur, information will be posted on the website.

It is currently anticipated that the administrative and court offices will be relocated to Two Executive Drive on Lenola Road in February. Information concerning the transition will be made to the public through the local newspaper and the website. In order to serve you better, we would ask that you keep posted, through the media and/or the website, and that you share any information you read about through these reliable sources with your friends and neighbors so that they too may be well informed.

If you have been to the temporary offices housed in the Library over the past few months, you can attest to the tight working conditions. Over the past few months, the foot traffic through the offices has been manageable; however, the month of January is a very busy month, and we are concerned about the amount of potential foot traffic. Many people visit during January to renew their dog licenses and to pay their taxes. So, while the staff enjoys seeing the residents each year during this time, we are asking that, if you are able, you mail in your payments.** Payments received by mail will greatly assist us in keeping the lines down and thereby help to ensure everyone's good health and safety. Certainly, if you cannot mail your payment in, you are welcome to come in person; we are simply requesting that you use the mail, if possible.

**** Utility and Tax Payments:** If you are mailing your utility payment, please note it must be received by the due date indicated on the bill. Interest will accrue on payments received after the due date. So, be sure to allow sufficient time for delivery; if you are not certain that payment will be received by the due date, in order to alleviate the risk of interest, it is recommended that you hand deliver your payment. **Property taxes are due February 1, 2008.** There is a 10-day grace period; however, payments received after the grace period will accrue interest back to the first.



DOG LICENSES AND RABIES CLINIC - All dog licenses expire on January 31st of each year and must be renewed by then. You may obtain a 2008 license by mail (preferred) or in person at the Municipal Clerk's Office in the Library. Proof of rabies inoculation (valid through October 2008), 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. Dog license renewal applications and payment must be **postmarked** by January 31. Renewals received that are not postmarked by the 31st will incur a late fee for each license.

Please take special notice that license and late fees have increased this year (see application on page 4 for details). So, please, make every effort to renew your dog license by the 31st.

Moorestown will be holding its annual Rabies Clinic on January 19, 2008 from 9am until 12pm at the Public Works Garage, 601 East Third Street. (Snow date-January 26, 2008). Licenses will be sold at the clinic – Payment by check only – **no cash**.

ELECTION INFORMATION

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY will be held on February 5 from 6am to 8pm. Polling locations are the same as those during the General Election. Districts 11 and 12 (normally voting at Town Hall) will vote at the Library. The Burlington County Election Board is in great need of poll workers for this election. If you would like to be trained, work the polls and earn \$200 for the day, call 609-265-5062 (R) or 609-265-5161 (D) today.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION will be held on April 15 from 3pm until 9pm.

REVALUATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

Timeline of Important Dates

JANUARY 2008

Notice of new assessments mailed. The Township's market value assessments are to be released in early January. Every property owner will receive a notice that will include the proposed assessment for 2008.

JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2008

Informal appeals and review of new assessments with revaluation firm. Available meeting dates and times will be provided to you in order to make an appointment with Appraisal Systems to review or challenge the new assessment.

MARCH 2008

Formal notice of assessment mailed – formal appeal period begins. A second notice will be issued (the annual Notice of Assessment card). This notice initiates the **formal appeal** process which has a filing deadline of April 1 or 45 days from Notice of Assessment mailing.

APRIL 1, 2008

Formal appeal deadline – no further appeals or assessment changes until 2009

JUNE 2008

Appeal hearings conducted by the Burlington County Board of Taxation ("BCBT"). A formal appeal requires the filing of a petition form with the BCBT. You may obtain an appeal form at BCBT and/or at the Moorestown Tax Assessor's office. After filing, you will receive a hearing notice indicating the date and time of your hearing (typically held during the month of June). After the hearing, the BCBT will issue a notice of judgment granting a reduction or sustaining the assessment. The Township Tax Collector automatically receives a copy of the judgment and will credit the 3rd and 4th quarter payments should the appeal be successful and the assessment be reduced. It is required, especially during the formal appeal process, that the property owner submit comparable sales, or a current appraisal, proving that market value falls below the new assessment. These proofs are reviewed by the BCBT in deciding whether a reduction is warranted. **This whole process will occur prior to tax billing in July 2008. Once the bill has been issued, there is no legal opportunity for change until the following year's appeal period.**

JULY 2008

Tax bills issued using new assessments

ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE MARKET

Every property assessment is to reflect current market value. In an effort to inform you about comparable sales, the following information is provided in full on our website:

2007 SALES IN MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP WITH BLOCK LOT AND ADDRESS

This sales listing provides data in order of tax block and lot. It shows the property class (1 vacant, 2 residential, 3 farm, 4 commercial), building square footage, land assessment, improvement assessment and total. The sale date, price, adjusted price, ratio and price per square foot are also shown. When reviewing this list for comparable sales, you need to know the tax block and lot for your property and its current assessment. This information is printed on the 2007 tax bill mailed in August. By reviewing this list, you may gain knowledge about this year's market for your neighborhood. When the revaluation firm issues new assessments, you will be in a better position of knowing whether or not their number accurately reflects market value. To view the list, visit our website at www.moorestown.nj.us.

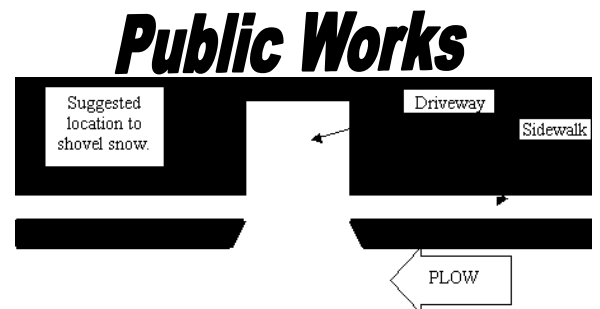
APPRAISAL SYSTEMS PRESENTATION

This presentation is a complete overview of the revaluation process. It has been prepared by Appraisal Systems, Inc.

Any and all information pertaining to the revaluation program is on the Township's website. You are strongly encouraged to visit the website regularly to receive up-to-date information.

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.
- For your safety and the safety of your property, assist the Fire Department by clearing the area around the fire hydrant.
- Remember, under local law, it is your responsibility to clear the snow from the sidewalk in front of your property. Also, when the snow is not cleared, the treacherous conditions make it difficult for children walking to school, shoppers in the downtown area, the postman, meter readers, and others.





2008 WINTER- SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS



WINTER

Basketball Leagues:	Girls	Team Assignments	Jan 5
		First Game	Jan 12
	Boys	Team Assignments	Jan 5
		First Game	Jan 12
	High School	Team Assignments	Dec 16
		First Game	Jan 6
Basketball Clinics:	2 nd Grade Boys/Girls	Starting Date	Jan 5
Arts and Crafts Youth Session		Starting Date	Jan 12
Arts an Crafts Senior Citizen Session		Starting Date	Jan 14
Oil Painting		Starting Date	Jan 5
Bowling Youth Program		Starting Date	Jan 15
Bowling Program – Teen (7th and 8th Grades)		Starting Date	Jan 29
Bowling League - Adult Mixed		Starting Date	Jan 9
Ballet/Tap/Hip Hop Series, Youth Jazz		Starting Date	Jan 12
Adult Jazz Dance		Starting Date	Jan 15
Irish Step Dancing		Starting Date	Jan 14
Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: 5th Grade		Starting Date	Jan 6
Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade		Starting Date	Jan 5
Volleyball Co-ed Open Gym: High School		Starting Date	Jan 3
Volleyball Adult League		Starting Date	Jan 3
Senior Citizens Line Dancing		Starting Date	Jan 10
Senior Citizens Ballroom Dancing		Starting Date	Jan 11
Senior Citizens Book Club		Ongoing	Jan 5
Senior Citizens Lap Swimming		Ongoing	Jan 8
Sit and Get Fit		Start Date	Jan 9
Special Needs Bowling Program		Monthly Dates	Jan 5, Feb 9, Mar 1
Special Needs Roller Skating		Monthly Dates	Jan 23 Feb 27
Special Needs Arts and Crafts		Start Date	Jan 17
Special Needs Open Gym		Monthly Dates	Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 7
Special Needs Open Game Room		Monthly Dates	Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 14
Special Needs Family Swim		Monthly Dates	Feb 29, Mar 28
Special Needs Movie Nights		Monthly Dates	Jan 25, Feb 22
Tae Bo Exercise Course		Start Dates	Jan 3, Jan 5
Low Impact Tae Bo Exercise Course		Starting Date	Jan 4
Tumblin' Tots		Starting Date	Jan 14
Winter Teen/Tween Movie Series		Starting Date	Jan 18
Coffee House – High School Grades 9-12		Date	Jan 19
Sign Language Social		Date	Feb 9
Family Ski Trip		Date	Feb 10

SPRING

Lacrosse Girls' League		Registration Deadline	Mar 2
		Starting Date (Weather Permitting)	Mar 20
		Starting Date	Mar 31
Arts and Crafts Session			
Golf Lessons (ages 10-Adult)			
Willowbrook Golf Club		Starting Date	Apr 26
Ballet/Tap/Hip Hop Series		Starting Date	Mar 15
Youth Jazz		Starting Date	Mar 1
Adult Jazz Dance		Starting Date	Mar 4
Irish Step Dancing		Starting Date	Mar 10
Senior Citizens Line Dancing		Starting Date	Mar 6
Senior Citizens Ballroom Dancing		Starting Date	Feb 29
Tae Bo Exercise Course		Start Dates	Feb 28, Mar 1
Low Impact Tae Bo Exercise Course		Starting Date	Feb 29
Tumblin' Tots		Starting Date	Mar 24

MAYOR TO PROCLAIM "KINDNESS WEEK"

Moorestown joins communities across the US and the world in its commitment to expanding a culture of respect and kindness. Moorestown's Kindness Campaign continues into its 13th year with Kindness Week, February 11-17. *Kindness Ambassadors* from each of our township schools will gather on Tuesday morning, January 29th to participate in our annual Proclamation Ceremony and Kindness Campaign Rally, complete with band music! Go to www.actsofkindness.org for more information about the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. (Moorestown's local contact is Holly Myers, abundanthealth@comcast.net)

Township offices will be

closed on:

January 1

January 21

February 18

March 21

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

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

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

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 9, 2008

Spring Ahead One Hour

AARP TAX COUNSELING FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

Each year, AARP volunteers offer assistance to senior citizens with the preparation of their Federal and State tax returns and Property Tax Reimbursement Applications. Counseling takes place every Friday from Jan 4–Apr 11. In order to sign up, you must make an appointment by calling the Municipal Clerk's Office at 856-235-0912 between 8:30am-4pm. Appointments range from 9:15-11:55am. Bring your tax return and supporting paperwork (wage statements, social security statement, dividend and interest reports, etc.) from 2006 and the tax booklets received from the Federal and State tax offices along with supporting paperwork for 2007's return. If itemizing, bring backup information.

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 For More Information Please Contact
 Chief Parry, 261 West Main Street
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JAN – APR 2008

2008 HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE				
Day and Date (Observed)	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
New Years 2008 – Observed Tuesday, 1/1/08	No Change	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, 1/21/08	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Presidents' Day - Monday, 2/18/08	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Good Friday - Friday, 3/21/08	No change	No change	No change	No change

2008 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 \$14.00 if spayed or neutered
 Hair: Short Medium Long License Type: New or Renewal \$17.00 if not spayed or neutered
 \$ 9.00 Late Fee beginning Feb 1
 \$14.00 Late Fee beginning Apr 1

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, 2008. 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 shot cannot be given for medical reasons. The reason must be provided and in must meet State standards. If you renew after January 31, without a note, a late fee will be assessed. Please be sure to enclose: a check made payable to Moorestown Township, Certificate of Rabies, Certificate of Spay/Neuter, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. All documentation will be returned to you with your license.

Mail to: Dog Licensing, Township of Moorestown, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057.