

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 are effective May 1st through September 30th. 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.

DOG WALKING IN MEMORIAL PARK

You may have noticed an increased police presence at certain times of the day at Memorial Park. The reason for same is due to the fact that the Township has been receiving complaints about dogs running at large in Memorial Park; and the Police Department has been asked to remind users at the park that all dogs **must** be leashed. It is the Township's hope that with a gentle reminder, pet owners will become accustomed to leashing their dogs and fines will not have to be issued. So, while exercise and socialization of dogs is encouraged, in accordance with the Township Code, all dogs must be leashed for the health and safety of not only the other people in the park, but for the other dogs in the park, too. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated cooperation with the Township's leash laws, which are adopted for everyone's protection.

SUMMER FUN FOR ALL AGES AT THE MOORESTOWN LIBRARY!

Summer means fun at Moorestown Library for everyone from toddlers to seniors!

Calling all adults to read the same book for One Book Moorestown. We chose three titles that we think are worth reading and talking about. You and your neighbors have cast your votes and the winner is being announced as this newsletter goes to press! Will it be The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz – Children of Men by P.D. James – or Rabbit, Run by John Updike? Check the library web site at www.moorestown.lib.nj.us to find out. Then stop in to check out the book. We will be holding book discussion groups this summer where you can share your thoughts about it with your friends and neighbors. Each book discussion group will be facilitated by someone from the library staff.

What if everyone in Moorestown read the same book? Let's find out!

This summer the library invites children and teens to "Be Creative @ Your Library" with story times, crafts, game days, movies, performances and reading clubs for all ages from preschool through high school. Preschoolers can drop in for story time and pick up a Preschool Summer Reading Activity Sheet designed just for them. New kindergarten graduates are invited to pick up a book log and participate in our New Readers Summer Reading Program. School-age children are sure to enjoy our artistic programs and reporting on the books they've read in our Children's Summer Reading Program. Teens entering grades 8-12 can pursue a variety of creative endeavors and take a chance to win great prizes in our Teen Summer Reading Raffle. Two evening performances featuring Bubble Trouble with Jeff Boyer and Mr. Brian and the Boppets are sure to provide fun for the whole family.

This is just a glimpse of the fun that awaits children, teens and families at the Moorestown Library this summer. For full details, visit our website or stop in to pick up a flyer. Registration for all children's and teen activities and reading programs begins Tuesday, June 9 at 7pm.

A PARTNERSHIP – A SUCCESS STORY

Since all environmentally sensitive land cannot be acquired by outright purchase, and with open space disappearing at a rapid pace, an opportunity to address this growing concern was made available through a Geraldine Dodge Smart Growth Grant awarded to Moorestown Township. Grant monies were received to study the effect and establishment of Conservation Design Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Through the Conservation Design process, dwellings are arranged on the least environmentally sensitive areas of a tract, leaving the balance in open space. The open areas are protected with a conservation easement. This process creates a design that is appropriate for the land, without reducing the number of dwellings originally permissible to be constructed on the land. The benefit to Moorestown is that at a minimum fifty percent of the land in the R-1, R-1A, and R-2 zones is left open. The advantage to the developer is a shortened approval process (due to pre-meetings) which results in less associated costs and less costs as they relate to infrastructure.

As part of the process, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRCP) analyzed Moorestown's existing zoning and subdivision ordinances and determined that over 700 acres of land could possibly be left in open space if new ordinances were adopted. Because of the efforts of the Association of NJ Environmental Commission in obtaining the grant, the leadership and consultation by the DVRPC, and the many hours of deliberative meetings held amongst employees, volunteers from Council, the Planning Board and the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee, a true partnership, the necessary ordinances were adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Holiday	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Memorial Day - May 25	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Independence Day - July 4	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
Labor Day - September 7	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
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John Button, Acting Mayor
Michael Testa
Seth Broder
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TOWNSHIP MANAGER
Christopher J. Schultz, MPA, MS

TOWNSHIP CLERK
Patricia L. Hunt, RMC, CMR

MUNICIPAL OFFICE LOCATIONS

Mailing Address
2 Executive Drive, Suite 9

Hours of Operation: 8:30am-4:30pm
 Phone: 856-235-0912
 Website: www.moorestown.nj.us

OFFICE LOCATIONS
2 Executive Drive-off Lenola Rd
Suite 9A

Township Manager
 Township Clerk/Vital Statistics
 Tax Collector
 Tax Assessor
 Finance
 Human Resources

Suite 9B(ack)
 Recreation

Suite 10A
 Municipal Court

Suite 10B(ack)
 Community Development
 Planning and Zoning

111 West Second Street

Construction Office
 Library (2nd Floor)

Police Department
 856-235-0130

Library
 856-234-0333

601 East Third Street

Public Works
 856-235-3520

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Council Unanimously Approves Municipal Complex Plan

After extensive analysis and public input, on March 23rd, Council unanimously approved a plan for reconstructing our municipal complex. The basics of the plan include renovating the fire-damaged Town Hall building, expanding our Police facility and constructing a new office building on-site. The plan calls for the library to move into the renovated Town Hall building, which will be reconfigured to create a modern, efficient library. The new building will house township offices. You may view details of the plan at www.moorestown.nj.us/pubs/140/2994.pdf.

Why this plan? Simply stated, it best meets our objectives:

Create a comfortable and safe environment for our employees. Rather than settle for a short term fix, we pursued a plan that will not only satisfy our immediate needs but meet the needs of our township for decades. Basically, we decided to take a longer term, strategic view and not "throw good money after bad."

Re-use as much of the existing structures as practical. Our professionals concluded that re-using much of the Town Hall and Police structure makes sense while the current library building suffers from a variety of design and structural woes that make renovation less attractive. No decisions have been made about the future use (or demolition) of the library building. We plan to aggressively and thoroughly consider all options for this site before making a decision.

Affordability. This is a big capital investment with a projected cost of \$13 - \$15 million. But of all the options, this was by far the most cost effective option in terms of functionality, features and long term expense. We don't have enough space to explain the nuances of municipal bond finance but suffice to say that this plan is best positioned to spread the costs over the useful life of the buildings. Moreover, we will offset some of the expense with the proceeds from the Town Hall insurance settlement and we will continue to aggressively pursue federal stimulus funds.

Okay, now the obvious question. Why would we do this during a recession? To be sure, we fully appreciate the economic difficulties impacting all of our families. But ironically, the weak economy has reduced construction and financing costs. Without a doubt, further delay will result in higher costs which ultimately means we will all pay more over the long term for this solution. Moreover, we simply can't "kick the can down the road" for the next generation.



Finally, we would like to thank our colleague John Button and Township Manager Chris Schultz for the countless hours they have devoted to this project. The thoughtful process that they implemented resulted in a reduction of more than 15,000 square feet of "needed" office space. This in turn, will save millions of dollars in construction costs as well as reduce ongoing operating costs. We would especially like to thank the many employees and citizens who participated in the process, attended a Council meeting, shared their suggestions, etc. Remember, these are your buildings and will be here for generations. Your ongoing participation is critical.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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TAX DEPARTMENT

The Tax Office would like to remind you that Property Taxes are **DUE MAY 1, 2009**
Pay onsite at 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A or mail all payments to 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A, Moorestown, NJ 08057

TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

May 25 – Memorial Day and **September 7** – Labor Day
See the Holiday Collection Schedule on Page 3

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Polls Open – 6am to 8pm
Voter Registration Deadline: May 12
You can only vote your party line (R or D) or
Declare Your Party for the First Time at the Polls

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE SMART RIDE TO BICYCLE SAFETY

- The Moorestown Police Department (MPD) currently has bicycle helmets available for all ages at no charge to persons having financial difficulties.
- NJ law requires that every person under 17 years of age wear a helmet when operating a device that is equipped with wheels, e.g., bicycles, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades or roller skates.
- Contact Ptlm Pete Parker at the MPD to make arrangements to receive a helmet 235-0130 X4349.
- **Bicycle Safety Tips**
- Record the serial numbers of your children's bicycles. Contact the MPD to register your bicycle for free.
- Make sure children wear proper clothing. Clothing should be light in color and close fitting to avoid being caught in the bicycle's moving parts.
- Teach children to obey the rules of the road. This includes all traffic signs, signals and road markings. Teach children to ride on the right side of the street in single file and to use proper hand signals.
- Tell your children before entering a street or intersection to check for traffic and always look left-right-left. Walk your bicycle across busy streets at corners or crosswalks.
- Teach your child to inspect their bicycle before they ride it. This includes making sure there are reflectors on the front and rear of the bicycle. Check for loose parts, a properly oiled chain, and a secure handlebar that turns firmly in place and turns easily. Check tires for pressure, bulges and cracks.
- Teach your children to always lock up their bike. A U-lock or chain lock should be used. Place the lock through the rear wheel and the frame to a fixed object such as a bicycle rack.

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Moorestown and neighboring towns have been experiencing continued thefts in residential areas. Residents are encouraged to keep their vehicles locked and not leave expensive items in

plain view. It has been our experience that thieves will bypass locked vehicles opting for unlocked vehicles. In the course of patrolling, officers often find garage doors open during the overnight hours, an open invitation to thieves. Please close and lock exterior doors and consider movement activated exterior lighting. When at area restaurants, the movie theatre, and the mall, keep your purses and handbags close at hand to prevent the theft of valuables, identification, and credit cards.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

The Moorestown Emergency Management Coordinator is strongly encouraging all residents with special needs to sign up for this free, voluntary and confidential program that will identify those who may need assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.deltafour.com/NewJerseySNS/>.

♪ UPCOMING EVENTS ♪

COUNCIL TO RENAME SALEM ROAD PARK

Moorestown resident, Major John P. Pryor, MD, was tragically killed on December 25, 2008 while serving his country in Iraq. Dr. Pryor was a well-respected trauma surgeon at Hospital of University of Pennsylvania and an army veteran. In honor of Dr. Pryor's heroism and contributions to our town, Council has unanimously decided to rename the Salem Road Park to the "**Major John P. Pryor, MD, Memorial Park.**" Council expects to formally rededicate the park with Dr. Pryor's wife, Dr. Carmela Calvo and their three children in 2010. Town Council also plans to honor Dr. Pryor in a special way, along with all other Moorestown veterans, at our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Memorial Field on May 25th at Memorial Field.

SCOTT COFFEE MEMORIAL 8K RUN

June 6 - 8:30am
Beginning and Ending at the Community House

MOORESTOWN DAY A CELEBRATION ON MAIN STREET

June 6 – 9am until 3pm
Sidewalk Sales, Food/Entertainment, Walking Tours

MEND'S ANNUAL GOLF EVENT

MEND will kick off its 40th Anniversary celebrations in 2009 by holding its 5th Annual Golf Outing Event on May 15, 2009, beginning at 11am, at the Indian Spring Country Club in Evesham Township. Golfers and sponsors wishing to participate may call S. Blackwell at 856-722-7070 X19 or email at sblackwell_mend@verizon.net.

MOORESTOWN THEATER COMPANY

Presents Its Seventh Annual All-Ages Main Stage Musical,



July 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, & 25, 2009 • 7 PM
July 19 & 25, 2009 • 2 PM

William Allen Middle School • 801 N. Stanwick Road

To register or buy tickets for this show, or for MTC's Summer Stage '09 (Musical Theater Camp, featuring *Thoroughly Modern Mille, Jr.*, *Seussical, Jr.*, and *High School Musical 2*), please visit www.moorestowntheatercompany.org or call 856-778-8357.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

2 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, SUITE 9B

235-6344

www.moorestown.nj.us/parks_rec

2009 SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM

Jun 23-Jul 31 (6wks). Mon-Fri from 9am-1pm. Fee: \$35/child. Field Trips require an additional fee. Children must be five (5) years old as of June 23, 2009. Proof of age is required. Birth Certificate must be submitted at the time of registration; a photo copy must accompany a mail-in registration.

ANNUAL PHILLIES HOME RUN DERBY- MAY 15 AT JEFF YOUNG PARK

Boys & Girls Ages 7, 8 and 9 – 5:30pm - Ages 10, 11 and 12 – 6:15pm, Ages 13, 14 and 15 – 7pm. 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finalists, with a chance to move on to the regional finals. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Office. (Rain Date May 21). FREE ADMISSION.

TEEN COMMUNITY PARKS CLEAN-UP

Teams are now forming to clean up the Township Parks. Call Parks and Recreation for team and individual registration. Community Service Hours are available. Participants under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sunday, Apr 26 from 1-5pm. Meet at Church Street Recreation Center at 1pm.

SAVE-THE-DATE SATURDAY

"SPORTS NIGHT UNDER THE TURF LIGHTS" for Moorestown High School teens on Saturday, May 30 at Wesley Bishop Park from 7:30-10:30pm. FREE ADMISSION. Call 778-6610, ext. 12210 for information.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Throughout the series of early evening Summer Concerts, a wide variety of musical genres will be presented, including Blue Grass, Jazz, and Big Band sounds. Audience members are welcome to bring picnic dinners and lawn chairs or blankets to the concerts. In case of rain, the performance will be held on Thursday immediately following the rained out event. All concerts begin at 7:30pm and are free.

SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM

Summer Theater Program – Runs from Jun 24-Aug 1 at the William Allen Middle School from 9am-12pm and 1-3pm. Fee: \$35/child. Children must be seven (7) years old as of June 23, 2009. *Once Upon a Mattress* will be the featured 2009 Summer Theater performance. Auditions are being held on Jun 22 and 23 from 9-11am and 1-3pm. Performance Dates at the Middle School Auditorium: Jul 29 and 30-1pm, Jul 31-7:30pm, Aug 1-7:30pm.

SUMMER TENNIS

Fee - \$55

SESSION I – Jun 1-29 at Maple-Dawson Park CHILDREN: Weekdays or Saturdays ADULTS: Weekday mornings

SESSION II – Jul 13-Aug 10 at Maple Dawson Park CHILDREN: Weekdays or Saturdays ADULTS: Weekday mornings

ADULT DOUBLES TENNIS LADDER

SESSION I – May 26 – Jun 30 on Tuesday mornings from 9-10am or 10-11am at Maple Dawson Park – Fee \$66

SESSION II – Jul 7 – Aug 11 on Tuesday mornings from 9-10am or 10-11am at Maple Dawson Park – Fee \$66

Players must be present on the first day of each session for a level evaluation, as there will be beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate level ladders. Partner not required.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS

Summer Program – Jul 6-Jul 31 (4wks) at the Upper Elementary School. The program runs Mon-Fri from 12:30-3:30pm. The cost is \$35/child and the cost of field trips is included. Children must be five (5) years old as of October 1, 2008. Birth Certificate is required at the time of registration.

Arts and Crafts – Apr 24-May 22 from 4-5pm at the Church Street Recreation Center – Fee \$35

Horseback Riding at Majoda Stables – Mondays from 4-6pm on May 4, 11 and 18 and Jun 1 and 8 – Fee \$35

Family Roller Skating – Thursday, May 14 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the International Sports Center in Mount Laurel. Fee-\$5

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Creative Movement – (ages 3 to 6) Apr 6-Jun 1, Church Street Recreation Center, 3rd Floor-\$65

Tumblin' Tots – (ages 2 ½ to 5) Apr 23-Jun 11 (THURSDAY-SPRING)-Church Street Recreation Center-\$65

Jun 26, Jul 10, 17 and 24 (FRIDAY-SUMMER) at the Library-\$35. Call the Department of Parks and Recreation Office to register.

EARLY SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Early registration for the fall soccer program will be held beginning Jul 13. The Leagues are for children in grades Kindergarten-7 (Boys) and Kindergarten-8 (Girls). Registration Deadline: Aug 28.

CHECK THE WEBSITE at www.moorestown.nj.us/parks_rec for various programs, including pre-school, special needs, youth, teens, adults, and senior citizens.

