

# Moorestown Messenger

Sept – Dec 2009

## A Soldier's Homecoming

Do you know a soldier who is coming home from a foreign war, such as Iraq or Afghanistan? If you do and that soldier resides in Moorestown, the Township Council would like to honor them at a public meeting by presenting them with a Proclamation for their service to our country. If you are interested in more information, please call the Township Clerk's Office or visit our website at [www.moorestown.nj.us](http://www.moorestown.nj.us) to begin arrangements.

## Automated Recycling Comes to Moorestown New County Cart Program Showing Results

Earlier this year, Township Council made a strategic decision to introduce a new and enhanced recycling cart program in Moorestown. In June, the first phase of the new curbside recycling program was introduced to approximately 2,100 residences in the community. Early reviews have been very positive with the County advising that the cart homes tonnage increased by an average of 4lbs per week since service began.

The program has two main components. The first is that each residence receives a new recycling bin that will allow for consolidation of all paper and cardboard in one container. Simply combine all paper and cardboard recycling in the single container. It is hopeful in the near future that this initiative will allow for ALL recyclables (including glass and plastic) to be placed into a single container.

The second component of the program is called "RecycleBank." Participating residences earn "reward points" for their recycling efforts that can be redeemed at participating merchants (e.g. Acme, Passariello's, etc.). Points are earned based on the "total" tonnage collected by the truckload (community-based model) and then divided by the number of participating residences.

Council is already working to expand the program to an additional 1,000 residences later this fall subject to County Freeholder approval. Everyone has a vested interest in the success of recycling. Besides being mandatory and helping the environment, the Township receives grants from the State under the Recycling Enhancement Act in part based on how much we, as a community, recycle. Those grant funds (instead of the local purpose tax) then support the cost of the program.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LEAF COLLECTION

'Tis the season for leaf collection, so please remember to follow these important rules.

- As per the Code of the Township of Moorestown, Chapters 92-17 and 92-22, leaves may **NOT** be placed in the street or travel way and pursuant to State Storm water Management Regulations, leaves may **NOT** be placed within 10' of storm drain inlets. Rainfall and melting snow must be able to flow down the street and into the storm inlet.
- Never let your children play in leaf piles in or near the street.
- Travel a safe distance from leaf collection vehicles and do not attempt to pass these vehicles while they are operating.
- To help our crews perform in a safe and efficient manner, please do not park on the street during your collection week, if at all possible.

Please remember,

- There may be times when the quantity of leaves in one area is so heavy that the leaf collection crews will need to spend additional time in that area. Please be patient. The crews will move into your area as close to the schedule as possible.
- There may also be times when the crews get behind schedule due to the weather conditions and equipment problems.
- Street sweeping is part of the leaf collection process. Since the street sweeper moves at a slower pace and the operator must wait until the area is clear of all leaves, street cleanup will often take longer than pickups.
- An early snowfall seriously hampers our leaf collection efforts as those same trucks and employees will be needed to plow the streets.
- Residents may dispose of leaves every other Saturday between noon and 4pm at the compost facility, located on Creek Road, between Borton Landing and Centerton Roads. (See Schedule Below)
- The 2009 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule for your area will be mailed and posted on the website in the near future.

## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Holiday	Date	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Labor Day	Sep 7	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Columbus Day	Oct 12	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving	Nov 26 and 27	No Change	No Change	No Change	<b>Wednesday</b>
Christmas Day	Dec 25	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
New Year's Day	Jan 1	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change

During the Thanksgiving holiday, trash will be collected in the Business Districts on Tuesday only.

**\*\*Brush material should be placed at the curb by Monday for pickup during your designated trash collection week.**

*Please remember to schedule your trimmings and clean up projects to coincide with Brush Collection!*

## BRUSH AND LEAF DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

October 10 and 24	January 2, 16 and 30
November 7 and 21	February 13 and 27
December 5 and 19	March 13 and 27

## STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Is there a streetlight or gas lamp out in your neighborhood? If you are a PSE&G customer, please call 800-436-PSEG (7734) with the location of the street light or gas lamp, the nearest cross street and the pole number (if applicable) - usually located on a metal strip attached to the pole. If you are not a PSE&G customer, please contact the utility that provides your electric and/or gas service.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

Public Works will be flushing hydrants October 1-31, 2009 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.

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
Daniel Roccato, Mayor  
John Button, Deputy Mayor  
Michael Testa  
Seth Broder  
Greg Gallo  
[towncouncil@moorestown.nj.us](mailto:towncouncil@moorestown.nj.us)

**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](http://www.moorestown.nj.us)

## OFFICE LOCATIONS 2 Executive Drive

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Police Department**  
856-235-0130

### Library

856-234-0333

**601 East Third Street**  
**Public Works**  
856-235-3520

## Referendum Question to be on November Ballot

**Did you know that raffles and bingos are currently not permitted in Moorestown?**

Well, it is true. Many people do not even realize that such activities are regulated by law, but they are. So, if your local church or athletic league is selling tickets as a fundraiser in Moorestown, it is not doing so legally. In NJ, a municipality is not permitted to license local non-profit organizations who wish to hold a 50/50, sell raffle tickets or similar games of chance unless such a measure is first passed by the legal voters of the municipality. If the question is passed by the voters, then **only non-profit organizations can be licensed** by the municipality to hold raffles and/or bingos. The Township Council is aware that non-profit community groups, organizations, service groups and churches depend on various fundraising activities such as car washes, bake sales, bingos and raffles to support their cause. Moreover, Council understands how important these non-profit groups, organizations and churches are to a healthy community and it wishes to promote the financial stability and well-being of qualified non-profit organizations in the Township. Along with supporting these organizations and much needed fundraising activities, Council also believes that approving such a measure will improve the Township's commerce as it is known that many large organizations which reside in Moorestown hold their annual fundraising events at a venue outside of town, because they cannot legally hold such an event in town. Moorestown has many wonderful places to hold these types of events and it would like for resident business owners to benefit from being the host locale for events. So, in November, legal voters of Moorestown will be asked if 1) raffles and 2) bingos should be permitted in the Township for non-profit organizations only. Please look for these two questions on your ballot and be sure to vote.

## 911 Services Transfer to the County

As part of the challenging 2009 budget process, Council examined various ways to increase revenues, improve efficiencies, share services, reduce appropriations, minimize or eliminate duplicative services, to the extent possible, and institute long-term solutions to reduce the potential burden on the taxpayers. In doing so, after much research and many public meetings, Council agreed to consolidate our police dispatch services with the County which currently provides this service for 26 other municipalities. In case you didn't know, all 911 calls are handled through County Dispatch and the County has handled all of Moorestown's EMS and Fire calls since 1978. This resulted in Moorestown taxpayers paying for this duplicative service in both our local and county taxes. The transfer in services will save approximately \$110,000 in 2009 and upwards of \$400,000 in 2010. Police Director Harry Johnson and staff have been diligently working with the County to transition this important service. Hence, effective September 2, 2009 at 7am, all dispatch services will be handled by the County. The Moorestown Police Department will be open from 8:30am-4:30pm on business days. If you go to the Department outside of these hours, you will utilize a special phone outside of the Police Department and an officer will be dispatched to assist you. The Township and County anticipate a smooth transition.

## The Township of MOORESTOWN

Dear Residents, the Township of Moorestown, as part of its obligation to implement a stormwater management plan as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, has committed to undertake a number of activities. One of those activities is the dissemination, through a letter sent to all residents and businesses in our community, of information relating to how each of us can affect, in a positive way, the quality of stormwater, which drains into the groundwater in our area.

Stormwater is the primary way in which pollutants reach the groundwater under our properties and ultimately into the deeper aquifers, which supply our drinking water. Did you know, for example, that pet wastes left on the ground and the fertilizers applied to lawns contain chemicals and other pollutants, which leach through the lawns into the groundwater underneath? Wastes can also be left behind by waterfowl and wild mammals, which may be attracted by feeding stations. The resulting waste can be carried by stormwater into stormwater drains and culverts and eventually into the streams and rivers into which the stormwater lines eventually drain. Even leaves, lawn clippings and other yard waste which are not properly disposed of and which instead are allowed to be washed or blown into streets will be carried into nearby drains and contribute to a degradation of our waterways. There is much that each individual resident can do to improve the quality of our groundwater and our waterways even by making small changes to the way waste is handled and disposed.

As required by state regulation, the Township has enacted ordinances both to educate its residents on the polluting effects of the described activities, and to proscribe those activities, which can be harmful to the quality of our waterways and groundwater. There are Township ordinances which regulate pet waste, litter, improper disposal of waste, wildlife feeding, yard waste and illicit connections all of which are intended to educate our citizens on the big environmental impacts that small actions can have. All of the ordinances are available through the "Township Code Book" link at [www.moorestown.nj.us](http://www.moorestown.nj.us).

I hope you will join with me in working to keep our waterways and groundwater as free from pollution as possible, and together we can make a significant difference in the condition of the natural resources we all use and rely upon. If you should have any questions on the interrelationship of stormwater and groundwater, please contact our Environmental Advisory Committee through the Township offices.

Sincerely,  
  
Daniel Roccato, Mayor

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### TAX DEPARTMENT

The Tax Office would like to remind you that Property Taxes are **DUE NOVEMBER 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

**Oct 12** – Columbus Day and **Nov 11** – Veteran’s Day  
**Nov 26 and 27** – Thanksgiving  
**Dec 24 (noon) and 25** - Christmas  
See the Holiday Collection Schedule on Page 4

#### GENERAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, November 3, 2009 / Polls Open–6am to 8pm**

Last Day to Register to Vote - October 13  
“Vote by Mail” Applications by Mail Due to County - 10/27  
“Vote by Mail” Applications In-Person - 11/2 by 3pm  
“Vote by Mail” Ballots Due to County by Close of Polls - 11/3

#### IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

In NJ, any voter can now vote by mail in any election. *You do not need a reason to Vote by Mail.* Don’t feel like going to the polls? Simply, vote by mail. *Now, there is “no excuse” not to vote.* A voter may vote by mail by completing the Application for Vote by Mail Ballot and mailing the application to their County Clerk up to 7 days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3pm, the day before the election. The County Clerk cannot accept faxed or emailed copies of an Application for Vote by Mail Ballot, unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter, since an original signature is required. If you would like to download a copy of the **new ballot application** go to: [www.njelections.org/form\\_pdf/application-for-vote-by-mail-ballot-072809.pdf](http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/application-for-vote-by-mail-ballot-072809.pdf). You may complete and print a **Voter Registration Form** at [www.njelections.org/form\\_pdf/09-voter-regis-forms/burlington-voter-reg-form-080309.pdf](http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/09-voter-regis-forms/burlington-voter-reg-form-080309.pdf)

#### IMPORTANT POLICE ADVISORY

# Be Aware!

Moorestown and neighboring towns have been experiencing continued thefts in residential areas. Residents are **urged** to **keep their vehicles locked and keep valuables** such as GPSs, Satellite Radios, laptop computers and money **out of sight!** In addition, while patrolling, officers often find garage doors open during the overnight hours; this is an open invitation to thieves. Please close and lock exterior doors and consider movement-activated exterior lighting. When at restaurants, the movies, and the mall, keep your handbags close-at-hand to prevent the theft of valuables, identification and credit cards.

#### TREE INVENTORY UPDATE

As reported in a previous Moorestown Messenger issue, a tree inventory is underway in the community. Anyone living in or traveling through Trash District 4 (Thursday pickup) will

notice lots of trees with strings attached. The string indicates only that a tree has been counted. Since April a dedicated group of volunteers have been measuring, evaluating and taking GPS coordinates of trees in the Township right-of-way. The inventory has really picked up steam with several volunteers, including three regulars Jay Hartman, Bob Eck and Sandy Daniels, having completed over 1,000 trees.

The tree inventory will provide an understanding of the tree species composition, available planting space as well as tree health, diversity, utility and sidewalk conflicts and potential impact of pests. Additionally, we will be able to calculate dollar value of annual environmental and aesthetic benefits related to energy conservation and air quality improvement.

The goal is to complete District 4 this year and continue to the other districts next year. To accomplish this huge task, we need many volunteers to collect data. You do not need an expert in trees to help, only a willingness to help your community. If you are interested in helping, please email the Tree Planting and Preservation Committee at [moorestowntree@gmail.com](mailto:moorestowntree@gmail.com) or call the Committee Chairperson Dianne Walker at 609-743-2818.

### ♪ UPCOMING EVENTS ♪

#### MEND’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Friends of MEND will be hosting an Affordable Housing Symposium at the DoubleTree Hotel in Mount Laurel on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 4:30pm-8:30pm. In honor of MEND’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a panel of experts will address the topic: *“40 Years of Affordable Housing in New Jersey: Where Have We Been? Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?”* Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr. will provide a current State perspective on the matter. Registration: \$35/person (includes a cocktail reception after the panel discussion). For more information, call Stephanie Blackwell at 856-722-7070 Ext-19.

MEND’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Celebration and Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at The Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees, from 6pm-11Ppm. MEND will honor its founding trustees and the Jump City Jazz Orchestra will provide musical entertainment. For information on tickets, advertising and sponsorship opportunities, please call Stephanie Blackwell at 856-722-7070 Ext-19.

#### AUTUMN IN MOORESTOWN

Saturday, October 10 – 10am - 4pm

#### STEM STEPS OUT

Sunday, October 11 – Noon

#### HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 24 – 4pm

#### CANDLELIGHT NIGHT

Friday, November 6 – 7pm - 9pm

#### HOLIDAY PARADE

Saturday, December 5 - Noon

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

2 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, SUITE 9B

235-6344

[www.moorestown.nj.us/parks\\_rec](http://www.moorestown.nj.us/parks_rec)

## 2009 SUMMER AND FALL PROGRAMS

### PROGRAMS

The fall recreation programs include toddlers through senior citizens. A variety of sports and cultural interests include Intramural Soccer Leagues for children in grades K through 8; Field Hockey Clinic for grades 3 through 6 and Leagues for girls in grades K-8; an Adult/Child Bowling League for children ages 6 through 14 with an adult at the Playdrome; Irish Step Dancing, Jazz, Ballet and Hip Hop Sessions for ages 6 through 12; Arts and Crafts for K – 4 and Art Programs for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades; Tumblin’ Tots Program for ages 18 months-4; tennis lessons for children and adults; Yoga for teens and adults; Special Needs activities include arts and crafts, bowling excursions, roller skating, horseback riding, and seasonal family events and parties. Senior Citizens enjoy arts and crafts, card groups, book club, and special events. CPR, First Aid Training is also offered periodically during the year.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| - Tennis Lessons Weekdays after school and on Saturdays                | Starting Week of September 14   |
| - Adult/Child Bowling League First Meeting                             | Tuesday, October 6              |
| - Field Hockey Clinic First Meeting                                    | Wednesday, September 9          |
| - Field Hockey Team Assignments/First Game                             | Sunday, September 13            |
| - Soccer League Team Assignments                                       | Saturday, September 12          |
| - Soccer League First Game   | Saturday, September 26          |
| - Senior Citizens 3rd Annual Breakfast                                 | Tuesday, September 22           |
| - Culinary Institute Senior Citizens Trip                              | Wednesday, September 23         |
| - Ballet and Hip Hop Dancing – Church Street Rec Center                | Saturday, September 12          |
| - Irish Step Dancing – Beginner through Advanced                       | Monday, September 14            |
| - Yoga – Church Street Recreation Center – Start Date                  | Sunday, September 13            |
| - Tumblin’ Tots–Thursday (9:30or 10:30 am) – Rec Center- Start Date    | Thursday, October 1             |
| - Special Needs Creative Movement (1:30 pm)–Rec Center-Start           | Tuesday, September 15           |
| - Special Needs Horseback Riding – Majoda Stables                      | September 14, 28 October 12, 26 |
| - Special Needs Arts and Crafts – 4-5 pm – Third Floor-Start Date      | Friday, October 2               |
| - Special Needs Bowling Outing at Laurel Lanes                         | Saturday, November 7            |
| - Special Needs Family Holiday Party – 1 PM - Third Floor              | Sunday, December 14             |
| - 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Art Lessons – 2:45 -4:15pm | Wednesday, September 23         |
| - Arts and Crafts – New Albany Rec Center - Start Date                 | Saturday, October 3             |
| - Church Street Recreation Center Opening                              | Friday, October 2               |
| - Teen Dinner ‘n’ Dip-6-9 pm–Start Rec Center Parking Lot              | Friday, October 2               |
| - Sign Culture -6:30 pm – Church Street Rec Center – Starts            | Tuesday, September 29           |
| - Sign Social – Church Street Recreation Center                        | Friday, October 23              |
| - CPR Training Course  | October 5, 12, 19 or 26         |
| - In-Person Recreation/Travel Basketball League Registration           | October 1, October 3            |

### MEETINGS

#### RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:30 PM New Albany Road Recreation Center  
September 15 November 3  
October 6 December 1

#### SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:30 PM New Albany Road Recreation Center  
September 23 and October 28

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in a continuing effort in the “Going Green” Campaign, individual flyers will no longer be sent home through the school system. An all-inclusive brochure will go to the schools for distribution in the backpacks. Individual flyers are still available at [www.moorestown.nj.us/parks\\_rec](http://www.moorestown.nj.us/parks_rec) and at the Recreation Office. Residents may subscribe to the Township’s website free of charge and receive program updates and reminders for the departments of their choice.



On June 8, Mayor Rocco presented the youth with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the Department’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Teen Clean.” These selfless volunteers gave of their time to help in a clean-up day in the parks. They are to be commended for their community spirit and volunteerism.

