

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSUMER PROTECTION

"Con" men and women want to gain our confidence and have us rely on their sincerity and expertise. They want us to act quickly and not check out the facts. We are deceived, swindled, scammed, or just plain ripped off. It can happen over the phone, at the front door, in the mail, on television, via the internet, or at the store. Although we have all heard the stories about fraud, it can be hard to spot fraud when it is happening. Protect yourself and your money. Take your time and get the facts before you open your wallet.

Protect yourself against Identity Theft – Report Identity Theft to the Police

- Do not give out credit card or bank account numbers over the phone unless you placed the call to a business you trust.
- Shred papers that have your personal information, including charge receipts and credit card offers.
- Only give out your Social Security number when truly required.
- Reduce the number of credit cards you carry.
- Do not carry your Social Security card or number in your wallet.
- Check your credit report for errors at least once a year. By law, everyone can get a free credit report every year from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion). There is only **one** source for the free reports, but you can request them online, by the phone, or by mail. Here's how: Online: www.annualcreditreport.com or Phone: 1-877-322-8228 or Mail: Annual Credit Report Service, PO Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281

In addition, there is a National **Do Not Call** registry that restricts telemarketing. You can add your phone number to that list by calling 1-888-382-1222, or by going to www.donotcall.gov. Once your number is on the registry for a month, most telemarketers should stop calling you. Unfortunately, fraudulent telemarketers will not obey the law and will continue to call you.

To reduce unwanted mail, send your name and address to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512 or go to www.the-dmaconsumer.org. For more information, call Ptlm Pete Parker (856) 235-0130 Ext. 4349 Source: AARP

2009 DOG LICENSING AND FREE RABIES CLINIC



All dog licenses expire on January 31st of each year and must be renewed by then. You may obtain a 2009 license by mail (preferred) or in person at the Municipal Clerk's Office, 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A (off of Lenola Road). 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 (see application below for details). So, please, make every effort to renew your dog license by the 31st.

Moorestown will be holding its annual FREE Rabies Clinic on January 17, 2009 from 9am until 12pm at the Public Works Garage, 601 East Third Street. (Snow date-January 24, 2009). Licenses will be sold at the clinic – Payment by check only – **no cash**.

2009 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, 2009. 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 it 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, 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

**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 HGWY	1 609 726 7319
NJ STATE HGWY	1 856 486 6630

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

- Daniel Roccato** 856-235-4322
Seth Broder 856-235-4077
Michael Testa 856-234-6427
John Button 856-778-1658
Greg Gallo 856-235-1513

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

Construction Office

Location: Library (2nd Floor)
 111 West Second Street

Police Department

Location: 111 West Second Street
 Phone: 856-235-0130

Library

Location: 111 West Second Street
 Phone: 856-234-0333

Public Works

Location: 601 East Third Street
 Phone: 856-235-3520

Moorestown Messenger

COUNCIL CORNER

The Township Council and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin E. Aberant, Ann B. Segal and Jonathan Eron for their service to Moorestown over the past four years. Their hard work and dedication towards the betterment of our community is to be commended.

While well wishes are being sent out, a hearty welcome is extended to Michael Testa, John Button and Greg Gallo as they take their Council seats. A ceremonial Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7pm at the William Allen Middle School on Stanwick road. Please join us as we welcome the new members of Council and we make 2009 appointments to the various boards and committees.

On another note, recognizing that the Moorestown Sun circulation includes all households, we, as Township Council, have decided to utilize it as our new vehicle for distributing the newsletter. This decision stems from our desire to openly communicate on periodic issues, while managing our costs in a fiscally prudent manner. Please note that we are discussing other potential options for improved communication between Council and Township residents that we hope to share in the near future.

Finally, the Township Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

BOUNDARY CREEK

The trees at Boundary Creek, located on Creek Road, have been dedicated, by the County, to the late Clifford Pfleider, Jr. Mr. Pfleider, a renowned tree expert, was, among other things, a supervisor in the Department of Public Works and a member of the Burlington County Shade Tree Commission. This 35-acre park includes an elevated platform with telescopes overlooking the Rancocas Creek, a human sundial, a bird and butterfly garden, over 50 species of birds, wildlife, 1.3 miles of trails, a shade pavilion and plaza with restrooms, an information kiosk, educational signage and rain gardens to reduce runoff and recharge the groundwater. The park is on the former peach farm of Takashi and Yuriko Moriuchi, residents of Moorestown. The park officially opened on December 1, 2008. It is highly recommended that everyone visit this great new asset to Moorestown.



Mayor Kevin E. Aberant remembers Clifford Pfleider, Jr. and commends his contribution to Moorestown.

MOORESTOWN TREE INVENTORY

Have you noticed strings wrapped around the trunks of some trees along Main Street? Do not be alarmed; they are not being removed. They are simply being counted. These trees are part of a test of the Township's new computerized Tree Inventory Program. The Department of Public Works and Tree Planting and Preservation Committee ("Committee") recently acquired PDA units and a GPS system to collect information about the Township's invaluable tree canopy.

Why do we need an inventory? It is important to know how many public trees there actually are in our community, along with their condition and variety. This vital information will help streamline costs in daily maintenance, provide data about critical tree removal and help identify sites for new tree planting. Our trees are one of the most valuable assets and this inventory will provide an ongoing assessment to help maintain what we all love - a healthy, tree-lined community.

Taking inventory of all trees along Township and County roads is a monumental project that will need the help of many volunteers! After refining data collection procedures, the Committee hopes to have an all-volunteer inventory project in full swing (by Spring 2009). The Committee is looking for volunteers to collect data. Training and guidance will be provided. So, even if you cannot tell the difference between a Red Maple and a River Birch, have no fear, you will be guided along the way. Please email the Committee at moorestowntrees@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this exciting endeavor or if you want any additional information about the inventory and someone will contact you just as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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TAX DEPARTMENT

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

January 1 – New Years Day
January 19 – ML King’s Birthday
February 16 – Presidents’ Day
April 3 – Good Friday
See the Holiday Collection Schedule on Page 3 to see when trash will be collected due to the holiday.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Polls Open – 3pm to 9pm

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Do not forget to change your smoke alarm batteries on Sunday, March 8, 2008 when you change your clocks ahead one hour.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS AND REPLACEMENT BATTERIES

The Bureau of Fire Prevention, District 2, along with the Lenola Volunteer Fire Company, participates in WPVI Channel 6 “Operation Save A Life” and Eveready Battery’s “Change your Clock - Change Your Battery” programs. Because of their generosity, the Departments are able to provide smoke detectors and replacement 9-volt batteries to the residents of Moorestown at no cost.

♪ UPCOMING EVENTS ♪

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 14th year with Kindness Week, February 9-15. Kindness Ambassadors from each of our township schools will gather on Tuesday morning, January 27th to participate in the annual Proclamation Ceremony and Kindness Campaign Rally. 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)

AARP TAX COUNSELING - Each year, AARP volunteers offer free assistance to low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older, with the preparation of their tax returns. The trained volunteers assist with Federal tax returns, State Tax returns, Homestead Rebate applications and Property Tax Rebate applications. As has been the practice, in an effort to reduce waiting times, appointments will be required. Counseling will take place every Friday from February 6 through April 9, 2009 in the meeting room at the Moorestown Library. In order to sign up for the program, call the Moorestown Clerk’s office at 856-235-0912 after January 1, 2009, during normal business hours. Appointments will be made for the program with the first appointment at 9am and the last appointment at noon. When coming for your appointment, bring your tax return and supporting paperwork (wage statements, Social Security statement, dividend and interest reports, etc.) from last year (2007) and the tax booklets received from the Federal and State tax offices along with supporting paperwork for this year’s (2008) return. If itemizing, bring backup information.

MEND’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY - MEND, one of the oldest and most successful nonprofit community housing organizations in New Jersey, will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2009! MEND will celebrate this milestone with several events (exact dates, times and locations to be announced in January 2009), April-Dedication Ceremony for MEND’s new 104-unit apartment development in Evesham; May-5th Annual Golf Event to be hosted by the Friends of MEND; September-“South Jersey Affordable Housing Symposium” and October-Annual Dinner Dance.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

As you know, in a fire or emergency seconds count. There may be circumstances in your home, such as a child with special needs, a family member unable to exit the house, specialized medical equipment on site, or a language barrier. If these special circumstances are known to the responding Fire or Emergency Medical Services it may assist us in protecting your life or property when responding to an emergency at your home. We strongly encourage you to provide any special home circumstance information to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services so that a flag can be placed on your property and your special circumstances can then be conveyed to responding fire or medical personnel. Please be assured that all information provided is kept strictly confidential and is for the sole use of the Emergency services of the Township of Moorestown and the Burlington County Central Communications Dispatch Center for your protection. Please contact Fire Official Cindi Maahs Knobbs at 856-234-6660 for your free smoke detector and batteries or to provide your special circumstance information.

THE FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY SQUAD

needs you. Volunteers are an integral part of Moorestown’s spirit. The Squad challenges you to become a volunteer – one who can make a difference every day. Visit the Squad’s webpage at www.moorestownnems.org to learn more. Help us, help you.

The Moorestown First Aid and Emergency Squad would like to thank those residents and business owners that donated to its Annual Fund Drive. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

2 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, SUITE 9B
235-6344

2009 WINTER AND SPRING PROGRAMS

WINTER			
Basketball Leagues:	Girls Team Assignments	Jan 3	First Game Jan 10
	Boys Team Assignments	Jan 3	First Game Jan 10
	High School Team Assignments	Dec 14	First Game Jan 4
Basketball Clinics:	2 nd Grade Boys/Girls		Starting Date Jan 3
Indoor Tennis			Starting Dates Jan 5, Feb 9
Arts and Crafts Youth Session			Starting Date Jan 10
Bowling Youth Program Grades 1-8			Starting Date Jan 13
Bowling League - Adult Mixed			Starting Date Jan 9
Teen Bowling Parties			Dates: Jan 9, Jan 16
Sign Language Social			Date Jan 9
Ballet/Tap			Starting Date Jan 24
Ballet – Ages 5& 6/Ages 7-9			Starting Date Jan 24
Hip Hop Series			Starting Date Jan 24
Youth Jazz			Starting Date Jan 24
7th & 8th Grade Hip Hop			Starting Date Jan 15
Family Ski Trip			Date Jan 25
Irish Step Dancing			Starting Date Jan 12
Winter Dance Workshop			Date Jan 8
Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: BEGINNER			Starting Date Jan 4
Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: INTERMEDIATE			Starting Date Jan 4
Volleyball Co-ed Open Gym: High School			Starting Date Jan 4
Volleyball Adult League			Starting Date Jan 3
Senior Citizens Lap Swimming			Ongoing Jan 6
Special Needs Arts and Crafts			Start Date Jan 9
Creative Movement			Start Dates Feb 9
Tumblin’ Tots			Starting Date Feb 19
Special Needs Tumblin’ Tots			Starting Date Feb 17
All Night Dodge Ball – M.A.C. Center			Date Feb 20
Women’s Basketball			Starting Date Feb 24
SPRING			
Lacrosse Girls’ League			Registration Deadline Mar 4
			Starting Date (Weather Permitting) Mar 11
Arts and Crafts Session			Starting Date Mar 14
7th 8th Grade Art - 3D Design			Starting Date Jan 7
- Multi Media			Starting Date Feb 18
Golf Lessons (ages 10-Adult)			Starting Date Apr 23
Willowbrook Golf Club			Starting Date Mar 28
Ballet/Tap/Hip Hop Series			Starting Date Mar 28
Youth Jazz			Starting Date Mar 28
Irish Step Dancing			Starting Date Mar 9
Tumblin’ Tots			Starting Date Mar 24
Special Needs Horseback Riding			Starting Date April 6

BECOME A SUBSCRIBER

Hhmm, I wonder how I can get information sent to me automatically on Recreation Registration, Police Matters, Township Meetings and Events happening in Town? Well, that’s easy. You can subscribe to receive important announcements, such as Police Advisories, and community events at: moorestown.nj.us (gov’t) or moorestown.com (community). To set up your FREE account and receive email notifications of announcements and events, follow the instructions below. It’s a great tool and it’s simple!

Type www.moorestown.nj.us in the address bar on your computer.

On the black toolbar, go to “Services” and click on “Subscriptions.”

Click on “Register.”

Simply fill in the information at the top, click on the boxes that represent the categories of information you would like to receive and click on “Register.”

For security purposes, you will receive an email verifying that you have requested the subscription. Simply click on the link inside the email to complete the registration. Any announcements or events that are posted will automatically be emailed to you.

You may need to tell your provider (e.g. AOL) to accept unsolicited email from subscriptions@moorestown.com.

Be sure to keep your User ID and Password in an accessible place in case you need to make changes to your registration information, such as an email address change.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2009 HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY AND DATE OBSERVED	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4
New Years - Thursday, 1/1/09	No Change	No Change	No Change	Friday
ML King, Jr. Day - Monday, 1/19/09	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Presidents’ Day - Monday, 2/16/09	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Good Friday - Friday, 4/10/09	No change	No change	No change	No change

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

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