

Moorestown Messenger

May-Aug 2010

Mayor's Budget Message

Faced with the toughest budget in Moorestown history in 2009, we worked extremely hard to reengineer operations and improve productivity. Virtually every line item in our municipal budget was scrutinized. It was painstaking, tedious work, challenging to the staff and Council.

We were still forced to increase local taxes in 2009. Fortunately, we were able to offset some of the impact by decreasing the Open Space tax (rest assured our Open Space fund is in good condition). We were also able to partner with the school district to reduce their proposed tax increase following taxpayer defeat of the school budget.

But we are not finished. While the actions we took in 2009 put us in a nominally better position this year, it is essential that we relentlessly pursue our goal of creating a long-term **sustainable** budget. A budget that is devoid of yearly spikes and aligns our cost structure with our revenue base. This means continuously improving operations and efficiency while vigorously pursuing high quality ratables such as the planned Virtua facility and investing in our township assets.

The majority of our municipal operating budget is devoted to salaries and benefits (health care expenses alone are projected to increase by 15%). Council must look for ways to slow the growth in these costs. We are committed to building a real partnership with the Township employees and their various unions, in order to implement reasonable changes that will "move the needle" when it comes to labor costs. This will allow us to maintain services, reduce costs and save jobs.

The Township Council has a solemn obligation to every taxpayer to create a sustainable budget and to control taxes. We also respect and value our employees and the services they provide to residents and business owners in Moorestown. To be sure, we care about their economic well being. These do not have to be mutually exclusive objectives.

You have our commitment that we will continue to work with our employees to reduce costs and maintain services as we relentlessly pursue our goal of building a sustainable budget.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you on Town Council.

Daniel Roccato, Mayor

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION "ONLINE BANKING" TAXPAYERS

DID YOU CHANGE OUR MAILING ADDRESS? In the event you bank online, please remember to change the payment mailing address for **tax, sewer and water payments** to: Moorestown Township, **2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A**, Moorestown NJ 08057. Township offices have been situated at this address since February 2008 (relocation due to fire). Accordingly, the Post Office will no longer forward any mail addressed to 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. If you have not changed the mailing address in the online banking system, it is likely your payment will be returned to the bank or received "late" by the Township. So, in order to avoid interest, please ensure you have the correct address entered in the system.

Also, please be reminded that your **property taxes** are **DUE MAY 1, 2010**. Pay onsite at 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A or mail all payments to 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9A, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Municipal Complex Update

It's been a long road, but after more than 2 years of public meetings, analysis and planning, the Municipal Complex renovation project is out to bid! The project consists of two buildings; the demolition and rebuilding of the existing Town Hall which will house the Police Department, Municipal Court, Council Chambers, and Library; and a new building of approximately 14,000sf will house the administrative offices. The concept drawings can be found at the Township website. The parking lot area will be redesigned as well. At this time, the approximate project timeline includes ground breaking later this spring with an estimated completion date of November 2011. During construction, the Library and North Church Street Recreation Center will remain open. The Police Department is now located at 1245 North Church Street across from the skate park at Wesley Bishop Park.

Moorestown Tree Inventory

After an extremely successful season last summer, it is once again time to restart counting our valuable trees for the Moorestown Tree Inventory. So, do not be alarmed when you begin to see twine and tags wrapped around the trunks of trees in your neighborhood! They are not being removed; they are simply being counted as part of our ongoing computerized inventory.

Why do we need an inventory? We need to know how many public trees we actually have in our community, along with their condition and variety. This vital information will help us streamline costs in daily maintenance, provide data about critical tree removal, and will help identify sites for new tree planting.

We are looking for volunteers to go out into their neighborhoods to collect data about our street trees. We will provide training and guidance throughout the entire process. So, even if you cannot tell the difference between a Red Maple and a River Birch, have no fear, we will guide you along the way.

Please email the Tree Planting Committee at moorestowntrees@gmail.com or call Robin Sterling at 609-841-5888 if you are interested in participating in this exciting endeavor or if you want any additional information about the inventory.

Why it's so important that you complete your Census 2010 form and promptly mail it in.

Census information affects the numbers of seats New Jersey occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. People from many walks of life use [census data](#) to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more. When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like: hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects, and emergency services.



Participation isn't just important; it's mandatory.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Holiday	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Memorial Day - May 31	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Independence Day - July 5	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Labor Day - September 6	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

CREEK ROAD COMPOST FACILITY

The Township Compost Facility on Creek Road (between Borton Landing and Centerton Roads) is open to Moorestown residents on designated Saturdays **only** from 12 noon until 4pm. The Compost Facility is for the disposal of leaves and brush. **No** grass, dirt, soil, mulch, wood chips or other yard debris accepted. Debris from clearing operations will not be accepted. Proper disposal of any materials, other than leaves and brush, is the responsibility of the contractor(s) and/or property owner. Contractors and/or commercial vehicles are not permitted. The Compost Facility will be open from 12 noon until 4pm on Saturday: **May 8 and 22, June 5 and 19, July 3, 17 and 31, August 14 and 28.**

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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)
Library
856-234-0333

1245 Church Street, Suite 2

Police Department
856-235-1405- Administration
856-235-0130-Central Communication

601 East Third Street

Public Works
856-235-3520

Kitchen & Associates Architectural Services, PA Proposed Municipal Complex CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVE



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

◇ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◇

"I'm Alive !!

Thanks to a Defibrillator and Cooper."



Police Director Harry Johnson was featured on the front cover of Cooper Hospital's Spring 2010 edition of Health Connection. To read the full story, go to www.moorestown.nj.us.

THE MOORESTOWN POLICE TIP LINE

has been changed to 856-914-3092. We encourage residents to use this service. The Tip Line is monitored throughout the day during regular business hours. Tips left after hours will be addressed the next business day. If you have an emergency situation, CALL 911.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

May 31 – Memorial Day, **July 5** – Independence Day and **September 6** – Labor Day

See the Holiday Collection Schedule on Page 4

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - Polls Open – 6am to 8pm
Voter Registration Deadline: May 18

You can only vote your party line (R or D) or Declare Your Party for the First Time at the Polls

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION MOORESTOWN FIRE DISTRICT 2

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

With the warmer weather approaching, please be reminded to clean and check all outdoor cooking appliances prior to use.

Make sure all hoses are free of cracks and hose connections are tight on your gas-supplied grill. Never turn the gas on to the grill with the lid closed. When igniting, follow the manufacturer's directions.

Charcoal grills should also be checked for structural integrity of the base and charcoal holding area. Ignition of the charcoal should be with a small quantity of paper only.

Outdoor fire pits and chimineas should also be used with respect to the surrounding environment and in compliance with Moorestown Township Ordinance Chapter 79 Technical Amendment L4401.2.

For your safety, we ask that you adhere to the following restrictions when using your grills, fire pits and chimineas:

DO NOT USE:

- within any building or dwelling unit;
- on any combustible porch, balcony or any other combustible portion of a building;
- within 10' of any combustible exterior wall;
- within 10' (vertically or horizontally) of an opening in any wall;
- under any building overhang;
- within 10' of any combustible landscaping or ground covering.

On behalf of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Lenola Volunteer Fire Company, we hope that these tips will help you to have a safe and enjoyable summer.

♪ UPCOMING EVENTS ♪

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Please join the Moorestown community for our annual Memorial Day Service at 10am on May 31 at Memorial Field. Moorestown has a proud tradition of honoring the memory of those who gave their lives in defense of our freedoms. In a special way this year, we will be commemorating four Moorestown High School graduates who were killed in the Vietnam War as we dedicate the ball fields in their honor.

SCOTT COFFEE MEMORIAL 8K RUN

June 5 - 8:30am

Beginning and Ending at the Community House

MOORESTOWN DAY

A CELEBRATION ON MAIN STREET

June 5 – 9am until 3pm

Sidewalk Sales, Food/Entertainment, Walking Tours

MEND'S ANNUAL GOLF EVENT

MEND will hold its 6th Annual Friends of MEND Golf Outing Event at the Indian Spring Country Club in Evesham on Friday, May 21 with lunch at 11:30am and shotgun start at 1pm. Golfers, sponsors and advertisers are invited to participate in support of MEND's affordable housing mission. For more information, please email mreilly_mend@verizon.net.

MOORESTOWN THEATER COMPANY

Invites You To "River City" This Summer For Its Eighth-Annual All-Ages Summer Musical: July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, & 24, 2010 - 7pm and July 18 & 24 - 2pm at the William Allen Middle School, 801 N. Stanwick Road. To register or buy tickets for this show, or for MTC's Summer Stage 2010 (Musical Theater Camp, featuring *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oklahoma* and *Camp Rock*), please visit www.moorestowntheatercompany.org or call 856-778-8357.



MOORESTOWN LIBRARY

111 West Second Street

234-0333

www.moorestown.nj.us/parks_rec

2010 SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Book Group - Upcoming Dates and Titles

All readers are welcome to join in our lively book discussion meetings!

Thursday, May 6 at 7pm in the Library meeting room: People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday, July 8 at 7pm in the Library meeting room: Wolf Totem by Jiang Rong

Copies of the books are available at the library reference desk.

Children's Summer Reading – "Make a Splash!"

The Library is gearing up for some wet n' wild summer fun with our 2010 Children's Summer Reading theme "Make a Splash!" This summer, the Library will once again offer reading programs and special events for children ages 2+. Children up to kindergarten age can participate in our **Preschool Summer Reading Game**. Pick up your activity sheet beginning June 8; complete at least 10 of the pre-reading activities; and return your completed sheet for a special prize. Children entering first grade can join our **New Readers Summer Reading Game**. Pick up your reading log beginning June 8; list the books you read throughout the summer; and return your log for a special prize. Children entering grades 2-7 are invited to join our **Children's Summer Reading Club**. Registration begins June 8; read books throughout the summer; and come in to the library to tell us all about them beginning Friday, June 18. Participants may report on up to 3 books per day through August 13. Children who report on 10 books or more will win Borders gift cards.

Weekly events in July and early August include Time for Twos on Tuesdays at 9:30am; Drop-in Story Time and Crafts for ages 3-6 on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am and 1:30pm; and Game Days every Friday from 1 to 5pm. Other special events will include movies and craft activities. Popular musician Yosi will present a "Beach Party" concert at the library on Friday, July 23 at 7pm. Children of all ages are invited to attend with their families. Moorestown's own comedian/puppeteer Taylor Mason will perform for an audience of all ages on Tuesday, August 3 at 7pm. Advance registration is required. Registration for the Summer Reading Programs and all summer events begins in-person on Tuesday, June 8 at 7pm in the library meeting room.

"Make Waves @ Your Library" – New Summer Programs Just for Teens!

This summer, the Library is launching a series of exciting new programs encouraging teens to "make waves" through art, literature and community awareness. To kick-off the events, we will start with our annual Summer Reading Program. The idea is simple – register, read, review and get rewarded! Complete a review form for each book you read. If you read three books, you will automatically receive a prize. Tickets for additional prizes will be awarded to participants who read four or more books. The more you read, the more tickets you will receive. Get a head start with our Root Beer & Registration event on June 5 - sign up for our Teen Reading Program and get a refreshing root beer float!

Want a place to chat about your favorite reads? Then join our Teen Book Club. The Club meets once a month throughout the summer to discuss the latest YA titles. Send your book suggestions to Teen Librarian Diane at moorestownlibrarytab@yahoo.com

Keep an eye on the calendar for our upcoming teen summer programs. We'll be "making waves" with beach-ready crafts including DIY tote bags and tie-dyed shirts. All participants are welcome to wrap up the summer with movies, games, food and fun at our Teen Lock-In. Help brainstorm more program ideas at our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting on Saturday, May 15 at 1pm

Once again, the library is seeking responsible teens entering grades 8+ to serve as volunteer "listeners" for our Children's Summer Reading Club. Volunteers listen to children report on books and record points in their reading logs. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to sign up for our Volunteer Orientation on Monday, May 17 at 7pm. Sign-up for volunteer timeslots begins that night for orientation attendees or on Tuesday, May 18 for all others.

Most programs require advance registration and are open to teens entering grades 8 through 12. To find out more about the Library's Summer Teen Programs, visit our website at: <http://www.moorestown.lib.nj.us> or call us at (856) 234-0333 or contact our Teen Librarian Diane Mead at: moorestownlibrarytab@yahoo.com

The Moorestown Department of Parks and Recreation is proud to announce the launching of its new website. The site can be located at www.moorestownrec.com. You will find the new website design to be easy to navigate as you quickly locate programs of interest. You will also be able to locate other information such as facilities, department information, and news updates. There is also an "announcement" window to keep users up to date on any last minute information. Simply, follow the prompts to create an account and you can then begin registering for programs and events. All checks should be made out to the "Township of Moorestown."

In contributing to our effort in the "Going Green" Campaign, we will no longer be sending individual flyers for our programs to the schools for distribution in the children's backpacks. An all-inclusive seasonal brochure will take the place of the individual flyers. Walk-in registration is still available in the Department of Parks and Recreation Office, 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9B.

We are hoping in the coming months to gain subscribers to the website in our effort to contribute to the "Going Green" Campaign.

