

POLICE DEPARTMENT
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER CHANGES AND ADVISORIES

Telephone Number Change for the Moorestown Police Department

Emergencies - Police, Fire and Emergency Squad - **Dial 9-1-1**
 Non-Emergencies – Police - **Dial 856-235-0130** (Add to your Cell Phone List)
 Police Administration, Officer, Patrol Division, Traffic Division and/or Detective Division – **Dial 856-235-1405**. A voice prompt will then direct you.

Car Burglaries and Criminal Mischief

A reminder for our residents, please **lock** your vehicles at your residence or at the shopping center. Do not leave valuables such as lap top computers, satellite radios or GPS devices in plain view. If your vehicle is equipped with an alarm system, please activate it.

At night, take that extra minute and be sure your garage door is closed, outside lighting is on and your burglar alarm system is activated.

Please report **Any** and **All** suspicious activity. Many residents hesitate; feel it is not important or even necessary to call the police. However, your call is **important** and will aid the Police Department in its investigation. Take the extra minute, call 9-1-1 for emergencies and (856) 235-0130 for Non-Emergencies.

Pick Pocketing

Due to the sporadic **Pick Pocketing** offenses that occur in the various shopping centers, please limit the amount of credit cards you carry in your wallet or purse. In addition, please do not carry your Social Security card. In the event your wallet or purse is lost or stolen, these items will aid the perpetrator in committing **Identity Theft** against you.

For additional Crime Prevention tips please contact Ptlm Pete Parker at (856) 235-1405 Ext. 4349.



2010 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 2010 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 16, 2010 from 9am until 12pm at the Public Works Garage, 601 East Third Street. (Snow date-January 23, 2010). Licenses will be sold at the clinic – Payment by check only – **no cash**.

2010 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, 2010. 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

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Daniel Roccato, Mayor
John Button, Deputy Mayor
Michael Testa
Seth Broder
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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

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 (2nd Floor)

Police Department
 856-235-0130

Library
 856-234-0333

601 East Third Street
Public Works
 856-235-3520

Moorestown Messenger

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

More than three decades after the NJ State Supreme Court determined that every resident has a constitutional right to affordable housing, the struggle – and controversy – related to providing affordable housing for low and moderate-income resident-s rages on.

Instead of reciting a chronology of affordable housing mandates, I'd like to focus on the practical implications for Moorestown. The truth is that complying with our State-mandated affordable housing obligation has already affected every Moorestown resident and will continue to do so.

This issue of affordable housing can evoke strong emotions and consequently, and in the absence of facts, rumors and innuendo can take center stage. Recognizing this risk, all of us on Council were determined to use a very transparent, fact-based, methodical approach with regard to constructing a plan to meet our obligation. To be clear, Council appreciates the need for affordable housing in our State. We also understand the many benefits that accrue to our community thanks to our partnership with MEND, the preeminent provider of affordable housing in NJ.

However, we equally recognize that the State-mandated approach that is based on individual municipalities, working independently with limited resources, is rife with duplication, inefficiency and unpredictability. While the goal is altruistic, the implementation is actually counterproductive since it siphons resources away from blighted areas, depletes open space, increases property taxes, etc. The bottom line – paving cornfields for new housing is just plain dumb.

The Fair Housing Act of 1985 established the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). A key responsibility of COAH is to determine how many affordable housing units must be created in each municipality. In turn, COAH requires that each town submit a plan detailing how they will meet their obligation. Having a COAH-approved plan is crucial as it protects against potential “builders remedy lawsuits.” Absent an approved plan, a developer may seek court intervention for residential construction that could likely result in high-density development.

In Moorestown's case, our current obligation through 2018 is to provide 412 additional affordable housing units. The plan filed in December 2008 strived to meet this obligation through a mix of current units, bonus credits and the construction of 180 units on two township-owned sites, the Maybury and Nagle tracts. As we proceeded through the approval process with COAH, our request to count 18 existing units on Beech Street was rejected and we became aware of potential environmental issues that may limit the development potential of the Maybury tract. As a result, Council considered several options including the purchase of additional land.

In response to COAH's request to address the potential shortfall, Council decided to include a small portion of the Wesley Bishop Park site located on North Church Street. This site was selected because of Council's desire to minimize the impact of new development on existing neighborhoods, suitability of the site with regard to developability and minimizing the cost to taxpayers. The use of this site should enable the Township to meet its affordable housing obligation through 2018, receive COAH certification and protect the Township from builders remedy lawsuits.

While we are hopeful that a new Governor will keep his campaign promise to reform COAH, our professionals have confirmed that we simply can't ignore the issue. The risk of inaction is very real and could result in a court-ordered high density development. In fact, two developers, who own land in Moorestown, have already filed formal objections to our proposed plan.

While the Governor can't reverse Supreme Court decisions, he can lobby the legislature with regard to affordable housing tools. For example, transferring funds to needy communities to improve their housing inventory versus building new units in Moorestown (RCA's) was an option used by the Township in earlier COAH plans. This option was removed in 2008 by outgoing Governor Corzine.

Recognizing the complexity of this issue and affirming Council's ongoing goal of improved communications, we put together an information sheet on COAH, Moorestown's obligation, our strategy, etc. that can be viewed at <http://www.moorestown.nj.us/pubs/146/3368.pdf>.

We are committed to aggressively working with COAH to reduce our housing obligation to be more aligned with our actual growth in addition to seeking new tools to meet our obligation.

On behalf of the entire Council, thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you.
 Daniel Roccato, Mayor

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAX DEPARTMENT

The Tax Office would like to remind you that Property Taxes are **DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2010**. 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 18 – ML King’s Birthday
February 15 – Presidents’ Day
April 2 – Good Friday
See the Holiday Collection Schedule Below to see when trash will be collected due to the holiday.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Do not forget to change your smoke alarm batteries on Sunday, March 14, 2010 when you change your clocks ahead one hour.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Polls Open – 3pm to 9pm

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. Trained volunteers assist with Federal tax returns, State tax returns, Homestead Rebate applications and Property Tax Reimbursement 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 5 through April 9, 2010 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, 2010, 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 (2008) and the tax booklets received from the Federal and State tax offices, your Property Tax Reimbursement booklet, if you received it, and supporting paperwork for this year’s (2009) return. If itemizing, bring backup information.

RAIN GARDENS “A Win-Win Landscape Feature” - During the winter garden planning time a new feature being talked about more and more is a rain garden. Rain gardens built into your landscape can improve the environment and, at the same time, add beauty to your property. Rain gardens are a good way to alleviate some of the negative effects of increased imperviousness resulting from development. As a result of directing stormwater into rain gardens, more water will recharge the underground water supply; less water will flow down streets and pipes into streams and lakes; erosion will be reduced; and fewer pollutants will be transported by stormwater. Rain gardens built according to guidelines and properly sited at least 10 feet from foundations will not retain water or seep into basements. Rain gardens drain within a day, and therefore, do not breed mosquitoes.

“How to” information abounds online; online information will provide you assistance in determining where best to locate a rain garden; what size it should be; ideas for attractive design; suitable plantings for shade or sun and those tolerant of the range wet-to-dry conditions in the rain garden. The property’s terrain will dictate where a rain garden could be sited. Googling “rain gardens” or contacting Rutgers Extension Service are good starting places. The idea of adding this attractive and functional feature to one’s landscape gains even more appeal when considering it will not need to be mowed weekly.

2010 HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	DISTRICT 1 MON	DISTRICT 2 TUES	DISTRICT 3 WEDS	DISTRICT 4 THURS	BUSINESS DISTRICT 1 AND 2 TUES/FRI	BUSINESS DISTRICT 3 TUES/FRI
New Years Day -1/1/2010	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change	Tuesday Only	Tuesday Only
ML King, Jr. Day -1/18/2010	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	No Change	No Change
Presidents’ Day - 2/15/2010	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	No Change	No Change
Good Friday - 4/2/2010	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change	Tuesday Only	Tuesday Only

***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!*

NIXLE IT

The Township has launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents using the latest technology. This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly to you by text message, email and web. There is NO spam or advertising. Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers). The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted. Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email or just simply over the web. Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com. Then share this email with friends and neighbors to spread the word. For more information on how to register, go to <http://www.moorestown.nj.us/pubs/143/3398.pdf>. Please note that this service is separate and apart from the Township’s website subscriber service.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

2 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, SUITE 9B
235-6344

2010 WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The following dates begin the winter programs:

		WINTER	
Basketball Leagues:	Girls	1 st Game	Saturday, January 9 th
	Boys	Team Assignments	Saturday, January 2 nd
		1 st Game	Saturday, January 9 th
	High School	Team Assignments	Sunday, December 20 th
		1 st Game	Sunday, January 10 th
Basketball Clinics:	2 nd Grade Boys/Girls		Saturday, January 9 th
Bowling Youth Program			Tuesday, January 12 th
Bowling Program – Teen (7th/8th Grade)			Tuesday, January 12 th
Bowling League - Adult Mixed			Wednesday, January 13 th
Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: Beginner (Grades 5-8)			Sunday, January 3 rd
Volleyball Co-ed Clinic: Intermediate (Grades 6-8)			Sunday, January 3 rd
Volleyball Co-ed Open Gym: High School			Sunday, January 3 rd
Volleyball Adult League			Thursday, January 7 th
Family Ski Trip - Jack Frost			Sunday, January 24 th
Indoor Tennis – Session II			Monday, January 11 th
	Session III		Monday, February 15 th
Tennis – Maple Dawson Park			Monday, March 22 nd
Arts and Crafts Youth Session			Saturday, January 9 th
Arts and Crafts Senior Citizen			Monday, January 19 th
Arts and Crafts 7th and 8th Grade			Wednesday, January 6 th
Ballet/Hip Hop Series - Winter			Saturday, January 30 th
	Spring		Saturday, March 27 th
Irish Step Dancing - Winter			Monday, January 11 th
	Spring		Monday, March 8 th
Special Needs Arts and Crafts - Session I			Friday, January 15 th
	Session II		Friday, February 26 th
Special Needs Family Yoga/Pot Luck Dinner			Friday, January 22 nd
Special Needs Family Swim			Saturday, February 13 th
Special Needs Horseback Riding			Monday, March 22 nd
Senior Citizens Holiday Crafting			Tuesday, January 19 th
			Tuesday, February 9 th
			Tuesday, March 16 th
Tumblin’ Tots - Winter			Thursday, January 14 th
	Spring		Thursday, April 8 th
Creative Movement – Winter			Tuesday, February 2 nd
	Spring		Tuesday, April 13 th
Winter/Spring CPR (Heart Saver)			Tuesday, February 16 th
Winter/Spring CPR (Health Care Providers)			2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
Yoga-Teens, Adults, Senior Citizens			Tuesday, March 30 th
			Wednesday, January 6 th
			Thursday, January 7 th
			Sunday, January 10 th
Lacrosse Girls’ League	Registration Deadline		Friday, March 5 th
	Starting Date (Weather Permitting)		Wednesday, March 17 th
Men’s Basketball			Wednesday, March 10 th
Women’s Basketball			Monday, March 8 th

MOORESTOWN THEATER COMPANY

Presents Its Second Annual “Winter Stage” Musical
(Ages 6 – 17)



Auditions: January 6 & 7, 2010 • 6 – 9 PM
Shows: February 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2010 • 7 PM
February 20 & 21, 2010 • 3 PM

Hope Community Church • 235 W. Main Street
To register or buy tickets for this show, or to register for MTC’s Spring Studio Classes ’10 (in Acting, Dance, or Voice), visit www.moorestowntheatercompany.org or call 856-778-8357

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 15th year with Kindness Week, February 15-21. Kindness Ambassadors from each of our township schools will gather on February 10, 2010 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)

RELIEF ENGINE COMPANY FLOWER SALE

Please support your local VOLUNTEER Fire Department. Relief Engine Company Station 2 of the Moorestown Volunteer Fire Department located on Chester Avenue (next to the Post Office) will be having its Annual Easter Flower Sale. Sales are Wednesday prior to Easter-6pm; Thursday and Good Friday-9am-9pm; Saturday-until they are sold out. The funds raised by the flower sale are strictly used by the membership for recreation purposes, including the Department’s annual family picnic and annual dinner.

Relief Engine Company of Moorestown is always looking for VOLUNTEERS. Join your many friends and neighbors by volunteering your time. We offer free training, free on the job clothing, free to and from the job transportation. We have a junior member program for kids starting at age 16 and full membership at age 18. You must live or work in the Township. Applications can be obtained by visiting the Fire District Office located at 261 W. Main Street at Station 1, Fire Headquarters or by calling 856-234-1222 or 4193 Mon-Fri between 8:30am-4:30pm. Or visit our webpage at www.moorestownfire.org to print out your application.