

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

The Moorestown Library has a full calendar of children's activities planned this Fall. The following weekly story times will be held from Oct 10 - Nov 17:

Baby Time (birth – age 2): Mondays at 9:30 (No registration required)

Time for Twos: Mondays at 11 (No registration required)

3-Year-Old Story Time: Wednesdays at 9:30 or 1:30

(Registration begins Monday, September 12 at 9 am)

4-5 Year-Old Story Time: Thursdays at 9:30 or 1:30

(Registration begins Monday, September 12 at 9 am)

Kindergarten Story Time: Tuesdays at 9:30 or 1:15

(Registration begins Monday, September 12 at 9 am)

Parents and caregivers can call 234-0333 x 5, or visit the library at 111 West 2nd Street to register. Please note that birth certificates are required for children registering for the first time.

On Saturday, October 29, boys in grades 2-4 are invited to join us as South Jersey Boys Read presents an entertaining sneak-peek at Mac Barnett's new book, *Mustache!* Registration begins Monday, September 12.

Find more information on children's activities, including holiday crafts, special performers and more, on the library's website: www.moorestown.lib.nj.us

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 2010 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule for your area will be mailed and posted on the Township website in the near future.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE and BRUSH AND BULK ITEM PICKUP SCHEDULE

Holiday	Date	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Labor Day	Sep 5	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Columbus Day	Oct 10	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving	Nov 24 and 25	No Change	No Change	No Change	Wednesday
Christmas Day	Dec 26	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
New Year's Day	Jan 2	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Brush Pickup	Curside by 7am	1 st Monday	2 nd Monday	3 rd Monday	4 th Monday
Appliances, Metals, Tires	Curbside by 7am	1 st Friday	2 nd Friday	3 rd Friday	4 th Friday

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

All brush 12" in diameter or less is to be cut in 3' lengths and neatly placed at the curb by the above referenced Monday for pickup sometime that week. Brush less than 3" in diameter can be bundled, tied and placed with regular trash for collection. Weight limit per bundle – 60lbs - **No Brush Collection in November or December.** Please remember to schedule your trimmings and clean up projects to coincide with Brush Collection!

BRUSH AND LEAF DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

September 10 and 24	2012
October 8 and 22	January 14 and 28
November 5 and 19	February 11 and 25
December 3, 17 and 31	March 10 and 24

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Public Works will be flushing hydrants October 1-31, 2011 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.

SIDEWALKS AND BIKEPATHS

Did you know that it is your responsibility to maintain the sidewalk adjoining your property; and for some, bike paths, too? Please be a good neighbor and remember to clear debris, growth and snow from these passage ways. When low lying tree branches, ground debris, snow and ice are present, safe/enjoyable passage can become very difficult. Thank you for your assistance. Please call 235-3520 if you have any questions.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Department of Parks and Recreation Fall Recreation Programs can be found on www.moorestown.nj.us. To register for a specific program, click www.moorestownrec.com.

Residents will need to create a new account and can pay online with a credit card (Visa and MasterCard accepted).

Checks and drop in registrations are still accepted at the office or through the mail. Checks are payable to the Township of Moorestown. Please call the office at 856-914-3093 or come to the office at 2 Executive Drive, Suite 9B for further assistance.

Recreation Advisory Committee meetings will be held on Tuesdays, September 13, October 4, November 1 and December 6 at 7:30pm at the New Albany Recreation Center.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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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-Administrative Ofc
Court Sessions at Maple Shade Court
200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade

Suite 10B(ack)

Community Development
Planning and Zoning

111 West Second Street

Construction Office

Library (2nd Floor) 8am-4pm

Library

856-234-0333

1245 North Church Street, Suite 2

Police Department

856-235-1405- Administration

856-235-0130-Central Communication

601 East Third Street

Public Works

856-235-3520

8am-4pm

Moorestown Messenger

Sept – Dec 2011

Moorestown Launches its New Website

On August 1st, the Township launched its new website! The address is the same, www.moorestown.nj.us. We hope you find the new site to be useful and easy to use. This site is considerably different than the one you may be used to; so, we recommend that you click on the buttons and explore what is behind them.

Please take notice that the old subscriber service is no longer active. If you wish to become a subscriber to the new website, meaning you would like to receive notice when new information on items of interest to you have been posted, you must become a new subscriber. To subscribe, click on the "Newsletter Signup" button and check off the categories of interest to you. When new information is posted, you should receive notice.

If you wish to register online for recreation programs, you may do so by going to the Recreation Department's page and clicking the online registration link.

You may notice that certain documents between January 2011 and August 1st are not on the site. We are working diligently to load all information and documents that were not transferred during this period and would ask for your patience while we continue to develop the site.

In closing, the Township and staff would like to thank Randy Abidin for the many years that he hosted Moorestown's website. Mr. Abidin is a Township resident who created, continually made improvements to and hosted the Township's site at no cost. The Township wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to him.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

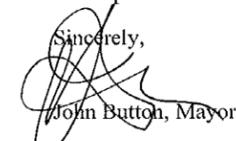
As required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Moorestown has implemented a stormwater management plan. Accordingly, we must notify all residents and businesses about ways that each of us can improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

Stormwater is the primary conduit for pollutants to seep into groundwater and ultimately into the deeper aquifers, which supply our drinking water. Did you know that pet waste left on the ground and the fertilizers applied to lawns contain chemicals and other pollutants, which can leach through lawns into the groundwater underneath? Waste can also be left behind by waterfowl and wild mammals who may be attracted by ill-advised feeding stations.

This waste can be carried by stormwater into drains and culverts eventually ending up in our streams, rivers and lakes. Even leaves, lawn clippings and other yard waste that is not properly disposed of can wind up washed or blown into streets and then carried into nearby drains. This further degrades our waterways. By making small changes in the way waste is handled and treated, each of us can have a profound impact on the quality of our groundwater and waterways.

As required by state regulation, Moorestown has enacted ordinances to regulate activities that are harmful to the quality of our waterways and groundwater. For example, we have ordinances that regulate pet waste, litter, improper disposal of waste, wildlife feeding, yard waste and illicit water connections all of which are intended to ultimately reduce pollutants that are carried by stormwater. I invite you to view these ordinances in our "Township Code Book" link at www.moorestown.nj.us.

Please join me and Township Council in working to keep our waterways and groundwater clean and free from pollution. Let's work together to protect our critical resources so we can give the gift of a cleaner environment to our children. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact a member of our dedicated Environmental Advisory Committee via the Township offices.

Sincerely,

John Button, Mayor

◇ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◇

TAX DEPARTMENT

The Tax Office would like to remind you that 4th Quarter Property Taxes are **DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2011**
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

Sept 5 – Labor Day
Oct 10 – Columbus Day and **Nov 11** – Veterans Day
Nov 24 and 25 – Thanksgiving
Dec 26 - Christmas
See the Holiday Trash Collection Schedule on Page 4

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 / Polls Open–6am to 8pm
Last Day to Register to Vote - October 18
“Vote by Mail” Applications by Mail Due to County – 11/1
“Vote by Mail” Applications In-Person - 11/7 by 3pm
“Vote by Mail” Ballots Due to County by Close of Polls - 11/8

POLL WORKERS ARE NEEDED

If you are interested in earning extra money and carrying out a civic duty, you may consider working the polls on Election Day. Experience is not necessary and training will be provided by the County. If you would like more information, please contact the County Board of Elections at 609-265-5062 or 5161.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CHANGE

Moorestown’s Legislative District has changed as a result of the 2010 Census. Effective January 2012, Moorestown will officially be in Legislative District 7. In November, you will be asked to vote for the new representatives (2 Assembly seats and 1 Senate seat). For more information on your Legislative District go to www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp

INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM

Comcast is offering an exciting new program called “Internet Essentials.” This program will be available starting in the 2011 “Back to School” season. Eligible participants will receive:

- Comcast home Economy Internet service for \$9.95/mo., plus applicable taxes and fees, with no activation fees, no additional equipment rental charges, no credit checks, no price increases and no long-term contracts;
- The option to purchase a pre-configured computer for \$149.99 (plus applicable taxes); and
- Access to online in print and classroom based digital literacy training.

An entire household will be eligible to participate in the program if the household i) is located where Comcast offers internet service; ii) has at least one child receiving free lunch through the National School Lunch Program; iii) has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days; and iv) does not have an overdue bill or unreturned equipment.

For more information, go to www.internetessentials.com.

A Reminder about “Leash and Pooper Scooper” Laws

The Township regularly receives complaints about dogs running at large and owners failing to clean up after their animals. Chapter 65 of the Township Code regulates “Dogs.” Under this chapter, penalties against violators may be enforced. So, for the health and safety of your family and neighbors, please be sure to leash your dog and clean up after your animals.

Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems. Pet owners or anyone who takes your pet for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet. Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life – so please do your part in keeping our waters clean.

♪ UPCOMING EVENTS ♪

TOWN HALL DEMOLITION

You may have noticed fencing around the Town Hall building; that is because demolition is getting ready to take place! Once the Library’s electricity is independent from the Town Hall structure and certain appurtenances have been removed from the site, the building will be demolished. Although the exact date has not been set, demolition is scheduled to take place in September. The entire project is expected to take approximately two months. Available parking on the site will be somewhat decreased during this time. Dust and noise will be maintained and kept to a minimum. We would ask for your patience and apologize for any inconveniences you may experience during this time.

MEND’S 42nd ANNIVERSARY

MEND will host its 42nd Anniversary with a Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Westin Hotel in Mount Laurel. The theme this year is “The Magic of Giving” and the event will feature dining, dancing, live entertainment and a silent auction to benefit MEND’s affordable housing mission. For information on sponsorships, program ads, tickets and silent auction donations, please contact Stephanie Blackwell at 856-722-7070, Ext. 19 or sblackwell_mend@verizon.net.

AUTUMN IN MOORESTOWN

Saturday, October 8 – 9am - 4pm

STEM STEPS OUT

Sunday, October 2 – Noon – 4pm

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 23 – 3pm

Bonfire at Stokes Hill - 4:30 pm

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT

Friday, November 4 – 7pm - 9pm

HOLIDAY PARADE

Saturday, December 3 – Noon

LIQUOR LICENSE QUESTIONS TO BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

In August, 2011, the Township Clerk certified two petitions circulated by PRIET, owners of the Moorestown Mall, to place two questions concerning the sale of alcohol in Moorestown on the ballot in November. Several members of the public have requested that the Township provide factual information concerning the many questions they have. Here are some generalized answers to the primary questions.

What does each question mean exactly? Question 1 asks if the sale of alcohol (except on planes, railroad trains and boats), at retail, shall be permitted in Moorestown. Question 2 asks should any licenses issued be issued with the following conditions:

- a. *The license is not available for the sale of package goods anywhere in Moorestown.*
A consumption license normally allows the sale of package goods. This condition would prohibit the sale of package goods in the licensed establishment.
- b. *The license shall be available only to bidders for the operation of a full-service restaurant located on the same tax lot as an indoor shopping mall in the SRC zoning district; and This condition is intended to limit the sale of alcohol to full-service restaurants located in the Moorestown Mall.*
- c. *The license, upon issuance, is valid for use only in such a full-service restaurant, and shall not be transferred to any other use, either within the SRC zoning district or in any other zoning district.” This condition would prohibit the “transfer” of a license to any other “use” other than a full-service restaurant.*

Will “all” conditions be implemented or can Council pick and choose? If Question 2 passes, along with Question 1, “all” conditions will have to be implemented, if approved by the NJ Division of Alcohol Beverage Control. Council cannot pick and choose.

Do both Questions have to pass together to become law? No. Each question is separate; they are not co-joined. Each can pass or fail on its own merit.

What if Question 1 passes and Question 2 does not? The sale of alcohol would be permitted within the Township (sales would not be restricted to the Moorestown Mall); licenses would not be restricted to full-service restaurants; the sale of package goods would not be prohibited; licenses could be transferred to another use within or outside of the SRC zone.

What if Question 2 passes and Question 1 does not? If Question 1 does not pass, the Township has no authority to issue liquor licenses and therefore, Question 2 becomes moot (even if it passes) because it places restrictions on the sale of alcohol and the sale of alcohol would be prohibited if Question 1 does not pass.

How can the Township allow the sale of alcohol at the mall only? The law allows municipalities to place conditions on licenses. The type of conditions placed on the licenses would restrict the location. While each condition is subject to possible legal challenge, the Township Attorney, based upon a considerable amount of research, does not believe the conditions are unreasonable or illegal.

If Question 1 passes and Question 2 does not, can restrictions still be placed on licenses? Yes. Each year, all liquor licenses must be renewed by Council. Council may place conditions (equating to restrictions) upon licenses at the time of renewal.

If Question 2 passes, are the conditions (restrictions) forever? NJSA 40:69A-196 states that any ordinance passed by the voters shall be binding and it shall not be amended or repealed by the governing body within 3 years immediately following passage by the voters. However, the voters or the Council may submit a proposition to the voters within that 3-year period to amend or repeal the ordinance adopted by the voters. In other words, the ordinance can be changed by Council after three years. Otherwise, changes can only occur before that if approved by the voters.

- Other general information:
- If Question 1 passes, the Township would own 6 licenses.
 - Each of the 6 licenses would be sold to the highest bidder.
 - Each license would be purchased/owned by the individual restaurant owner-not the mall owner.
 - The Township would set the minimum price per license which a prospective bidder would have to pay in order to purchase a license.



On the Lookout for the Emerald Ash Borer!

Have you noticed a few purple contraptions hanging from a handful of our township trees this summer? No, they aren’t kites stuck up in the branches. They are traps set up by the Tree Planting and Preservation Committee as a precautionary measure to keep an eye out for the insidious Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and to track its movement in our region.

This nasty little insect is on the move in the northeast with Pennsylvania and 16 counties in New York already in quarantine. Moorestown is no longer planting ash trees and rest assured that we are keeping a close watch for the EAB on the ash trees we have in the Township.

The use of the color purple for the traps is due to the fact that the EAB is attracted to hues of purple and red more than it is to other colors. The traps are also baited with an oil lure and leaf-blend lure. The adult EAB flies around the ash tree and gets stuck to the glue of the trap. Samples from the traps are generally taken once in mid-summer and then again in early fall at which time the traps are removed.

The EAB makes a distinct “D” shaped hole in the bark of the ash tree and once this invasive species gets in the tree it feeds on the inner layer of the bark. Although tiny in size (about 1/4” long and 1/8” wide) the beetle is a bright, emerald metallic green, shiny, and not native to our area. It was brought to our country, mostly from Asia and surrounding lands, through shipping containers, wood crates, and other packaging materials over years of commerce, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Insecticides are proving useful in some regions where the EAB has been discovered, but other biological methods are being researched as well, such as wasps that might prey on the beetle.

Please contact the Tree Planting & Preservation Committee via email at moorestowntrees@gmail.com with any questions you may have about the traps or the EAB.

