

# MOON TOWNSHIP Messenger

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## WATCH. VOLUNTEER. PRODUCE.

### Moon Community Access Television (MCA-TV)

Comcast channel 14  
Verizon FiOs channel 35

### Moon Area Government Television (MAG-TV)

Comcast channel 18  
Verizon FiOs channel 37



1700 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township  
412-269-1191 | [www.mca-tv.org](http://www.mca-tv.org)

## Moon Community ACCESS TELEVISION

{est. 1984}

Moon Community Access Television was established in 1984 as a community-based network that provides public access, educational, and governmental programming to residents of Moon Township. The station began operating in January of 1985 from a one-room studio in the old Moon Area High School. More than two decades later, MCA-TV's studio relocated to the Community

Service Center and production equipment has advanced. Today, MCA-TV is shown locally on Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOs channel 35 reaching more than 25,000 households. The station has three full-time employees including a Director, Assistant Director, and Communications Director in addition to part-time staff. MCA-TV relies on the assistance of its community volunteers to provide high-quality, non-commercial television programming. The station recruits community producers and volunteers through its free television production training course that is taught on-site in the MCA-TV studio. MCA-TV works with Moon School District and Robert Morris University to produce programs and sporting events. The station also hosts its annual Public Awareness Weekend event where it invites nonprofit organizations into the studio to talk about their cause during a 21-hour live television marathon.

MCA-TV welcomed the addition of its sister station, Moon Area Government Television, in August 2011. MAG-TV is shown locally on Comcast channel 18 and Verizon FiOs channel 37. MAG-TV airs public meeting coverage of the Moon Township Board of Supervisors, Moon Area Board of Education, and Moon Township's neighboring municipalities. The station also provides government education programs designed to give viewers a better understanding of their local government.

### Be on the Scene with MCA-TV BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY

Join MCA-TV as a volunteer at one of its upcoming Television Production Training courses. Classes are free and open to anyone looking to advance their knowledge of studio, camera, audio, and technical training. Successful completion of the 4-week course provides the opportunity to be an official MCA-TV volunteer. Active MCA-TV volunteers are provided with access to camera and studio equipment as well as the opportunity to be a part of shows produced for and aired on MCA-TV. Moon Township residents who successfully complete the course have the option of becoming a community producer and producing their own show to air on MCA-TV. Interested participants may contact [mca-tv@moontwp.com](mailto:mca-tv@moontwp.com) or call 412-269-1191.

### Electronics Recycling Day

**SATURDAY – AUGUST 3, OCTOBER 5 | 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.**  
**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

The Township of Moon's Environmental Advisory Council in partnership with JVS Environmental will host electronics collection events to recycle unused and unwanted electronic items. These events will collect electronic items ONLY including; printers, copiers, computers, laptops, and televisions. Electronics collections are open to Moon Township residents, businesses, and surrounding communities.

### MTMA 2012 Public Water Supply Water Quality Report

The Moon Township Municipal Authority 2012 Public Water Supply Water Quality Report is available to Moon Township residents as a PDF document online at [www.moontma.com](http://www.moontma.com). Simply type [www.moontma.com/aboutus/waterreport2012.pdf](http://www.moontma.com/aboutus/waterreport2012.pdf) in the internet web browser to view the document. Residents may contact the MTMA with any questions at 412-264-4300 or visit the office located on the first floor of the Community Service Center at 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 200.

The Moon Township Municipal Authority was organized in 1947 to provide the community with high quality water, properly functioning sewer systems, and regular garbage pick-up. Today, the MTMA is located in the Community Service Center and offers service to Moon, Crescent, and South Heights. The MTMA also provides water and sewer services to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Bases; wholesale water service to portions of Findlay Township; and wholesale sewer service to major areas of Robinson, North Fayette, and Findlay Townships. The MTMA has the lowest water rate in the airport area.

## Moon Township MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

{est. 1947}

### Hollow Oak Land Trust:

#### CREATING A GREENWAY TRAIL SYSTEM

Hollow Oak Land Trust is embarking on a partnership with Moon Township and local landowners to establish the Montour Woods Greenway, a 10-mile loop that will connect three natural amenities: 300-acre Moon Township Park, Hollow Oak's 260-acre conservation area, and the 46-mile Montour Trail.

The Montour Woods Greenway begins at the Montour Trail near Hassam Road and then follows the Meeks Run valley protected by Hollow Oak Land Trust climbing gradually through the woods up to Moon Park near Downing Drive. The trail connection will include some of the most beautiful and pristine woodlands in the region combining 10 miles of wooded trails on Hollow Oak's property with 3.5 miles of trails in Moon Park. Hollow Oak hopes to extend the greenway to the Moon Golf Club and another three miles down along Trout Run to the Montour Trail at Hookstown Grade Road.

The Montour Woods Greenway project is Hollow Oak's first step in creating a larger network of interconnected greenspaces that integrate conservation, recreation, and economic development. The resulting planning model will help other municipalities leverage the value of undeveloped greenspace by connecting natural amenities for outdoor recreation.

The trails of the Montour Woods Greenway will follow sustainable design practices that gently shed rainwater and minimize erosion. Paths will be relatively narrow as they climb through the woods and descend stream valleys for a scenic, intimate experience in nature. As with all Hollow Oak Land Trust property, the trails will provide public access to nature by foot and by mountain bike only. The impact of motorized vehicles provides too great an impact on habitat and on the natural serenity of these areas.

Hollow Oak is developing a land stewardship program for volunteer opportunities and community engagement. In one-day events groups of volunteers help improve trails and habitat while formally trained Land Stewards also learn the inner workings of nature to become ambassadors of these natural areas. Chevron Corporation and Keller Williams Realty have already taken advantage of these volunteer opportunities for their employees.

Hollow Oak Land Trust is supported by memberships and donations. Corporations, local businesses, and organizations are invited to contact Hollow Oak Land Trust for volunteer opportunities: 412-264-5354 or [info@hollowoak.org](mailto:info@hollowoak.org). Moon Township residents are invited to become members of Hollow Oak Land Trust to support development of the Montour Woods Greenway over the next two years. Check back to the next edition of the *Moon Township Messenger* for updates on the Montour Woods Greenway Trail System.

## Unclaimed Property

### LOCATE MONEY AND VALUABLE ITEMS THAT COULD BE YOURS

The Pennsylvania Department of Treasury is currently seeking the owners of \$1.9 billion in unclaimed property. Find out how some of this cash could end up in your wallet.

Unclaimed Property is any financial asset that has been left with a holder without activity or contact by the rightful owner for a specified period of time. Unclaimed property includes tangible items such as cash, coins, coin collections, costume or valuable jewelry, silver, gold, platinum, antiques, rare items, collectibles, and musical instruments. Funds also come to the State Treasury as part of the annual reporting of unclaimed accounts, safety deposit boxes, or seized property that banks, financial

institutions, companies, and police departments are required to turn over to the state every year on April 15 after the accounts or items have been abandoned for five years. These are among a few of the items that are found in the unclaimed property vault located in Harrisburg, PA. Anything of value may be submitted to the vault.

Moon Township reissues several unclaimed property checks each year to residents who are owed money from their property taxes because they have overpaid or received an exemption or reduction. The township has five years to return the money to its proper owner and makes every effort to do so. Once five years have passed, the township must submit the money to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

After four years of dormancy, checks never deposited or cashed, Moon Township verifies unclaimed property information checking the owner's name, address, lot, and block number to be sure it is correct with what is listed on the Allegheny County Property Assessment website. The township then reissues another check to allow the new check to be deposited or cashed before the total five year dormancy period expires. If you were to find a misplaced check in your home that was issued by the township call the Moon Township Finance Office at 412-262-1700 to verify if the check is still able to be cashed or deposited. Stale-dated checks will be reissued if prior to the five year dormancy period; after five years the owner would need to contact the state to receive their money.

Many people, yourself or someone you know, may have money they do not realize they are entitled to and are encouraged to claim what is theirs. It is important to search every possible way your name could have ended up on a document. Search for companies, businesses, and associations that you may have connections to. If you find something to be claimed, the website will take you through the steps to file a claim. Remember, the Pennsylvania Treasury will assist with any questions throughout your unclaimed property search or claim, free of charge.

Search for your unclaimed property today at [www.patreaury.gov](http://www.patreaury.gov) and click on Unclaimed Property in the toolbar. Once there, enter your name, fill in the spaces, and hit submit. Questions and assistance can be addressed through the Frequently Asked Questions page on the site or by calling the Pennsylvania Treasury at 1-800-222-2046.

## MOONCREST SECOND ROUND PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Winning photos and honorable mentions are on display in the Township Administration Building and also on the Historical Architectural Review Board page on Moon Township's website found at [www.moontwp.com/historicarb.html](http://www.moontwp.com/historicarb.html). HARB received over 125 photos through both photo contests.



**1<sup>st</sup> place**  
\$100 prize,  
Steve George of  
Moon Township, PA



**2<sup>nd</sup> place**  
Betty Brunette of  
Moon Township, PA



**3<sup>rd</sup> place**  
Irene Poletti of  
Moon Township, PA