

**MOSCOW BOROUGH NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 2017**

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER

In an effort to ensure that all residents, business owners and tenants have access to the newsletter we are mailing a hard copy. We feel that not everyone remembers to view the newsletter online and they are missing important information contained in the newsletter. Please make this newsletter available to everyone at your location. If you need additional copies please contact the Borough Office.

MOSCOW BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS: The Moscow Borough Office hours are Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MOSCOW BOROUGH WEBSITE: The Moscow Borough website is www.moscowboro.com.

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/EMAIL ADDRESSES:

DEPARTMENT	TELEPHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Moscow Borough Office	570-842-1699	Office@Moscowboro.com
Moscow Borough Police Department	570-842-2061	Police@Moscowboro.com
Moscow Borough Street Department	570-848-1265	DPW@Moscowboro.com
Moscow Borough Wage Tax Office	570-842-1699	WageTax@Moscowboro.com

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

POSITION	OFFICIAL	POSITION	OFFICIAL
Mayor	Rosemarie Warner	Junior Council Member	Jack Cherundolo
Council President	Arthur Pencek	Solicitor	Bruce Zero
Council Vice President	William Heim	Real Estate Tax Collector	George Powell
Councilmember	Thomas Lynch	Wage Tax Collector	Berkheimer/Beth Murray
Councilmember	Joseph Castrogiovanni	Secretary/Treasurer	Constance Sanko
Councilmember	Marc Gaughan	Police Chief	Ivy L. Brenzel
Councilmember	Edward Gaughan	DPW Superintendent	Mark Mecca
Councilmember	Dan Hanna	Zoning Officer	David Lamm
Junior Council Member	Grace Hamilton	Building Inspector	David Lamm

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE
Mayor Rosemarie Warner**

The Blizzard of 2017 aka "Stella" was a snow event that will not soon be forgotten. Our community rallied together and made the best of conditions that were challenging for all. Chief Brenzel and our Police Department were diligent in their patrols and service during these trying days, keeping our Borough functioning as normally as possible. Moscow DPW is to be commended for their perseverance during what seemed to be "the never-ending snow". Mark Mecca and his crew worked around the clock trying to keep up with worsening conditions. With very little sleep, they endured extreme conditions as they kept roads passible despite some major equipment breakdowns. To add to the challenge, snow removal was yet another obstacle. An outside contractor was needed to help our DPW haul away mounds of snow throughout our borough. Golden Park took on a new look, leaving many wondering if ski slopes were going to be a new Moscow attraction. I would also like to thank the citizens of Moscow for their patience, understanding, and words of support and gratitude during this event. Though some might have been inconvenienced, it was comforting to point out that it was not the "normalcy" of snow removal in the borough. Extreme measures were needed for this extreme snow event. At the end, Moscow Borough fared better than most.

Now that the snow is gone and spring has arrived, it is time to step outside and enjoy upcoming events and projects within the borough. Golden Park will soon have new walking trails. Jimmy Bianchi, fulfilling his Eagle Scout Project, has completed the mapping of "The Golden Trails". We hope to carry out these plans in the near future. Another Eagle Scout Project, to be completed by Brian Castrogiovanni, will result in a "sprucing-up" of Clover Park. The Summer Concert Series at Centennial Park, National Night Out, the Moscow Fire and Hose Company's Chicken Barbeque and "Run for the Hoses", and the Moscow Country Street Fair are just some of the events that will give our Moscow Community the opportunity to gather together. I encourage everyone to get involved and enjoy all that our Borough has to offer. Please check our webpage www.moscowboro.com, for details as these events draw near.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Moscow Borough Council meets on the first and third Monday September through May (with the exception of when a holiday falls on a Monday the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday) and on the first Monday only during the months June, July and August at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building. The Planning Commission meets on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.

NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

A supplement to the newsletter is now available that contains the information that is recurring in the newsletter. This supplement is on the Borough's website, along with the current newsletter. Individuals who still wish to receive a copy of the newsletter through the mail will also receive a one-time mailing of the supplement. If you already requested to continue receiving the hardcopy of the newsletter by mail you do not need to request it again. The newsletter and supplement are also available at the Borough Office.

MOSCOW BOROUGH MEMORABILIA

The Borough is still accepting memorabilia or pictures, and is looking for an individual or individuals to organize the memorabilia for display in the Borough Building. Contact the Borough Office at 570-842-1699 if you are interested.

MOSCOW BOROUGH SOCIAL NETWORKS

Nextdoor Moscow: Log onto www.nextdoor.com, enter your street address, zip and email address and join your neighbors in a private social network only for Moscow residents. This is a place to share ideas, news, and information of interest to Moscow residents.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES

"Shop Local. Eat Local. Spend Local. Enjoy Local. It takes you to start a trend.
Support the local businesses who support the area where you live, work and play."

LOCAL ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT TAX ASSISTANCE (LERTA)

Moscow Borough, the North Pocono School District, and the Lackawanna County Commissioners recently adopted the **Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA)** to spur economic development in the C-1 or commercial zones of the municipality. Its purpose is to encourage building or expansion of commercial business within the Borough limits in the designated zones. If a business builds or expands, and if the assessed value increases with the expansion, the taxes will hold at their pre-development rate for five years. In the sixth year the taxation will be 25% of the new assessment; 30% the seventh year; 35% the eighth year; 40% the ninth year; 45% the tenth year; and 100% in the eleventh year. Moscow Borough Council must grant an approval for each project submitted. Contact the Borough Office for further information.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CARROLL

State Representative Mike Carroll's North Pocono office is housed in the Moscow Borough Building. It is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents are welcome to contact the office to share their opinion on issues being debated in Harrisburg or for assistance with any matter related to state government including PennDOT problems, Property Tax Rebate and PACE applications or copies of legislation to name a few. The office is staffed by Jake Thomas and the phone number is 570-842-8116.

"It is my honor to serve the residents of Moscow in the State House and I welcome their input. Moscow is a wonderful community and I look forward to working with other community leaders to enhance the Borough's many existing attributes in the coming years," Carroll stated.

Please note that the deadline to apply for the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2016 is June 30, 2017. Should any eligible residents 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; or those with disabilities age 18 and older, need assistance in filling out an application please contact Mike Carroll's office located in the Moscow Borough Building located at 123 VanBrunt Street, Moscow, PA.

TELESPOND'S OUTREACH PROGRAM

Telepond's Outreach Program has linked thousands of older persons to such vital programs and services as home delivered meals, legal services, Senior Centers, and programs such as Rent Property Tax Rebates, PACE, the Fuel Assistance Program, as well as the entire range of existing community based programs and resources.

Outreach is an integral part of Telepond's overall mission of service to the older population of Lackawanna County, and there is no charge for this service.

To arrange for an Outreach visit, or request additional information, please call 570-290-0578 and ask for Howard McIntosh. Howard is a resident of Moscow Borough.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PROGRAM

The Junior Council Program is aimed to provide high school juniors and seniors across the Commonwealth an opportunity to learn about and actively participate in borough government. It serves as a step to strengthen a youth's community involvement and become a leader for future generations of public service minded individuals. Moscow Borough Council has been very fortunate to have had great representation with our Junior Council members. This year our Senior Member is Grace Hamilton, and Jack Cherundolo is our Junior Member and will continue to serve for his senior year. Junior Council members attend all Borough Council meetings. In addition, they also become involved with borough activities and projects. They are involved with assisting

with our Christmas Tree Lighting program, and coordinate service projects in which other North Pocono classmates may participate. Junior Council members are also encouraged to pursue a borough activity or project that sparks their civic interest. We will bid farewell to our senior member Grace Hamilton in June; Jack Cherundolo will become the senior member; and we will be seeking a replacement in September for a junior member with a two year commitment to Moscow Borough Council. Please contact the Borough Office if you know of a high school junior who may be interested in this position.

CLEAN AND GREEN AND TIRE DROP OFF

SPRING CLEAN UP (CLEAN AND GREEN): Moscow Borough's annual Clean and Green program will take place from June 5 through June 7, 2017. **All items to be picked up should be placed curbside no earlier than Friday, June 2nd and no later than Sunday, June 4th.** Pickup will begin at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 5th. Stickers for white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators with doors removed or taped shut, dishwashers, stoves, water heaters, and air conditioners) are available at the Borough Office at a cost of \$15.00 per sticker. **Items excluded from being picked up are TELEVISIONS, ELECTRONICS, hazardous waste, tires, oil, or oil containers, batteries, building materials, and garbage.** Residents are asked to place small items in containers, boxes, or plastic bags to make it easier for pickup and to avoid having the items strewn all over. This service is for Moscow Borough residents only; anyone caught bringing in items from outside the Borough will be fined accordingly. Also, all items must be placed near the curb of your property and not in or along the roadway.

TIRE DROP OFF: Tires may be dropped off at the Borough Building on Saturday, **June 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** All rims must be removed. There is a fee of \$3.00 for automobile tires and \$8.00 for truck tires. The Borough will also accept tires throughout the year; however you must call in advance to make arrangements to drop the tires off.

ELECTRONICS AND TELEVISIONS

Electronics and televisions will be accepted at the Lackawanna Recycling Center, 3400 Boulevard Avenue, Dickson City, for a fee of \$1.85 per pound, cash or check only. For additional information call 570-963-6868.

GENERAL BOROUGH BUSINESS

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MAY BE FOUND IN THE NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information that is Repeated in Newsletters• Moscow Borough Website• Email Contact List• North Pocono School District Senior Projects• Junior Council Members• Voter Registration Forms/Absentee Ballot Applications• Local Businesses• Zoning Ordinance• Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permits Required• Property Maintenance• Animal Ordinance• Garbage Collectors• Service Request Form• Use of Facilities Form• Historian/Photographer• Happenings Magazine• Northeast Pennsylvania Visitors Guide |
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REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DUMPSTERS AND TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

Moscow Borough has regulations pertaining to off-site directional or information signs placed on borough-owned or borough-leased property and for the containment of dumpsters. Permits are required for both uses. Contact the Borough Office to obtain an application to be submitted to the Moscow Borough Zoning Officer for approval.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ANIMALS

Moscow Borough Ordinance #195-2007, pertains in part to specifying time limits and limited hours for dogs barking and that dogs **MUST** be leashed at all times, and also that if any animal (dog or cat) defecates in any area other than the private property of the owner, the owner is required to immediately remove and dispose of feces properly. The Borough Office has received complaints about individuals allowing their pets (dogs and cats) to stray off of their property and complaints about individuals not cleaning up after their pets when walking them along Borough streets.

LANDLORDS/TENANTS

LANDLORDS/TENANTS: Landlords are reminded to provide all tenants with a copy of this newsletter or to make them aware of it being on the Borough's website or that they may receive it by mail.

TENANT REGISTRATION: Moscow Borough requires every property owner who rents a parcel of real estate to provide semi-annually by March 31st and September 30th of each year a list of names of all tenants and addresses to the Borough Office. Forms may be obtained at the Borough Office or from the Borough website.

MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS: Owners of multi-family dwellings are required by the Moscow Borough Zoning Ordinance adopted June 2, 2008 to have exterior storage areas for trash and rubbish screened from public view on three sides and garbage shall be contained in covered, vermin proof containers.

LOCAL WAGE TAX INFORMATION

The Local Earned Income Tax (EIT), sometimes referred to as Local Wage Tax, is collected by Berkheimer Tax Innovations, who was appointed as the collector for Lackawanna County. If you are a new resident to Moscow Borough please make sure that your employer has given you a Residency Certification Form to ensure that the local tax withheld is being remitted to the correct municipality. Please note that Moscow Borough's Resident PSD Code on the form is 350606 and the Total Resident EIT Rate is 1%. You should receive from Berkheimer a Local Earned Income tax form for Moscow Borough and North Pocono School District combined in one form or a postcard reminding you to file prior to the April deadline for filing all taxes.

Berkheimer also collects the Local Services Tax for the Borough. If you are new to Moscow Borough as an employer, business owner, self employed, etc., please contact Berkheimer for filing procedures for this tax. You may contact Berkheimer regarding either of these taxes at 1-800-360-8989 or go to www.hab-inc.com. You may also call the Borough Office at 570-842-1699 if you have any questions.

MOSCOW BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016:

Number of 911 Calls	1,541	Written/Verbal Warnings	378
Number of 911 Calls cleared	1,505	Criminal Arrests	9
Number of man-hours	10,535	Juvenile Petitions	7
Number of miles patrolled	30,501	Police Escorts	18
Collisions	32	Security/Housechecks	136
Traffic Citations	133	Fuel by Dollars	\$5,425.65
Non-Traffic Citations	13	Fuel by Gallons	2,340.46
Parking/Summons	26		

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local sponsors are holding their eleventh National Drug Take Back Collection Event on April 29th. The purpose of this is to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This effort was a huge success in 2016, removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. Moscow Borough Police will be holding a collection at the Borough Building on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM DROP OFF: Unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications can be dropped off at the Moscow Borough Police Department to be placed in a collection box Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE MEMORIAL: A Police Officers' Memorial Service is being held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at noon at the Moscow Borough Building, sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, Northeastern Lodge #63, to honor fallen law enforcement officers and to recognize the law enforcement profession and surviving family members. The public is invited to attend.

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED: Moscow Borough, along with the North Pocono School District, employs four school crossing guards who are presently deployed at four locations within the Borough. The guards are vital in ensuring that school age children are protected from the hazards of crossing our busy roadways in their daily travels to and from school.

Collectively, this dedicated group of individuals goes above and beyond the call of duty in all kinds of weather and faced with all types of drivers. They act as friend and educator, instilling principals of pedestrian and traffic safety as they shepherd the children safely on their way.

Being a school crossing guard is rewarding, part-time work that makes a positive contribution to the safety of our children. If you would like more information, contact Chief Ivy L. Brenzel of the Moscow Borough Police Department.

Crossing Locations and Times

SCHOOL	LOCATION	TIMES
ALL	Church Street and Maple Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ALL	Church Street and Marion Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ALL	Church Street and Sunrise Boulevard	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ALL	Church Street and Hill Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE COURSE FOR WOMEN (SELF-DEFENSE): Ivy Brenzel, Police Chief of the Moscow Borough Police Department, is offering classes for this self-defense course for females of all ages. Please check the Borough's website for upcoming class information or contact Chief Brenzel at 570-842-2061 for your group to have a personal class.

r.a.d. KIDS SUMMER SAFETY CAMP 2017: The r.a.d.KIDS Summer Safety Camp for 2017 offered by Chief Ivy Brenzel for children 5 – 7 (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) and 8 – 12 (12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) is scheduled for July 24 to 28, 2017. If you have a child in each age group or siblings whom you want to attend together, call for further information. The cost is \$20.00 per child (free for r.a.d.KIDS members, but must register to attend). Please call Chief Brenzel at 842-2061 for further information. Deadline to register is July 17, 2017.

SECURITY CHECKS: The Moscow Police Department provides periodic house and business checks when you are away from your home or business for an extended period of time. You can request a Security Check by any of the following means: coming to the Police Department in person; contacting the Police Department by telephone or by email. Forms are available by downloading from the website at moscowboro.com.

SEE IT, HEAR IT, REPORT IT: The Police Department would again like to remind you that if you observe or hear anything suspicious, or if you need immediate assistance, you should **IMMEDIATELY** call 911 or 570-342-9111. If it is a non-emergency, call the Police Department Office at 570-842-2061.

FOUND, ABANDONED, AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: The police department is the central location for lost and found items in the Borough. Residents are encouraged to make police reports for missing or stolen property. There have been instances when the missing property is already in the evidence/property room waiting to be claimed. All property turned into our department is inventoried and kept in storage. The rightful owner is contacted if possible. Because storage space is limited, the department disposes of all unclaimed property every six months. If the owner of a bicycle cannot be located or the bicycle goes unclaimed, the found bicycles are then given to the Boy Scouts to be fixed and donated to charity. Note: Proof of ownership will be needed to claim an item.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MAY BE FOUND IN THE NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT:

- Halloween Safety Tips
- Safety Tips for a Safe Holiday Season
- Winter Driving Safety
- Snow Removal
- Parking Ban on Streets
- Snow on Sidewalks
- Driving in the School Zone
- Meeting or overtaking a School Bus
- Slow Down Signs
- House Numbers
- Pedestrian Right-of-Way
- Walkers/Joggers
- Thefts from Vehicles
- Motorized Scooters/ATV's/Dirt Bikes
- Leaders for Girl and Boy Scouts

MOSCOW BOROUGH STREET DEPARTMENT

STREET SWEEPER: Moscow Borough will be renting a street sweeper this spring. A date has not been set at this time.

SIDEWALKS: Following the winter months we ask that residents/business owners with sidewalks to clear them of any winter debris.

DRAINS/DITCH LINES: If drains or ditch lines are located near your property, do not allow them to become blocked with any type of debris, especially during rainstorms. If drains or ditch lines become blocked, water tends to backup which may cause flooding onto your property. Please notify the Borough Office if you are aware of any blocked drains.

BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY: The Borough has a right-of-way that is twenty-five feet from the center of the street to each side of the street; therefore you should notify the Borough Office prior to doing any work in this area.

GARBAGE COMPANIES COLLECTING RECYCLING:

As you are aware, Moscow Borough has an ordinance that mandates recycling within the Borough for all eligible items; however, you are not required to have the Borough pick up your recycling. Recently, some of the independent garbage haulers have begun to offer recycling services. The garbage haulers have provided the Borough with tonnage totals for the year 2016. Each year the Borough is eligible for a Performance Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The amount of the funds received from this grant is based on the amount of recyclable material collected by the Borough and the garbage haulers that collect recyclable. The funds received from the Performance Grant are utilized to directly offset the costs of the recycling program offered by the Borough.

MOSCOW BOROUGH RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

RECYCLING ORDINANCE MANDATING THAT ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES RECYCLE: Moscow Borough Council passed Ordinance #222 – 2013 which mandates that all residents and businesses in the Borough recycle. It was necessary to pass this ordinance in order for the Borough to qualify for recycling grants through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Contact the Borough Office if you need recycling bins and/or a recycling schedule.

TIRE DROP OFF: The Borough accepts tires throughout the year; however you must call in advance to make arrangements to drop the tires off. There is a fee of \$3.00 for automobile tires and \$8.00 for truck tires.

APPLIANCES: Borough employees will now pick up appliances (white goods) throughout the year. You must contact the Borough Office first to purchase a \$15.00 sticker prior to placing the item curbside for pickup. Do not leave these items on Borough property.

FLUORESCENT AND CFL BULBS: The Borough Office has recycling kits for 4' fluorescent bulbs and CFL bulbs. Bulbs can be dropped off at the Borough Building during regular business hours.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MAY BE FOUND IN THE NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT:

- Mandatory Recycling Ordinance
- Recycling Schedules
- Lackawanna County Environmental Office of Sustainability
- General Recycling
- Commingled Materials
- Cardboard and Paper Products
- Recycling Offsite
- Dumpster at Rear of Building
- Yard Waste
- Miscellaneous Recyclable Items
- Appliances
- Tires
- Electronics Drop Off
- Leaf Pickup
- Christmas Tree Drop Off

MOSCOW BOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GOLDEN PARK: Jimmy Bianchi, a Moscow Borough resident, is completing an Eagle Scout Project that includes the mapping of a walking trail around Golden Park.

CLOVER PARK: Brian Castrogiovanni, a Moscow Borough resident as well, is making improvements to Clover Park for his Eagle Scout Project.

OLD MILL PARK: The Borough is hoping to make improvements to the parking area at Old Mill Park and to install some playground equipment.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS: Signs are posted at Golden Park, Centennial Park, Clover Park, Old Mill Park, and New Street Park stating rules and regulations. We ask that anyone using these parks follow all rules and regulations. **Pets are not allowed in any of the Borough parks.**

MOSCOW BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

ARBOR DAY: The Moscow Borough Shade Tree Commission will hold its annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Golden Park located on Maple Street.

TREE CITY USA: Moscow Borough recently received a Tree City USA designation for the twenty-eighth consecutive year from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

TRIMMING OF TREES ON BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY: Property owners are responsible for trimming and maintaining all trees on their property including the ones located on Borough right-of-way. All trees shall be kept trimmed so that the minimum clearance where they overhang any public walk shall be eight (8) feet, and the minimum clearance where the trees overhang any public street or highway shall be fourteen (14) feet. However, the commission reserves the right to designate a higher clearance on certain highways where heavy traffic or other conditions make it expedient. All trees standing on private property and having branches projecting over a public highway shall be kept trimmed by the owner of such private property so that the lowest branches shall have a minimum clearance specified above or such other clearance as may be specified by the Commission. There is also a benefit to keeping the trees trimmed so that they will not be damaged during heavy snow or ice storms.

MOSCOW COUNTRY STREET FAIR

The Moscow Country Street Fair is coming this summer to be held on Friday, August 4th (5:00 p.m. to dusk); Saturday, August 5th (11:00 a.m. to dusk); and Sunday, August 6th (12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The fair will be held on Main Street from Academy Street to VanBrunt Street; Church Street from Main Street to Maple Street; and VanBrunt Street from Main Street to the Borough Building. Please check Facebook page Moscow Country Street Fair 2017 for updates on events being held during the fair. Please contact Lisa Duffy at 570-842-8501 or at moscowcountrystreetfair@gmail.com if you are interested in participating or have any questions.

ELECTION DAY

ELECTION DAY: Primary election day is **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**. Moscow Borough residents vote at the Moscow United Methodist Church on the corner of Church and Spring Garden Streets from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please note that if you choose to do a write-in vote that you take it seriously because the tallying of write-in votes can be a time consuming task for the election officials; write in only legitimate individuals.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017: The first meeting of the National Night Out Committee for 2017 will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Borough Council meeting. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the many aspects of preparing for National Night Out which will take place beginning with block parties on Monday, July 31st and the event on Tuesday, August 1st. A schedule will be sent out sometime in July. Last year's raffle of items donated by local businesses was very successful and it is the committee's intent to do the same this year.

The theme for the poster and essay contests for 2017 is "We do not watch crime, we report it!" The poster contest is open to children ages 15 and under and must be submitted to the Moscow Borough Office by July 28, 2017. The essay contest is open to children between the ages of 10 and 18 and must be submitted to the Moscow Borough Office by July 28, 2017. The essay should be between 50 and 300 words. All entries for both contests must include the following information on the **BACK** of the submission: name, address, phone number, and age of participant and must be on paper **8½ X 11**. We would ask that you encourage your children to participate in both of these activities. Medals will be awarded for both contests on the evening of National Night Out.

Block Parties: Last year there were three block parties in various neighborhoods of the Borough. We would like to encourage all those neighborhoods to participate again this year and any neighborhoods that have not participated in the past to do so this year. Make plans now to gather together with your neighbors on August 1st. Please register at the Borough Office if you will be hosting a block party.

Best Lit House: Make plans now to decorate your house for the evenings of July 31st and August 1st. Houses will be judged on the evening of the block parties (July 31st). An award will be given on Tuesday, August 1st for the "Best Lit House". Please register at the Borough Office if you will be participating in decorating your house.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AWARD FOR 2016: Moscow Borough placed 2nd in the category "less than 5,000 population" nationwide for its participation in National Night Out 2016.

MOSCOW VOLUNTEER FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2016 Annual EMS Report:

Total Incidents	791	Average Response Time	4.1 minutes
Total Patients	519	Average On-Scene Time	10.8 minutes
Medical Calls	546		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	92	Day Calls (8:00 a.m. - 3:59 p.m.)	336
Standby Fire	128	Evening Calls (4:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.)	304
Standby Other	25	Night Calls (12:00 a.m. - 7:59 a.m.)	129

Breakdown of calls by Municipality:			
Moscow Borough	159	Elmhurst	54
Madisonville	150	Jefferson	8
Covington	25	Sterling	2
Spring Brook	196	Other Municipalities	9
Roaring Brook	188		

2016 Annual Fire Report:

Total Runs	203	Good Intent Calls	36
Fires	39	Fire Alarm and False Calls	36
Rescue/EMS Assists	57	Weather and Natural Disaster	7
Chemical/Hazmat	8	Special Incident Type	3
Service Calls	17		

CHICKEN BBQ: The annual Moscow Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

"RUN FOR THE HOSES": The Third Annual "Run for the Hoses" will take place on Saturday, August 5th. Online registration is open at <http://runsignup.com/moscowmile>.

SMOKE ALARMS: Please remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarms which every home should have. The fire department has smoke detectors available for residents of the Borough. Contact the fire department at 570-842-7211 for assistance in obtaining them.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS: Every home should also have a carbon monoxide detector. If you do have one already please remember to check the batteries regularly.

NEW MEMBERSHIP: New members are always welcome. Stop by the firehouse, or call 570-842-7211 for further information.

FURNACES/CHIMNEYS: Be sure to have your furnaces and chimneys serviced and cleaned regularly.

VOLUNTEERS: We are always looking for volunteers. . . not just to help us run ambulance calls or put out fires, but we need other kinds of support staff as well. If you are interested in helping us by baking, getting donations or donating gift baskets, or working at our fundraising events, please call 570-842-7211.

NORTH POCONO CULTURAL SOCIETY

MEETING DATES AND TIMES: Meetings are open to all residents of the North Pocono community on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Moscow Borough Building on VanBrunt Street. For further information call 570-357-1627, email moscowarts2@yahoo.com, visit the North Pocono Cultural Society's website at northpoconoculturalsociety.yolasite.com or Facebook for photos, details, and updates. Volunteers and ideas are welcome!

Mondays in Moscow Event: The Arcadia Chorale & the Doug Smith Jazz Trio, a cabaret style program celebrating those fabulous USA performers who entertained the troops at home and abroad. All seats reserved. \$40.00 per ticket. Elmhurst Country and Club. For details and ticket orders call 570-848-1245 or 570-842-7207.

Summer Concert: Old Time Fiddlers, July 28, 2017. Thornhurst Fire Hall. Details to follow.

Moscow Country Street Fair 2017: Sponsored by the North Pocono Cultural Society. August 4th through 6th, on Main Street, VanBrunt Street and Church Street. Free admission. Facebook@moscowcountrystreetfair2017. For further information contact Lisa Duffy at moscowcountrystreetfair@gmail.com.

Mondays in Moscow Event: Harmonic Brass Quintet from Munich, Germany. St. Catherine of Siena Church. \$10.00 at the door. Details to follow.

NORTH POCONO TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The North Pocono Trails Association is a volunteer group dedicated to the creation of a trail system in the North Pocono region. A fundraiser will be held in the next several months. Check Facebook Page "North Pocono Trails Association" for upcoming meeting dates, hiking events, trail maintenance schedule, and future fundraisers.

NORTH POCONO PUBLIC LIBRARY

GENERAL INFORMATION: The North Pocono Public Library offers something for everyone. Use your library card or stop in to register for a free library card to check out books for adults, young adults and children in hardcover, paperback, large print or audio formats in fiction or nonfiction. We have DVDs, CDs, magazines and free Wi-Fi for your laptop or in-house computer use. We offer the Kill A Watt electricity monitor device for check out which monitors energy use in your home and we also offer Everhart Museum passes for checkout. For a fee the Library offers copy and fax services. The Library also offers test proctoring for online students. The North Pocono Public Library has weekly, monthly, and special events throughout the spring and summer. Registration for all events is appreciated. For more information call 570-842-4700 or go to lclshome.org/npocono. Check the Library out on Facebook at North Pocono Public Library for the latest news and events!

Summer Reading Materials Available: North Pocono High School Students can find all of the books for summer reading available at the library. Through a partnership with the high school, we have agreed to make the books available for easy access.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day: Unused or expired prescription medications may be disposed of at the Library on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MOSCOW TRAIN STATION

The first train that will run to the Moscow Station will be Mother's Day, May 14th followed by one on Memorial Day, May 28th. Additional trains will run on June 3 and 18; July 9, 16 and 30; August 6, 12 and 27; September 2, and 3; and October 14 and 21. In 2016 volunteers logged 1880.75 hours at the Moscow Station.

Brass Christmas ornaments depicting the Moscow Train Station are available for purchase at the Borough Office or at the Train Station for \$19.50.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA: The Minisink Lions Club is sponsoring fireworks to be held on the North Pocono School grounds on Saturday, July 1, 2017 (raindate, Sunday, July 2, 2017). The gates to the school grounds will open at 5:30 p.m. for entertainment and food. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit local organizations.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MAY BE FOUND IN THE NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT:

- North Pocono Food and Dry Goods Pantry
- Steamtown National Historic Site
- Moscow Railway Station (The Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society, Inc.)
- Moscow Clayworks
- North Pocono School District Community Education Program
- Moffat Park in Covington Township
- Lackawanna County Coordinated Transportation
- Lackawanna College Environmental Institute
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)
- North Pocono Senior Community Center
- Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors' Bureau
- North Pocono Rotary
- Covington Park (a Lackawanna County Park)
- Minisink Lion's Club

NORTH POCONO SCHOOL DISTRICT

NORTH POCONO ELEMENTARY CENTER: 570-842-8464

NORTH POCONO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: 570-842-7676

NORTH POCONO MIDDLE SCHOOL: 570-842-4588

NORTH POCONO HIGH SCHOOL: 570-842-7606

NORTH POCONO SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE: 570-842-7659

LOCAL CHURCHES

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH: 570-842-9214, Website: amazinggrace4u.org

MOSCOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 570-842-7251, Website: moscowumc.com

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH: 570-842-4561, Website: northpoconocatholic.com

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 570-842-7231, Website: stmarksmoscow.org

NORTH POCONO AREA YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES

NORTH POCONO DANDY LION LITTLE LEAGUE: Website: northpoconobaseball.com

NORTH POCONO CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL LEAGUE: Website: npcrb.com

NORTH POCONO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE: Website: npysl.com

NORTH POCONO JUNIOR TROJANS FOOTBALL: Website: np-jr-trojans.com

NORTH POCONO JUNIOR BASKETBALL: Website: npjrhoops.com

NORTH POCONO AMERICAN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION: Website: npbombers.com