

MOSCOW BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 15, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2023

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 paper copy. We feel that not everyone remembers to view the newsletter online and they are missing important information contained in the newsletter. **The categories marked below with the *** sign indicates that information has been updated or new information added to the newsletter.** Some of the categories do not have changes but the information is standard and must be repeated in the newsletter as a reminder to current residents and for new residents moving into the Borough.

MOSCOW BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS: The Moscow Borough Office hours are Monday and Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and 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 Office Assistant/Treasurer	570-842-1699	WageTax@Moscowboro.com

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

POSITION	OFFICIAL	POSITION	OFFICIAL
Mayor	Rosemarie Warner	Junior Council Member	Jason Castrogiovanni
Council President	Arthur Pencek	Solicitor	Bruce Zero
Council Vice President	Edward Gaughan, Jr.	Real Estate Tax Collector	Constance Sanko
Councilmember	Dennis Cawley	Office Assistant/Treasurer	Elizabeth Murray
Councilmember	Joseph Castrogiovanni	Administrative Assistant	Amy Carlson
Councilmember	Marc Gaughan	Police Chief	Ivy L. Brenzel
Councilmember	William Heim	DPW Superintendent	Mark Mecca
Councilmember	Paula Bechaver	Zoning/Code Enforcement	George Parker
Junior Council Member	Conor Mann	Building Inspections	BIU of PA, Inc.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

BOROUGH MEETINGS: All Borough meetings are open to the public.

MOSCOW BOROUGH COUNCIL: The Moscow Borough Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Moscow Borough Building. In the event a holiday falls on a Monday the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday.

MOSCOW BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission meets on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.

MOSCOW BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD: The Zoning Hearing Board meets as needed.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE Rosemarie Warner, Mayor

The time that has passed since our April Newsletter has been an active and productive time for Moscow Borough. Time brings change and with-it new directions. Our most noticeable change is in our office staff. We had to bid farewell to our long-time secretary Connie Sanko. I hear that she has taken quite well to retirement and is taking advantage to spend her new-found time with family, friends and new adventures! We wish her life's very best. However, I am very pleased to report that the transition in the office has been a good one thanks to the dedication and willingness to learn and "dive right in" of our new Administrative Assistant, Amy Carlson. With the help of MANY binders left by Connie, combined with the cooperation and partnership of long time Borough Treasurer and Office Assistant, Beth Murray, our office continues to serve as a productive focal point of our Borough. We are very fortunate to continue to have such dedicated employees.

Another very positive change within our borough has been the hiring of an additional full-time police officer. As of May, Moscow Borough now has three full-time members of our police department. Officer Janniel DeJesus had been a part-time officer who has served us well in that capacity for many years. I am confident that his knowledge of law enforcement and his proven investment to serve the members of our community will enable him to continue to be an asset to our Police Department now on a full-time

basis. With the hiring of Officer DeJesus, I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Marty Cieless on his

promotion to the rank of Corporal. Corporal Cieless has been and continues to be an outstanding example of what law enforcement can be. I would like to thank him for his continued dedication and service to Moscow Borough. These changes are the result of the diligence of our Chief, Ivy Brenzel, as she continually works to make our police department one in which we can take great pride. I would like to also thank our Borough Council for its cooperation and support in making these changes possible. Working together, Moscow Borough continues to thrive and grow. There is nowhere else that I would choose to live. I would also like to acknowledge the continued hard work of our DPW under the direction of Mark Mecca. If you have not yet done so, pay a visit to our Old Mill Park on Market Street. This has been a work in progress and the progress has been outstanding. Mark, Jody and Chad have worked to make this area a peaceful place to take in the natural beauty around that surrounds it. The small foot path is developing as it winds by the creek and surrounding woods. Benches and picnic tables have been placed making this a welcoming spot to sit and relax (perhaps before/after a hike on the North Pocono Trails.) Our DPW has done these improvements while keeping up with all their other duties. As mentioned above, Moscow Borough is fortunate to have employees that take pride in what they do.

Moving forward, I ask that you stay informed with activities and announcements affecting our Borough by visiting and becoming familiar with all that our website has to offer (moscowboro.com). Please continue to support and shop at local businesses. Come out and participate in our local events. I am especially excited to announce the return of our Annual Tree Lighting in Rotary Park on Main Street to kick off the holiday season. This year our event will be December 1st at 6pm. Be sure to mark your calendars as we celebrate as a community to welcome Santa Claus. Light refreshments and entertainment by the talents of the staff and students of Musical Dreams Studios under the direction of Erica Castaldo will follow at the Borough Building. Please continue to get involved and become an integral part of the Borough of Moscow community.

MOSCOW BOROUGH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Moscow Borough is looking for volunteers to assist with planting and maintaining flowers in pots and hanging baskets on Main Street and along the banks near the railroad tracks. In conjunction with the North Pocono Cultural Society. We are also looking for individuals interested in assisting with holiday decorations. Contact the Borough Office if you are interested.

MOSCOW BOROUGH BUILDING PERMITS

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc., (BIU), has been contracted to issue building permits for all types of construction. Please call the Borough Office or Building Inspection Underwriters at 570-344-9681 prior to beginning any type of construction work to verify whether or not a building permit is required.

MOSCOW BOROUGH CLEAN AND GREEN PROGRAM

SPRING CLEAN UP (CLEAN AND GREEN): Moscow Borough has an annual spring clean up in May or June of each year. Electronics and televisions can no longer be placed curbside for Clean and Green (See Recycling Department for information on how to dispose of these items).

MOSCOW BOROUGH EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Moscow Borough held its Nineteenth Annual National Night Out Event on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. This year's theme was "A Night to Unite". Our goal is to bring the entire community together to celebrate a night out against crime. National Night Out has become a Borough tradition since 2004. We have won an award with the National Association of Town watch every year that we have submitted and we are proud of our ranking against such strong competitors. Police Chief Ivy L. Brenzel would like to thank Mayor Rosemarie Warner, Borough Council, our National Night Out Committee, Peoples Security Bank and all of our businesses and volunteers for supporting this event. Through National Night Out Moscow Borough has been able to showcase our community pride and spirit!

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING: Trick or treating in the Borough will take place on Monday, October 31, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY: The Moscow Borough will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Rotary Park on Main Street to kick off the holiday season. This year our event will be held on December 1st at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments and entertainment.

MOSCOW BOROUGH HISTORIAN

A message from the Moscow Borough Historian:

Hello, my name is Brian Shaffer, the newly appointed Local Historian for the Borough of Moscow as well as the Founder and President of the North Pocono Historical Society. My passion for local history started at a young age. Growing up, I spent much of my time walking around town and learning the history of our area through stories told to me by my father and others. This passion then turned into the hobby of collecting artifacts and written histories of the area. I created the North Pocono Historical Society Facebook Page as a way to share my findings and allow others to see the photos I posted and share their stories as well. Moving forward, I am currently working on a historical project in the Moscow Borough Building. I will be hanging historical pictures in the common area of the Borough Building for the public to view. If anyone has any historical photos or information they would like to share please contact me. If you have any questions I will be more than happy to try and answer them.

I can be reached at 570-591-4612 or bshafferhistory@gmail.com. Let's all proudly share our rich local history.

MOSCOW BOROUGH JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Junior Council Program provides high school juniors and seniors across the Commonwealth an opportunity to learn about and actively participate in Borough government. It serves to strengthen a youth's community involvement and leadership skills for future public service. Moscow Borough Council has been very fortunate to have had great representation with our Junior Council members. **This year our Senior Member is Conor Mann and our Junior Member is Jason Castrogiovanni.** Junior Council members attend all Borough Council meetings. In addition, they also become involved with Borough activities and projects. They are involved with leading our Young Visionaries Committee, assist in National Night Out, the Moscow Country Street Fair, and 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 interest.

MOSCOW BOROUGH 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 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS: Many Eagle Scout projects have been completed in the Borough over the years which have been wonderful enhancements to the Borough. Anyone wishing to complete an Eagle Scout Project should contact the Borough Office.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY: A "Free Little Library" is located near the entrance to the Moscow Borough Building. We encourage you to take advantage of this service to the community. Please feel free to stop by to take a book or leave a book of your own.

LANDLORDS/TENANTS - REGISTRATION:

Landlords: Landlords are to provide all tenants with a newsletter or make them aware of it being online.

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 of Moscow. Forms may be obtained at the Borough Office or from the Borough website. This applies to residential and commercial properties.

Updated Zoning Ordinance 266-2021 adopted December 6, 2021 copies of this ordinance can be obtained at the Borough Office.

LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION 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.

MOSCOW BOROUGH NOTIFICATIONS

Notifications pertaining to upcoming events are posted on the Borough's website. **If you have an email address we strongly encourage you to have your name added to our distribution list for notifications. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive notifications please send an email to the Borough at office@moscowboro.com.**

MOSCOW BOROUGH ORDINANCES

ANIMAL ORDINANCE: Moscow Borough Ordinance #195-2007, pertains in part to specifying time limits and limited hours for dogs barking. All dogs **MUST** be leashed at all times; and if any animal (dog or cat) defecates in any area other than the private property of the owner, the pet owner is required to immediately remove and dispose of the 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. Dogs are not allowed in any of the Borough parks, with the exception of Old Mill Park where dogs are permitted in the parking area only.

MOSCOW BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 at the Borough Building or at a location that suits your group. 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.

ANNUAL OPERATION SAFE STOP AWARENESS DAY: Operation Safe Stop, a proactive approach to educating the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus when children are loading or unloading is both dangerous and illegal, will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Law enforcement agencies, school transportation providers, pupil transportation associations, and PennDOT have combined their efforts to raise public awareness about the potential consequences of illegal school bus passes and to reduce their occurrences.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: The 23rd Annual National Drug Take Back Collection Event is being held by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and also proudly sponsored by Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs. 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 the past, removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. The Moscow Borough Police Department will be holding a collection on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at the North Pocono Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the event, the police department has a collection box in its office that can be accessed from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

radKIDS: radKIDS is a comprehensive, foundational safety education program for children (boys and girls), ages 5-7 and 8-12. It focuses on seven core areas: Home Safety (including gun safety and Internet safety), School Safety (including bullying prevention and defense), Out and About Safety, Vehicle Safety, Stranger Tricks (including physical defense against abduction), Personal Safety (including good, bad and uncomfortable touch) and Self-Realization of Personal Power. The program is designed to help children recognize potential hazards, and provide them with realistic options for effective response. By empowering them to make positive choices we hope to enable them to avoid or escape the cycle of violence. Please contact Chief Ivy Brenzel if your group wishes to set up a class.

SNOW REMOVAL: The Police Department strictly enforces the Borough ordinances pertaining to snow removal, parking bans on streets, and clearing of sidewalks. Please refer to the Street Department for specific information on these rules and regulations.

MOSCOW BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAXES

If you have not yet paid your Moscow Borough Real Estate taxes, they are due by December 31, 2022.

MOSCOW BOROUGH RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

REVISED COMINGLED REQUIREMENTS: The Lackawanna Recycling Center, which is a private entity that takes recyclables from the Borough, has recently announced that they will now be charging municipalities a fee of \$40.00 per ton to accept recycled comingled material.

Acceptable comingled materials consist of glass bottles and jars; aluminum and tin cans; plastic bottles, jars and jugs. **All** lids from glass bottles and jars must be disposed of in your garbage; lids from aluminum and tin cans must be attached or disposed of; and plastic lids may remain on plastic bottles, jars and jugs. **Loose lids cannot be put with your recycling.**

RECYCLE REQUIREMENTS: If there are items in your recycle bin that will not be accepted by the Lackawanna Recycling Center, the Department of Public Works employees have been instructed to leave your recycling and not pick out non-recyclable items. The Lackawanna Recycling Center may reject the items and the Borough would be required to send the material to the landfill which is a higher cost per ton for disposal.

INDEPENDENT GARBAGE CONTRACTORS: Some of the local, independent garbage contractors that service the Borough, such as County Waste and Waste Management, offer curbside pickup of recycling. They do, however, charge an additional fee. Please contact them directly for their program requirements and costs.

YARD WASTE: Moscow Borough has reopened its yard waste area with the following guidelines in accordance with the Lackawanna Recycling Center:

The area has been divided into three sections:

- Grass Only - no bags or containers
- Leaves Only - no bags or containers
- Brush Only - branches must be less than 2" in diameter and less than 4 feet in length. Shrubs, plants, and weeds are also acceptable in this area, NO logs, stumps, mulch, dirt, building scraps, bags, or containers.

When dropping off the yard waste we ask that you place it at the REAR of the appropriate section. The dropoff area is for Moscow Borough residents only and NO contractors. The area is under video surveillance.

DROP-OFF RECYCLING: Please note that drop-off of recycled material behind the Borough Building is still not allowed at this time. We will continue to evaluate our recycling program and notify residents of any changes. The best way to stay informed about recycling and all Borough activity is to check our website at www.moscowboro.com. The following guidelines pertain to curbside pickup of recyclables:

Paper and Cardboard: Paper and cardboard, to be picked up curbside, must be placed in separate recycle bins, and shredded paper must be placed in brown paper bags.

Comingled materials: Acceptable comingled materials consist of glass bottles and jars; aluminum and tin cans; plastic bottles, jars and jugs. **All** lids from glass bottles and jars must be disposed of in your garbage; lids from aluminum and tin cans must be attached or disposed of; and plastic lids may remain on plastic bottles, jars, and jugs. **Loose lids cannot be put with your recycling.**

Lackawanna Recycling Center: All residents and businesses were sent a letter last September that included a flyer from the Lackawanna County Environmental Office that has pictures of acceptable comingled materials. If an item is not included in this flyer, please do not place it in your recycle bin. **If there are items in your recycle bin that will not be accepted by the Lackawanna Recycling Center, the Department of Public Works employees have been instructed to leave your recycling and not pick out non-recyclable items.** The Lackawanna Recycling Center may reject the items and the Borough would be required to send the material to the landfill which is a higher cost per ton for disposal.

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RECYCLING SCHEDULES: Recycling is being picked up on Mondays throughout the entire town, however, there may be instances where it may not be picked up on Monday so just leave your recycling curbside, and it will get picked up on a later day. **A 2023 recycling schedule is included with this newsletter and may also be obtained at the Borough Office or on the Borough's website.** Recycling bins should be placed curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

LEAF PICKUP 2022: The Moscow Borough Street Department will pick up leaves curbside during the weeks of: October 16 to 20; October 23 to 27; October 30 to November 3; and November 6 to 10. **When raking leaves curbside please be sure that no other debris such as grass, dirt, stones, plants, sticks, wood, mulch or animal droppings are mixed in. PLEASE DO NOT** rake leaves onto Borough streets or state highways; keep the leaves on your property and out of ditch lines. If you have sidewalks keep the leaves on the house side of the sidewalks. If a drain is located near your property do not allow leaves or debris to cover the drain. Leaves will be picked up only once per week on each street. If you cannot wait until the dates previously listed to have your leaves picked up curbside by the Borough, you may bring the leaves to the Borough Building to be recycled but we ask that you empty all bags and take the bags home with you to be disposed of. Also, if it snows on any of those days, leaves will be picked up at a later date.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF: Borough residents may drop off Christmas trees at the yard waste area when the holiday season is over. There is no curbside pickup for Christmas trees. Please remove all trimmings and ornaments.

RECYCLING KITS FOR FLUORESCENT BULBS: The Borough is purchasing recycling kits for fluorescent lamps, particularly the four-foot fluorescent tubes. You may drop the lamps off at the Borough Building during normal business hours.

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.

TIRES: Tires can be dropped off at the Borough Building throughout the year. Please call the Borough Office to make arrangements ahead of time. There is a fee of \$3.00 per automobile tire, and a fee of \$8.00 per truck tire. Rims must be removed.

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 only. For additional information call 570-963-6868.

STYROFOAM - BLOCK AND PEANUT: Clean, block styrofoam can be recycled at Corestates Recycling in the Stauffer Industrial Park (570-562-6483). Styrofoam peanuts can be taken to any UPS store to be reused.

STYROFOAM COOLERS: Styrofoam coolers may be dropped off at the Borough Building for a local business to reuse for shipping purposes.

FREEZER PACKS: Freezer packs that come with home delivery of meal and medication plans may also be dropped off at the Borough Building to be reused by a local business.

MISCELLANEOUS RECYCLABLE ITEMS: The following items can be dropped off at the Borough Building to be recycled through various organizations: used cellphones, used eyeglasses, cancelled postage stamps, Campbell's Soup labels, aluminum ring tabs, used ink cartridges, used CFL bulbs, used American flags, used rechargeable batteries, and used library, membership and gift cards.

MOSCOW BOROUGH STREET DEPARTMENT

PARKING BAN ON STREETS: Parking is prohibited on streets in the Borough from 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., November 15th through April 1st and at all times (including day time hours) during a snowstorm until the streets have been cleared. If you have visitors during a snowstorm please ask them to move their vehicles off the streets so that the streets can be properly plowed.

SNOW REMOVAL: Plowing, blowing, shoveling, or pushing of snow from private property onto Borough streets, whether before or after the streets have been plowed, is prohibited. Doing so creates an unsafe and difficult situation when chunks of snow become frozen, or even when a thin layer of snow freezes causing slippery conditions. It is also illegal to blow or plow snow onto a neighbor's property. Property owners will be held liable, not the contractors, so please inform your contractor of this policy.

SNOW ON SIDEWALKS: All residents and businesses are required to have their sidewalks cleared within twenty-four hours after any snowfall. Sidewalks must be cleared the whole width, not just a small pathway. If you live on a corner lot, you are responsible for clearing and removing snow from the sidewalks located in front and on the side of your property, as well as the sidewalk out to the street so that access can be made from there. If your sidewalks have been cleared but get covered again due to drifting, you are responsible for clearing the snow after the drifting.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS/RECYCLING BINS: Garbage containers/recycling bins must be placed behind the curb or off the street/road, not in the driving lanes. This is for safety reasons as well as to allow for proper snow removal during the winter.

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.

MOSCOW BOROUGH ZONING PERMITS/CODE ENFORCEMENT

ZONING OFFICER AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: You may call the Borough Office or George Parker, Moscow Borough's Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer at 570-840-9693 regarding any questions prior to beginning any construction for clarification on zoning requirements and whether or not a permit is required.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

ELECTION DAY

ELECTION DAY: General Election Day is Tuesday November 8, 2022. 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.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS: Voter registration forms are available at the Borough Office, or by contacting the Lackawanna County Office of Voter Registration.

MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS: In Pennsylvania, you now have two options for ballots. If you are a registered voter you may either choose a mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot to request, complete, and return to the county election office. You may obtain a ballot by obtaining an application at the Moscow Borough Office, calling the Lackawanna County Office of Voter Registration at 570-963-6737; by going to Lackawannacounty.org (register to vote).

- **Mail-in Ballot** - If you aren't an absentee voter, you may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.
- **Absentee Ballot** - If you plan to be out of the municipality on Election Day or if you have a disability or illness, you should request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING OUTREACH SERVICES

Mr. Howard McIntosh is a contracted Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging Outreach Consultant who serves as a valuable referral resource to older adults living in Lackawanna County. He is available to help older adults with a variety of property tax or rent rebate, PACE, public housing, LIHEAP, or similar applications.

If you need assistance or have questions about programs to assist senior citizens, please contact Mr. McIntosh at 570-904-7792, or call the Lackawanna County Area on Aging Agency office at 570-963-6740. There is no cost for this service.

In-Home and Community Based Services:

To keep Pennsylvanians in their homes for as long as possible, residents of the commonwealth who are 60 years of age or older may be eligible for in-home and community-based services including but not limited to:

- Adult Day Care
- Transportation
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Personal Care Services
- Home Modifications
- Care Management

An assessment will be completed to determine the need and eligibility. There may be a cost-share applied to these services.

Caregiver Support Program: The Caregiver Support Program works to ease the stresses of caregiving by focusing on the well-being of the caregiver. If income-eligible, the program provides the primary caregiver with reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs associated with caregiving, such as respite, caregiving-related services, and supplies. The program also offers education, training, counseling, and more.

Grandparent Support Program: The Grandparent program was designed to provide financial assistance for Grandparents who are the primary caregiver of their grandchild or grandchildren. The program provides reimbursement for out-of-home respites such as daycare, camps, schooling, or seasonal and school clothing, school supplies, tutoring, registration fees for school supports or summer sports. This is an income-based program and household income must be reported to determine eligibility. Additional eligibility requirements include:

- You must be the primary caregiver to the child or children
- You must be 55 and older

LACKAWANNA COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Reduced fare transportation may be available for persons with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, if aged 18-64, and a resident of Lackawanna County. Fare is free for individuals age 65 and over; ages 18-64 are reduced fare. Applications are available by mail from Lackawanna County Coordinated Transportation System, 800 North South Road, Scranton, PA 18504, or by calling the office at 570-963-6795.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

The Magisterial District Judge's Office is located at 113 North Main Street. The Magistrate's Office can be reached at 570-842-2111.

MOSCOW SEWER AUTHORITY

The office for the Moscow Sewer Authority is located at 309 Market Street, and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You may contact the Sewer Authority at 570-842-6477. In the event of an emergency contact 570-430-7254.

MOSCOW TRAIN STATION

RAILWAY CALENDARS AVAILABLE: The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society announces its 44th edition of our historical railway calendar. It is not available at the Moscow Railway Station this year but is available at the Moscow Agway, 100 Market Street, Moscow, PA. The price is \$14.00. Profits benefit the historical society and the Moscow Railway Station. For more information contact Roy Pauli at 570-344-9728

ORNAMENTS: Brass Christmas ornaments depicting the Moscow Train Station are available for purchase at the Borough Office for \$19.50 each; ceramic train ornaments are available for \$2.50 each.

MOSCOW VOLUNTEER FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

FIRE DRIVE: The Annual Fire Drive is scheduled to go out in December. This is separate from the Ambulance Drive. The department thanks you for your continued support.

FIRE SAFETY: Fire prevention week is October 9 -15, 2022, discuss and practice your family escape plan. Discuss with your children the dangers of playing with and using matches, lighters, candles and heat sources.

FURNACES: With the cold weather coming please have your furnace and chimney cleaned and inspected before starting it for the season.

SMOKE ALARMS: Please remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, which every home should have. A good time to check batteries is in the spring and fall when you turn your clocks ahead and back. If you cannot afford alarms please contact the fire house at 570-842-7211 for assistance in obtaining them. Daylight savings ends November 6, 2022.

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. Volunteers as young as 14 may become members. 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.

What does a Volunteer Firefighter Make?

I make holding your hand seem like the biggest thing in the world as my fellow firefighters cut you out of your car.

I can make five minutes seem like a lifetime as I go into a burning building to save your family.

I make those annoying sirens sound like angels singing when you need us.

I help make your children breathe after they have stopped.

I can help make you survive a heart attack as others walk around you.

I make myself get up at any hour of the night to risk my life for people I have never met and never ask for a thank you.

I make a difference.

NORTH POCONO CULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer in Moscow has ended and the North Pocono Cultural Society would like to extend its thanks to the community for all volunteer participation, support of the annual Moscow Country Street Fair, and generous contributions to our scholarship fund. This year honoring artist Judith Youshock, a longtime member and friend. Recipients of the 2022 Scholarships for study in the fields of Art and Music are Tori Skutnick, Reagan Steiner, Danielle May and Kaitlyn Morman.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Moscow Borough Building. Discussions are currently underway for a return of the Russian Christmas in Moscow Celebration on the weekend of January 6 and 7, 2023. If you have suggestions or artistic and musical talents to share, please attend the next meeting. Watch for information on upcoming fall and winter activities on Facebook or the Moscow Borough website. Email to npculturalsociety@gmail.com or phone 570-687-8307.

NORTH POCONO FEEDING FAMILIES

North Pocono Feeding Families is a local organization that partners with local restaurants to distribute meals to the residents of the North Pocono community. The mission is to provide nutritious meals to our neighbors from our neighbors. Distributions are made once a month, generally on the third Wednesday of the month, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The distributions rotate each month from one of the different municipalities in the North Pocono area. To register for a meal please call 570-795-9476. Meals are available for anyone who wishes to register for one. If you know of any individuals who might appreciate a cooked meal from a local restaurant please pass this information on to them.

The next distributions to take place are : **October 19, 2022** at the Springbrook Fire Company (order by October 15, 2022) **November 16, 2022** at the Elmhurst/Roaring Brook Fire Company (order by November 12) and **December 21, 2022** at the Madison Township Fire Company (order by December 17, 2022)

NORTH POCONO FOOD PANTRY/DRY GOODS

The North Pocono Food Pantry is open the first Wednesday of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Beth Czulada at 570-842-8804 for additional information. Donations and volunteers are always appreciated.

NORTH POCONO PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Library has recently expanded its hours to Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Longer hours mean more opportunities for you to take advantage of our programs and services, so make sure to come visit us. If you have questions about our hours, your account, library materials, or anything else, stop by or give us a call at 570-842-4700.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Use your library card or stop in to register for a free library card to check out books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, and CDs for children, teens, and adults. You can also check out Everhart Museum passes with your library card. For a reasonable fee, we offer faxing, copying, and printing services; scanning is provided at no cost. Additionally, we provide free public computers and free Wi-Fi for your devices. The Library holds weekly, monthly, and special events throughout the year for all ages. For more information or to register for programs, please call 570-842-4700, visit lclshome.org/north, or search for us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & LinkedIn.

NORTH POCONO TRAILS ASSOCIATION

The North Pocono Trails Association is a volunteer group dedicated to the creation of a trail system in the North Pocono region that meets on the third Wednesday of each month at various locations at 7:00 p.m. Check Facebook Page "North Pocono Trails Association" for upcoming meeting dates, hiking events, trail maintenance schedule, and future fundraisers.

Autumn is a wonderful time to explore the beautiful woodlands of the North Pocono Community Trails. With thirteen (13) miles of trails making up this recreational asset, there is something for almost every skill and ability level. Follow the Roaring Brook to the Elmhurst Reservoir or take shorter spur trails; there are many options. For those with limited mobility, you can walk a few

hundred yards into the Roaring Brook Grove off Market Street in Moscow and relax on one of the park benches and enjoy the serenity of this peaceful setting.

The vast majority of the area is owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry and visitors are required to follow all Department of Forestry rules.

DOGS: If you have been to the trails recently, we are sure you noticed the tremendous use by the North Pocono community of our trail system located in Roaring Brook Township, Madison Township, and Moscow Borough. Out of respect for others we ask that **dogs be leashed at all times.**

PARKING: Parking for the trail that begins near the entrance to the Moscow Sewer Authority on Market Street is available in Old Mill Park across the street. **Be aware however that no parking is allowed along a portion of Roaring Brook which is marked "no parking".** This is necessary as Roaring Brook is a water source for local fire departments in the event of a fire. Everyone is asked to respect adjoining landowners' properties and stay off of private property.

PARK BENCHES AND PICNIC TABLES: Moscow Borough recently installed two park benches along the Roaring Brook in Old Mill Park and two picnic tables in Old Mill Park.

WEB PAGE: The North Pocono Trails Association website is North-Pocono-Trails.com. The site has all types of trail information along with downloadable trail maps.

TRAIL MAPS: Links for downloadable maps of the trails are available at the North Pocono Trails Association's Facebook page, the app "All Trails", or at DCNR/Forestry maps section of their web site. Maps are also available at the Moscow Borough Building. There is now a total of thirteen (13) trails.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMER CARE CENTER

Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Customer Care Center at <https://customercare.penndot.gov/> or 1-800-FIX-ROAD to report issues such as drainage, potholes, dead animals, etc. located on Brook Street, Church Street, Main Street, and Market Street (all state roads).

A FINAL MESSAGE FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CARROLL

The election on November 8th will determine a new State Representative for Moscow and the entire North Pocono region. It has been my honor to serve all of you these past eight years. While I doubt anyone would agree with every one of the thousands of votes I've cast in Harrisburg, I want you to know each of those votes were carefully considered. Some of those votes were very straight forward and some were quite complex. Each vote was cast with the full knowledge that some of the people I represent would have a much different view of the policy in question.

Moscow is a wonderful community and I hope my advocacy on your behalf has helped to enhance it. I wish all of you well in the future and expect nothing but continued successes in this special community.

The State Representative North Pocono office is housed in the Moscow Borough Building. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or by appointment. Residents are welcome to contact the office to share their opinions on issues being debated in Harrisburg or for assistance with any matter related to state government including PennDOT problems, Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate and PACE applications or copies of legislation, to name a few. You can continue to contact the office staff at 570-842-8116.

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Support the local businesses that support the area where you live, work, and play."

LOCAL CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH: Website: www.amazinggrace4u.org

MOSCOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Website: www.moscowumc.com

EVENT: Trunk or Treat for a Cause: October 30, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for more information visit the Moscow Methodist Church website. <https://moscowumc.com>

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: Website: www.northpoconocatholic.com

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Website: www.stmarksmoscow.org

NORTH POCONO SCHOOL DISTRICT: Website: www.npsd.org

N ORTH POCONO AREA YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES

NORTH POCONO AMERICAN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION: Website: tshq.bluesombrero.com.northpoconoasa

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

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

NORTH POCONO JUNIOR BASKETBALL: Website: npjrhoops.com

NORTH POCONO JUNIOR TROJANS FOOTBALL: Website: npjrtrojans.com

NORTH POCONO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE: Website: npysl.com

NORTH POCONO YOUTH WRESTLING: Facebook: facebook.com/npmatmen