

MOSCOW BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Due to the COVID-19 virus event, the Moscow Borough Building is closed to the general public until further notice. If you would like to drop something off for the Police Department or Borough Office, you may leave it in the box next to the main entrance doors during regular business office hours, which have been changed to Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., until further notice. If you need to pick something up contact the Borough Office to make arrangements. We apologize for the inconvenience but we are making the safety of our residents and employees a priority.

Moscow Borough Council meetings will be held virtually until further notice due to COVID-19 reasons. Should you like an invitation to join the meeting, please email your request to office@moscowboro.com.

We are making every effort to notify the residents of the Borough of any important notifications through the Borough's Website, Facebook, Nextdoor Moscow, phone messages, outdoor memo board, newspaper, and email. We strongly encourage you to provide the Borough Office with your email address, if you have not already done so, so that you may receive these important notifications on upcoming events or about Borough notices.

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. The categories marked below with the *** sign indicates that new information has been updated or 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: Normal business 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. However, they have been adjusted as noted above. Normal hours will resume after the Governor's Orders are suspended.

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 Office Fax	570-842-0499	
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	Solicitor	Bruce Zero
Council President	Arthur Pencek	Real Estate Tax Collector	Constance Sanko
Council Vice President	Edward Gaughan	Secretary	Constance Sanko
Councilmember	Thomas Lynch	Treasurer	Elizabeth Murray
Councilmember	Joseph Castrogiovanni	Police Chief	Ivy L. Brenzel
Councilmember	Marc Gaughan	DPW Superintendent	Mark Mecca
Councilmember	William Heim	Building Inspector	David Lamm
Councilmember	Daniel Hanna	Zoning Officer	David Lamm
Junior Council Member	Marie LaRosa	Emergency Management	Kimberly Mecca
Junior Council Member	Brian Castrogiovanni	Fire Chief	Shawn Young

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

BOROUGH MEETINGS: All Borough meetings are open to the public. However, until the Governor's Orders are suspended they will be held virtually as noted above. We encourage you to attend these meetings especially if you have a proposed project.

MOSCOW BOROUGH COUNCIL: Moscow Borough Council meets on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of when a holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting is scheduled for the following Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.

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*****

Mayor Rosemarie Warner

I am writing this message on Holy Saturday evening. No matter your faith or traditions, I'm sure this weekend was different from all past Easter celebrations. We are in the midst of a new normal. As a teacher, I know that when I heard that schools would be closing for one week, never did I imagine that one week would turn into the remainder of the school year. I know each of you has your own unique story for this pandemic. It has touched and affected each of our lives in so many different ways. It is an unknown course that has a domino effect with every occurrence and order that comes to us. But through it all, we grow stronger. We pull together in ways that no one would have believed. We see it in the first responders and medical personnel. We see it in the countless essential occupations, services, and businesses. We see it in all the families who listen and adhere to the "Stay at Home" order. Home is now a place for offices, classrooms, and family bonding times like no other. We see it in our Borough of Moscow as well.

On behalf of myself and Borough Council I would like to express our extreme appreciation to our office staff, DPW Department, Police Department, and Fire/EMS personnel for going above and beyond in order to keep our borough functioning at the highest level possible while maintaining a safe environment for themselves and our community. Borough Council and I are also so grateful to all our citizens of Moscow. We have needed to adapt the services of our Borough and the functioning of our community to comply with new standards of safety. The citizens of Moscow have risen to the call. We know that together, we will get through this. We appreciate and respect the level of diligence to which this community has responded. It will make us stronger because we know that in the end, it will all be worth it. We await being able to celebrate together once again. We will have barbecues, street fairs, sporting events, and the everyday gathering of friends and neighbors that is such a binding force in our Moscow Community. So I ask you all to stay safe, stay strong, and never give up hope of all that will be if we stay the course.

On a positive look to brighter days to come, I am once again sending out a challenge to the youth of Moscow Borough. Our Junior Council Program is a great way for high school juniors and seniors to experience the workings and functions of government in a borough. This year, we are starting our search early in order for our Junior Council members to take a more active involvement in our spring and summer events. Our Senior representative, beginning July 1st will be Brian Castrogiovanni. We are seeking a current member of the sophomore class, who will be entering the junior class for the 2020 - 2021 school year. This person must be a resident of Moscow Borough and available to attend Borough meeting on the 1st Monday of each month. We also encourage our Junior Council members to take on a project of interest to leave a mark for their term of service. Not only is this an exciting opportunity for those interested in the workings of our government, but it also serves as an impressive resume builder as you begin your college application process. Please send a letter of interest, expanding on your background and reasons for wanting to be considered for this position to the Moscow Borough Office by May 31, 2020. Letters may be dropped off at the Borough Office on Van Brunt Street or emailed to the Borough Office at office@moscowboro.com.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH RECYCLING DEPARTMENT*****

Joseph Castrogiovanni, Moscow Borough Recycling Coordinator

RECYCLING UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 VIRUS advisories and best practices laid out by the CDC and our government, Moscow Borough is suspending all curbside recycling pick-up until further notice. The drop-off area behind the Borough Building remains closed; please do not leave any recycling at the Borough Building. The Lackawanna Recycling Center suspended acceptance of all commingled materials until further notice; however, the Center is still accepting paper and cardboard Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You may contact the Lackawanna Recycling Center at 570-963-6868.

Do not throw recyclable and/or trash anywhere, including the woods; use your garbage service or hold until curbside pickup resumes. Also, all burning of recyclables in the Borough is illegal; see section on restricted burning below.

We will announce when recycling will resume within the Borough and urge all to heed the STAY AT HOME directive and stay safe.

The acceptance of the following items has also been suspended until further notice:

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. Tires must be off the rims.

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.

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.

*****REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO OUTDOOR BURNING*****

Ordinance #177 - 2002 regulates and restricts outdoor fires/open burning within the Borough of Moscow. Open burning is prohibited except for the following conditions: (1) liquid-fueled, gas-fueled, seasoned wood-fueled stoves designed for heating purposes; (2) charcoal, propane, and/or seasoned wood-fueled grills or barbeque pits intended of for the express purpose of food preparation; and (3) highway safety flares and other situations necessary for emergency and/or professional occupations needs.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION*****

Due to the COVID-19 virus crisis, the acceptance of all **in person** payments for Moscow Borough 2020 Real Estate Taxes has been suspended. All payments must be mailed to Constance Sanko, 127 Orchard Street, Moscow, PA 18444.

*****STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CARROLL*****

Due to the COVID-19 virus event, State Representative Mike Carroll's Office is closed until further notice. Normal hours will resume when the Governor's orders are lifted.

State Representative Mike Carroll's North Pocono office is housed in the Moscow Borough Building. It is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 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.

Please note that the deadline to apply for the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2019 is June 30, 2020. 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.

*****UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020*****

The United States Census Bureau recently mailed questionnaires to be completed by you. If you have not already done so please complete the form as soon as possible so that a Census Bureau Representative does not have to make a personal visit to your home.

The United States Census Bureau's Web site is 2020census.gov. The site provides downloadable materials, answers to frequently asked questions, and more information about how individuals and organizations can help spread the word about the 2020 Census.

From the United States Census Bureau: A complete count of every person living in the United States has tremendous benefits for you and your stakeholders and is a requirement under the United States Constitution. Census data:

- Accurately determine how many representatives each state has in Congress and inform the redrawing of congressional district boundaries.
- Are used as the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states, counties, and communities to support resources such as schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Influence business decisions, policy, community initiatives, and consumer advocacy.

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep everyone's information confidential. The information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose. You can respond securely online, by mail or by phone. Your online responses are safe from hacking and other cyberthreats. To learn more about the Census Bureau's data protection and privacy program go to www.census.gov/privacy or contact the Borough Office for copies of Census Bureau pamphlets.

*****ELECTION DAY*****

ELECTION DAY: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, primary election day has been moved to Tuesday, June 2, 2020. 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.

In Pennsylvania, you now have two options for mail 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 your county election office. You may obtain a ballot by calling the Lackawanna County Office of Voter Registration at 570-963-6737, or by going to Lackawannacounty.org, register to vote.

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.

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.

Voter registration forms are also available at the Borough Office.

*****JUNIOR COUNCIL PROGRAM*****

In June we will bid farewell to our senior member Marie LaRosa; Brian Castrogiovanni will become the senior member; and we will be seeking a replacement in May 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 sophomore who may be interested in this position for their junior and senior years. **Letters of interest are due in the Borough Office by May 31, 2020.**

The Junior Council Program looks 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 leadership role for future generations of public service. Moscow Borough Council has been very fortunate to have had great representation with our Junior Council members. 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.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ANIMALS

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 also 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 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.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT*****

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019:

Number of 911 Calls	1,622	Written/Verbal Warnings	254
Number of 911 Calls cleared	1,602	Criminal Arrests	6
Number of man-hours	8,109	Juvenile Petitions	4
Number of miles patrolled	19,246	Police Escorts	10
Collisions	34	Security/Housechecks	99
Traffic Citations	83	Fuel	\$4,358.57
Non-Traffic Citations	20	Fuel by Gallons	1,563.28
Parking/Summons	16		

SCAMS: Crimes continue to escalate each year as criminals continue to find more ways to carry out both new and old scams. Criminals often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. Scams targeting senior citizens are extremely prevalent and often go unreported due to the victim's embarrassment and fear of losing their independence. Some examples of recent scams are IRS Tax Scam, Debt Collection Scams, Sweepstakes/Gift Scams and the "Hey Grandma" Scam, to name only a few. Always be cautious and when in doubt, call or contact the Moscow Borough Police Department to check out the circumstances. We are here to help!

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local sponsors will hold a National Drug Take Back Collection Event once the COVID-19 event subsides. Watch for future notifications for a new date.

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, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. However, with the COVID-19 event, this service is suspended until the Borough Building reopens to the public.

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 travel 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 principles 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, will offer classes for this self-defense course for females of all ages with a date to be announced. The cost of the class is \$25.00. 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 2020: The r.a.d.KIDS Summer Safety Camp for 2020 offered by Chief Ivy Brenzel for children ages 5 – 7 (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) and ages 8 – 12 (12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) is scheduled for July 20 to 24, 2020. 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 15, 2020. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 event this Safety Camp may be cancelled for 2020.

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 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.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH STREET DEPARTMENT*****

STREET SWEEPER: Moscow Borough will be renting a street sweeper this spring for the week of **April 13 - 20, 2020.**

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

*****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 May 18 - May 20, 2020. **All items to be picked up should be placed curbside no earlier than Friday, May 15th and no later than Sunday, May 17th.** Pickup will begin at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18th. 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 clear 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, **August 15, 2020 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 only.** For additional information call 570-963-6868.

GARBAGE COMPANIES COLLECTING RECYCLING

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. The independent garbage haulers offer recycling services and are required to provide the Borough with tonnage totals for the year. 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 recyclables. The funds received from the Performance Grant are utilized to directly offset the costs of the recycling program offered by the Borough.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT*****

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, all park equipment is closed to the public at this time and will be reopened when the Governor's orders are lifted. The Department of Public Works is hard at work making improvements at and maintaining the parks. You may have noticed the recently constructed foot bridge at Old Mill Park. Upcoming improvements are planned for the parking lot at Old Mill Park, and replacement swings and swing features at Golden Park. While enjoying the outdoors at our parks, please always remember to abide by our park rules; they are posted at all locations.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS: Signs are posted at Golden Park, Centennial Park, Clover Park, Old Mill Park, and Harmony 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 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 emergency contact 570-430-7254.

Scheduled Moscow Sewer Authority meetings will be held virtually until further notice due to COVID-19 reasons. Should you like an invitation to join the meeting, please email your request to moscowsewer@comcast.net.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH SHADE TREE COMMISSION*****

TREE CITY USA: In 2020, the Moscow Borough Shade Tree Commission will be named a "Tree City" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 31st consecutive year. This designation reflects the effort of committee members to maintain "Tree City" standards as established by the National Arbor Day Foundation, as well as their commitment to enhancing the appearance and appeal of Moscow Borough. Congratulations to all committee members, past and present, who have contributed to this achievement.

ARBOR DAY: Due to the COVID-19 virus event, the Moscow Borough Shade Tree Commission will **NOT** be holding its annual Arbor Day celebration in April.

MEMBERSHIP: If any residents are interested in joining the Moscow Borough Shade Tree Commission, please call the Borough Office at 570-842-1699. The meetings are held quarterly.

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 Shade Tree 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.

*****DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE*****

The Magisterial District Judge's Office has relocated from 119 North Main Street to 113 North Main Street. The Magistrate's Office can be reached at 570-842-2111.

*****MOSCOW COUNTRY STREET FAIR*****

At this time, due to the COVID-19 virus, it is uncertain as to whether or not the Moscow Country Street Fair will take place in 2020. Watch for additional details in the upcoming future.

*****NATIONAL NIGHT OUT*****

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is an event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participate in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It is an annual community building campaign that promotes neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2020: Due to the COVID-19 virus event, National Night Out 2020 will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

The theme for the poster and essay contests for 2020 is "Don't Stand By! Stand Up, Stand Strong and Stand Together!" The poster contest is open to children ages 13 and under; the essay contest is open to children between the ages of 8 and 16. Entries must be submitted to the Moscow Borough Office by October 2, 2020. 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: Moscow Borough is encouraging residents to hold neighborhood block parties this year on Monday, October 5, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please register at the Borough Office if you are hosting a party so that Borough officials and Police and Fire/EMS personnel can visit.

Best Lit House: Make plans now to decorate your house for the evenings of October 5 and 6, 2020. Houses will be judged on the evening of the block parties, October 5th. An award will be given on Tuesday, October 6th 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 2019: Moscow Borough placed **2nd** in the category "**less than 5,000 population**" nationwide for its participation in National Night Out 2019. A plaque is on display at the Borough Building.

*****MOSCOW VOLUNTEER FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES*****

2019 Annual EMS Report:

Total Emergency Medical Services Incidents	1,299
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2019 Annual Fire Report:

Total Fire/Rescue Calls	163
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CHICKEN BBQ: Due to the COVID-19 event, the uncertainty of how long it will continue, and our concern for the safety of our community and our members, the Moscow Volunteer Fire and Hose Company have decided to postpone the annual Chicken BBQ that is normally held the first Sunday of June. At this time, we do not have a new date scheduled.

"RUN FOR THE HOSES": The Annual "Run for the Hoses" will take place on Sunday, August 8, 2020; with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. Online registration is open at runsignup.com.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND DRIVE/FIRE FUND DRIVE: The Moscow Fire & Hose Company would like to thank all Borough residents for their donations to both the Ambulance and the Fire Fund Drives. The Ambulance Drive, known as a subscription drive, usually mailed to you in May, helps to fund our ambulance service. The Fire Drive, generally mailed to you in December, provides direct support for fire and rescue services. The Moscow Fire and Hose Company would be hard pressed to exist without your donations to these fund drives and all your other generous donations. Thank you and Be Safe!

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.

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

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

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.

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.

*****NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT*****

The newsletter supplement is being updated and will be mailed in the near future. This supplement will also be posted on the Borough's website, and copies can also be obtained from the Borough Office.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Area Agency on Aging is an advocate for the rights of older adults and adults with disabilities. The following services are available: Home-delivered Meals, Adult Day Care, In-home Personal Care, Personal Emergency Response Systems, Chore Services (includes minor renovations to help safeguard people inside their homes), Legal Services, Senior Centers, Rent Property Tax Rebates, PACE, Fuel Assistance, as well as other community based programs and resources. To qualify for In-home Care options, residents must present a need and be financially eligible. Some cases may qualify for partial eligibility. For more information, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 570-963-6740.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE CALL CENTER

State Route 690 (Church Street, Market Street and Brook Street), and State Route 435 (Main Street) are state owned. If you notice any problems with these roadways and would like to report a pothole, dead animal along the roadway, or other dangerous issue, you may report it at the following website: www.penndot.gov and report your concern under Submit Roadway Feedback.

*****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. Volunteers and new ideas are welcome! For further information visit the North Pocono Cultural Society's new website at www.northpoconoculturalsociety.org or go to the NPCS Facebook page for photos, details, and updates. At this time all meetings have been suspended until further notice.

The North Pocono Cultural Society's 2020 agenda has been upended by the COVID-19 virus event like those of most businesses and organizations. Events already scheduled – such as the Moscow Country Street Fair and the Harmonic Brass Concert – may be modified as the weeks progress. Thanks go out to many in the community who have responded to the annual North Pocono Cultural Society's donor request letter and contributed in support of the Scholarship Fund for graduating North Pocono seniors. Awards will be made at a later time in conjunction with the North Pocono School District. The Cultural Society invites new and upcoming authors to consider submitting a current publication for the NPCS 2020 Writer's Recognition Award. Criteria will be available on Facebook and on the organization's website, www.northppoconoculturalsociety.org. News and updates regarding events will also be available online.

*****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.

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. Everyone is asked to respect adjoining landowners' properties and stay off of private property. Several new trails have recently been added. **Dogs should be leashed at all times.** The Borough is still working with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Natural Resources to create a trailhead/parking area near the entrance to the Sewer Authority.

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.

New Kiosk Installed for the Trails: Colin Gilmartin, a North Pocono resident and student, recently constructed a permanent kiosk at the first grove on the North Pocono Community Trails as his Eagle Scout Project. The kiosk includes two maps of the trails in addition to the names of sponsors for the all the trails of the system.

Hikes: April 18th is National Hike Day. Enjoy a hike alone or with your family and explore the more than eight (8) miles of trails on the North Pocono Community Trails but be sure to do so practicing appropriate Social Distancing.

Trail Maps: Links for downloadable maps of the trails are available at the North Pocono Trail Association's Facebook page or at DNCR/Forestry maps section of their web site. Maps are also available at the Moscow Borough Building.

New footbridges: The North Pocono Trail Association is currently working with the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry to construct two bridges over Kellum Creek to access the northside trails.

*****NORTH POCONO PUBLIC LIBRARY*****

Due to the COVID-19 virus event, the North Pocono Public Library is closed until further notice. Normal hours will resume when the Governor's orders are lifted.

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 year. Some events require registration. For information call 570-842-4700 or go to lclshome.org/npoco. Check the Library out on Facebook at North Pocono Public Library for updated information on current events.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

A "Free Little Library" was recently installed 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.

*****NORTH POCONO FOOD PANTRY/DRY GOODS*****

The North Pocono Food Pantry is continuing to distribute food and dry goods during the COVID-19 virus crisis. Contact Beth Czulada at 570-842-8804 for additional information.

NORTH POCONO SCHOOL DISTRICT
(www.npsd.org)

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 570-689-2656

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 AMERICAN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION: Website: npbombers.com

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

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

NORTH POCONO JUNIOR BASKETBALL: Website: npjrhoops.com

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

NORTH POCONO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE: Website: npysl.com

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