

**MOSCOW BOROUGH NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2017 THROUGH MARCH 2018**

*****IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION*****

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 existing 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 4:30 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 Wage Tax Office	570-842-1699	WageTax@Moscowboro.com

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

POSITION	OFFICIAL	POSITION	OFFICIAL
Mayor	Rosemarie Warner	Junior Council Member	Andrew Zero
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	Daniel Hanna	Zoning Officer	David Lamm
Junior Council Member	Jack Cherundolo	Building Inspector	David Lamm

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Moscow Borough Council meets on the first and third Monday September through May, except when a holiday falls on a Monday the meeting will be on 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. The Zoning Hearing Board meets on an as needed basis.

NEWSLETTERS

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.

SUPPLEMENT TO NEWSLETTER

A supplement to the newsletter is available that contains the information that is recurring in the newsletter. This supplement is on the Borough's website or by contacting the Borough Office.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

BOROUGH NOTIFICATIONS

Notifications pertaining to upcoming events are posted on the Borough's website, sent via email, or on NextDoor Moscow, a private social network for your neighborhood. 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 Borough residents. 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.

*****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, Pennsylvania 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 2017 has been extended this year to December 31, 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.

*****MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WARNER*****

October is teasing us with summer temperatures (which we really would have appreciated more IN the summer) but Moscow is ready to welcome fall in our borough. Thank you to our Department of Public Works employees for lining our streets with decorations that bring out that autumn feeling. As we reflect on this past summer, I hope that our citizens were able to take advantage of the many community events that were offered. Whether it was feasting at our Fire Department's Chicken Barbeque, enjoying the Minisink Lions 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza, supporting our Police, Fire and EMS at National Night Out festivities, listening to the music that filled the air at our Summer Concert series, cheering on the participants of the "Run For the Hoses", or enjoying the food and fun of our Moscow Street Fair, Moscow continues to offer opportunities for the community to gather and enjoy the life that our small town has to offer. Our parks were active with our youth participating in sporting events, or getting together with friends to enjoy the outdoors. The North Pocono Trails Association was busy developing our trailhead in Moscow and offered many opportunities for hikers and nature lovers to walk the trails and appreciate the beauty of our local environment. Old Mill Park, our newest park still under development, had the addition of a play area for young children and the planting of our open field area which will provide space as a non-structured play area. There truly is something for everyone to become actively involved with in our borough. I continue to encourage all of you to take pride in all that our community has to offer.

As we head into the fall and winter, Moscow will continue to be an active community. Soccer will fill our parks, more trail walks will be offered like the recent "Volksmarch" held on October 8th, and our local businesses await your patronage as you walk the streets of Moscow Borough. Our Annual Tree Lighting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 14th so mark your calendars! It won't be long until the snow is falling and we are celebrating Russian Christmas in Moscow. I look forward to joining all of our residents as we come out to participate in our community events.

*****VACANCIES ON BOROUGH BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS*****

If you would be interested in serving on any of the boards or commissions listed below send a letter to the Borough Office expressing your interest and on what board or commission, or contact the office for additional information.

Civil Service Commission: This commission meets at a minimum once a year, and on an as needed basis.

Moscow Sewer Authority: This board meets on a monthly basis.

Judge of Elections: This is an elected position. The Judge of Elections is responsible for obtaining and submitting the paperwork necessary for the Primary and General elections held each year. This is a four year term which will begin January 1, 2018.

Majority Inspector of Elections: This is an elected position. This is a four year term which will begin January 1, 2018.

*****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 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 Jack Cherundolo; the Junior Member is Andrew Zero. 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 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 interest.

GENERAL BOROUGH BUSINESS

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

- Information that is Repeated in Newsletters
- 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
- Permits Required
- Property Maintenance
- Animal Ordinance
- Garbage Collectors
- Service Request Form
- Use of Facilities Form
- Historian/Photographer
- Happenings Magazine
- Northeast Pennsylvania Visitors Guide

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.

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.

LANDLORDS/TENANTS

LANDLORDS/TENANTS: 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.

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.

MOSCOW BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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!

ANNUAL OPERATION SAFE STOP AWARENESS DAY: Operation Safe Stop is 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. 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 occurrence on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local sponsors are holding their fourteenth National Drug Take Back Collection Event on October 28th. 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 2017, removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. Moscow Borough Police and the Voluntary Action Center will be holding a collection at the North Pocono Public Library on Saturday, October 28, 2017 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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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. A class has been scheduled for October 21, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Moscow Borough Building. Anyone interested in this program should contact Chief Brenzel at 570-842-2061.

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.

DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONE: Residents are reminded that the speed limit in the school zone is 15 miles per hour when the lights are flashing. Pay close attention to the school crossing guards who are crossing children at several locations along Church Street (State Route 690) in the Borough.

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.

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 www.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 and Happy Holiday Season for Home, Shopping, Pickpockets, and Holiday Party Safety
- 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
- Programs for Leaders of Girl and Boy Scout Troops

ANIMAL RESTRAINT AND CLEAN UP

The Borough Office continues to receive complaints about individuals allowing their unrestrained pets (dogs and cats) to stray off of their property and about individuals not cleaning up after their dogs when walking them along Borough streets and in the parks (pets are not permitted in Borough parks). Please be considerate of others and clean up after your pets and properly dispose of the waste.

MOSCOW BOROUGH STREET DEPARTMENT

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.

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 you 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.

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.

*****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.

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

RECYCLING SCHEDULES: Important Notice: Effective January 2018 recycling will only be picked up on Mondays throughout the entire town. A recycling schedule is enclosed for your convenience, or may be obtained at the Borough Office or on the Borough's website. Also, please note a change in the schedule for holidays and for late October and early November where recycling has been moved back two days due to the fact that the individuals responsible for picking up the recycling also do the curbside leaf pick up. Recycling bins should be placed curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

LEAF PICKUP: The Moscow Borough Street Department will vacuum leaves curbside on Mondays and Tuesdays, October 15 and 16, 22 and 23, 29 and 30, and November 5 and 6. 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. **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. Please note that recycling on these days will be pushed back two days. If you cannot wait until these dates to have your leaves vacuumed 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.

DUMPSTERS ON BOROUGH PROPERTY FOR RECYCLING PURPOSES: The recycling containers at the rear of the Borough Building are for recycling purposes only. All residents should have received information on what items can be recycled in Moscow Borough. Do not leave household trash, flowerpots, plastic bags, five gallon plastic pails, children's toys, styrofoam, food items, etc. Unfortunately many items are placed in the dumpsters that are not recyclable.

RECYCLING ORDINANCE MANDATING THAT ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES RECYCLE: Moscow Borough has an ordinance that 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.

ITEMS THAT CAN/CANNOT BE RECYCLED IN MOSCOW BOROUGH:

Commingled items, WHICH MUST BE RINSED AND FLATTENED, if possible, now include the following:

- Glass bottles and jars (no broken glass) – remove lids and put in garbage
- Plastic bottles and jars – lids may remain on
- Aluminum and steel cans – lids may remain on if attached
- Aluminum pans
- Tubs and lids such as margarine, butter, yogurt, cool whip, ice cream and round deli containers
- Vitamin and medicine bottles

Mixed paper, which now includes the following:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Brown Bags
- Phone Book
- Junk Mail
- Office Paper (Shredded office paper must be put into clear plastic bags)
- Construction Paper
- Single layered paper board boxes such as cereal, tissue, cracker, pasta, canned soda, gift boxes. The inside paper/plastic liners must be removed and put in your trash. Pizza boxes may be included if they are clean. All boxes must be flattened. **DO NOT** put any of these items in the dumpster at the rear of the Borough Building, which is for corrugated cardboard only.

Corrugated Cardboard

- All corrugated cardboard (the type that is weaved in between layers), must be broken down into smaller pieces, and placed inside a recycling bin or alongside the bin for pickup. If dropping off at the Borough Building, break down so as not to take up much room in the dumpster, that is for corrugated cardboard only, at the rear of the building.

The following items CANNOT be picked up by Moscow Borough to be recycled and must be put in your regular trash:

- Clear plastic clamshell type bakery, sandwich, fruit and vegetable containers
- Plastic containers with a base and lid, such as bakery and roasted chicken containers
- Vegetable, fruit and meat platters
- Plastic bags

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 Office 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. Refer to the supplement for guidelines to be followed.

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.

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 the Rear of the Borough Building
- Yard Waste
- Miscellaneous Recyclable Items
- Appliances
- Tires
- Leaf Pickup
- Christmas Tree Drop Off

*****INDEPENDENT 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, however, we strongly encourage you to continue using the Borough's recycling services for curbside pickup.

Each year the Borough applies 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 the borough collects. The funds received from the Performance Grant are utilized to directly offset the costs of the recycling program offered by the Borough.

The garbage haulers have provided tonnage totals at the end of each year to be included with the Borough recycling totals to be applied to the grant. The State requires specific documentation regarding the amount of recycling completed by the Borough annually.

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 Section above for information on how to dispose of these items).

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

Moscow Borough will soon begin the development of walking trails around the perimeter of Golden Park on both sides of the street. The trails had previously been mapped out as part of an Eagle Scout Project.

As the holidays are approaching, mark your calendars for our annual Borough Tree Lighting which will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. Come out to light our community tree by the Main Street gazebo, and greet Santa as he arrives by the Moscow Volunteer Fire and Hose Company fire truck.

*****MOSCOW BOROUGH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE*****

Moscow Borough Council is looking for individuals interested in volunteering to become part of a Beautification Committee that would be responsible for decorating the Borough throughout the year for the different seasons. Contact the Borough Office if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

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

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 BOROUGH EVENTS*****

ELECTION DAY: General election day is Tuesday, November 7, 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.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING: Trick or treating in the Borough will take place on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY: The Recreation Committee is planning a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony for Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Street Gazebo Area (tree lighting) and Moscow Borough Building (additional festivities). These activities include Santa arriving by Fire Truck; Bell Choir from the Moscow United Methodist Church; entertainment and Carol Sing (Musical Dreams Studio); craft ornaments and candy canes from Santa; and light refreshments.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: National Night Out 2017 was again a huge success. Events were held at the Borough Building, Centennial Park, and on Main and Church Streets. The majority of the businesses on the first and second blocks of Main Street were open for the evening. National Night Out Awards were presented to the following: "Citizen of the Year" - North Pocono Trails Association; "Volunteers of the Year" - Moscow Train Station, "Moscow Pride and Progress" Awards for a Business - Frank and Jean Hubbard for their twin home project; the North Pocono School District for the tennis court project; and Annie Marcinko, owner of Zoom and Groom; "Moscow Pride and Progress" award for a residence - The Shuttleworth Family; and "Special Recognition Award" - Magistrate John Mercuri for his many years of professional and dedicated service to the community.

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

CHICKEN BBQ: Thank you to everyone who helped out and attended the annual Chicken BBQ. It was a huge success, with tickets being sold out by noon. We have scheduled next year's BBQ for Sunday, June 4, 2017.

RUN FOR THE HOSES: We had a good turnout for the "Run for the Hoses" held in August. Thanks to everyone involved. Next year's date is to be determined.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH: October is Fire Prevention Month. Members of the fire department visited ten schools/preschools this year. Thank you to the Mutual Aid companies for helping out at North Pocono.

This month is a good time to go over emergency escape plans with your family and remind children/teens never to play with matches or lighters. Chimneys and heating systems should be serviced at least once a year. Smoke detectors and batteries should be checked and replaced as per manufacturer recommendations. CO alarms should be installed if you have oil, gas or propane heat. Do not leave space heaters on when sleeping or when not at home, and make sure to have proper ventilation.

AMBULANCE DRIVE: A second mailing has recently been sent out. We will be purchasing a new ambulance in the near future so funds donated will help with the large cost increases.

FIRE DRIVE: The Fire Drive is scheduled to go out in November. This is separate from the Ambulance Drive.

SMOKE ALARMS: Please remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarms, 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.

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.

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.

*****NORTH POCONO TRAIL ASSOCIATION*****

The North Pocono Trail Association meets on the third Wednesday of each month at various locations, at 7:00 p.m. All interested residents are invited to attend. The Trail Association has a Facebook Page under the "North Pocono Trail Association". Watch for upcoming events.

Parking for the trail that begins near the entrance to the Moscow Sewer Authority is available in Old Mill Park across the street on Market Street. Everyone is asked to respect adjoining landowners' properties and stay off of private property. Two new trails have recently been added in Madison Township near Kellum Creek. 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.

Some upcoming events include:

A beer tasting event on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Jive on VanBrunt Street. Tickets will include four tastings of select beers along with paired food.

The VanBrunt Grill is again donating 10% of their dinner proceeds to the trail association on December 13, 2017. There will also be raffles and other activities.

The NPTA recently hosted the Lackawanna River Conservation Association on a 3.5 mile hike on our trails to celebrate its 30th anniversary. The LRCA is sponsoring 30 activities in 30 days throughout the Lackawanna River's water shed area.

On October 8, 2017, the third annual North Pocono Volksmarch was held with participants choosing between a 3 mile easy hike or a more challenging 6 mile hike. Afterwards hikers were encouraged to visit any of the North Pocono restaurants and pubs to celebrate Oktoberfest.

*****MOSCOW TRAIN STATION*****

The Steamtown Holiday Trains to the Moscow Station are now scheduled for November 24th and 25th (two trains each day) and November 26th (one train). Upon arrival children will be able to visit Santa (parents can take pictures), make a Santa count down chain, write a letter to Santa, receive a hand/face tattoo and make an ornament. Photo opportunities with the snowpeople, toy soldiers and in front of the train are available. Visit our two train layouts at the station. For more information and tickets contact the Steamtown National Historic Site at 570-340-5204.

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

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 checkout 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. Call 570-842-4700 or go to lclshome.org/npocono.

*****NORTH POCONO CULTURAL SOCIETY*****

The North Pocono Cultural Society meets on the second Monday of each month at the Moscow Borough Building at 7:00 p.m. For further information call 570-357-1627, email to moscowarts2@yahoo.com, visit the North Pocono Cultural Society's Facebook page for photos, details and updates, or the web site at northpoconoculturalsociety.yolasite.com. North Pocono residents and businesses are urged to participate in this organization and to consider serving on its Board.

Approximately 100 concert goers enjoyed the sounds of the Harmonic Brass of Munich in their eighth Mondays in Moscow performance on October 2, 2018 sponsored by the North Pocono Cultural Society. Fran Crimi was the winner in a drawing for the quintet's newest CD recording. The North Pocono Cultural Society looks forward in 2018 to innovative plans for its Russian Christmas in Moscow on January 7, 2018, the Moscow Country Street Fair, and additional Mondays in Moscow performances featuring young, local musicians. Save the date for The Arcadia Chorale's Sinatra-themed pops concert on May 7th, time and location to be determined.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NORTH POCONO FOOD PANTRY/DRY GOODS: With the upcoming holidays, the North Pocono Food pantry is in need of corn, Stove Top Stuffing, turkey gravy and/or broth, and canned sweet potatoes. Also urgently needed are peanut butter, beef stew, jelly, tuna fish, oatmeal and cereal, pancake syrup and ravioli. The Dry Goods Pantry is always in need of toilet paper and paper towels, laundry detergent and dish soap. Contact Beth Czulada at 570-842-8804 for additional information.

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

- North Pocono Cultural Society
- Fourth of July Fire Works Extravaganza
- 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 (Covington Township)
- 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 Lions Club

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.

LOCAL CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

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

MOSCOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Website: www.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

NORTH POCONO AREA YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES

NORTH POCONO AMERICAN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION: 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

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

MOSCOW BOROUGH - 2018 RECYCLING SCHEDULE
 Effective January 2018 curbside recycling will be picked up on Mondays throughout town.
 Note changes in schedule due to holidays and leaf pickup
 (last two weeks in October and first two weeks in November).

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED
JANUARY 2	TUESDAY (Due to holiday)	PAPER
JANUARY 8	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
JANUARY 16	TUESDAY (Due to holiday)	PAPER
JANUARY 22	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
JANUARY 29	MONDAY	PAPER
FEBRUARY 5	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
FEBRUARY 12	MONDAY	PAPER
FEBRUARY 20	TUESDAY (Due to holiday)	COMMINGLED
FEBRUARY 26	MONDAY	PAPER
MARCH 5	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
MARCH 12	MONDAY	PAPER
MARCH 19	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
MARCH 26	MONDAY	PAPER
APRIL 2	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
APRIL 9	MONDAY	PAPER
APRIL 16	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
APRIL 23	MONDAY	PAPER
APRIL 30	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
MAY 7	MONDAY	PAPER
MAY 14	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
MAY 21	MONDAY	PAPER
May 29	TUESDAY (Due to holiday)	COMMINGLED
JUNE 4	MONDAY	PAPER
JUNE 11	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
JUNE 18	MONDAY	PAPER
JUNE 25	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
JULY 2	MONDAY	PAPER
JULY 9	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
JULY 16	MONDAY	PAPER
JULY 23	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
JULY 30	MONDAY	PAPER
AUGUST 8	WEDNESDAY (Due to National Night Out)	COMMINGLED
AUGUST 13	MONDAY	PAPER
AUGUST 20	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
AUGUST 27	MONDAY	PAPER
SEPTEMBER 4	TUESDAY (Due to holiday)	COMMINGLED
SEPTEMBER 10	MONDAY	PAPER
SEPTEMBER 17	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
SEPTEMBER 24	MONDAY	PAPER
OCTOBER 1	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
OCTOBER 8	MONDAY	PAPER
OCTOBER 15	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
OCTOBER 24	WEDNESDAY (Due to Leaf Pickup)	PAPER
OCTOBER 31	WEDNESDAY (Due to Leaf Pickup)	COMMINGLED
NOVEMBER 7	WEDNESDAY (Due to Leaf Pickup)	PAPER
NOVEMBER 14	WEDNESDAY (Due to Leaf Pickup)	COMMINGLED
NOVEMBER 19	MONDAY	PAPER
NOVEMBER 26	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
DECEMBER 3	MONDAY	PAPER
DECEMBER 10	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
DECEMBER 17	MONDAY	PAPER
DECEMBER 24	MONDAY	COMMINGLED
DECEMBER 31	MONDAY	PAPER