

MOSCOW BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018 THROUGH OCTOBER 2018

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 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 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

POSITION	OFFICIAL	POSITION	OFFICIAL
Mayor	Rosemarie Warner	Solicitor	Bruce Zero
Council President	Arthur Pencek	Real Estate Tax Collector	Constance Sanko
Council Vice President	William Heim	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	Edward Gaughan	Building Inspector	David Lamm
Councilmember	Daniel Hanna	Zoning Officer	David Lamm
Junior Council Member	Jack Cherundolo	Emergency Management	Kimberly Mecca
Junior Council Member	Andrew Zero	Fire Chief	Shawn Young

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Rosemarie Warner

Though winter has been reluctant to release its stronghold, spring is now upon us with summer not far behind. Moscow Borough will be active with many opportunities for our community to gather and get involved in a variety of attractions and events. Please come out and enjoy all that Moscow Borough has to offer. Among upcoming events will be our Fire Company's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que, the Minisink Lions Fireworks Extravaganza, the supporting of our Police, Fire and EMS at National Night Out festivities, or the cheering on of the participants of the "Run For the Hoses". Be on the look out for strange creatures that might be lurking about town as we prepare for our Annual Street Fair. Watch for clues to the surprises that are in store for this, now annual, Moscow Community Event. Take time out to enjoy our parks and trails within the borough. Whatever your interest, Moscow Borough continues to provide opportunities to enjoy all that a small town has to offer.

This year I would like to challenge Moscow residents to take a more active involvement in our Borough. In particular, we are seeking out individuals who would like to see the enhancements to our town continue to grow. With last year's street fair, we saw the addition of beautiful hanging baskets on our period street lamps. These, and other special touches are what make our borough so unique. I am always so proud when individuals seek me out to compliment the growth they have seen in our borough...and what a welcoming atmosphere it creates. This is a feeling and an environment upon which we want to build. You do not have to be a professional landscaper or community developer to share your ideas. The pride our homeowners show in their own properties is evidence of the creativity and talent of our residents. If you have ideas for the enhancement of our community, please share them. We would like to form a committee for this purpose. Please call the borough office and leave your name and number. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Get involved and show pride in the continued development of our borough. This is a great way to bring our community together while continuing to build the quality of life in Moscow Borough.

I am also 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 Andrew Zero. We are seeking a current member of the sophomore class, who will be entering the junior class for the 2018-2019 school year. This person must be a resident of Moscow Borough and available to attend Borough meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month (1st Monday only for June, July and August). 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 June 1st. Letters may be dropped off at the Borough Office on Van Brunt Street or emailed to office@moscowboro.com.

*****MEETING DATES AND TIMES*****

All Borough meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to attend these meetings especially if you have a proposed project.

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

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

The Zoning Hearing Board meets as needed.

NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

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 copies can be obtained from the Borough Office.

MOSCOW BOROUGH MEMORABILIA

The Borough is still accepting memorabilia or pictures, and is looking for an individual or individuals to organize the memorabilia for display in the Borough Building. If you are interested in the history of Moscow please contact the Borough Office.

MOSCOW BOROUGH SOCIAL NETWORKS

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

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

GENERAL BOROUGH BUSINESS

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

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

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

*****BUILDING PERMITS/ZONING PERMITS*****

If you anticipate doing a construction or remodeling project, or starting or changing a business, you are advised to contact the Borough Office to see if a permit is required.

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

The Junior Council Program is aimed to provide high school juniors and seniors across the Commonwealth an opportunity to learn about and actively participate in borough government. It serves as a step to strengthen a youth's community involvement and become a leader for future generations of public service minded individuals. Moscow Borough Council has been very fortunate to have had great representation with our Junior Council members. This year our Senior Member is Jack Cherundolo; Andrew Zero is our Junior Member and will continue to serve for his senior year. Junior Council members attend all Borough Council meetings. In addition, they also become involved with borough activities and projects. They are involved with assisting with our Christmas Tree Lighting program, and coordinate service projects in which other North Pocono classmates may participate. Junior Council members are also encouraged to pursue a borough activity or project that sparks their civic interest. We will bid farewell to our

senior member Jack Cherundolo in June; Andrew Zero 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 June 1, 2018.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DUMPSTERS AND TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

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

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ANIMALS

Moscow Borough Ordinance #195-2007, pertains in part to specifying time limits and limited hours for dogs barking and that dogs **MUST** be leashed at all times, and also that if any animal (dog or cat) defecates in any area other than the private property of the owner, the 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.

LANDLORDS/TENANTS

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

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

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

LOCAL WAGE TAX INFORMATION

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

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

MOSCOW BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017:

Number of 911 Calls	1,502	Written/Verbal Warnings	431
Number of 911 Calls cleared	1,483	Criminal Arrests	6
Number of man-hours	9,768	Juvenile Petitions	1
Number of miles patrolled	26,539	Police Escorts	13
Collisions	26	Security/Housechecks	100
Traffic Citations	101	Fuel by Dollars	\$5,334.41
Non-Traffic Citations	15	Fuel by Gallons	2,045.48
Parking/Summons	6		

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 are holding their fifteenth National Drug Take Back Collection Event on April 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 will be holding a collection at the Borough Building on **Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM DROP OFF: Unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications can be dropped off at the Moscow Borough Police Department to be placed in a collection box Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Crossing Locations and Times

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

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE COURSE FOR WOMEN (SELF-DEFENSE): Ivy Brenzel, Police Chief of the Moscow Borough Police Department, is offering classes for this self-defense course for females of all ages on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Moscow Borough Building. 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 2018: The r.a.d.KIDS Summer Safety Camp for 2018 offered by Chief Ivy Brenzel for children 5 – 7 (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) and 8 – 12 (12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) is scheduled for July 23 to 27, 2018. 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 16, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

MOSCOW BOROUGH STREET DEPARTMENT

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

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

MOSCOW BOROUGH RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

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

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

DUMPSTERS ON BOROUGH PROPERTY FOR RECYCLING PURPOSES: The recycling containers at the rear of the Borough Building are for recycling purposes only and for Borough residents 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 which then have to go into the regular garbage to be disposed of and paid for by the Borough.

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.

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 woven 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

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

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

*****CLEAN AND GREEN AND TIRE DROP OFF*****

SPRING CLEAN UP (CLEAN AND GREEN): Moscow Borough's annual Clean and Green program will take place from June 4 through June 6, 2018. **All items to be picked up should be placed curbside no earlier than Friday, June 1st and no later than Sunday, June 3rd.** Pickup will begin at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4th. Stickers for white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators with doors removed or taped shut, dishwashers, stoves, water heaters, and air conditioners) are available at the Borough Office at a cost of \$15.00 per sticker. **Items excluded from being picked up are TELEVISIONS, ELECTRONICS, hazardous waste, tires, oil, or oil containers, batteries, building materials, and garbage.** Residents are asked to place small items in containers, boxes, or plastic bags to make it easier for pickup and to avoid having the items strewn all over. This service is for Moscow Borough residents only; anyone caught bringing in items from outside the Borough will be fined accordingly. Also, all items must be placed near the curb of your property and not in or along the roadway.

TIRE DROP OFF: Tires may be dropped off at the Borough Building on Saturday, **June 9th 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:

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

PARK CLEANUP DAY: The Borough will be scheduling a clean up day at Golden Park sometime in the near future. Check the Borough website for the date and time.

OLD MILL PARK: The Borough will be making continued improvements to Old Mill Park on Market Street.

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

MOSCOW 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.

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

ARBOR DAY: The Moscow Borough Shade Tree Commission will hold its annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Golden Park located on Maple Street.

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

TRIMMING OF TREES ON BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY: Property owners are responsible for trimming and maintaining all trees on their property including the ones located on Borough right-of-way. All trees shall be kept trimmed so that the minimum

clearance where they overhang any public walk shall be eight (8) feet, and the minimum clearance where the trees overhang any public street or highway shall be fourteen (14) feet. However, the commission reserves the right to designate a higher clearance on certain highways where heavy traffic or other conditions make it expedient. All trees standing on private property and having branches projecting over a public highway shall be kept trimmed by the owner of such private property so that the lowest branches shall have a minimum clearance specified above or such other clearance as may be specified by the Commission. There is also a benefit to keeping the trees trimmed so that they will not be damaged during heavy snow or ice storms.

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

The Moscow Country Street Fair is coming this summer to be held on Friday, August 3rd (5:00 p.m. to dusk); Saturday, August 4th (11:00 a.m. to dusk); and Sunday, August 5th (12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The fair will be held on Main Street from Academy Street to VanBrunt Street; Church Street from Main Street to Maple Street; and VanBrunt Street from Main Street to the Borough Building. Please check Facebook page Moscow Country Street Fair 2018 for updates on events being held during the fair. Please contact Lisa Duffy at 570-842-8501 or at moscowcountrystreetfair@gmail.com if you are interested in participating or have any questions.

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

ELECTION DAY: Primary election day is **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**. 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.

Absentee ballots are available at the Moscow Borough office. The last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot is 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election - please note that postmarks do not apply and original applications must be received. All civilian voted ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections Office by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election - please note that postmarks do not apply. If hand delivering only the actual voter may return the ballot.

Voter registration forms are also available at the Borough Office.

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018: The first meeting of the National Night Out Committee for 2018 will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Borough Council meeting. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the many aspects of preparing for National Night Out which will take place beginning with a community block party at Golden Park on Monday, August 6, 2018 and the event on Tuesday, August 7th. A schedule will be sent out sometime in July. Last year's raffle of items donated by local businesses was very successful and it is the committee's intent to do the same this year.

The theme for the poster and essay contests for 2018 is "Make a Call, Make a Difference". The poster contest is open to children ages 15 and under; the essay contest is open to children between the ages of 10 and 18. Entries must be submitted to the Moscow Borough Office by August 1, 2018. 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: This year the Borough will be hosting a community block party for Moscow Borough residents at Golden Park on Maple Street, August 6, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beverages will be provided by the Borough. Residents are asked to bring finger food items, snacks or desserts, and their own chairs or blankets for seating. Children's games and music will be available.

Best Lit House: Make plans now to decorate your house for the evenings of August 6th and August 7th. Houses will be judged on the evening of the block party. (August 6th). An award will be given on Tuesday, August 7th 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 2017: Moscow Borough placed 1st in the category "less than 5,000 population" nationwide for its participation in National Night Out 2017. A trophy is on display at the Borough Building.

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

CHICKEN BBQ: The annual Moscow Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2018. Tickets will be presold prior to the day of the event. Some tickets will be available at the door. However they sell out quickly.

"RUN FOR THE HOSES": The Fourth Annual "Run for the Hoses" will take place on Saturday, August 4th. Online registration is open at <http://runsignup.com/moscowmile>.

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

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

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.

*****EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS*****

There have been many Eagle Scout projects completed in the Borough over the years which have been wonderful enhancements to the Borough. Anyone wishing to complete an Eagle Scout Project in the Borough should contact the Borough Office.

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

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

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

Please note that the deadline to apply for the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate Program for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2017 is June 30, 2018. 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.

*****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.

*****TRANSPORTATION FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES*****

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.

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. For further information call 570-848-1245 or visit the North Pocono Cultural Society's website at northpoconoculturalsociety.yolasite.com or Facebook for photos, details, and updates. Volunteers and ideas are welcome!

Moscow Country Street Fair: Plans are underway for the third annual Moscow Country Street Fair to be held on August 3, 4, 5. Local artists, quilters, crafters, businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate. Applications for residents who wish to set up vendor tents on Main Street are available at the Moscow Borough Building, the North Pocono Public Library, and by emailing Mera at moscowstreetfair.vendor@gmail.com. A \$15.00 registration fee will help defray fair expenses.

Other scheduled events sponsored by the North Pocono Cultural Society include *A Salute to Sinatra* featuring The Arcadia Chorale and the Doug Smith Jazz Trio set for 7:30 p.m. on May 7th at the Maple Lake United Methodist Church, as well as a concert by the group *Simple Gifts* at the Moscow United Methodist Church on June 11th with unique folk music and traditional folk instruments. Annual scholarships to North Pocono High School students will be awarded on May 22nd.

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

The North Pocono Trails Association is a volunteer group dedicated to the creation of a trail system in the North Pocono region 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 must 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.

NORTH POCONO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

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

The Moscow Train Station runs on volunteers. In 2017 volunteers put in 1,353.75 hours running the station when trains arrive and continuing with many improvements that have recently been made at the station.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA: The Minisink Lions Club is sponsoring fireworks to be held on the North Pocono School grounds on Saturday, July 7, 2018 (raindate, Sunday, July 8, 2018). The gates to the school grounds will open at 5:30 p.m. for entertainment and food. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit local organizations.

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

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

**NORTH POCONO SCHOOL DISTRICT
(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: npcrib.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