

**MOSCOW BOROUGH NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2018 THROUGH MARCH 2019**

*****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 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

POSITION	OFFICIAL	POSITION	OFFICIAL
Mayor	Rosemarie Warner	Junior Council Member	Marie LaRosa
Council President	Arthur Pencek	Solicitor	Bruce Zero
Council Vice President	William Heim	Real Estate Tax Collector	Constance Sanko
Councilmember	Thomas Lynch	Wage Tax Collector/Treasurer	Elizabeth Murray
Councilmember	Joseph Castrogiovanni	Secretary	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	Andrew Zero	Building Inspector	David Lamm

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

Even though the rain seemed to linger on all through this past summer, the Borough of Moscow and its residents did not let that damper community activities and involvement. I hope you were able to come out and support our Fire Company's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and the North Pocono Minisink Lions Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza. I also hope that you continued your support of our Fire and EMS at National Night Out festivities, and the cheering on of the participants of the "Run For the Hoses". August also brought a "Dinosaur Invasion" along with food, crafts and outstanding entertainment at our Moscow Country Street Fair! Another addition to our Borough is the "Free Little Library" station installed by Rachel Dwyer. Please visit the one in front of our Moscow Borough Building to take or share a book. Moscow continues to provide exciting, fun, family-friendly activities to involve our entire community.

On this note, as I have proposed in my Spring Message, I would like to continue 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 welcoming atmosphere of our town continue to grow. I receive numerous comments and requests to see more holiday decorations and enhancements. Most recently, I have had a strong interest in honoring our local heroes and veterans with Street Banners as has been done in our neighboring communities. These are all worthwhile and very doable requests however we need individuals and groups to "step up" and put these wishes into reality. 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 you 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, Andrew Zero and Marie LaRosa will use their positions as Junior Council Members to build a stronger youth involvement. There will be many opportunities for our

youth to be heard and to implement their creative ideas which will enable Moscow Borough to be a showcase for the "Power of Youth".

I encourage each of our residents to continue to stay informed with local policies and ordinances. **Please take special notice to the recycling portion of this newsletter.** The county has made some changes which directly affect the collection of recyclable items at curbside. Another essential way to stay informed is to provide a current e-mail address, if you have not already done so, to our Borough secretary in order to receive important information and updates.

As we move forward into our fall and winter season, please keep posted on upcoming events. Enjoy Trick or Treating, come out to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus as we light up our Borough at our annual Tree Lighting on November 29th, attend local sporting events and activities, and support and shop at local businesses. Get involved and be an integral part of the Borough of Moscow community.

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 have an email address we strongly encourage you to have your name added to our distribution list for notifications. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive notifications please send an email to the Borough at office@moscowboro.com.**

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 opinions on issues being debated in Harrisburg or for assistance with any matter related to state government including PennDOT problems, Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate and PACE applications or copies of legislation, to name a few. 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 2018 will be June 30, 2019. 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.

"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.

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.

VACANCIES ON BOROUGH BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

If you are interested in serving on any of the boards or commissions of Moscow Borough, please let the Borough Office know so that your name can be added to a list of interested individuals in the event a vacancy occurs.

*****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 Andrew Zero; the Junior Member is Marie Larosa. Junior Council members attend all Borough Council meetings. In addition, they also become involved with Borough activities and projects. They are involved with leading our Young Visionaries Committee, assist in National Night Out and Christmas Tree Lighting program, and coordinate service projects in which other North Pocono classmates may participate. Junior Council members are also encouraged to pursue a Borough activity or project that sparks their interest.

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.

*****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.

*****REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DUMPSTERS*****

Moscow Borough has regulations pertaining to dumpsters being parked on Borough streets and road. Please contact the Borough Office for an application to be submitted to the Moscow Borough Zoning Officer for approval.

*****REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY SIGNAGE ON BOROUGH PROPERTY*****

Moscow Borough no longer permits temporary signage to be placed on Borough property on Main Street. This area has now been designated as a public park and will be called Rotary Park.

*****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.

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 semiannually 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 24, 2018.

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. 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 2018, removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. The Moscow Borough Police Department will be holding a collection event on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Borough Building. 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. 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

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

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

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

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.

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

CHANGE IN RECYCLING DATE: The 2018 recycling schedule shows that recycling will be picked up on Monday, December 24, 2018; this date has been changed to Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

RECYCLING NEWS: Please be on the lookout for a mailing regarding the Borough's Recycling Program. Due to changes in the recycling industry on both a national and local level, the Borough will provide updated information so every resident knows which items can and cannot be recycled. We thank you for your continued support! Moscow Borough is committed to maintaining a strong recycling program that supports a healthy environment.

RECYCLING SCHEDULES: Recycling is now being picked up on Mondays throughout the entire town. A 2019 recycling schedule will be included in the mailing mentioned above, and 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 22 and 23, October 29 and 30, November 5 and 6 and November 12 and 13. 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.

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. There is a fee of \$3.00 per automobile tire, and a fee of \$8.00 per truck tire. Rims must be removed.

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

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

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

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

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*****

Harmony Park: The Borough is pleased to have added Harmony Park to our Moscow Borough Parks and Recreation system. There aren't any current plans to add or expand the offerings there, but it's addition adds yet another option for Borough residents looking for a pleasant place to spend some time outside. A park sign will be added in the near future.

Old Mill Park: At Old Mill Park, the Borough Department of Public Works crew is currently in the midst of adding some more open grassy areas and improving the parking lot. Also, look for some decorative split-rail fencing to be installed around the play area and elsewhere at Old Mill Park this fall. We would like to thank them for the time they spend working on this project. A park sign has recently been added.

Golden Park: Many thanks to Jacob Bianchi who recently completed his Eagle Scout project at Golden Park. He worked hard to enhance the volleyball court in both appearance and in functionality, as well as in safety. Many thanks also to Thomas Yeager, a resident of the Borough, who donated funds to have electricity installed at Golden Park so that the flag can be lit at all times, in memory of the individuals, including his father, who in the 1950's had the vision to create Golden Park for the enjoyment of the residents and the betterment of Moscow Borough.

Rotary Park: The last round of "thank you's" goes out to the North Pocono Rotary. Their financial support of recently named Rotary Park on Main Street has resulted in some eye-catching improvements there. A park sign will be added in the near future.

*****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 SEWER AUTHORITY

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

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

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 BOROUGH EVENTS*****

ELECTION DAY: General election day is Tuesday, November 6, 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.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING: Trick or treating in the Borough will take place on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 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, November 29, 2018 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 2018 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" – Mr. and Mrs. John Brundage"; "Volunteers of the Year" – The Rudat Family; "Moscow Pride and Progress" Awards for a Business - Paula Sue Photography, Stigma Studio, Melissa Siquenza Photography, Dave's Market, Moscow Academy Preschool, Moscow Agway, and Frank Ciero Tax Service; "Moscow Pride and Progress" award for a residence - The Vilello Family, The Zasada Family, the Nagy Family, The Huff Family, and John Basalyga; and "Special Recognition Award" - George Powel for his forty years of service as the Moscow Borough Real Estate Tax Collector. Save the Date - National Night Out 2019 will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

*****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 1, 2018.

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 local schools/preschools this year. Thank you to the Mutual Aid companies for their help. The theme for this year is "Look, Listen, Learn".

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. Carbon monoxide 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.

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.

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 TRAILS 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 Trails Association has a Facebook Page under the "North Pocono Trails 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. 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.

As part of his Eagle Scout Project, Colin Gilmartin has proposed installing a kiosk near the entrance to the trails.

The trails are pet friendly but they must be leashed at all times.

MOSCOW TRAIN STATION

The Steamtown Holiday Trains to the Moscow Station are now scheduled for November 23, 24, and 25 with Steamtown NHS and December 1 with Erie-Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society. Upon arrival children will be able to visit Santa (parents can take pictures), and participate in children's activities and visit the 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. New members are always welcome to assist with the planning of educational and cultural events for the North Pocono area.

Thanks to the many volunteers and donors who contributed to the success of the 2018 Moscow Country Street Fair. A community-wide project is already under consideration for the 2019 Street Fair.

In 2019 the concert series formerly titled Mondays in Moscow will be expanded to include all days of the week for more flexibility in programming. Plans are also underway for the annual Russian Christmas Celebration for Moscow in January 2019. Watch for more information about upcoming North Pocono Cultural Society events on the Moscow Borough Website.

*****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. We would like to thank Rachel Dwyer, a local resident, for her efforts in having this little library installed.

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.

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

*****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.

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

