



Welcome to the Borough of Moosic Website Newsletter

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**This is the Newsletter for the Borough of Moosic Online!  
We are excited about using this site to communicate online with our citizens,  
businesses and visitors.**

**In the Borough of Moosic we always strive to provide up-to-date  
information on Borough services that enhance your quality of life. Please visit  
our Web site regularly for updates on the following:**

- **The latest action of our Borough Council**
- **Borough news**
- **Community events and more!**

**If you find there is information missing from our site or if certain information is  
difficult to find, please contact the Site Administrator at  
[moosic94@verizon.net](mailto:moosic94@verizon.net) your comments are important to the continued  
development of the Borough Website.**

**Thank you for visiting the Borough of Moosic Web site!**

**Economy**



Money troubles are hitting nearly everyone, and the borough is no exception. As consumer prices rise, so do prices paid by the borough. Interest rates on investments are not what they used to be, and fuel prices affect us all. Borough Council & staff are doing an excellent job of holding the line on expenses and maintaining the same level of excellent service that residents expect and deserve. The 2010 Budget was introduced and the Borough's financial condition is such that the borough is able to hold the line on taxes, deliver all its municipal services, and fund some upgrades and improvements as needed – a good position to be in.



## RAILROAD STREET STORM & SANITARY SEWER PROJECT



**Moosic Borough is proud to announce the completion of the Railroad Street Project.** For Moosic Borough Residents living along this section of Moosic Borough, water woes are a thing in the past. The Borough received a grant from EPA, at which the guidelines stipulate that the federal agency would pay 55% of the project cost, and Moosic Borough would pay the remaining percent. This work will tie in with the storm project taking place on Winfield Ave. The Borough is receiving a Community Block Grant from Lackawanna County for nearly \$140,000 for the Winfield Ave. project.



## ASH STREET PROJECT

**MOOSIC** - Permits are expected to be issued soon for work to begin on a \$3.1 million apartment complex on Ash Street. Moosic Realty Co. has been given approval on plans to build nine four-unit apartment buildings on 3.76 acres along Ash Street at William Street. They have satisfied outstanding comments pertaining to engineering, erosion and sedimentation, and safety, according to discussion at a recent planning commission meeting. The developers have been granted tax-incremental financing, which allows them to use the funds they would have paid as property taxes on the site toward payment of the bond issues for public improvements for nine years. Council President, Joseph Mercatili, said the development will benefit the borough in several ways, "It's going to increase our tax base in the borough, and it's going to provide more housing for people," he said. "It's going to improve the area." Public improvements for the project alone - which include road widening, storm water management, sanitary sewers and curbs - are estimated to cost nearly \$200,000, according to Joe Dente, a council and planning commission member. The parcel - a vacant piece of land that abuts a cemetery and neighbors a railroad - now generates \$54 a year in property taxes for the borough and a combined \$653 to the borough, Lackawanna County and Riverside School District. But when the project is completed, it would generate a combined \$37,246 for the three taxing bodies, with the borough's share at \$929, Mr. Dente has said. In addition, the

borough will receive thousands of dollars in earned income tax revenue and other fees, such as sewer hookup fees and building permits.

**ACT 32 EARNED INCOME TAX REFORM:**

A law enacted in July will consolidate some 560 local tax collection agencies into a county-based system. The catalyst for the law is a 2004 DCED report calling for a uniform tax-collection process. Supporters say consolidation will save local governments millions of dollars lost annually or misdirected tax payments and reduce business costs. Under the law, Countywide committees will establish to appoint one tax collector to collect the local earned-income tax for school districts and municipalities.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Property Maintenance, Borough regulations require that all properties and structures be kept in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. **Please remember as winter is upon us, and residents are reminded that the depositing of snow from driveways and sidewalks onto the street is illegal. Additionally, liability for accidents caused by snow deposited onto the street by resident or person hired by a resident falls to that resident.** Residents have 24 hours after the snow stops to remove the snow and ice from their sidewalks. Your cooperation with these regulations is appreciated.



Elimination of pollution in the storm sewer system requires the assistance of all residents. Please remember that storm sewer inlets are not disposal sites for animal waste, grass clippings, leaves, gasoline, or engine oil, to name a few. Dumping these substances into storm sewers is illegal and harms the waterways that the storm water run-off enters.

Moosic Borough would like to remind our residents to get out and VOTE on November 3, 2009





Daylight Saving Time ends on November 01, 2009,  
Remember to turn your clocks back an hour.

#### REFUSE & RECYCLING



Residents are reminded to set your  
Containers curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the designated day  
Any refuse for collection shall be set out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding the refuse pickup



The Borough of Moosic recycles on the same day that your regular garbage is collected. All recyclables, including newspapers, magazines, glass, plastic, aluminum and tin cans will be collected the same day as your regular garbage pick-up. Newspapers and magazines must be separated, bundled and placed on top of your blue recycling containers.



#### YARD WASTE



We ask all borough residents to place their yard waste curbside in open containers. Ashes, clippings, grass, branches (3 feet long and no bigger than 4" in diameter) and leaves will be picked up every Thursday in Wards 1 & 3 and every Friday in Wards 2 & 4, or as soon as possible.

NO plastic bags will be picked up.



#### OLD APPLIANCES



Need to discard old appliances or other large objects? Contact the borough office (570) 457-5480 about pick-up, for a small cost; they will accept your items at curbside. Costs are subject to number of items.

## CARDBOARD RECYCLING



- Packaging boxes of Corrugated cardboard are picked up on the 1st Friday of each month
- Boxes must be flattened
- Pieces must be bundled by tape, twine or string
- NO gift boxes, toy boxes or food boxes

## COMMERCIAL BUSINESS'S

- All Business establishments in the borough are required by Act 101 to recycle. ***THIS IS THE LAW OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY.***
- A reminder the Annual Commercial Recycling Report for the Calendar Year 2009 will be sent out at the end of the year.

## GRANTS :



In conjunction with the flood control efforts and the Department of Environmental Protect, Moosic Borough has been successful in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$7,850.00 to ensure that the flood protection is ready for the next high-water event. We will be replacing flap gates which protect the river channel and spraying weeds along the entire levee system. Moosic Borough officials continue to work towards solving problems of the community and protecting its citizens.

We are pleased to announce that our application for grant funding through the Lackawanna Environmental Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Partnership Program has been approved in the amount of \$9,000. This project consists of a buffer zone of trees to be planted along the creek at Ken Smerdon Park and also trees along the holding pond at Mercatili-Segilia Park, to provide esthetic value as well as offer a safety zone. Also the Borough will be placing boundless recreation equipment at Ken Smerdon Park.

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Robert Zikoski

**HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS**

It is important for me to receive at least one copy of your tax bill. This copy will be marked paid and made a part of the tax collector's permanent records.

**Reminder:** March 1st of each year the municipal taxes are billed. Each person who resides in Moosic Borough should receive a property tax bill. If you do not receive these taxes, you should call me. Tax bills are not forwarded by the post office and they will be returned to me if the postman is unable to deliver them to the address the borough has on file for you.

**Please be aware:** When you buy or sell a house, the information is not automatically changed on your personal taxes. It is up to the taxpayer to contact the Lackawanna County Tax Assessor if you are changing your address within Moosic Borough, moving away, or moving into Moosic Borough, so that I can make the appropriate changes to your bills or add you **on** or **off** our tax rolls.

The tax office is open every Monday and Wednesday during the discount period only for those wishing to pay taxes in person. Feel free to call with your tax questions any day.