

# Life in LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP

NEWS AND INFORMATION IMPACTING LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

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## Valley Youth Center Brings Children Together



### Not Just for Kids

The Valley Youth Center is funded through donations and grants. The township continues to support the Youth Center in all its endeavors as a way to encourage community interaction among our youth. The center can also be used by local groups to have a meeting within the township. Church groups, 4-H clubs, and Brownies have all used the center. If you are interested in renting the Youth Center, please call 215-938-5202 and leave a message.

Youngsters play games after school at the Valley Youth Center.

*T*he Valley Youth Center will close in June for the summer, but not before having a few more outings for children and one grand celebration for the community.

"Kids have a lot going on in the summer. We are here for them during the school year. When school starts back up, we'll be here for them again," says Denise Kuritz, one of the volunteer coordinators at the Valley Youth Center.

### A place to unwind

Located in the basement of the Huntingdon Valley Library, the Valley Youth Center is a place for children in grades four, five, and six to interact with one another after school in a central area. Most of the children walk to the center from nearby Murray Avenue Elementary School.

Youngsters can play arcade games and pingpong, sit and talk with friends, or participate

in one of the many events sponsored by the center, such as dances, parties, and outings. There is no cost to the kids and they don't have to sign up, although Mrs. Kuritz keeps a record of emergency contact information for each child who attends.

"This is their release. It is something they look forward to. It is a good place for kids," says Mrs. Kuritz.

New students and parents learn about upcoming events and activities through mailing that go out almost every week from the center to Murray Avenue School.

### Going out with a splash and a bounce in June

The Valley Youth Center will celebrate this past year with a Beach Party on June 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the library parking lot, with food, refreshments, prizes, a dunk tank, and moon bounce.

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## Thinking of Building?

*I*f you are planning any kind of remodeling project, please keep in mind that building permits are required for most repairs, additions, and alterations to properties. The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code adopted by Lower Moreland includes the 2003 International Building Code as well as many other codes dealing with property maintenance.

**What needs a permit:** Work done to fences, sheds, decks, patios, both in-ground and above ground pools, driveways, driveway aprons, sidewalks and curbs, mechanical systems, all plumbing work, as well as most interior projects to kitchens, bathrooms, and garages.

**What does not need a permit:** Replacing windows and doors of the same size, gutters, siding, re-roofing (as long as there are no structural elements altered), painting, and tree removal or pruning.

If you are unsure if a permit is needed, please call the Code Enforcement Department at 215-947-3100.

**Digging requirements:** If you are contemplating landscaping or any kind of digging on your property you must call: PA One Call at 1-800-242-1776.

Please see page 2 for additional requirements for property maintenance, as well as pools and house numbers.

## Report Potholes

If you notice a pothole in your neighborhood, please report it to our Public Works Department by calling 215-947-3100. The winter months have been tough for our roads and we will continue to repair them throughout the spring.



## Lower Moreland Township

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## Important Telephone Numbers

For all Emergencies . . . . . 9-1-1

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## Township Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Township Building, 640 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley.

### Board of Commissioners

3rd Wednesday . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### Board of Commissioners Work Session

Tuesday before 3rd Wednesday . . 7:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

4th Thursday . . . . . 7.30 p.m.



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# Open Space Open House set for May 24

Lower Moreland residents attending the Open Space Open House on May 24 can have a hand in crafting a new Open Space Plan. The township's Open Space Committee plans to discuss the Montgomery County Open Space grant and how the money can be used to purchase and preserve land in Lower Moreland.

The public is invited to view maps of the township illustrating current land use, to help identify tracts to be included in the Open Space plan, and to take part in a discussion of how to shape and maintain Lower Moreland Township's ongoing open space efforts.

The Open House will be held in the Community Room located on the second floor of the Huntingdon Valley Library.



Raytharn Farm, a 160-acre parcel on Terwood Road, was purchased through a joint venture between Upper Moreland and Lower Moreland and is permanently preserved as open space.

### The evening's schedule is:

- Open House, 6:30 to 7 p.m. (review maps of the township and Land Use)
- Open Space Presentation, 7 p.m.
- Questions and Discussion

## Valley Youth Center Brings Children Together *(continued from page 1)*

Mrs. Kuritz said everyone gets involved with the event, from the families who plan to the families who play. A similar grand event marks

the center opening each September.

"It is wonderful to be able to have this for the community," says Mrs. Kuritz.

Adding a Fence? Building a shed? Removing a tree? See page 1 to read about what needs a permit and what doesn't.

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