Moon Township Earns Designation as a Live Well Allegheny Community

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced that another community, Moon Township, has earned the Live Well Allegheny Community designation. Now participating in the campaign are 58 communities, 42 restaurants, 14 workplaces and 14 school districts that are making health a priority in Allegheny County.

“We are excited to see so many of our partners in this county sign on as participants in the Live Well Allegheny initiative, and delighted to welcome Moon Township to the program,” said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. “Our region is most successful when we work together and improving the health in our county is no exception. We welcome Moon Township and look forward to seeing the great activities and offerings in their community.”

In its formal submission, Moon Township committed to improving the health and wellness of its residents by promoting physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco cessation. The township will develop walking maps, and indoor and outdoor wellness trails that will be accessible to residents of all ages and abilities, and will encourage multi-modal transportation of residents by providing facilities that encourage walking, ride-sharing, public transportation and bike riding. In addition, the township will promote and support farmers markets, smoke-free buildings and perimeters, and provide health information across a variety of platforms.

"I am thrilled that Moon Township has earned the status of a Live Well Community,” said District 1 Council Representative, Thomas Baker. “Moon Township is a pinnacle of good government and provides such amazing programming for residents. This designation and commitment will add to the already excellent assortment of activities and events for Moon residents, while also making sure that best practices are being focused on in the township."

Live Well Allegheny was launched in January 2014 by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald as a comprehensive and innovative strategy on wellness that embraces a broad concept of living well to include physical health, mental wellness, personal and community safety, prevention and preparedness, and much more. The effort is being led by the Allegheny County Board of Health and Health Department Director, Dr. Karen Hacker.

“I was very pleased to notify Moon Township supervisors at their meeting last evening that their community earned Live Well status,” said Dr. Hacker. “Moon Township is dedicated to making health a priority for its residents, and has put together some great plans to achieve that goal. Earning the Live Well designation is easy, and we encourage those communities that have not yet applied to do so.”

Participants in the Live Well Allegheny campaign work with the Health Department’s staff. While monetary resources are not part of the initiative, participating workplaces can receive materials, information and collateral items to promote the campaign and their individual efforts to live well. For more information on the campaign, including details on how to earn the Live Well designation, visit www.LiveWellAllegheny.com.

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