



Mt. Olive Fall/Winter Photo Contest 2009 -10



See your photo on the mountolivetownship.com website!

Whether photography is your passion, your hobby, or just an occasional pastime, we invite you to participate in photo contest.

Celebrating what makes Mt. Olive a Great Place to Live!

Prize Categories

Best over-all

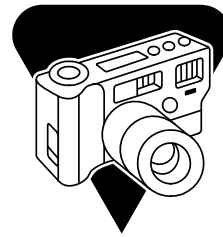
Best Under 18

Runner Up Under 18

Best Amateur Adult

Runner Up Amateur Adult

Most Innovative



Photos will be displayed on Facebook . Printed and mounted photos supplied by the entrant(s) will be displayed at the municipal building. Photos should be in digital format for judging, and if you want your photo displayed at the Municipal Building, printed; see contest rules for details. Printed and mounted winning photos will be given to the sponsoring businesses. Awards Ceremony presentation March 30, 2010 Place:TBA

Contest Dates: Oct. 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

Entries for the Mt. Olive Fall/Winter 2009/10 Contest must be received by Monday, March 1, 2010, at 11:59pm EST.

Please read the complete contest rules before entering.

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win

Photo Eligibility

To enter, you must live, work or play in the greater Mount Olive area. Categories for entrants:

Under 18 years old Amateur Adult Exempt from prizes: Mt. Olive Township employees, appointees, elected officials; prize sponsors' families, employees and the panel of judges, their families or employees. May receive Honorable Mention, and have submissions posted on-line, etc.

All photos must be in color and taken in Mt. Olive within the last two years. The photo subject must be relevant to **Celebrating what makes Mt Olive a Great Place to Live** in one of the following contest subjects:

Only 3 photos per subject

- Mount Olive Outdoors: Landscapes, Wildlife, Nature
- Mount Olive Celebrations
- Mount Olive Recreation
- Mount Olive Humorous

People in photos must sign release form(s)

Photo Formats

Entries should be submitted as a digital image, emailed to recdept@mtolivetwp.org. Black and white images are not eligible. Please read the specific guidelines for submitting digital photos.

Photographer/Copyright

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry email is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Number of Entries

An individual may submit up to three(3) photos *per category*.

Photo Subject Restrictions

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public government website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. Mt. Olive Township retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. Entries with photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a signed release form.

Return of Photos

Photos, regardless of the medium, will not be returned. Please do not send your only copy of a photo.

Ownership/Use Rights

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph(s) displayed on the mountolivetownship.com website and Facebook without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that Mount Olive Township may display photos in an electronic photo gallery, display any printed submissions at the municipal building and may make and retain copies of the photograph(s) for future Mt. Olive Recreation Department use. Posted photos will be subject to the photo use policy. Photos will be credited to the photographer named in the entry form. Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for display or use in other Mount Olive government web pages. Entries become the property of Mount Olive Recreation. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted to Mount Olive Recreation is contested in any manner, Mount Olive Recreation retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph and discontinue use of the photograph.

How to Enter

Digital photos should be submitted by email. In the subject line, please write "Fall/Winter Photo Contest". In the **text** of the e-mail include:

Information about the photographer:

◇Name ◇ Age ◇ Amateur or Under 18
◇Email address ◇Phone number

Contest Subject:

◇Outdoors ◇ Recreation ◇ Celebrations ◇ Humorous

Description of 25 words or less (Location, date, significance of picture).

Attach photo as a .jpg, no more than 3.0 mb in size.

Multiple entries: Send a separate email per submission. Entries must be received by Monday, March 1, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Photos may also be submitted by disc, and mailed to Mt. Olive Recreation, P.O. Box 450, Budd Lake, NJ 07828. Include the information listed above regarding Photographer, Category, and Description. If more than one submission is on the disc, clearly indicate which information goes with each photo.

Print Photos

In addition to the email submission, if you are submitting a printed, mounted photo (no more than 8 ½" x 11" in size) for display in the Municipal Building, write on the back of it the photographer's name, phone number and email address, so can match it up with your emailed information.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of Mount Olive Township in one of the contest subjects. A Mt. Olive Recreation panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified. The Mt. Olive Recreation panel will include professionals from the fields of photographic art, graphic design, website design, website development, marketing and public relations.

Winners

Judges will select a First Place (best over-all), Best and Runner-Up winning photo for each of the contest categories (Photographer categories). If fewer than ten eligible photographs are entered in a category, Mt. Olive Recreation may choose to name only a first place winner, or may cancel that category. In addition, one or more honorable mention winners may be selected in categories with especially large numbers of entries, at the discretion of the judging panel. Winners will be notified approximately 2-3 weeks after the contest deadline by phone and email using the information in the email submission. Winning photographs, along with the photographer's name, email address (optional) and information about the photo will be displayed on Facebook for 6 weeks after the contest. Winning submissions will be displayed at the Municipal Building.

Submitting Digital Images

Digital images should be submitted as an attachment to your submission email. Panoramic photos are not eligible. Images should be submitted in JPG (at high quality) or TIFF format. File sizes must be no more than 3.0 mb per image. Images must be in natural color. Black and white, sepia tone, and duotone images are not eligible. Digital images will not be returned.

Image Modifications:

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

Not Permitted:

- No borders or frames may be added to images.
- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- Artistic filters are not permitted.

Permitted Modifications:

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained
- Red-eye removal and spot editing
- One-step enhancement (such as "Auto Fix", "Quick Fix", "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.

Additional Terms and Conditions

Mt. Olive Recreation is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, Mt. Olive Recreation is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. Mt. Olive Recreation reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond Mt. Olive Recreation's control, including technical difficulties, disrupt or corrupt the fair or secure administration or operation of the contest. Void where prohibited. Mt. Olive Recreation is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. Mt. Olive Recreation reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that Mt. Olive Recreation has reason to believe is not the original work of entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules. If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above. Alternate winners are subject to all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.

By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless Mt. Olive Township Recreation and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. Mt. Olive Recreation and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.

Mt. Olive Recreation Photo Use Policy

Photos displayed on the mountolivetownship.com website are copyrighted by the photographer.

Permission to use the photographs is granted to the public for the following limited uses:

1. Photos may be printed from a web browser for *personal, non-commercial* uses.
2. Photos may be downloaded/copied electronically from a web browser for *personal, non-commercial* uses, with the following limitations:
 - Photos may not be altered in any way, including resizing or cropping.
 - Photo credits must be provided.
 - Credit should be given as follows: "Photograph by [photographer's name]. Used by permission from www.mountolivetownship.com."

Photos may not be sold or used in any way for profit or commercial purposes, including use in commercial or professional websites or printed materials. Photos may not be used to suggest endorsement by the Township of Mount Olive for a product or service.

Requests for alternate formats or additional uses/rights should be sent to the photographer using the email link provided next to each photo on the Winners Page. Mt. Olive Recreation reserves the right to deny such requests at its discretion. Some requests may be subject to a fee for graphic design services from the photographer.

Mt. Olive Recreation Photo Contest Photo Release Form

I hereby confer on _____ (photographer) the absolute and irrevocable right and permission with respect to the photographs that he/she has taken of me and/or my minor child in which he/she may be included with others:

a) To copyright the same in _____ (photographer's name) name or any other name that he/she may select;

b) To use, re-use, publish and re-publish the same in whole or in part, separately or in conjunction with other photographs, in any medium now or hereafter known, and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, advertising and trade, and;

c) To use my name or my child's name in connection therewith if he/she so decides.

I hereby release and discharge _____ (photographer's name) from all and any claims and demands ensuing from or in connection with the use of the photographs, including any and all claims for libel and invasion of privacy.

This authorization and release shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, licensees and assigns of photographer _____ (photographer's name) as well as the person(s) for whom he/she took the photographs.

I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents hereof. I represent that I am able to give consent for myself, and my minor child (as the parent/guardian) of the below named individuals. I hereby consent to the foregoing on his/her behalf.

Date: _____ Minor Name(s): _____

Adult (s) or Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Witness: _____

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Artist Release

With respect to the attached photograph (hereinafter the "photograph"), I hereby represent that I am the copyright owner of the artwork that appears in the photograph. I hereby grant to the Mt Olive Recreation Dept, its affiliates and licensees, and to the photographer of the photograph, the following worldwide, irrevocable rights:

(1) to copyright the photograph in the name of the Mt Olive Recreation Dept. or in the name of the photographer; and

(2) to use and re-use, publish and re-publish the photograph, in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with printed matter, or in composite form, and in any medium, for editorial, commercial, promotional, and/or trade purposes.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve any copy that is used in connection with the photograph and release and discharge the Mt Olive Recreation Dept., its affiliates and licensees, and the photographer from any and all claims arising out of use by the Mt Olive Recreation Dept., its affiliates and licensees, of the photograph for the purposes described above, including any claims for libel, invasion of privacy or breach of copyright.

I am over the age of eighteen. I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

_____, _____, _____
Street Address City ST Zip Code

If a minor, have a parent or guardian complete to give Approval:

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Parental Authority (e.g. Mother, Father, Legal Guardian, etc.) _____