

BOROUGH OF MODENA

NEWS

A New Beginning for Meredith Court

In late September 2021, Hurricane Ida left a lasting mark on the Borough of Modena. As the Brandywine River spilled over its banks, homes were devastated and several families were displaced, creating months of uncertainty and leaving a deep impact on the community. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Councilmember Jennifer Daywalt-Taylor, a federal FEMA grant was secured to help rebuild the homes on Meredith Court and bring families back to the neighborhood.

At the end of last year, Borough Council awarded the rebuilding contract to Moto Designshop, a Philadelphia-based architecture studio known for creative, thoughtful, and community-focused designs. The plan calls for two-story, 10-unit apartment homes, each featuring three bedrooms and two bathrooms, with a projected completion date of summer 2027. Demolition is expected to begin this spring, with careful steps taken to preserve and later replant the trees and bushes surrounding the homes. Even as construction moves forward, Meredith Court remains an active part of the community, hosting Fire Department training exercises and standing as a symbol of resilience in the face of adversity. This project is more than bricks and mortar. It is about restoring hope and strengthening the heart of Modena. As progress continues, the Borough will share updates, celebrating each milestone as a community coming together.



6th ANNUAL DUCK DERBY

Saturday May 30th

Hundreds of rubber ducks will take a thrilling plunge into the Brandywine River, bobbing, weaving, and dramatically drifting downstream in a race for glory. Participants can join the fun by adopting a flock of ducks for a small fee. Once released into the river, the flocks race toward the finish line. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ducks across win cash prizes, and even the last "Lazy Duck" to finish takes home a prize!

The Parks & Recreation Committee is thrilled to once again partner with F.I.S.H. to bring back the Fish Rodeo for its third year. Kids 15 and under can fish for free in a specially stocked section of the creek when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Experts will be on hand to teach participants how to bait a hook, cast a line, and reel in their catch like seasoned pros. Children are welcome to bring their own fishing poles, and equipment will also be available for those who need it. Whether it's their first cast or their twenty first! In addition to the Duck Derby and Fish Rodeo, the day will feature local vendors, games and activities, delicious food, raffles and prizes, and fire trucks on display courtesy of the Modena Fire Department. Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars and join the festivities on Union Street along the river for a fun, family-friendly event from **11am - 3pm.**

