

Benefits of Neutering Cats

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Some people don't realize the benefits of and how important it is to "fix" all feral cats including males. Neutered cats roam less, and are less likely to be hit by cars. Foul odors are greatly reduced as well because neutered male cats no longer produce testosterone so they won't have that distinctive tomcat smell to their urine and won't have the same urge to spray. Fighting is greatly reduced. These feral cats will live longer, healthier lives of approximately 7 years.



Just as important cats are territorial. If you remove cats from an area, other non-neutered cats will move into their territory and produce kittens. This is why trapping, neutering, and releasing where they were trapped is the best option. The neutered cats will keep "unfixed" cats away.

Neutering with Monroe Animal League (MAL)

MAL is partnering with FURR Fix Clinic for domestic cats in addition to ferals, and to partner with No Nonsense Neutering (NNN) for cats (both domestic and feral) and dogs. For NNN, cats can be transported from Camp Papillion once per month as scheduled at www.nnnlv.org. Next transport is June 13. Their voucher program will reopen soon. Creature Comforts remains a valued provider of services for cats and dogs. Due to increased pricing for veterinary services, MAL must increase the cost to consumers for our voucher program. Effective today, domestic cat voucher cost is \$50 and dog voucher cost is \$75. The cost of a feral voucher remains \$20.



Summer **Bonfire** Featuring Live Music

Friday, July 5
Saturday, August 31
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
at the Island

BYOB. Membership ID required to attend. All events are subject to change. Please refer to the website recreation calendar for up-to-date information or contact the Recreation Department. Bonfires are subject to cancellation due to Township Burn Ban ordinances and are weather permitted.