

# WHERE’S THE DUMPSTER?

We know that’s the million dollar question these days! We’ve received numerous phone calls about what happened and why. Honestly, it’s refreshing to know that our dumpster is so well utilized and that it’s missed when it’s gone!

The dumpster was moved several weeks ago from the Old Garage on Route 168 to the New Garage / Municipal Office on Pittsburgh Grade Road. The reason for the move was so that work could begin on the comfort stations which will be located at the end of the Old Garage.

With the changing of the clocks for Daylight Savings Time, the dumpster hours changed as well. **It is open every Friday, from 3:00—9:00 pm and every Saturday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.** For your protection and ours, the dumpster is under 24 hour video surveillance.

As a reminder, we can only accept items from residents of Greene Township, and Hookstown and Georgetown Burroughs. Limiting the use of our dumpster is for good reason. Dumpster expenses for 2015 alone exceeded \$18,000.00.

The recycle truck is available the fourth FULL weekend of every month at the New Garage / Municipal office as well. Residents are reminded to help conserve space in the truck bins by crushing plastic gallon jugs, drink bottles and aluminum cans.

## Contact Us

**HOOKSTOWN  
VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

724.573.4111

BRIAN HANNE

Fire Chief

**GREENE TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

[www.greenetownship.net](http://www.greenetownship.net)

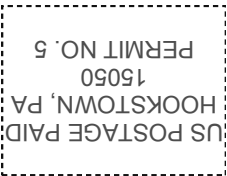
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Township Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**GREENE TOWNSHIP  
262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd.,  
Hookstown, PA 15050**



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PO BOX 181  
HOOKSTOWN, PA 15050**

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Not only is it illegal to dump your used motor oil into a drain or on the ground—used oil from a single change can ruin a million gallons of fresh water—but it is also a huge waste. Motor oil never wears out, making it an ideal product for recycling. However, it does get dirty, and needs to be filtered before being reused. It is important to take used oil to the appropriate facility so that it can be recycled in the most beneficial way. Ready to get started? Well here it goes...

#### Three simple steps

1. Cover the area under your car with a plastic tarp to prevent spills or runoff – which could possibly contaminate the soil.
2. Have a clean, plastic container with a tight lid ready when you change your car's oil. It's important to keep the old oil separate from any contaminants. Mixing oil with residue from paint, gasoline, solvents or antifreeze renders it useless for recycling.
3. Take the container of old oil and the old filter to a recycling center that collects used oil and can handle it properly. Do not put the oil with your curbside recycling or in a recycling collection point. Many automotive service stations and quick lube locations will also take used oil. Remember to also recycle the container the oil came in originally.

[Earth911 has a tool for finding nearby recycling centers that will accept used motor oil, oil filters and plastic motor oil containers. http://search.earth911.com/](http://search.earth911.com/)

## What happens to used motor oil?

Used motor oil can be processed into fuel oils and used as raw materials for the petroleum industry. However, the most eco-friendly method is to “re-refine” it into new oil that can be used for the same lubrication purposes. After the contaminants from use in a vehicle are removed, re-refined oil can actually be better than its original form, making it an excellent recyclable material. One gallon of used motor oil can produce 2.5 quarts of re-refined motor oil of the same, if not better, quality as “virgin” motor oil. In contrast, it takes an entire barrel of crude oil to produce the same amount of virgin motor oil.

## How can you conserve motor oil?

The theory that all cars need an oil change at 3,000 miles no longer holds true, thanks to advances in engine technology and improvements in oil formulae. Visit CA.gov's Check Your Number calculator to get the manufacturer's recommended oil change interval for your car. Reducing the use of a product is as important as recycling it, so make sure you aren't changing your oil too often.

to advocate for policies that benefit rural, blue-collar folks in Greene Township and allow Pennsylvania's agricultural industry to flourish.

My office can assist you with PennDOT, property tax/rent rebate applications, child abuse & criminal history clearances applications, answer questions you may have about legislation, create citations to celebrate retirements and special occasions, or cutting through the red tape that is all too common in government bureaucracy (to name only a few services I provide). I encourage everyone to please visit my local district office at 488 Adams Street in Rochester (724-774-0444) or contact me at any time to discuss issues of importance to you. I have a website at [www.SenatorElderVogel.com](http://www.SenatorElderVogel.com) and I'm also on Twitter (@SenElderVogelJr) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/senator.elder.vogel](http://www.facebook.com/senator.elder.vogel)). I look forward to hearing from you.

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## BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Greene Township has been notified that reconstruction of the Bridges on Georgetown Road will begin the week of May 23, 2016. The contractor, Plenary Walsh, plans to rebuild the bridge one-half at a time, with single lane traffic alternating in each direction, controlled by temporary traffic signals. The Georgetown Road Bridge is one of many bridges in PA being replaced because of structural deficiency. Work is expected to be completed by November 2016. The plans for the bridge work are on display at the Greene Township Municipal Office.

Construction of Beaver County Bridge # 30 on Upper Service Road will begin this summer as well. During this project, traffic will be rerouted and this section of the road will be closed. At the time of this newsletter, traffic detour information was unavailable.

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## WHY YOU SHOULD RECYCLE MOTOR OIL, AND HOW TO DO IT

Changing your car's oil yourself is a simple procedure that can save you time and money. You don't need any special equipment or training, and you can pick up the supplies (motor oil and an oil filter) at your local hardware store. However, if you've never done elected to recycle motor oil before, there are a few things to consider before you get started.

### How to Recycle Motor Oil

Choosing to properly recycle motor oils, filters and containers from your car;

- benefits the environment,
- saves energy and
- protects water quality.

## PAVILION RENTAL


Looking for an outdoor venue for a birthday party, reunion or family gathering? The pavilion at Mill Creek Community Park on Route 168 is available to Greene Township residents for a small fee. Electric is available, as well as picnic benches, state-of-the art playground area, walking track and a horse shoe pit. Compost-type restrooms are nearby. Stop by our office to complete an application. \$25 of your \$50 rental fee will be returned upon inspection of the pavilion the day after your event.



## WHO SHOULD I CALL WHEN DOWNED TREES ARE BLOCKING THE ROADWAY?

During Municipal Office hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 724.573.1111 or the garage directly 724.573.4612.

After hours, dial 911 and they will dispatch the proper authority.



The annual Memorial Day parade is fast approaching and the Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department looks forward to seeing you there on **May 30!** Be on the lookout for the hosting of family movie nights at the Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department. We are also hosting flea markets in our hall. Be on the look out for times and dates. Our **Sportman's Bash Tickets** are currently on sale and available at the Hookstown Fire Station or online at [www.hvfdgunbash.com](http://www.hvfdgunbash.com). The date of the event is **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**. Come join us in a day of fun, friendship, and prizes.

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Burn Barrels must be made of all-metal construction in good condition (no rust on the sides or bottom) and properly ventilated with three evenly-spaced, three-inch square vents spaced evenly around the rim near ground level. Each vent must be backed by a metal screen. A Burn Barrel must have a metal top screen with mesh size of one-fourth inch or finer to keep sparks from escaping and potentially sparking a wildfire. When burning, layer the different types of debris and stir often. Be careful of sparks escaping the barrel when you stir it.

- **Remain With your Fire**

Stay with your fire until it is completely out. To ensure the fire has been completely extinguished, drown the fire with water, turn over the ashes with a shovel and drown it again. Repeat several times. Check the burn area regularly over the next several days and up to several weeks following the burn, especially if the weather is warm, dry, and windy.

- **Keep it Legal**

It is illegal to burn plastic, tires, and most other waste products not from a tree or shrub.

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## HELLO FROM SENATOR ELDER VOGEL

I appreciate the opportunity again to remind folks of who I am, what I stand for and how I can be of service to the constituents I serve. I have served as the state senator for the roughly 250,000 folks of the 47th Senate District of Pennsylvania since 2008. Due to legislative redistricting, it has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of Greene Township and Hookstown Borough since November, 2014.

I'm a fourth-generation dairy farmer operating my family's farm in New Sewickley Township. I've lived in Beaver County my entire life and wouldn't want it any other way. I served as a township supervisor in New Sewickley before running for state senate so I have a great deal of respect for the hard-work that it takes to make local government work. I think the folks of Greene Township and Hookstown are fortunate to have such good leadership at the local level.

I've spent my years in the state senate advocating for limited, common-sense government, low-taxes, individual freedom, and economic policies that bring family-sustaining jobs to Beaver County. There are many reasons to be optimistic for the future of our area; it is my hope that state government can foster economic growth while also protecting our beautiful natural resources. It has been a frustrating year in Harrisburg with divided government and a drawn-out budget impasse, but I remain hopeful that both sides of the aisle, and the governor, can come together to deliver a commonsense budget that fully funds core functions of state government and makes smart investments for our future without adding to the already significant tax burden on working class Pennsylvanians.

I am also the chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Agriculture is the #1 industry in our Commonwealth and I cannot overstate its importance to us all. A strong agricultural industry in Pennsylvania provide our citizens with ample, quality produce, dairy, meat, livestock, and countless other benefits. It is my hope that I can continue





## HONORING RECENT RETIREE JERRY TORRENCE

The Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Jerry Torrence for his service as Fire Chief this past year and all of the past years he has served as Chief. Jerry will continue to serve the community with the Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter and will continue to share his knowledge and skills that he has gathered throughout his years of service. Brian Hanne will be the Department's Fire Chief for the year 2016. Brian has been a member of the Department since 2002 and has been serving the Department as the Assistant Chief under Jerry Torrence.

**The approaching early months of summer and late spring bring a potential for heightened risk of wildland fires. Here are a few tips to keep your family and home safe.**

- **Comply with Local Regulations**

Contact the Hookstown Fire Department (724.573.4111) in advance to confirm that burning is allowed and the proper material is being burned in a safe manner.

- **Check the Weather Forecast**

Weather fluctuations, such as sudden gusts of wind, could make debris burning spark a wildfire. Call your local fire department the day you plan to burn debris to finalize that the weather is safe enough to burn.

- **Choose a Safe Burning Site**

A safe site will be far away from power lines, overhanging limbs, buildings, automobiles, and equipment. It will have vertical clearance at least three times the height of the pile, as heat from the fire extends far past the actual flames that you see. It will have horizontal clearance twice the height of the debris pile.

- **Prepare the Site Correctly:**

The ground around the burn site should be surrounded by gravel or mineral soil (dirt) for at least ten feet in all directions. Keep the surrounding area watered down during the burn.

- If using a Burn Barrel, Make Sure it is Equipped with the Proper Features



## CONGRATULATIONS TO LONGTIME GREENE TOWNSHIP RESIDENT, JAMES M SHUTT, aka "PICKER"

who was elected to the International Harvester Collectors Club and its Board of Directors on November 21, 2015.

## HOOKSTOWN GRANGE NEWS

**April 14** - Hookstown Grange Open Community Meeting, 7:30 pm. We will be honoring the Granger of the Year and the Community Person of the Year. The Community is invited to come see what our organization is about and the work we do.

**April 26** - Hookstown Grange Election Day Soup, Sandwich and Pie Sale. 11:00 - 7:00. Stop by for lunch or take some home for dinner. Whole pies are available by pre ordering to Jill Scott 724-573-9044. Quarts of soup are also available.

**May 30** - Hookstown Grange Memorial Day Car Show. Lunch will be available in the Grange basement 10:00 - 3:00. Serving Sandwiches, Fries, Salads, Pies and Drinks.

**August 23-27** Hookstown Fair



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## RECENT GREENE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

### Flood Plain 5-2015

FEMA provided Greene Township with flood hazard information upon which floodplain management regulations are based, and we were then required to adopt a floodplain management ordinance. The overriding purpose of the floodplain management regulation is to ensure that our community takes into account flood hazards, to the extent that they are known, in all official actions relating to land management and use.

## GREENE TOWNSHIP CODE UPDATES

The Planning Commission will begin reviewing Greene Township's existing Code Book, which was last updated in 2012. They would love involvement from members of our community. Please contact PC Secretary:

Kathy Nelson at  
hollygirl2006@yahoo.com or  
724.573.0324



**DON'T BE FRUSTRATED OVER  
ZONING AND BUILDING  
ISSUES. ZONING CAN  
IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
LIFE IN GREENE TOWNSHIP.**

particular zoning district and whether the structure is within the setback for your zoning area. She will check the height and size of your proposed structure and what percentage of the lot that it will occupy.

So, how do you know whether to even apply for a zoning permit? They are required for things like (but not limited to) adding a structure of any sort, including remodeling through additions, opening a new business, building a shed, adding a sun room, installing a pool or a fence, erecting a sign, removing or installing a new mobile home, and even adding solar panels. Remodeling or improving an existing building that does not alter the basic structure or create additional lot coverage area is exempt. A zoning permit fee is currently \$60.00 per application and \$75.00 for new business applications.

A complete list of permissible uses is listed in Chapter 170 of the Greene Township Code and is accessible on our website at [www.greentownship.net](http://www.greentownship.net). Click on Resources, then Ordinances. Or, call us at 724.573.1111. We are here to answer your questions Monday through Friday, 8:30 am—4:30 pm.

## BUILDING PERMITS

**In addition to the local Municipality's Zoning Permits, which is monitored by the Zoning Officer for compliance with Greene Township's Ordinances, the STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA also has regulations that you must comply with. This regulation is called the Uniform Construction Code.**

When your Zoning Permit is approved, the Zoning Officer will tell you whether you also need a Building Permit. Building Permits are required by the State for any resident who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system. Code.SYS Code Consulting from Pittsburgh reviews all Building Permits completed through our office. The cost for each permit varies, and is determined by Code.SYS.



# The COMMUNITY CORNER

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Greene Township Planning Commission consists of 7 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors under the authority of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. On a commission of 7 members, at least 5 are required to be citizen planners. Those members are Rose Mare Kendall, Kathy Nelson, Rich Zima, Kari

Wilson, John Allison, Jr., Mike Messner and Amy Foster.

The planning commission, using the our Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan as a guide, works on maintaining & updating zoning ordinances, reviewing, administering, and making recommendations on sub-division and land development activities, and conducts studies as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

In 2015 we worked on several sub-divisions, reviewed the 2015 Flood Plain Ordinance, and solicited input for a proposed campground ordinance. We worked with a student group from Penn State to obtain input regarding future land use opportunities relating to the area surrounding Little Blue Run and participated in a tour of the facility with the students and First Energy personnel.

As the Planning Commission looks forward to the future in Greene Township, we welcome input and suggestions from the community. We meet at 7PM in the Township Building on the 3rd Monday of each month.

## WELCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Greene Township is actively accepting volunteers for their **5-10 year plan committee**. This committee would be responsible for proposing ideas for the future of Greene Township and report directly to the Board of Supervisors and would propose ideas on ways to generate and house funds for potential future uses, such as equipment depreciation/replacement, the need for a community building for our residents, and/or construction of an office building to replace the temporary municipal office site.

**ZONING** Everyone has questions about what needs a permit, when to apply and how much it will cost. To simplify, a zoning permit is required any time a property owner wishes to make changes to an existing structure, add a structure, or open a new business. Zoning is regulated by the municipality (unlike building permits which are regulated by the State of Pennsylvania) through an Ordinance and are enforced by an appointed Code Enforcement/ Zoning Officer. Greene Township's officer is Aileen Hudack. Her responsibility is to determine whether your structure, addition or alteration is allowable in your



## SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

Greene Township is happy to again offer Spring clean up dates to residents.

We will pick up large items such as furniture, appliances, exercise equipment, etc. Refrigerators must have the Freon removed. Our recycle company does not allow us to accept televisions, batteries, electronics, tires or mattresses.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 &**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

Call or email us to schedule the pick up. Items must be at the curb no later than 7 am the morning of your pickup.

**724.573.1111**

kamoore22@greenetwp.comcastbiz.net  
glenda@greenetwp.comcastbiz.net

## ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed to free our roadways of trash and debris. Crews are being organized now.

Roadside clean up will happen the weekend of April 23/24.

Contact Jeff Seik if you or your organization can help.

Jeff.seik@adp.com  
412.979.3148



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## Working Together to Achieve Common Goals



Brian Herron, Chairman



Maggie Smith, Rd Master



Mike Messner, Vice Chair

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors would like to wish all residents a Happy New Year. We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve as Supervisors of your Township. During the 2015 calendar year, our board has saved residents tens of thousands of dollars by working together to achieve common goals. Our hopes for 2016 are that we see an increase in public attendance at our Township Board of Supervisor meetings, which are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Greene Township Municipal Building. We would like to thank the residents of our Township for making Greene Township different from others. It's ok NOT to be like every other town.

Our Road Department crew recently installed new signs at both entrances to our office on Pittsburgh Grade Road. Thank you to Karen Burns of Computer Times Software and Publishing in East Liverpool for the creation of our new logo and her dedication to seeing the job was completed to our satisfaction.

*Board of Supervisor Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Greene Township Municipal Office at 262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd. Workshops are held the last Tuesday of each month at the same location and time. Public attendance is welcome and encouraged.*

