

GREENE TOWNSHIP™

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Progress



The Greene Township Planning Commission was asked to form a committee whose goal would be to map out the future of the township. Since that 5-10 year planning committee kick-off meeting in October, those volunteers have been meeting monthly to provide input on ideas concerning the future of the township. The Dot Survey taken at the Hookstown Fair last August identified what township residents considered most important to them in 3 major areas.

- **Services** – the committee met in the township garage to view and gather information for future Road Department projects and equipment needs
- **Parks & Recreation** – meeting in the old township garage, the committee went over the plans for the new park comfort stations and the proposed picnic pavilion. The township Road Department responded to community interest and completed an interior painting project in the old garage. The garage will now be available to rent for private parties.
- **Buildings & Grounds** – the committee has *Story continued on page 4*



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Supervisor/Road Master Maggie Smith meets with committee members in the Twp Garage

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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

News Release

For Information Contact: Release #6-17 Patrick L. Snickles August 18, 2017 724-238-9523

GAME COMMISSION INVESTIGATING DEER DEATHS IN SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

BOLIVAR – More than 150 white-tailed deer died recently in Beaver, Washington and Allegheny counties, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission suspects Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) is the cause.

The Game Commission is investigating the deaths. A deer that died in Greene Township, Beaver County was tested and confirmed EHDV serotype 2-positive. Results are pending on other samples collected from deer in Allegheny and Washington counties.

“While we are waiting for additional test results, we do suspect EHD, based on field signs we are seeing during our investigations.” said Dr. Justin Brown, Game Commission wildlife veterinarian.

The Game Commission will continue to gather information and samples from reported deer mortalities throughout the rest of the state. Due to decomposition, samples must be collected within 24 hours of the animal’s death in order to be viable for testing.

Deer contract EHD through the bite of small biting flies or midges. EHD can kill the animal within 5 to 10 days but it is not spread from deer to deer. While EHD is not infectious to humans, it is important to note that signs of EHD can be observed with other diseases of deer. However there is no relationship between EHD and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Brown also pointed out that EHD should be curtailed with the first hard frost, which will kill the insects that are spreading the disease. He noted that EHD, unlike CWD, is a seasonal disease that occurs sporadically in Pennsylvania. While deer mortality can be significant locally during outbreaks there is no evidence that EHD can lead to long-term negative impacts on deer populations.

Game Commission Southwest Region Director Thomas Fazi is urging residents to report sightings of sick looking or dead deer, which are often found by water, by calling the Southwest Region office at 724-238-9523.

Director Fazi also expressed his gratitude to the general public for their vigilance in reporting these sightings to our agency so the Game Commission can continue to respond in a timely manner.

The Southwest Region serves Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties. Residents in other counties are urged to call their respective regional office.

EHD is a significant disease of white-tailed deer caused by two related viruses; Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (EHDV) and Bluetongue Virus (BTV). Both EHDV and BTV are further categorized into different serotypes that are designated by a number (e.g. EHDV 1, EHDV 2, etc.).

[For more information on EHD, go to the Game Commission’s website](http://www.pgc.pa.gov)

(www.pgc.pa.gov). Put your cursor on the homepage, then put your cursor on down menu listing, then choose the next drop down menu and look for “Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease.”

RABIES VACCINATION PACKETS DISBRIBUTED RECENTLY

The program is currently in its 15th year in western PA and overall the program has successfully stopped the westward spread of raccoon variant rabies in the U.S. This variant of rabies is the only variant of terrestrial rabies in PA (i.e. not including bat variants) and is responsible for the majority of human and domestic animal exposures to rabies in the state. All Oral Rabies Vaccination baiting was completed in PA for 2017 on Saturday August 26th.

Q. What is an oral rabies vaccination (ORV) bait and what does it look like?

A. WS and its cooperators distribute the ORV baits in targeted areas to vaccinate wildlife species—such as coyotes, foxes, and raccoons—to prevent the spread of rabies. An ORV bait consists of a sachet, or plastic packet containing Raboral V-RG® rabies vaccine. To make the baits attractive to wildlife, the baits are either waxed to the inside of a fishmeal or dogmeal outer shell or covered with fishmeal crumbs. Q. Can I get rabies from contact with the vaccine?



COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE RAFFLE TABLE

COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE RAISES \$75,000

A local group of people from Greene Township and surrounding communities have come together with the goal of helping those in need. They call themselves the Community Benefit Committee and to date, they have raised over \$75,000. They hold spaghetti dinners, hamburger/hot dog dinners, basket raffles, and 50/50 drawings all with the help of local businesses and individuals who donate time, space, materials, food, baskets, and paper products. In the last two years, those funds benefited 6 local families whose needs were either related to medical expenses or catastrophic events. The committee and volunteers recognize that it's the **community, residents, businesses, family, friends, and neighbors** who are truly the driving force behind the success of each of these events.

The committee is currently selling Chestnut Hill candles to offset some of the start up costs for each of the fundraising events. You may show your support by purchasing a candle, available each Friday at the Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department during their fish fries. Upcoming fish fry dates are March 31, April 7, April 14.

Anyone interested in volunteering for an event, donating in some way or suggesting a family in need should to contact a committee member.

- ◆ Maggie Smith 724.312.2222
- ◆ Sally Cain 724.987.2414

FARM EQUIPMENT & TOOLS CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Farm Machinery, Garden Tractors and accessories, Implements and more.

WHEN - May 6, 2017

WHERE – Hookstown Fairgrounds
1198 State Route 168, Hookstown

TIME – 10:00 am

Auctioneer - Roger Croll ◆ 724-496-4580 ◆ crollsmills@yahoo.com ◆
Auction zip ID 17949

HORSE AND TACK SALE

Horses, Tack and more

WHEN - May 7, 2017

WHERE – Hookstown Fairgrounds
1198 State Route 168, Hookstown

TIME – 12:00 pm

Auctioneer - Roger Croll ◆ 724-496-4580 ◆ crollsmills@yahoo.com ◆
Auction Zip ID 17949



BEAVER COUNTY RSVP

Are you at least 55 years old?
Then join RSVP today!

The Retired and Senior
Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a
national service program that
supports senior volunteers all
over the country.

Why join? To give back to
your community and in
extension, your country, by
volunteering your time to one
of our great causes. You will
receive some modest benefits
to make it just a little easier to
volunteer your time including
transportation reimbursement,
supplemental insurance, free
giveaways throughout the year
and invitations to receptions
and dinners.

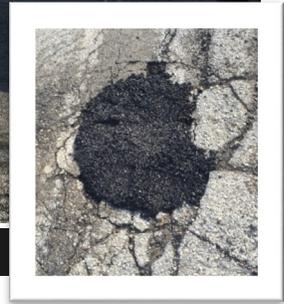
Where? Anywhere you would
like within Beaver County. We
partner with many nonprofit
agencies around Beaver
County. Their work ranges
from hunger alleviation, senior
services, housing services,
veteran services and more.

Contact

Adam Morgan,
RSVP Program Manager
3582 Brodhead Rd., Monaca,
PA 15061
amorgan@pittsburghcares.org
724.747.3238



Road Master, Foreman and Workers using Perma-Patch



ROADMASTER REVIEW

Greene Township's road crew kept busy over the winter months with snow removal and tree trimming and using the wood chipper on some of our back roads. During wet periods our guys painted the interior walls and ceiling of the old garage to prepare it for rental this coming summer. Cleaning and maintenance of the trucks and other heavy equipment is a necessity and was completed this winter, along with repairs made to our buildings due to high winds.

In the coming weeks and months we will begin sweeping the ash off the back roads. Thanks to our road crew for being the "Jacks" of all trades and making Greene Township safe for travelers, family and friends.

SPRING CLEAN UP DATES

APRIL 8TH & APRIL 22

Our crew will come to your curb to pick up larger items that would generally be difficult for you to bring to the dumpster yourself. We cannot accept household garbage, mattresses, propane/fuel tanks, electronics, batteries, yard waste, tires, refrigerators with freon and construction waste. Call the office to schedule. 724.573.1111 Free to Greene Township residents only.

DUMPSTER REOPENS

SATURDAYS ONLY BEGINNING MARCH 25 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

And every Saturday thereafter until the time change in the fall. This is a free service for residents of Greene Township, Hookstown Borough and Georgetown Borough.



GREENE TOWNSHIP RIVERFRONT PROPERTY OFF HILL ROAD

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scheduled an appointment in April to walk the 153 acre Riverfront Property with a PA DCNR Consulting Forester. We plan to use the evaluation report to guide our future use of the property for open space, recreation, etc.

Next steps include creating a 5-10 year budget to help develop a Strategic Plan that lays out the future township goals and address budget concerns.

If you are interested in shaping the future of Greene Township, we welcome new members! The committee meets in the Township Building at 262 Pittsburgh Grade Road from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. Upcoming dates are April 17, May 15 and June 20.

Contact Kathy Nelson, PC Secretary at hollygirl2006@yahoo.com

GRANGER OF THE YEAR

Are you interested in knowing what the Grange is all about? **Hookstown Grange Open Meeting will be April 6th at 7:30 pm** at the Grange Building located at 1198 State Route 168, Hookstown. All are welcome! We will be honoring the Granger of the Year and a Community Person of the Year. We have something to offer for all ages!

Soup, Sandwich & Pie Sale, Election Day, May 16, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Grange building x Soup includes Vegetable, Bean, Potato and Turkey Noodle for \$5.00 a Quart or \$2.50 a bowl x Sandwiches - Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs, Ham BBQ for \$1.50.

Homemade Pies - Coconut, Lemon and Chocolate \$2.50 a slice or \$10.00 whole pie. Eat-in or take home for dinner. Whole Pies and Quarts of Soup are available by pre-ordering to Jill Scott 724-573-9044.

Memorial Day Lunch, May 29th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Grange basement x Offering an assortment of Sandwiches, Salads, Walking Tacos, French Fries and Homemade Pies.

2016 ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- ✓ 7-2016 Hotel-Motel
- ✓ 8-2016 Campgrounds
- ✓ 10-2016 Parking

2017 ORDINANCE GOALS

- ◇ Township Ordinance Recodification
- ◇ Storm Water
- ◇ Pipeline
- ◇ Oil and Gas Update

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

The Mill Creek Church Women's Association will hold their annual Flea Market Sale on **May 6th, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the Mill Creek Church, 5005 State Route 151, Hookstown. Lunch and Bake Sale items will also be available to purchase.



H.V.F.D. Sportsmans Bash 2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017

At the Hookstown Fairgrounds
Gates open at 10:00 a.m.

OVER \$110,000 in PRIZES!

Get your ticket today, before the
March 31st deadline, to be eligible
for 5 - \$500.00 dollar early bird
drawings.

SPORTSMANS TICKET – \$50

Only 5000 Sportsmans Tickets
Sold – 2 numbers per ticket
Over \$110,000 in Prizes!

MORNING CASH BONANZA – \$30

Must purchase Sportsmans ticket
to be eligible to purchase
Bonanza Ticket with over \$35,000
in cash prizes. Only 2500 Cash
Bonanza Tickets Sold – 4 numbers
per ticket. Saturday, June 3, 2017
(11:15am to 11:40am)

BONUS PACK TICKET – \$20

Chance on 2 – Bonus Pack
Drawings each containing 50
Sportsmans Bash Tickets. You
may purchase unlimited chances
on these Bonus Pack drawing.
This will be a random drawing
taking place at the event on June
3, 2017 at 2:32pm

Ultimate Package – \$100

Buy all three tickets at
once. Sportsmans Ticket,
Morning Cash Bonanza, Bonus
Pack Ticket.



HOOKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ♦ 102 Silver Slipper Road

In 2016 the Hookstown Fire Department responded to 266 emergency incidents and as an organization we volunteered over 5,000 combined hours of scene response, general building maintenance, administrative efforts, and fundraising. This past year we drastically improved our training efforts and achieved 3,500 collaborative training hours as an organization. It was during these trainings that members achieved State Firefighter 1 Certifications. We would like to congratulate and recognize the following members in achieving their State Firefighter 1 Certification and accomplishing this important goal within their fire service career: Captain John Moss, Lieutenant Frank Zebich, and Assistant Chief Joshua Valletto. With this certification, these individuals have demonstrated that they are competent and capable in providing quality services that will make the community a safe place to work and live. These members will be recognized within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Nationally and Internationally as a competent and safe member of the fire service.

As a reminder, we recommend that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year. Remember, change your clock and change your batteries.

As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for new members. There are many duties that can be performed in addition to firefighting and emergency medical services. Contact us for more information. 724.573.4111

Fish Fry's have begun and will be every Friday, beginning at 4:30 pm and ending at 7:00 pm, through the Lenten season until Good Friday. Come out and enjoy a delicious fish dinner or try one of our other meal selections.

**BASH TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- On-Line @ hvfdgunbash.com
- William H Thompson Agency
- Mikey's Subs and Stuff
- Hookstown VFD 724.573.4111
- AK NAHAS Appliance &TV
- Kings Pool and Spa (Monaca)
- South Side Garage



Fresh Baked Bread From the Village's Wood Fired Oven

THE VILLAGE AT HOOKSTOWN Saving our Past to Protect our Future

OLD, yes, we have lots of old things at “the Village”, old buildings, old artifacts from the past, and old people that have experienced some times and events of interest. Lots of life stories as well as artisans and craftsmen are there to share all forms of history with you.

YOUNG, yes, we have young people who enjoy “the Village”, who have done some scavenger hunts, experienced attending a one room school, hammered on an anvil in the blacksmith shop, learned how to bake bread in an outdoor oven, seen food cooked over an open fire in the log cabin, and plucked sweet corn off the stalk in the garden.

NEW, we have new adventures awaiting that we hope the community will join in. We are inviting the local churches to help plan a **Live Nativity** this coming December that would take place in the Barn. **NEWLYWEDS** have enjoyed using the Barn as a wonderful setting for a country style wedding.

OPPORTUNITIES to share are always available. If you have a hobby, a craft that you would like to show others, you are welcome to do that at “the Village” on our open days – the Second Saturday of Each Month, April to October.

SPECIAL EVENTS include **History Days** and our **Spring Social** in early May; our **Member Picnic** (membership is only \$10) in June; the **Antiques and Collectibles Yard Sale** in July; our **Revival Service** at the Fair (Pastor O preaching a Moody sermon), the **Fall Social** in October, and of course our **Evening of Music** in December.

We look forward to sharing our history with you this 2017 season. Questions can be directed to the Secretary of SSHVA, Barb Rupert, 724 573-4569.

South Side Historical Village Association (SSHVA) at the Hookstown Fairgrounds
PO Box 33, 1198 St. Rt. 168 Hookstown, PA 15050 ♦ 724 573-4569
www.sshva.wordpress.com ♦ Facebook: South Side Historic Village Association

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SSHV EVENTS

All member meetings are held at the Mercer School unless otherwise indicated:

♦ APRIL 8

9:30 am - Member Meeting

11:00 - 3:00 - Open / Work Day

♦ MAY 6

10:00 - 4:00 - Spring Social / Beaver County History Days with food, music and fun

♦ MAY 7

1:00 - 4:00 - Beaver County History Days

♦ MAY 13

9:30 am - Member Meeting

11:00—3:00 - The village is open

♦ JUNE 10

9:30 am - Member Meeting

11:00 - 3:00 The Village is Open

3:00 - 5:00 Member Picnic

♦ JULY 1 & 14

Tentative Weddings

♦ JULY 8

9:30 am - Member Meeting

11:00 - 3:00 - The village is open.
 Antiques & Collectibles yard sale - bring items to sell, spaces only \$8.00



Betty's Parlor with Emma & Paige



HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

The annual spring community cleanup is occurring during the weekends of **April 22 & 23** and **April 29 & 30**. Debris is removed from designated roadways and all supplies are provided to individuals and groups free of charge.

This clean up project would not be successful without the help of our volunteers. We would love to see some new faces come out and help clean up the roadsides of our community. To volunteer, contact coordinator Jeff Seik at jeff.seik@adp.com or 412-979-3148.



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Office Administration
Hours are M-F 8:30-4:30

Road Department Hours
are M-F 7:00—3:00



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