

# Dessert Reception



Greene Township would like to thank the residents who visited our dessert reception on August 22 in the Community Building at the Hookstown Fair. Each year we make a monetary contribution to the Hookstown Grange to purchase the baked goods that were entered in the fair's judging. Those items are served, free of charge, to anyone who

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*Entertainment was provided to visitors in the Community Building each night of the fair*

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## RABIES VACCINATION PACKS DISTRIBUTED

Cooperating Federal, State, and county agencies are conducting an oral raccoon rabies baiting project in western Pennsylvania. A vaccine packet is coated or placed inside a fishmeal block, which is very tasty to raccoons. The baits are dropped from low-flying airplanes or helicopters, or by local teams on foot or in vehicles.

**This year's operation ran during the months of  
August - September 2017**

Baits should be left alone – but intact baits can be moved if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged baits should be bagged and disposed in the trash.

- Wear gloves or use a plastic bag when picking up the baits.
- Toss intact baits into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch, or other raccoon habitat areas.
- Wash your hands after any skin contact with a damaged bait.

### **What if my pet eats a bait?**

- A few baits are not harmful, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- Do not risk getting bitten by taking a bait away from your pet.
- Confine your pet for a couple of days, and check the area for more baits.
- If your pet eats a bait, avoid your pet's saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

### **For information about the oral rabies baiting program, contact:**

USDA Wildlife Services: 1-866-487-3297

Pennsylvania Department of  
Agriculture: 1-717-783-9550

Pennsylvania Department of Health  
Information Line: 1-877-PA Health

Erie County Department of Health: 1-  
814-451-6700

Allegheny County Department of  
Health: 1-412-350-4046

**For information concerning accidental  
contact with baits, call 1-877-722-6725.**



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 ([www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov)). Put your cursor on “Wildlife” in the menu bar at the top of the homepage, then put your cursor on “Wildlife-Related Diseases” in the drop down menu listing, then choose “Wildlife Disease Reference Library” from the next drop down menu and look for “Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease.”



**SOMETIMES WE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE SMALL AND SIMPLE THINGS LIKE THE SCENT OF THE RAIN, THE TASTE OF YOUR FAVORITE FOOD, OR THE SOUND OF A LOVED ONE'S VOICE.**

JOSEPH B. WIRTHLIN

## FALL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to our road crew and the joint efforts of the Co-Op, improvements were made to Red Dog, Long, Francis Drive, Crystal Drive, Leeper Road, Lokomski, McCleary, Temple and Washington and Mill Streets in Hookstown Borough.

## HOOKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

- December 9 @ 8:00 am Breakfast with Santa
- November 3rd and every 1st & 3rd Friday thereafter until Lent, Fish Fries
- November 4th, from 9 am - 3 pm Vender / Craft show

## TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Happy Halloween to our resident ghosts and goblins! Trick or treat hours for Greene Township, Hookstown Borough and Georgetown Borough are as follows:

**TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 31st**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Be safe and have fun!



## DUMPSTER WINTER CLOSURE

Beginning with the end of daylight savings time, the Greene Township Dumpster will be closed for the winter.

**CLOSED NOVEMBER 26, 2017 through MARCH 10, 2018.**

During this time as an alternative you may contact the Beaver County Recycling Center at

[www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/WasteMgmt/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/WasteMgmt/Pages/default.aspx)

or by calling 724-770-2066.



Co-op Recycle Truck

## RECYCLING DATES

The recycle truck operates through the winters months and is parked at the Municipal Building at 262 Pittsburgh Grade Road on the following dates:

October 27, 28, 29

November 24, 25, 26

December 22, 23, 24

You may dispose of plastics, glass, steel cans, tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines.

# DUQUESNE LIGHT USE OF AERIAL SAWS



Duquesne Light Company is working to maintain the levels of service and reliability that make our system one of the best in the state of Pennsylvania. Our dedication to continuously improving our transmission and distribution system is just one of the many ways we are working to become your next generation energy company.

You are receiving this letter because Duquesne Light will be clearing vegetation on our transmission rights-of-way (ROW) in your area. We do our best to keep our customers informed about matters that impact them. Ongoing vegetation management for our ROWs is highly critical to ensuring delivery of power across large areas of our service territory. This letter is intended to inform you about what's planned over the next several months, including important, necessary changes to how we maintain our ROWs.

## **Upcoming Work**

DLC recently initiated a new program to minimize potential vegetation interference with our equipment. Transmission ROWs will be cleared of incompatible vegetation to the legal widths defined by agreements secured with property owners when the lines were originally established. These widths are deemed necessary for the safe, reliable operation of the facilities housed within the ROW under all operating conditions. As you may have noticed, transmission lines can sag significantly during high-demand periods in the hot summer months as well as move side-to-side during windy conditions. As a result, we will be removing all trees located directly under our transmission lines as well as ensuring adequate access for over-sized vehicles needed to conduct maintenance and repairs.

## **Also New In 2017: Helicopter Use**

To more efficiently and effectively maintain the edges of our ROWs in rural areas and difficult terrain, DLC will be piloting the use of a helicopter with a saw suspended below for ROW side pruning. The helicopter operated by Haverfield Aviation will maintain a safe distance from homes and other buildings, and the pilot will be in constant contact with ground crews to ensure continued safety.

## **Other Vegetation Management Practices**

DLC will be using a variety of industry-best practices and techniques to manage vegetation on the ROW in your area.

- Tree Work: Our contractors will identify and remove trees and brush on the ROW floor that interfere with access to and operation of our transmission lines and equipment, or will threaten to interfere as they mature. Trees along the edge of the ROW that extend into the ROW or appear to be unhealthy or leaning also may be identified for removal.

As part of this process, trees will be marked using a color-coding system. *For example, blue painted dots/flags identify trees to be removed; yellow painted dots/flags identify trees that will be pruned.* You will be notified by ACRT when this work is set to begin. A door hanger also will be left at your residence, noting if trees have been identified to be pruned and/or removed, and providing a contact number for questions.

- Herbicides: EPA-registered herbicides will be applied to selectively manage specific tall-growing, woody vegetation and to minimize regrowth from cut stumps of incompatible vegetation within the transmission line ROW. Nearly 60 years of research has shown that selective herbicide use on ROWs can help create diverse plant communities well-suited for wildlife habitat, with no effect on adjacent or nearby properties.

For more information on our vegetation management program, go to: [Duquesnelight.com/additional-services/vegetation-management](http://Duquesnelight.com/additional-services/vegetation-management).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in our ongoing efforts to manage vegetation in order to provide safe and reliable electric service to our customers. If you have any questions, concerns or special conditions, please contact Duquesne Light Customer Service and a Vegetation Management Professional will contact you: (412) 393-7100.

Sincerely,

Duquesne Light Company



Supervisor Brian Herron and wife Terri with Shell Representative Charles

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pays us a visit on Tuesday evening. Our Planning Commission Chairman, Rose Kendall, was also present at the event to discuss their 5-10 year planning goals with posters and visual aids. Our Supervisors Mike Messner (and mom) and Brian Herron (and wife Terri), Code Enforcement Officer Ailene Hudack (and children Jessica and Josh) Shell Pipeline Representatives Charles & Virginia, Senator Elder Vogel, Zoning Hearing Board member Francis Himic, Troop 496 Boy Scout Robby Carpenter and 5-10 Year Committee member Lisa Moore. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to set up, serve and clean up the dessert table. Thank you for your support. We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!



## HOOKSTOWN GRANGE

# Nov 4

## CRAFT SHOW

- Time: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Contact: Stacy Creese for tables @ 724.857.3487

## TURKEY DINNER

- Time: 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Take out is available!
- Price: \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 10 and Under.
- Contact: Mary Lee McElhaney with questions @ 724.573.9207

## SOUP/SANDWICH & PIE SALE

- 11:00 am - 7:00 pm - Eat in or take home for dinner!
- \$5.00 per Quart of Soup, \$2.50 Bowls of Soup (vegetable, bean, potato, stuffed pepper)
- \$1.50 Sandwiches (hot dogs, sloppy joe, ham bbq)
- \$2.25 Pie Slice or \$10.00 Whole Pie (coconut cream, chocolate, lemon, pumpkin)
- Whole pies and quarts of soup are available if you wish to pre-order by calling Mary Lee McElhaney at 724.573.9207

# GREENE TOWNSHIP ROADS WORD SEARCH

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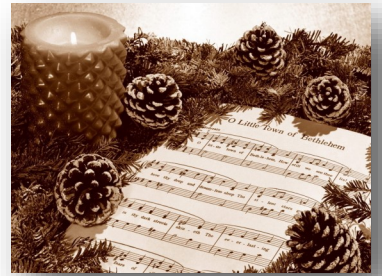


Pictured are Mary Janicki, Debbie Connor, and Rob Janicki



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**SOUTH SIDE HISTORIC VILLAGE  
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[www.sshva.wordpress.com](http://www.sshva.wordpress.com)



- Dec 2 Evening of Music 6:30 pm
- Dec 16 Community Christmas 5:00 pm

## THE VILLAGE AT HOOKSTOWN Saving our Past to Protect our Future

This 2017 season has been a year of ups and downs, most of the downs came in the spring as rain. The wet weather became somewhat of a swamp. The field where we normally park was unusable and shoes left a squishy wet footprint wherever we stepped. The garden was a definite “late bloomer” as planting was held up. Through all of that, though, people came to enjoy the peace and experience our artisans at work. The garden bloomed, the soil dried, the roofs kept the buildings dry.

Our members, especially our building crew spent many of their Wednesdays keeping things up and adding elements to the Village.

Our regular season will end with our **FALL SOCIAL on October 14<sup>th</sup>**. But there are still some important dates to remember! Our **EVENING OF MUSIC on December 2<sup>nd</sup>** will again be held at the Shippingport Community Building with music beginning at 6:30 PM. If you have not attended, I think you will enjoy not only the music but also the food, the Christmas cookie sales table, the Chinese auction, and the live auction – featuring some wonderful items crafted by our artisans.

**NEW this December 16<sup>th</sup>** will be “**A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**”. In partnership with the Hookstown Grange and area churches we bring you an evening, **5PM – 8PM**, that will include a **live nativity** at the Village Barn, a cozy reading of the **story of Jesus birth** in the Log Cabin, the **legend of St. Nickolas** in the Artisan Shop and a **bonfire** for warmth and roasting. Returning to the Grange you can enjoy some Hot Chocolate and snacks. Area Churches include Mill Creek who will staff the first hour (5-6) of the live nativity, Hanover will staff the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour (6-7), and Hookstown will staff the third hour (7-8). Anyone who would like to add to the evening by being a strolling caroler would be appreciated. We also are looking for a donkey and calf, as well as a tractor and wagon to provide rides to the Village from the Grange parking lot. We look forward to sharing our end of season activities with you.

Questions can be directed to secretary, Barbara Rupert, 724 573-4569.



Bob Rupert in the Blacksmith Shop



# COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Volunteers are needed for this annual litter clean-up event. Residents and families are also encouraged to help out. After all, these are OUR roadways!

- **Weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29**
- Contact Jeff Seik at [jeff.seik@adp.com](mailto:jeff.seik@adp.com) or 412-979-3148



**GREENE TOWNSHIP**  
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 Hookstown, PA 15050

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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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