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#### **SPRING 2023**

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# PARK DEVELOPMENT

Greene Township was awarded a \$55,000 grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to build a pavilion overlooking Millcreek Community Park near the comfort stations (aka restrooms) near the old garage.

The Township will make both cash and in-kind contributions toward this project. The area of construction will be prepped and graded by township crew and raising of the pavilion will begin this fall by Recreation Resource USA.

Those wishing to rent the 24'x36' pavilion will enjoy the use of running water and covered seating for approximately 50 guests. Future upgrades, including electricity, are also planned.

The pavilion, parking and restrooms all reflect ADA accessibility and guests are encouraged to visit the park and enjoy all the amenities it has to offer.

1/4 mile walking trail • Playground equipment for children of all ages • Little Free Library, sponsored by Girl Scout Troop
18017 • Memorial Wall honoring veterans • Artistic work on garbage receptacles compliments of Claire Hans • 2 outdoor pavilions which can be rented for parties • Horseshoe pits • Summer baseball and softball games



# **USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS**

In years past, Greene Township has been fortunate to receive bottom ash from First Energy to treat snow and ice on our local roads. This material could withstand the elements and did not have to be housed in a building. After the production of this material was discontinued, the township purchased similar material from another local plant for a small fee.

In March 2022, the township applied for a Local Share Account Statewide Grant to erect an anti-skid storage building to house future purchases of anti-skid material. We recently learned that this application was not approved. However, the anti-skid shed will still be built this fall using American Rescue Plan funds which were received by all PA municipalities who applied for them in 2020. The amount awarded to Greene Township was \$246,286.66.

# FIRE PROTECTION WATER SUPPLY

In 2005, Greene Township entered into an agreement allowing spring water to be collected on township property and transferred via pipe to a fire hydrant on the Hookstown Grange's property.

This water easement was designed to provide non-potable water for emergency use by the fire department and for occasional grange events held on the fairgrounds.

We are fortunate to have this water source in our community and wish to provide water to those in need on an occasional basis. Anyone other than the fire department who wishes to get water shall contact the Greene Township office so that a count of gallons available is accurate should the fire department have an emergency need.

# NON POTABLE WATER

FOR ALL OTHER USE, CONTACT THE GREENE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT (724)-573-1111 TO RECORD THE TOTAL GALLONS OF WATER REMOVED



#### WAGON TRAIN

#### ADVENTURE

#### JULY 21 through JULY 28

The Ohio Wagon Train Association is visiting our township in July, camping at the Connor Farm on Hill Road. The club gathers each July, typically at members homes/farms. There will be horse drawn equipment on the road "At will" on Saturday and Sunday. As a group, the Wagon Train will be going out on daily trips approximately 9-15 miles Monday through Friday, returning to camp each day, except Wednesday which is spent in camp. Horseback riders using radios and flags direct traffic safely around the train so as not to hold up the community and for the safety of all.

Wednesday is open to the public to visit the encampment, with organized Teamster's games in the morning at 9:00 AM followed by horseback games in the afternoon; light refreshments will be sold. In the evening a catered dinner will be served and then music. For more information, or If interested in the dinner contact Betsy in early July: (724) 573-9824.

#### DUMPSTER SATURDAYS 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Residents of Greene Township, Hookstown and Georgetown Boroughs may dispose of unwanted items that your garbage hauler won't take such as furniture, grills, toys, bicycles, etc.

# Landfill restrictions do not allow us to take things like:

- Household garbage
- Batteries
- Televisions, electronics, etc.
- Mattresses
- Fuel tanks
- Refrigerators with freon
- Tires, etc.

COST—Cash only \$5.00 Small Load (car) \$10.00 Medium Load (truck) \$15.00 Large Load (trailer)

# PUT SOME SPRING IN YOUR STEP • MAY 7

#### 1:00-3:00 PM

Join Independence Conservancy for a guided Spring Wildflower walk. Natural science experts Kyle Filicky, Alex Colosimo and Jared Walker of Civil and Environmental Consultants Inc. will lead you on a free, leisurely tour of Rocky Bend Nature Preserve as it wakes up and unfolds for summer. If you've always wondered, 'What is that tree?' or 'What is that bug?' or 'What makes that sound?' this is a great opportunity to find out. Please park at the Tank Farm, 247 Raccoon Creek Road, Monaca 15061, and dress for the weather as

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there is no rain date; be prepared to walk in mud.

#### **HOME-BASED BUSINESSES EXPLAINED** • Know the difference!

**A "no-impact home-based business,"** is a permitted use-by-right in all Zoning Districts that allow for a residential dwelling (A1, R1, R2). Generally this business type does not have any impact on neighbors.

- 1. Are compatible with the existing residential use of the property.
- 2. Have no employees other than family members residing at the property.
- 3. Have no outside appearance of a business, including: storage of goods/materials, parking, signs, or lighting in excess of a normal residential use.
- 4. May not create a nuisance (noise, vibration, glare, etc.) that is detectable to neighboring properties. Any verified complaints of this nature may result in the approved business license being revoked by the Zoning Office.
- 5. May not increase vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- 6. Must be conducted within the existing dwelling and not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area.



Accountant Tailor/dressmaking Home baked goods Artistry/Ceramics Barber/Beauty shop Tutoring Music teacher Real estate agent Computer Repair Or a business where you build something in your home and sell elsewhere. **A "home occupation,"** is only permitted in the A-1 (Agricultural) District. Since they may have a small impact on the community, public input is sought and a Zoning Hearing is held for Special Exception approval.

- Tend to be slightly less compatible with a traditional residential neighborhood due to uses permitted, which is why additional approval must be obtained. However, they are not allowed to negatively impact the surrounding area or the property values of neighboring lots.
- 2. Not permitted to employ more than two (2) persons living on the premises.
- 3. Signage must be reviewed and approved in accordance with the Township Ordinances. These signs may not exceed four (4) square feet in area.
- 4. Not permitted to publicly display good/materials on the premises.
- 5. The use shall comply with the performance standards in the Township Ordinances, which detail requirements for noise, air pollution, etc. Disturbance that is not in violation of these performance standards may be permitted.
- 6. Vehicle or pedestrian traffic may not be *significantly* increased because of this business.
- 7. Must be conducted within the existing residential dwelling or related accessory structures. If conducted in the existing residential dwelling, no more than 25% of the gross floor area may be used.

Both types of businesses require annual approval of a permit based on an inspection by the <u>Zoning Office</u>. The application can be found on the Township's website, <u>greenetownship.net</u>, along with the <u>Township Zoning Ordinance</u>.

#### ATTENTION LANDLORDS



If you rent a house, mobile home or one of your mobile home sites, you are subject to Chapter 124 of the Greene Township Code, which requires that you annually (before October 31) submit a landlord occupancy form for each dwelling or lot that you rent out. It also requires that the township administrative office be notified within 10 days of a change in tenants. More information can be found here:

https://greenetownship.net/permitting-2/landlord-occupancy-status-report/

# HOME

BASE

Home office for sales off the premises Online Tutoring Selling homemade goods Offer online musical classes Photography business Event planning business Website designer Or any freelancer who rarely if ever see clients in their home.

#### SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

#### APRIL 22/23 • APRIL 29/30

Spring 2023 is scheduled for the weekends of Sat 4/22-Sun 4/23 and Sat 4/29-Sun 4/30. Volunteers will be notified about the distribution of cleanup supplies by e-mail or text message prior to 4/22.

Contact Jeff Seik at jeffseik@comcast.net or 412-979-3148 to volunteer.

#### LITTER PICK UP APRIL 22

The Outreach Committee of Mill Creek Church will be picking up litter on Route 151 from Rt. 30 to Rt. 18 on Earth Day, April 22nd. Our Women's Association will be offering a free lunch between 11AM and 1 PM for anyone who is out picking up litter in the South Side area. Come and be refreshed and rewarded for helping keep the roads of South Side Area clean. Questions, call the church at 724 573-9579 or Barb Rupert at 724 573-4569.

#### HOOKSTOWN AMERICAN LEGION POST 952 • 1265 SR 168, Georgetown, PA Www.americanlegionpost952.us



#### INDEPENDENCE CONSERVANCY TIRE EVENT VARIOUS DATES

Independence Conservancy is holding four Saturday-morning tire roundups this spring. Any individual or small business is welcome, and there is no limit to the number of tires or wheels accepted. And yes – the Conservancy takes tires on rims! Affordable fees are \$4 per tire off rim; \$5 per tire on rim. Disposal fees for farm and equipment tires are based on weight. Events are open from 9 AM to 12 noon at the following dates and locations:

- April 22 at Findlay Township Public Works, 1058 Clinton Road, Clinton
- May 6 at Ambridge Municipal Building, 800 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ambridge
- May 13 at New Sewickley Twp. Municipal Bldg., 233 Miller Road, Rochester
- May 20 at Aliquippa Street Department, 1497 Kennedy Blvd., Aliquippa

https://www.independenceconservancy.org/services/community-tirecollection-program



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE & BEAVER COUNTY YOUTH FOUNDATION SPONSORED CHILDREN AGES 13-15

### BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION CAMP

July 23 - July 29, 2023



DON'T MISS THIS AWESOME ALL-INCLUSIVE CO-ED SEVEN DAYS AND SIX NIGHTS OF OUTDOOR LEARNING, BONDING, AND FUN!

RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK

\$250

FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION: TONYA CABLE, CAMP DIRECTOR 724-494-6465 GTCTTC@VAHOO.COM WWW.BCSCL.ORG OR CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK! CONSERVATION CAMP JULY 23-29

#### GREENE TOWNSHIP DESSERT RECEPTION AT THE FAIR! • TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 • 7:00 pm

Come to mingle and enjoy the desserts from the baked-goods entries. **Completely free of course!** Located in the community building next to kiddie-land. See the back page of this newsletter for an opportunity to get a FREE one-day pass to the fair!





Call or text 724-777-0331 for more information!



#### COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE GARAGE SALE • EVERY WEEKEND IN MAY

Proceeds from this sale goes directly to local residents in need. Residents are asked to contact Maggie Smith to arrange drop off of donations. 724-312-2222.

#### BC CONSERVATION DISTRICT TIRE COLLECTION APRIL 15

#### 9:00 am—1:00 pm

The Beaver County Conservation District's Mosquito Vector Disease Program is hosting a tire collection at the district office and environmental center. This event is funded through the DEP West Nile Program.

- open to Beaver County residents
- accepting car and light truck tires up to 20" off rim.
- \$2.50 per tire. CASH ONLY.
- Preregistration required for more than 50 tires

The Environmental Center is located five minutes from Interstate 376. 156 Cowpath Road, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001. Please contact the office with any questions (724) 378-1701.

www.beavercountyconservationdistrict.



## **HOOKSTOWN GRANGE**

### OPEN MEETING APRIL 13 at 7:00pm

This meeting is open to the Community. We will be announcing the Granger of the Year and the Community Person of the year. We will also be presenting a Quilt of Valor to a deserving Veteran.

#### MAY 16 – ELECTION DAY SOUP, SANDWICH & PIE SALE

11:00 am – 7:00 pm – eat in or take home for dinner

Quarts of Soup (Vegetable, Bean, and Potato) - \$6.00

Sandwiches: Sloppy Joes, Ham BBQ \$2.00 and Hot Dogs \$1.50

Pies (Coconut Cream, Chocolate and Lemon) \$2.50 slice; \$12.00 Whole Pie

Whole Pies and Quarts of Soup can be preordered by calling:

- Jill Scott 724-513-6993
- Mary Lee McElhaney 724-561-3590

#### **MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW**

#### May 29

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lunch will be sold in the basement of the Grange, offering an assortment of sandwiches, salads, french fries and homemade pies and desserts.

#### HOOKSTOWN FAIR ROYALTY

Hookstown Fair is looking for the next Hookstown Fair Queen and Princess. Hookstown Fair Queen wins a \$1000.00 Scholarship. Hookstown Fair Princess wins a \$100.00 gift card. Rules and Regulations are on the <u>Hookstown Fair</u> <u>Web Site</u>.

# FREE FAIR TICKETS TO GREENE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Times are tough and we want to help! The first 150 Greene Township residents who send us an email will receive a **free one-day pass** to the Hookstown Fair.

Email greenetownshipsecretary@gmail.com with the words "FREE FAIR PASS" in the subject line. In the body of your email, give us your name and physical address. May 1st is the deadline.

In exchange for the ticket, we will send upcoming editions of the township newsletter to your email address. It's that simple!

Residents will receive an email confirmation from us and information on where and when you can pick up your ticket!

Some restrictions apply. Greene Township reserves the right to limit tickets to one (1) per physical Township residential address. PO Box address cannot be used.





FREE Fair Pass Opportunity

### **GREENE TOWNSHIP**

262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd • Hookstown, PA 15050 • 724.573.1111 www.greenetownship.net



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> **GREENE TOWNSHIP** PO Box 181 Hookstown, PA 15050

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