

**SPRING 2024** 

# EAGLE SCOUT PARK PROJECT

prepare young people for lives of impact and purpose"

"The BSA aims to

BOY SCOUT TROOP 496's Zachary Reeher recently redesigned Greene Township's Mill Creek Park Memorial with improved features, better accessibility and a much needed seating area.

Old vegetation was removed, concrete slabs were placed for seating and the large willow tree was removed to improve visibility within the park.

Zach and his crew also placed decorative gravel, donated by the Georgetown Sand & Gravel Plant, and created a walking path with stone slabs.

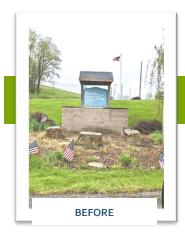
Jason Woodcock of Witherup Fabrication & Erection made the generous donation of a burn pit which will allow for flag retirement ceremonies.

The work spanned over a 5-month period and much of the material was donated by the Reeher family, with an additional contribution from the Township Parks and Recreation budget.

 ${\it Project~Coordinator~and~Contributing~Author-LISA~C~MOORE}$ 



L-R above are project hands Robbie Carpenter, Jake Lytle, Zachary Reeher, Joseph Reeher









#### IT MAY NOT SEEM IMPRESSIVE—YET!

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) allocated \$6.15 billion to Pennsylvania counties, metropolitan cities, and local government units to support COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, and maintain vital public services. You may recall that Greene Township received \$246,286 of that money back in 2021 and 2022. The Supervisors designated those funds for an antiskid building.

For decades, bottom ash (antiskid) was donated by the local energy companies which served the purpose

of antiskid very well. That material is no longer available. 2024 will be the first year we will purchase antiskid. This material cannot be left to the elements.

Ground work was performed by township road crew members, along with the help of the Hanover Township crew and Greene Township Supervisors. The antiskid hoop structure comes from Elemental Shelter Solutions in Burgettstown, PA through Britespan, a Sourcewell vendor.

Article contributions—DCED.PA.Gov, Glenda Short

#### **MEET JIM MCHAFFIE**



Jim was hired in 2023 to mow the township farm property and the fields at Mill Creek Park. Him and his wife Shirley (44 years) have lived in the area more than 70 years. They have 2 adult children who also live in our community.

We appreciate Jim's dedication and attention to detail with our township properties. Make sure and wave hello when you see him in our park!

# BRADFORD PEARS AND OTHER INVADERS

Shared with permission from the Ellwood City Ledger



Bradford pear summer leaves and fruit. PHOTO BY CHUCK ARGERON, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, <u>BUGWOOD.ORG</u>

The ELLWOOD CITY LEDGER recently published an article citing the impact of Bradford Pear trees on the ecosystem. Also known as the Callery Pear, these trees have been wreaking havoc since the 1960's by choking out native plants. Click here to read the entire article.

In addition to the Bradford pear, homeowners are encouraged to remove the dirty dozen invasive plants and pledge not to purchase or plant them in the future. Click here for images of the invaders.

#### COMMITTEE FOR A CAUSE

For more information or to volunteer your time, contact

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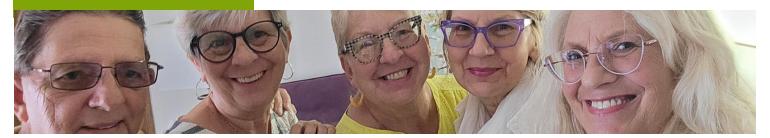
SALLY CAIN

cainse@hotmail.com

OR CALL 724.709.0499

# THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE—HELPING FAMILIES SINCE 2014

The Community Benefit Committee has held more than 20 benefit dinners which donated between \$3000- \$10,000 to these families, thanks to the support of our community and caring family members. Other donations of cash were provided as LOVE GIFTS for medical and funeral expenses. In extreme circumstances we are able to contribute funds for ceiling repair, roofers & electricians. We donate meals & set up lunch after funerals. We organized a food pantry during the COVID shutdown, which has grown into its own entity the



#### HOOKSTOWN FAIR BINGO

We have a couple annual fund raisers; running the bingo tent at the Hookstown Fair & a large community yard sale, held Saturdays in May at the old Greene Township building on SR 168. All items are donated and then sold by donation only. The community we live in is amazing, and A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL; Firehall, Grange and Legion, along with the restaurants and churches that have donated.

Our committee sends a special thank you to the staff and supervisors of Greene Township for the help and support of our committee.

"South Side Area Community Food Bank", and we continue to donate funds to it. The committee members are volunteers who spend their time selling tickets at the annual HVFD Gun Bash and would even appreciate more helpers this year! We run the monthly square dances, every 3rd Friday, at the Hookstown Fire Hall. Proceeds from the dances of more than \$2000 were donated to the fire department in the past two years! The Hookstown Grange has also graciously donated the use of their building and proceeds as well.

Looking to the future, the Community Benefit Committee must find a new home soon or be forced to disband. For many years the Greene Township supervisors have graciously permitted us to store items for our benefits and luncheons in the township's barn, and to hold the annual yard sale during the month of May in the old township garage on RT. 168 beside the ball fields. This will be the last summer that we can use these facilities.

We are looking for a large accessible building in the South Side Area where we can continue to hold the yard sale in future years. It is one of our biggest fundraisers. We are also in need of a storage facility for our supplies and appliances for benefits.

Please help us find a new home! If you or someone/group you know has a site and the desire to support the community, please let us know. You may contact Maggie 724-312-2222, Sally 724-987-2414, or Denise 724-709-0499 or send a message to Community Benefit Committee on Facebook.

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### TIRE COLLECTION



156 Cowpath Road Aliquippa, Pa. 15001 www.beavercountyconservationdistrict.org



www.gis.dep.pa.gov/wnv

**APRIL 13, 2024** 

9AM-1PM

156 Cowpath Rd., Aliquippa 724-378-1701 x 222 Open to Beaver County Residents

\$2.50 per tire - cash only Pre-registration is required



### TIRE COLLECTION



APRIL 27, 2024 9AM - 12PM

#### **INDEPENDENCE CONSERVANCY**

1058 Clinton Rd., Clinton PA 15026 No limit to the number of tires No proof of residency required Fees range from \$5 to \$35



Let's Come Together to Help Those in Need
April 13, 2024

All Proceeds Benefit South Side Area Community Food Ban

Hookstown American Legion
1265 State Route 168
Hookstown, Pa. 15050
Doors Open at Noon Bingo starts at 1PM
Taco Bar Lunch Included in Cost
\$30.00 per person includes 10 games
Cover All - paid out as 50/50 Split
Basket Raffle - 50/50
Bring 5 Non Perishables in date for a chance to win a

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Questions or for Tickets Call 724-350-7768 or message us at Southsideareacommunityfoodbank@gmail.com





## APRIL/MAY



#### SPRING CLEANUP - APRIL 20/21 and APRIL 27/28

Please do your best to urge your family, friends, and neighbors to help. It's typically about four hours twice a year. That's not much to make our community look great.!

Supplies will be distributed prior to the first cleanup weekend

Please contact Jeff Seik at 412-979-3148 or <a href="mailto:jeffseik@comcast.net">jeffseik@comcast.net</a>

Route 18 - Hillendale (intersection of routes 18/30) to Upper Svc Road

Route 30 - Hillendale (intersection of routes 30/18) to the AGH county line

Route 30 - WV Line to Laughlin's Corners

Route 168 - Frankfort Springs to C&E Plastics

Route 168 - Millcreek Cemetery to

Route 168 - Hookstown to Shippingport bridge

#### **HOT MEAL FOR HELPERS**

The women of Mill Creek Church will be offering lunch on **APRIL 20TH** to anyone participating in the South Side road cleanup. Stop in at the lower level of the church between 11:00 AND 12:30. Our Outreach committee will be cleaning up Route 151 between Rt. 30 and Rt.18 starting at 9:00 AM.



All Open House Days are 11a-3p May 11: Opening Day

June 8: Kids Day! Activities galore!

July 13: Open House

August 20- 24: Hookstown Fair Tuesday 6pm- Old Fashion Revival September 14: Antique Equip. Show October 12: Fall Social / Craft Show

(Oct 19 rain date)

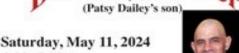
**December 7: Evening of Music** December 13 & 20: Community Christmas Live Nativity



gift!

Annual Membership SCAN ME only \$10! Makes a great





4:00 -7:00 p.m. Hookstown Grange

Baked Steak Dinner with homemade pie - \$20 Baked steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, drink, and your choice of the Grange's homemade pie!

Dinner by reservation only Call Mary Lee McElhaney at 724-561-3590 by May 10



Basket Raffle & 50/50

All proceeds benefit Darryl Jenkins, who is a member of the Hookstown Grange, volunteers at the HVFD Gun Bash, and has worked the Hookstown Fair for the past 7 years. Darryl was diagnosed with CRPS in December 2023, which has caused paralysis of left leg. Self employed as a master plumber, the paralysis has left him unable to work, resulting in no inco

Hookstown Grange & Community Benefit Committee

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

MAY 27, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch will be sold in the basement of the Grange located at 1198 Route

168, Hookstown.

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 Educational Scholarship.

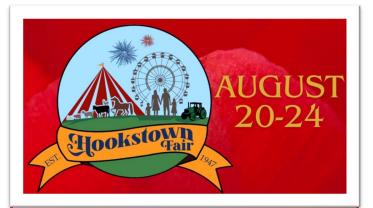
Hookstown Fair Princess wins a \$100.00 gift card. Rules and Regulations are on the Hookstown Fair Web Site. Click here for more information.





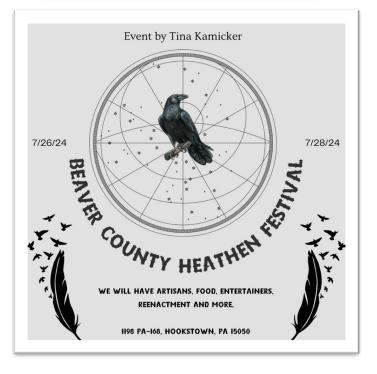
GREENE TOWNSHIP
262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd., Hookstown
724-573-1111

### JUNE/JULY AUGUST



<u>Click</u> here to visit the Hookstown Fair website for information and event registration.



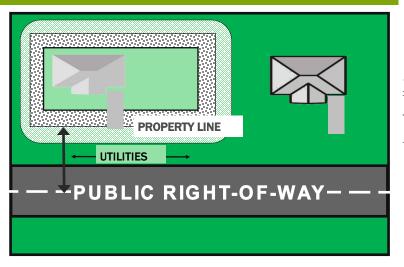


#### **NAVIGATING RIGHTS OF WAY**

#### WHAT IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY?

Right-of-way is a term used to describe the area the township is permitted to perform maintenance on township roads. The right-of-way includes the shoulders along the road.

The beginning point of the right-of-way is the center of the road and extends to a point that is half the width of the road. For example, the right-of-way for a 33 foot road is 16.5 feet from the center of the road. Similarly, the right-of-way for a 50 foot road is 25 feet from the center of the road.



#### WHAT IS ENCROACHMENT?

This is a term used to describe objects placed in the right-of-way without permission. Things like retaining walls, trees, roots, signs, etc. can hinder the township's ability to perform road maintenance and in some cases can actually contribute to road damage.

#### WHAT IS THE LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITY?

You can play an important role in right-of-way maintenance by keeping it free from snow, grass clippings and leaves. Blowing clippings into the road goes against the township Stormwater Management Ordinance. If you do blow grass onto the road, you are required to remove it from the street when finished. (*To read more about the township stormwater ordinance and the effects of prohibited discharges, visit the township website, click on "resources" then "ordinances" and search stormwater, or click here.*)

Property owners are also responsible for the drainage system under their driveway. If the driveway pipe is filled with debris, or if the pipe is missing altogether, water will flow onto the road and cause severe damage over time.

The township road crew routinely performs shrub pruning, mowing and trimming trees to ensure the safety and visibility for travelers. These maintenance activities, along with sweeping antiskid, mowing ditches and banks, and cleaning culverts contributes to the safety of residents travelers using the right-of-way.

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To learn more about township's standards for road maintenance and repair, search or click <u>pennsylvania township roads</u> <u>streets and bridges</u>.

Also visit the township's resource area of the township website at www.greenetownship.net and click on "roads".

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#### **PAVILION AVAILABLE**

Construction on Pavilion #3 is complete and available to rent for small gatherings, birthday, and graduation parties.

The fee is \$100 (non-refundable) and includes the use of the nearby restrooms, electric hook-ups inside the pavilion and built-in shelves for drinks, crock pots, etc.

Contact the Township for available dates and times.

GREENE TOWNSHIP ● 262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd., Hookstown ● 724-573-1111

OFFICE HOURS
8:30AM-4:30PM
ROAD DEPT
7:00AM-3:00PM
WWW.GREENETOWNSHIP.NET





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