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GREENE TOWNSHIP

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A LONG AWAITED FLOODING SOLUTION FOR POTTS ROAD



HELP IS ON THE WAY!

By Glenda Short

For years, the residents of Potts Road have faced the relentless challenge of flooding. Heavy spring thaws and unpredictable rainfall transformed their roadways, driveways, and yards into waterways. It definitely caused significant disruptions to daily life.

But hope arrived last October, when Supervisor Jamie Ashcroft joined forces with the Beaver County Conservation District to find a solution. After thorough discussions and evaluations, an exciting plan emerged: additional pipes and culverts could be installed to reroute the water flow and alleviate the flooding. Even better, this work qualified for the Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Grant!

The township's partnership with the Conservation District proved fruitful, and February brought the announcement everyone had been waiting for: Potts Road had been awarded \$76,860.08 in grant funding!

Residents are now eagerly counting down the days as work is set to begin in May, with completion expected in November this year. Soon, Potts Road will no longer be a waterlogged challenge.



PICTURED L-R
KIMBERLY MOORE, TOWNSHIP SECRETARY/TREASURER
JAMIE ASHCROFT, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
HANNAH WARD, BEAVER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



MANY THANKS TO PAST VOLUNTEERS!

RAY MCCOY BARB RUPERT **KEVIN RICE BRANDEN RICE** JUDI COMPSTON FRANK PAJAK DAVE RICE HOLLY BRUMMITT JEFF BRUMMITT TRAVIS FRASIER SHAWN NORTH CAYLA NORTH VLASTA BURKONOVA DAN COWDEN AMY MCDONALD KEVIN MCDONALD

LARRY O'NEILL
NANCY SEIK
CHARLIE BROOKS
MARGARET FRAZIER
THE RETTINGERS
DOM PRESUTTI
COREY CAMPBELL
FRANK DEBACCO
TIM ALLISON
MIKE HUBBARD
MARK MCHAFFIE
JEFF SEIK

TROOP 496 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES

Greene Twp Ordinance 2-2009

In 2010, the regulation of open burning was put in place for public health and safety of residents in the township.

The municipality, along with consultation of the Chief of the Fire Department, declares when it is unsafe to burn. This is known as a burn ban and all outdoor burning must cease except for campfires for food.

Avoid burning on windy days

NO Avoid burning domestic refuse (food scraps, plastics)
Avoid burning dusk to dawn & Sundays

YES Always burn in an approved container Always supervise the fire

MAYBE Clearing/grubbing waste may be burned if authorized in advance by fire chief 724-573-4111



Since 2014, the committee has supported our community through benefit dinners, raffles, and emergency assistance, helping with fuel costs, home repairs, and other urgent needs.

This year's major fundraisers:

- Annual Yard Sale May at the old Township Garage/Mill Creek Park
- Bingo Tent at Hookstown Fair August

Join us! It's a rewarding way to give back and connect. Meetings are held second Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at Hookstown Fire Hall. Can't attend? Reach out via Facebook or contact:

Naggie Smith - 724-573-2222 Sally Cain - 724-987-2414

Together, we make a difference!

PEAK HONEY BEE SEASON



If you encounter a swarm, please reach out: **Jamie Ashcroft** 412-551-1367 james.r.ashcroft@gmail.com

DREAM OF WEARING THE CROWN?

Hookstown Fair is seeking its next Queen and Princess! The Queen receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship, while the Princess wins a \$100 gift card-check the rules on the **Hookstown Fair website and apply today!**

NOMINATE A LOCAL LEGEND TODAY!

The South Side Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Hall of Fame Induction! Forms are available on the school website (www.sssd.k12.pa.us), and nominations will be accepted until May 31, 2025. The induction ceremony will take place in early fall, with the exact date to be announced. For questions, contact Larry Smith at 724-312-7525. Nominate a deserving individual today!



BVAEC 2024 RECAP 2025 EVENTS

Contributed by Andrew Oros BVAECA@gmail.com

BVAEC President, Jennifer Boling jenboling23@yahoo.com

I would like to thank the Community, the Hookstown Fair Board, and the Beaver Valley Antique Show Members for an outstanding year for 2024! We had a fantastic Fall Festival Weekend Event in September at the Hookstown Fairgrounds with a great show of tractors and equipment. We filled the buildings with crafters and vendors and had a delicious menu from food vendors. The tractor pulls were a huge success and a lot to watch all day including threshing, sawmill, shingle mill, and antique engines running throughout the weekend. Fun for the whole family with kids games, train, crafters, vendors and horse show. Always something to see and do for the whole family throughout the day!

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who have put in countless hours to make this show a success. We would not have been able to make this happen without you! Its great to see so many new faces lending a hand! If you would like to become a member or help out, please visit our website www.beavervalleytractorshow.com

We hope to see everyone this year for our 41st Annual Fall Festival, September 12th, 13th, an 14th 2025. Free admission! Crafters, Vendors, Food, Tractor Pulls, Horse show, Kid's activities and wonderful displays of history throughout the weekend.

In addition to our Fall Festival, we will also have 2 tractor pulls at the fairgrounds June 7th and July 12th. Again free spectator admission!

Thank you again from all the Officers and Directors of the Beaver Valley Antique Equipment & Crafts Association.



NEED A BIKE?

Communicycle wants to ensure that everyone has a fun, safe bike to ride! If you, or someone you know is in need of a bike, fill out the request form on our website or scan the QR code below:





EMAIL

information@communicycle.org



WEBSITE

www.communicycle.org



SOCIAL MEDIA

@communicycle



PHONE

724-252-7702

COMMUNI CYCLE LOCAL BICYCLE DONATION

WHAT: Bring any bicycle, youth or adult

Greene Township Municipal Bldg WHERE:

262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd., Hookstown

724-573-1111

WHEN: Saturdays 9am-3pm

Communicycle's main workshop is located in Monaca in a building that is shared with American Outdoor Equipment. A local volunteer picks up the donated bikes and takes them to be repaired and rehabilitated. From there, the bikes are matched with anyone in need.

INDOOR CYCLING COURSES ARE HELD AT THE BEAVER VALLEY MALL.

Contact us for dates and times.

RESQRS: Heroes on Call

by Victoria Carlton, Paramedic | EMS Chief; Narcotics Delegate RESORS

The ambulance shown in the image has recently been acquired by RESQRS and will soon be ready for service. There is also the possibility of adding a van-style ambulance in the future. We take pride in our fleet of four ambulances and currently have seven full-time and seven casual/part-time staff members, with ongoing recruitment efforts for additional personnel. **RESORS** is committed to serving the community around the clock, 24/7.

We were thrilled to sponsor the Hookstown Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Hookstown Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 6.

Moreover, EMS Week will take place from May 18 to May 24, 2025. We invite everyone to visit our station and meet our dedicated crews. Our address is 1324 Rt. 168, situated beneath the William H. Thompson Insurance Agency.

Call statistics from January 1, 2025, to March 26, 2025:

Greene Township: 24

Hookstown: 1

Georgetown: 5 Shippingport: 3 **Hanover Township: 64**

Frankfort Springs: 2

For further details, please visit our website.



fighting CORRUPTION by Congressman Chris Deluzio

I am extremely concerned about corruption in our government. So I'm working hard to root it out. Our government should be delivering for all of us—the good people of Western PA and this great country.

Did you know that it's perfectly legal for Members of Congress to trade stocks while in office (even if they learn sensitive information in Congress)? I think it's outrageous and should be illegal. As part of our jobs, congressmembers have access to sensitive insider information—things that can have significant impacts on markets and stock valuations. We're elected to serve the interests of the people, and nobody should line their own pockets by abusing power to play the stock market.

That's why I'm proud to co-sponsor <u>bipartisan legislation</u> to ban Congressional stock trading—the Transparent Representation Upholding Service and Trust (TRUST) in Congress Act. This legislation would effectively ban Members of Congress, their spouses, and dependent children from trading individual stocks. Public service is about the Common Good, not abusing public office for private gain. Banning congressional stock trading is a commonsense move Congress should take that will help build faith in government. I will keep fighting to pass this legislation and other anti-corruption policies (like getting corporate money and influence out of politics) so that our government can get back to the important work of restoring the American Dream.

Want to learn more about my work in Congress? Sign up for my e-newsletter at https://deluzio.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe, or follow me @RepDeluzio on Facebook and other social media websites. My office also provides casework services for constituents in Greene Township and beyond who need help with a federal agency like Social Security, the IRS, or the VA. Please get in touch with my office and we will do all we can to help—you can give us a call at (412) 344-5583.

Very respectfully, Chris Deluzio, Member of Congress

who are my TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



Twp Chairman

MICHAEL MESSNER

Term expires 2027



Twp Vice-Chair

JAMES ASHCROFT

Term expires 2029



Twp Supervisor **NATHAN JARRUP**Term expires 2025

Auditor **SHARON NUSSER**Term expires 2025

Auditor

SHARON ASHCROFT

Term expires 2027

Auditor

JENNIFER DILTS

Term expires 2029

Tax Collector

WILLIAM A LAUGHLIN, Jr

Term expires 2025

May 20, 2025 is the Municipal Primary Election. Polls are open 7am-8pm. Greene Township's polling location is at the Hookstown Grange, 1198 Route 168, Georgetown PA 15043. Visit the <u>Beavercountypa.gov</u> website for more election information. The following candidates will appear on the May 20 ballot.

Greene Township	Supervisor	Democratic and Republican	No, only one party	1	6 Years
Greene Township	Tax Collector	Democratic and Republican	No, only one party	1	4 Years
Greene Township	Auditor	Democratic and Republican	No, only one party	1	6 Years

Protecting Roadway Safety & Our Local Ecosystem

Why Visibility Matters by Glenda Short

Clear sightlines on roads are essential for safe travel. Overgrown shrubs and trees can obstruct visibility, increasing the risk of accidents. Homeowners play a vital role in ensuring vegetation near roadways is properly maintained to prevent hazardous conditions.







How Residents Can Help

Managing invasive species and maintaining roadway visibility is a shared responsibility. Here are some ways homeowners can take action:

- Monitor Your Property Regularly inspect areas near roads for overgrown vegetation or invasive species.
- Trim & Maintain Keep shrubs and trees pruned to prevent obstruction of sightlines.
- Replace Invasive Plants with Native Alternatives Encourage biodiversity by planting native species that support pollinators and local wildlife.
- Proper Disposal Pull small invasive plants by hand, bag and dispose of carefully, as composting can allow them to spread.
- Educate Your Community Sharing knowledge and removal strategies with neighbors can help strengthen local conservation efforts.

By working together, residents can help ensure safer roadways while protecting native ecosystems for future generations.

Resources (1) Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (2) Penn State Extension (3) Commonwealth of PA

Township Guidelines & Vegetation Management

According to Section 2325 of the
Second Class Township Code, property
owners must ensure that trees and
shrubs within the right-of-way do not
pose safety hazards or obstruct road
maintenance. Trimming back
encroaching vegetation helps preserve
both roadway visibility and community
safety.

Understanding Invasive Species & Their Impact

Many invasive plant species contribute to overgrowth and can negatively impact local ecosystems. These plants spread aggressively, outcompeting native species and disrupting habitats. Some of the most concerning invasive plants in Pennsylvania include:

- Japanese Knotweed Known for its rapid spread and ability to damage infrastructure.
- Tree-of-Heaven A resilient species that supports spotted lanternflies and displaces native trees.
- Garlic Mustard Alters soil chemistry and weakens native plant communities.

For more information on identifying invasive species and a complete list, visit:

- Pennsylvania Governor's Invasive
 Species Council
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Invasive Plants

April - May	9a-12p	COMMUNITY TIRE COLLECTION	<u>Various Municipalities and Cities in Beaver</u> <u>County</u>	
April 28	6pm	HOOKSTOWN LEGION BINGO	Hookstown American Legion • 1265 Route 168	
May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26	9a-4p	COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE GARAGE SALE	At the Old Township Garage • 1128 Route 168 Diane Waxler 724-573-4165	
May 3	9a-1p	TIRE COLLECTION EVENT	Beaver County Conservation District • 156 Cowpath Rd	
May 6	5р-6р	FREE COMMUNITY DINNER	Mill Creek EPC Church • 5005 Route 151 next to South Side School 724-573-9579	
May 10	8a-2p	HOOKSTOWN & GEORGETOWN BOROUGH COMMUNITY YARD SALE & FAIRGROUNDS YARD SALE	Contact Jolene Shoenberger or Connie Wilson <u>or Hookstown Fairgrounds</u> Rain Date May 17	
May 10		READ TO ME DAY	<u>South Side Historic Village</u> 1198 Route 168	
May 12	6р	HOOKSTOWN AMERICAN LEGION BINGO	Hookstown American Legion • 1265 Route 168	
May 17	9am & 6pm	WREATHS ON THE GRAVES NIGHT AT THE RACES	Hookstown American Legion • 1265 Route 168	
May 20	11a-7p	SOUP, SANDWICH & PIE SALE	Hookstown Grange, 1198 Rt 168 Mary Lee 724.561.3590	
May 25	11a	SALUTE THE DEAD (3 CEMETERIES)	Hookstown American Legion • 1265 Route 168	
May 26	12p-3p 11a-2p	MEMORIAL DAY CAR CRUISE Lunch in Lower Grange	Hookstown Grange, 1198 Route 168 Mike Elliott 724–573–9377	
June 14		SOUTH SIDE HISTORIC VILLAGE QUILTING/SEWING DAY	1198 Route 168 <u>visit their facebook page</u>	
June 15-21		BEAVER CNTY SPORTSMEN'S Conservation Camp	Raccoon Creek Park <u>www.bcsclyf.com</u> •724-494-6465	
July 5	10a-4p	HOOKSTOWN AMERICAN LEGION CAR & MOTORCYCLE CRUISE	1198 Route 168 (fairgrounds) Blaine Hess 724-312-6738	
July 19	7:30a-4:30p	YOUTH FIELD DAY	Midland Sportsmen's Club > <u>www.pgc.pa.gov</u>	
August 19-23		HOOKSTOWN FAIR EXCITING EVENTS including kids corner, square dances, horse riding clinic & more!	1198 Route 168 • http://www.hookstownfair.com	

TOWNSHIP WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHY

Township Meetings
First Monday of the month
7:00 pm
262 Pittsburgh Grade Rd

DUMPSTER DAYS
Saturdays 9am-3pm
Cost \$5, \$10, \$15
for small, medium & large
loads

RECYCLE TRUCK
FREE

Allows for recycling of metal, plastic & glass
the 4th FULL weekend each month. A full weekend contains a Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Reach out to my supervisor with a question or concern 724-573-1111

How can I find out of I need a permit for a construction project?

<u>click here</u>

Who is the township zoning officer?

Patrick McGuire

contact my township office:
724-573-1111

greenetownshipsecretary@gmail.c
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What does the Planning Commission do?

What is a transient vendor and are they permitted in Greene Township?

How do I know if there is a burn ban?
Burn bans will always be listed on the township and Hookstown Fire
Dept facebook pages or you can call 724-573-4111

I have a question about my road: 724-573-4612 What are the township office hours?
M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
Please reach out if you need us
outside of those hours
724-573-1111

How can I rent a pavilion at Mill Creek Park?

911 Address Placard What is this and do I need one? Can anyone attend the monthly meetings?
YES! They are public meetings and anyone
can attend to listen, learn, or communicate
with the board!