

Greene Township Municipal Authority Update

Every year the Sewer Authority endeavors to complete extensions to the sewer system to areas of the township that are in need of sewer

In 2002, the Authority completed four small projects: (1) Rocky Spring Road - Serves 28 houses; (2) Brookens Road - Serves 4 houses; (3) Toarmina's - Serves 6 houses; (4) Ralph Tolbert - Serves 3 houses.

Projects planned for the future include: (1) Sycamore Grove Road - Serves 12 houses; (2) Starr Avenue - Serves 5 houses; (3) Blakewood Road and Letterkenny Road - Serves 56 houses; (4) Rock Road and Smoketown Road - Serves 24 houses

These projects are in the planning stages with Starr Avenue being ready for construction at this time Sycamore Grove Road will next to be constructed, possibly in 2003. Blakewood Road and Letterkenny Road construction may take place in 2004. Rock Road and Smoketown Road are in the very early planning stages with no set date for construction.

A matter for discussion is the disposal of grease generated in food preparation. We would ask that you please do not put grease down your drains. If it doesn't plug your drain, it may plug the sewer main, and is difficult to handle at the treatment plant. Please dispose of your grease with the trash.

Thank You,

Ben Statler
Manager

Last issue's picture showed the Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church/Carper's Church near Letterkenny. Thank you to all those who identified this historic picture. We remind you that we welcome any Township resident who has an old photo of a special or landmark place in Greene Township to bring the photo to the Township Office for a future issue of the "Greene Informer". The picture will be returned to you.

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Almost a Quarter Century With No Township Property Tax

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the 2003 operating budget in the amount of \$2.4 million. For the 24th year, the Greene Township Board of Supervisors approved a budget with no township-levied property tax.

Greene Township proudly remains one of the few municipalities in Franklin County that does not levy property tax on its residents.

Greene Loses Auditor Robert M. Hargleroad

Robert M. "Bob" Hargleroad, Greene Township Auditor, died October 20, 2002 following a long illness.

Born October 8, 1932, Bob was a son of Margaret Myers Hargleroad of 6026 Cumberland Highway, and the late Melvin Hargleroad. He worked for Prudential Insurance Company for many years, retiring in 1990.

Bob was an active member of the community. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Chambersburg; the Greene Township Lions Club; George Washington Lodge 143, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chambersburg Area Republican Club and the Franklin County Republican Committee.

He was elected to the position of Greene Township Auditor in November 1996, taking office in January 1997.

In addition to his mother, surviving him are his wife, Dolores Sites Hargleroad; a daughter, Bonnie Coy; a son, Michael L.; and three grandchildren.

Bob will be missed by all who knew him and especially by his friends at the Greene Township Board of Supervisors.

Buckus Named Auditor

Thomas A. Buckus, 225 Meadow Lane, Chambersburg was unanimously selected by the Greene Township Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy on the Board of Auditors left by the death of Robert M. Hargleroad.

Buckus, retired, was former CEO of the South Mountain Restoration Center. He holds degrees from Shippensburg University and the University of Maryland. His term expires in January 2004.

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Spring 2003 Bulk Collection Mark Your Calendars Early!!!

Fall bulk collection in September was, as always, a busy weekend at the Greene Township facilities. We received 1545 tires, 88 tons of trash and 46 tons of recyclable scrap metal.

Bulk Collection days for Spring 2003 have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 2 & 3, 2003. The collection will be at the Township building located at 1145 Garver Lane in the village of Scotland. The collection on Friday will begin at 7:00 AM and will finish at 3:00 PM. The collection on Saturday will begin at 6:00 AM and will finish at 4:00 PM. This service is provided free of charge to the residents of Greene Township from the supervisors. Please inform your neighbors and friends of this service and encourage them to participate.

Please do not bring batteries, liquefied paints, spray cans, propane bottles, fuel drums, and other hazardous materials. We are unable to accept them. In addition, construction debris will not be accepted. Arrangements need to be made with the landfill to dump construction debris. We will accept items not picked up by your regular trash service but we do not accept regular household trash. Yard waste is also not accepted during bulk collection. Greene Township accepts yard waste on a regular basis at our yard waste composting facility on Mickey's Inn Road.

Please contact the Greene Township Board of Supervisors at (717) 263-9160 with any questions regarding our upcoming bulk collection days.

NOTE: Once again this Spring, we will accept up to eight tires per household for disposal at bulk collection days this Spring. We will only accept tires. No rims are allowed.

Winter Weather Advisory

Winter is upon us. The Greene Township Board of Supervisors has almost ninety miles of road to maintain. We need your help as we attempt to maintain safe and passable roads this winter. You can assist us by remembering a few important tips:

- Please do not park on township roads and cul-de-sacs. Your car can be damaged from snow and other debris being moved by the plow. This is also a violation of the vehicle code.
- When following a snowplow, please remain a safe distance behind the vehicle so that the operator can see you. These trucks stop and back up often and deposit anti-skid on the road surface.
- Do not shovel snow from your property onto the road surface, or plow across the road to deposit the snow on the other side. These practices reduce the melting effect of the salt and remove the anti-skid from the road surface. This creates an icy patch on the road that is very difficult to remove. This is also against the law and you can be fined up to \$300 per incident.
- If your mailbox is located within the legal right-of-way and it has been damaged in the past, homeowners may want to consider relocating the mailbox. Make sure your mailbox is firmly supported in the ground. Place reflective tape on the mailbox to make it more visible. Remove snow from around the mailbox.

Most importantly, if you don't have to be traveling, please stay home. The lesser number of vehicles on the road the better it is for our operators to do a fast and effective job of removing snow and ice.

Road Closing Notice

Rocky Spring Road will be closed through the month of January for bridge repair. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Greene Township yard waste composting facility is open year round to Greene Township residents on Saturdays from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. This schedule will continue for Christmas tree disposal.

In addition to Christmas trees, the Composting Facility accepts leaves, brush, and tree limbs up to four inches in diameter. We are unable to accept shrubbery with the root ball still attached.

You may call the Greene Township Office at 263-9160 to make special arrangements if you are unable to make it during our regular hours of operation.

Do You Know Someone in Greene Township That Needs Assistance?

REACH work camp is looking to help the elderly, the disabled, or low-income families from July 13-19, 2003. REACH will be working with those who need assistance with home repairs such as painting (interior and exterior); repairing or replacing porches, steps, or handrails; roof repairs, repairing or replacing rotten floors; and adding wheelchair ramps.

MATERIALS AND LABOR ARE FREE!!!

Contact: Gary Knode
5927 Sampache Drive
Shippensburg, PA 17257
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Statewide Building Code

The final regulations for the PA Statewide Building Code are slated to be completed in the summer of 2003. If you are planning construction on your residential property in the second half of 2003, you may have additional state-mandated regulations with which to abide.

The building code will affect both commercial and residential construction. Residential construction under five hundred square feet that is detached from the home will be exempt. All other residential construction will have to follow the building code regulations.

As you apply for permitting through our zoning office, we will attempt to guide you through the building code process.

The PA Statewide Building Code was passed by the state legislature, and signed into law by Governor Ridge in 1999.



Holiday Office Hours

The Greene Township Offices will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday. The offices will also be closed on December 31st and January 1st for the New Year holiday.

Best wishes for a safe holiday season. Thank you for your patience during our holiday hours. You may reach our office by e-mail or voice mail and we will reply promptly.

