

# CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE?



The Greene Township Supervisors need your help identifying the picture above. The supervisors are unsure of the landmark and individuals pictured. Please submit your response to the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, 1145 Garver Lane, P.O. Box 215, Scotland, PA 17254-0215.

There were various responses identifying the picture in the last issue of the informer. Clarence Thomas of Fayetteville was the first to identify the trolley station at Caledonia. The picture shows Car Number 12 ready to leave the Caledonia and return to Chambersburg. The trolley was acquired in 1908. This station building was located on the north side of Route 30.

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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1145 Garver Lane  
P.O. Box 215  
Scotland Pennsylvania 17254

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Or Current Resident

# GREENE INFORMER

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## Census 2000 ALERT

By now you should have already received your census forms in the mail from the U.S. Census Bureau. It is important that you fill this information out and return it to the Census Bureau immediately. If you do not return your census forms, door-to-door census takers will contact you. Please cooperate fully with these individuals. It is vital that we work to make Census 2000 one of the most accurate and complete counts in history.

By cooperating with Census 2000, you are helping to better your community. Many state and federal programs are distributed to municipalities based on census figures. Federal programs include water and sewer projects, economic development and schools. Pennsylvania programs that are census dependent include Liquid Fuels Fund, the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Fund and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Information is available on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov> about the census and how the information is used. Please complete your forms and help Greene Township obtain a complete count of its residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Township at (717) 263-9160.

## BULK COLLECTION DAY

Bulk collection day has been scheduled for Saturday April 15, 2000. The collection will be at the Township building located at 1145 Garver Lane in the village of Scotland. The collection will begin promptly at 6:00 AM and will finish at 4:00 PM. This is a service provided to the residents of Greene Township from the supervisors and is free of charge. Please inform your neighbors and friends of this service and encourage them to participate.

Please do not bring batteries, liquefied paints, spray cans, tires, and other hazardous materials because we will be unable to accept them. We will accept items not picked up by your regular trash service.

## COMPOST FACILITY

Starting Saturday, April 22 the compost facility will be open every Saturday from 8:00am-1:00pm. The facility will continue to be open by appointment as well. You may make an appointment through the week by calling the supervisors office at 263-9160. Do not wait until the last minute to call and make arrangements, we may be unable to accommodate you on a moments notice. Please plan ahead.

We accept leaves, tree limbs up to 3 inches in diameter, brush, Christmas trees, and other similar yard waste. The facility is open to Greene Township residents only. We do not accept grass clippings.

The compost facility is located on Mickey Inn Road approximately 1/4 mile from Sycamore Grove Road. If you have any further questions please contact the supervisors office at 263-9160.

## GREENE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors is initiating the construction of an internet website. The website address will be [www.twp.greene.franklin.pa.us](http://www.twp.greene.franklin.pa.us). Please be on the lookout as our site gets up and running in the next couple of months.

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# GREENE TOWNSHIP BURNING REGULATIONS

Under the Greene Township's Solid Waste Management Ordinance, section 73-8 regulates open burning which states that:

No person shall ignite, cause, feed, permit or maintain any open fire for the destruction of solid waste on any property under his control, except as hereinafter provided

## A. Exceptions to open burning prohibition

- (1) Open fires may be set in the performance of an official duty of any public officer if the fire is deemed necessary for the prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated otherwise, and for the protection of public health.
- (2) Open burning may be set for leaf waste and yard waste, provided that prior notification is provided to the Franklin County Communications Center. All such burning is to be controlled and performed under full time adult supervision.
- (3) No open burning is to occur when the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, Michaux District Forester Office, indicates that conditions are not suitable for burning.
- (4) Nothing contained herein shall prohibit a farmer from carrying out the normal activities of his farming operation, provided that such activities are conducted in accordance with all applicable law, rules and regulations



The above picture shows the 2000 John Deere Rubber Tire Wheel Loader with Tool Carrier that was recently purchased to replace a 1989 John Deere

## REMEMBER YOUR POOLS

With the summer season just around the corner, the Greene Township Zoning Office wants to remind all residents and property owners of the regulations regarding the installation and upkeep of both in-ground and aboveground private swimming pools. A building permit is required for the construction or installation of all such swimming pools. Conventional childrens' wading pools are exempt from the building permit requirement providing they are not over two feet in height. One of the major concerns with private swimming pools is the safety factor. If an aboveground swimming pool has a height of at least three and one-half feet above the ground, then a fence is not required provided all points of entry, such as a ladder or steps, are protected from unauthorized entry. Some ladders are designed to be removed from the pool area when not in use and stored in a secure area. Most of the aboveground pool ladders are the "flip up" type which have a latch where a lock can be attached. Any gates through fences or onto steps etc must be provided with self-closing latch and lock to prevent entry when the pool is not in use. Pools are required to be a minimum distance from the water's edge to the property lines. Aboveground pools must be at least fifteen feet from both side property lines and the rear property line. In-ground pools must be at least twenty feet from both side property lines and the rear property line. The minimum setback distance from the front property line (measured from the edge of the road right-of-way) is the same as the principal use required minimum distance. This figure depends on the zoning district where the property is located. In-ground swimming pools and aboveground pools that are not at least three and one-half feet above the ground level are required to be completely surrounded by a fence or wall at least four feet in height and all gates or wall openings are required to have self-closing latches and be equipped with locks.

Persons desiring to install or construct a swimming pool are to first make application for a building permit at the Township office. They are to stake off the location of the proposed pool and the zoning official will then inspect the site to verify the property setback distances. After the pool has been completed, the contractor or property owner is to notify the Township Zoning Office so that a final inspection can be made and a certificate of compliance issued. The cooperation of all residents and property owners is requested to help ensure that these safety features are installed, used and maintained for the entire time the pool is on the property. The safety of the children and of the general public are the prime concern with the pools. Any questions regarding pool regulations should be to the Greene Township Zoning Office at 263-4990.

### A Note from Greene Township Tax Collector, Kathy Frazer

Due to changes in Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, you may qualify for a rebate for property tax or rent payments you made in 1999. The major change for the 1999 filing year is that you now only report 50% of your social security income when determining your eligibility income of \$15,000 or less. Qualified individuals must either be:

- (1) Age 65 or older as of December 31, 1999.
- (2) A widow or widower age 50 to 64.
- (3) Permanently disabled age 18 to 64.

If you have any questions or need assistance with filing, call my office at 264-8674 for an appointment.

Here are some helpful hints and tips to help better serve *Greene Township* residents regarding trash removal service:

- Place trash at curbside the night ***BEFORE*** schedule pickup day
- Place trash no more than 3 feet from roadside
- The following items are ***NOI*** accepted:
  - Brick
  - Concrete
  - Cement
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Gas tanks or Cans
  - Liquid Paint
  - Large Bulk Items (furniture & appliances)
  - Stone

#### *Leaves & Grass Clippings:*

- ✓ Waste Management will accept up to 25% of bag limit in yard waste for curbside pick-up
- ✓ IESI will accept up to 50% of bag limit in yard waste for curbside pick-up

**NOTE:** The Township Compost facility does accept leaves and other yard waste with the exception of grass clippings.



The following items are recyclable - here are some guidelines & preparation tips:

#### *Commingled:*

- ✓ Aluminum cans, bi-metal, steel & tin cans: empty, rinse and crush
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars – unbroken - (clear, green and brown): metal caps and lids should be removed but labels can remain. ***NOI*** acceptable glass items include:
  - Mirrors
  - Ceramic Cups
  - Clay Flower Pots
  - Crystal
  - Light Bulbs
  - Window Glass
  - Drinking Glasses
  - Heat Resistant Ovenware
- ✓ Plastic bottles and jars (1 and #2 only): empty and rinse

#### *Newspaper:*

- ✓ Newspapers – bundle with twine or string (less than 40 lbs for *Waste Management* customers and less than 20 lbs. for *IESI* customers) Do ***NOT*** include the following:
  - Glossy inserts
  - Small quantities of corrugated cardboard
  - Magazines
  - Books
  - Junk Mail

#### Additional Information:

- ***NEVER*** mix or lay "loose" newspaper with commingled items
- ***NEVER*** mix plastic bags with commingled items or newspaper
- ***ALWAYS*** place recyclables in ***RECYCLE BIN***
- ***ALWAYS*** place recyclables at curbside
- ***NEVER*** put recyclables in any type of bag

If you have any additional questions, please contact your local trash collection service at the following telephone numbers:

- Waste Management: (717) 597-5961
- I.E.S.I (717) 709-1700