

Can you identify this picture?



Please submit your response to the Greene Township Board of Supervisors (717) 263-9160, 1145 Garver Lane, P.O. Box 215, Scotland, PA 17254-0215. Last month's picture showed the excavation for the Cumberland Valley Railroad. Thank you to Quinn Witherspoon for being the first to identify last month's 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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COMPOSTING FACILITY

The Greene Township yard waste composting facility continues to be open to Greene Township residents on Saturdays from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. This schedule will continue throughout the summer months.

You may also make an appointment by calling the Greene Township Board of Supervisors at (717) 263-9160.

The facility cannot accept limbs and trees in excess of four inches in diameter or shrubbery with the ball still attached.

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BULK COLLECTION

Greene Township's Spring 2001 Bulk Collection was a great success. Over 137 tons of bulk waste was collected on April 6 & 7.

Fall Bulk collection has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday September 21 & 22, 2001. The collection will be at the Township building located at 1145 Garver Lane in the village of Scotland. The collection will begin Friday at 7:00 AM and will finish at 3:00 PM. The collection will begin Saturday at 6:00 AM and will finish at 4:00 PM. This is a service 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, tires, computers and other hazardous materials because we will be unable to accept them. We will accept items not picked up by your regular trash service.

In addition, construction debris will not be accepted. **Construction debris will be refused.** Arrangements will have to be made with the landfill to dump construction debris.

Yard waste will also not be accepted during bulk collection. Greene Township accepts yard waste on a regular basis at our yard waste composting facility on Mickey's Inn Road. Consequently, **yard waste will be refused.**

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN REMINDER

Don't forget to pick up your free green reflective address sign at any of Greene Township's first due fire companies. If you need additional information, call our office at (717) 263-9160.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

HELP PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE WEST NILE VIRUS

The West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can cause encephalitis, or a brain infection. Mosquitoes acquire the virus from birds and pass it on to other birds, animals and people. In 1999, West Nile virus first appeared in New York. For the first time, in the summer of 2000, Pennsylvania found the virus in mosquitoes, birds and a horse. To date, no one in Pennsylvania has become seriously ill from West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes spread this virus after they feed on infected birds and then bite people, other birds and animals. It is not spread by person-to-person contact and there is no evidence that people can get the virus by handling infected animals. West Nile virus cases occur primarily in the late summer or early Fall, although the mosquito season is April through October. People can only become infected with West Nile virus after being bitten by an infected mosquito. **There is no evidence** that people can get West Nile virus from infected animals or people, or that people can transmit the West Nile virus to other animals, birds, or people.

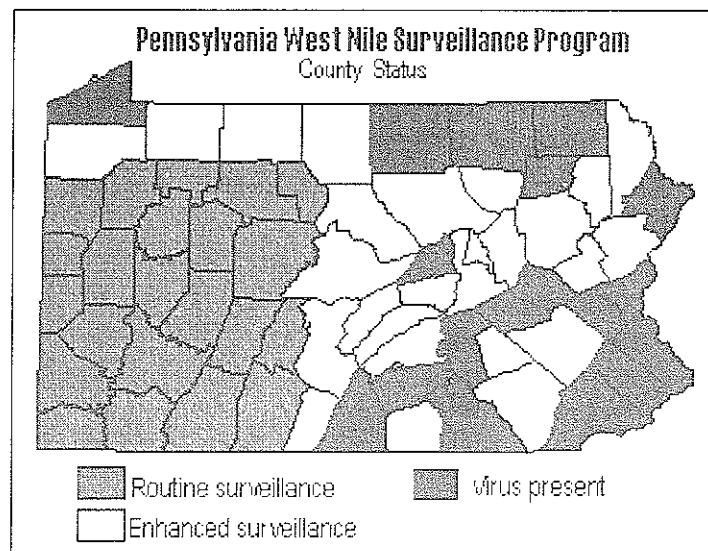
People over 50 years of age have the highest risk of developing a severe illness because as we age, our bodies have a harder time fighting off disease. People with compromised immune systems are also at increased risk, however, anyone can get the virus. People with mild infections may experience fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. People with more severe infections may experience high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, occasional convulsions and paralysis. If you have any of these symptoms, contact your doctor.

There are about 60 different species of mosquitoes in Pennsylvania. While most do not transmit West Nile virus, several mosquito species have been found to transmit the virus. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water around the home. Weeds, tall grass, shrubbery and discarded tires also provide an outdoor home for adult mosquitoes. By eliminating places for mosquitoes to breed, we can go a long way to prevent West Nile virus.

You can help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Even a small bucket that has stagnant water in it for seven days can become home to up to 1,000 mosquitoes. Here are some easy tips to eliminate standing water:

- a. Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water holding containers that have accumulated on your property. Do not overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation.
- b. Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have accumulated on your property.
- c. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors. Drainage holes that are located on the container sides collect enough water for mosquitoes to breed in.
- d. Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains. Roof gutters are easily overlooked but can produce millions of mosquitoes each season.
- e. Turn over plastic wading pools when not in



use. A wading pool becomes a mosquito producer if it is not used on a regular basis.

- f. Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths. Both provide breeding habitat for domestic mosquitoes.
- g. Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. A swimming pool that is left untended by a family that goes on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers.
- h. Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes will develop in any puddle that lasts for more than four days.

You can protect yourself.

It is not necessary to limit any outdoor activities, unless local officials advise you otherwise.

However, you can and should try to reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes. In addition to reducing stagnant water in your yard, make sure all windows and doors have screens, and that all screens are in good repair.

If West Nile virus is found in your area:

- Take normal steps to prevent insect bites.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, or when mosquitoes are most active.
- Consider the use of mosquito repellent, according to directions, when it is necessary to be outdoors. Wash all treated skin and clothing when returning indoors.

Remember, electromagnetic and ultrasound devices and Vitamin B are not effective in preventing mosquito bites.

The West Nile Virus in the United States.

Prior to 1999, no West Nile virus cases had been reported in the United States. During the 1999 encephalitis outbreak, there were 62 human cases and seven deaths. In 2000, there were 21 diagnosed cases and two deaths. In 2000, West Nile virus had been found in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and New Hampshire. Positive horses have been found in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

For more information on the West Nile Virus.

Visit www.westnile.state.pa.us, or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH toll-free.

If you are aware of a known mosquito habitat that needs tested, please call the Franklin County Conservation District at (717) 264-8074.

SUMMER PAVING PROJECTS

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors would like to advise its residents of the following road improvements that are scheduled for the summer of 2000. Work has already begun on Orchard Road. Portions of this road will be widened and repaved. Shaffer Road will also be resurfaced this summer. The Township will also initiate additional paving at the Greene Township Compost Facility.

Please be prepared for delays during construction in these areas and you may want to seek alternative routes. The Board of Supervisors regrets any inconvenience during the construction. Please be alert for road crews and construction vehicles.