

Can You Identify This Picture?



Various residents called in to identify the Woodstock School located on Woodstock Road, just next to the Ragged Edge Inn. We remind you that we welcome any Township resident who has an old photo of a special 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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REMEMBER TO GET YOUR REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN

If you haven't already done so, the Greene Township Board of Supervisors encourages you to post a reflective address sign in front of your property. They are free to Greene Township residents and they could save your life or the life of a loved one.

You may pick up your reflective address sign at any of the following fire companies: Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Company, Main Street, Fayetteville, 352-3131; Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Company, 9722 Cumberland Highway, Pleasant Hall, 532-5155; West End Fire Department, Lurgan Avenue, Shippensburg, 532-5555; Franklin Fire Company, Corner of Franklin & King Streets, Chambersburg, 263-8600.

Questions regarding the reflective address signs, can be directed to the Greene Township Board of Supervisors at (717) 263-9160.

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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 2002. Work has already begun on Brindle and Grand Point Roads. Portions of these roads will be widened and overlaid this summer.

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



GREENE TOWNSHIP CODE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors has placed the Greene Township Code online at www.twp.greene.franklin.pa.us.

The current codification of ordinances, adopted on March 26, 2002, combines all previously enacted ordinances into one volume. Placing the code online will allow residents, developers, consultants and the press to have instant access to a fully searchable version of the Greene Township Code.

The Greene Township Code includes all township ordinances, such as Solid Waste Management, Stormwater Management, Subdivision and Land Development, Zoning, Sewer, Water, Property Maintenance and Animal provisions.

The Code is accessible by clicking on the icon at the bottom of the Greene Township home page located at www.twp.greene.franklin.pa.us.

West Nile Virus Awareness

In 2001, the West Nile virus was detected in Pennsylvania in humans for the first time. In the coming weeks, DEP and county West Nile coordinators will, again, start collecting mosquitoes and mosquito larvae for testing. It is important that Greene Township residents do their part to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas around their homes.

When transmitted to people, the virus can cause West Nile encephalitis, an infection that can cause an inflammation of the brain. Anyone can get the virus, but older adults and people with compromised immune systems have the highest risk of developing severe illness because their bodies have a harder time fighting off disease.

West Nile virus cases occur primarily in the late summer or early fall, although mosquito season is usually April through October.

DEP and county West Nile coordinators will be looking for immature (larvae and pupae) and adult mosquitoes to determine if they are the species known to carry the virus. They also will be noting their number and geographic distribution.

Pennsylvanians should report dead birds by calling 1-877-PA-HEALTH, because dead birds may indicate that West Nile virus is present in an area. Once they have received instructions via the toll-free number, the public is asked to deliver birds that meet testing specifications to certain locations as instructed over the phone. The public's involvement is crucial to controlling the West Nile Virus.

Greene Township residents can take a few simple steps in their own back yards to reduce their risk of contracting the West Nile virus. Because mosquitoes breed in standing water, even a small bucket that has stagnant water in it for four days can become home to many mosquitoes. Tips to eliminate standing water include:

- 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;
- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have accumulated on your property;
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. Drainage holes that are located on a container's sides allow them to collect enough water for mosquitoes to breed;
- 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;
- 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;
- Turn over wheelbarrows, and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths. Both provide breeding habitat for domestic mosquitoes;
- 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. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in water that collects on swimming pool covers; and
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes will develop in any puddle that lasts for more than four days.

Last year, the West Nile virus was found in various parts of Pennsylvania, including Franklin County. It was identified in 361 birds, 43 mosquito groups, seven horses and three people in all of Pennsylvania.

Information courtesy of DEP—April 11, 2002 @ <http://www.westnile.state.pa.us>

BULK COLLECTION DAYS

Thank you to all of those who participated in successful bulk days in April. Greene Township collected over 78 tons of refuse for disposal and almost 39 tons of metal, which was able to be recycled.

Fall 2002 bulk collection days have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday September 20 & 21, 2002. 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, propane bottles, fuel drums, tires, and other hazardous materials because we will be unable to accept them. In addition, construction debris will not be accepted. Arrangements will have 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 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.

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



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.

The composting facility accepts most types of yard waste but cannot accept limbs and trees in excess of four inches in diameter; shrubbery with the ball still attached, or grass.

All material generated by the composting facility is free to township residents for residential use. At various times during the year, after completing the composting process, leaf compost and bark mulch are available for distribution. Material is available on a first come first served basis. You may stop by the compost facility at Mickey's Inn Road on Saturday mornings to check on availability.

You may also make an appointment to drop off yard waste at the composting facility during the week by calling the Greene Township Board of Supervisors at (717) 263-9160.

The Greene Township yard waste composting facility is a service provided by the Greene Township Board of Supervisors partially funded through recycling grants provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.