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BLAKEWOOD SEWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

The sewer line extension at Blakewood and Letterkenny Road is now underway. There have been a few questions concerning grinder pumps in this project that we would like to address:

1. Letterkenny Road has 11 properties designed to need grinder pumps.
2. All of Blakewood and the remainder of Letterkenny Road have been designed for a gravity system.

If you live on Letterkenny Road and you need a grinder pump, the Greene Township Municipal Authority will purchase the grinder pump for you at no charge. Once the grinder pump is installed any maintenance of the grinder pump will be the property owner's responsibility.

If you live in Blakewood or the remainder of Letterkenny Road and your property is not designed for a grinder pump, your property is designed for a gravity system for first floor service. If you have a bathroom in your basement and wish to connect it to the public sewer, you can get this service using a grinder pump, but the property owner must purchase the grinder pump at their own expense. The property owner will also be responsible for the maintenance of the grinder pump.

If you have any questions concerning this issue or have any other questions concerning the project, please feel free to call our office at 263-5324.

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FALL LEAF & BRUSH COLLECTION

Greene Township will be commencing Fall leaf & brush pick-up **December 4, 2006 through December 22, 2006**. This operation will begin in the easternmost portion of Greene Township in the Fayetteville area and will move west until completed. The collection crew will make ONE pass through the Township. Please rake your leaves and place brush at the edge of your yard, no further than four feet from the edge of the pavement of the road. Do not bag your leaves.

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Fall 2006 Bulk Collection

Mark Your Calendar!

Bulk Collection days for Fall 2006 have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 15 & 16, 2006. 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 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, 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 (bags of garbage, recyclables, etc)**. Yard waste is also not accepted during bulk collection. Greene Township accepts yard waste on a regular basis at our 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: We will accept 20 lb. propane bottles again this fall. We will accept up to eight tires per household for disposal this fall. We will only accept standard car or pick-up truck tires. Rims and tires must be separated.

Community Page

The *Greene Informer* will be including a Community Page insert in future issues. The insert will be reserved for Community Associations to provide information about upcoming events and registrations. Please contact the Greene Township Board of Supervisors at (717) 263-9160 with any questions.

TIPS FOR SAFE FLOOD CLEANUP

PA DEP advises residents whose homes have been affected by flood waters to take a number of precautions to assure a safe cleanup. Residents should disinfect everything the flood water has touched. Residents should scrub down walls and any other smooth, hard surfaces that flood water touched with a water and 2 percent chlorine bleach solution. Two to three capfuls of chlorine bleach to a bucket of water are recommended. When disinfecting surfaces residents should wear boots and gloves. DEP, emergency management agencies and the American Red Cross recommend:

- Be careful when entering a flood-damaged building; Loose, wet ceiling plaster is heavy and dangerous --- knock down hanging plaster before moving around; Watch for holes in the floor and loose boards with exposed nails;
- Once inside, turn off the gas and electricity --- wear rubber-soled shoes or boots and rubber gloves and turn off the main switch using a piece of rubber, plastic or dry wood while standing on a dry board to avoid electrocution;
- Do not pump the basement until the water has gone down --- pumping a water-filled basement could result in the walls collapsing;
- Never use a gas-powered pump or generator in an enclosed area; carbon monoxide fumes could overcome you;
- Take care to protect open scratches or wounds from contacting contaminated water. Raw sewage and other bacteria in floodwaters can cause infections. Wounds should be cleaned thoroughly with soap and water and a tetanus shot may be needed;
- Discard food that comes in contact with floodwaters. Beverage bottles with twist caps that were under the water also should be thrown out. Dishes and eating and cooking utensils should be thoroughly cleaned with a water and chlorine bleach solution;
- Check refrigerated or frozen foods carefully if power outages occur. Any frozen foods that have partially or completely defrosted should be used immediately or discarded. Perishable foods kept in a refrigerator that has been off for more than four hours or has warmed to more than 45 degrees Fahrenheit should be discarded;
- Bring drinking water to a rolling boil for at least a minute if you suspect it has been contaminated. Citizens are urged to boil water if it is cloudy or has an unusual odor;
- Keep all cleaning and disinfecting products out of the reach of children;
- Air-dry family treasures such as books, photographs or paintings if you can. If wet books, documents, photographs or textiles can't be air-dried within 48 hours, freeze them if you have a big enough freezer. If not, keep them as cool as possible until air-drying is possible;
- Test plumbing and basement drains by pouring in a bucket of water. If the water does not run out, remove the clean-out plug from the trap and rake out the mud with a wire;
- Don't rush to move in. Before a house is habitable, it must be dried and thoroughly cleaned since flood waters pick up sewage and chemicals as they travel;
- Open doors and windows to ventilate and dry the inside, and wait until all floors, ceilings, walls and furnishings are dry and free of mold and mildew before trying to repair or salvage;
- Do not attempt to repair floors until they are fully dry. Dry wood floors as soon as possible by opening all doors and windows --- this should prevent shrinkage and deformation. Once dry, buckled floors may be drawn back into place with nails, and planing and sanding may remove humps;
- Remove drawers and clean all mud and dirt from wooden furniture. Be sure to dry furniture slowly and indoors to prevent it from warping from the sun;
- Washers, dryers and furnaces can usually be cleaned and tested by qualified electricians. Replacing expensive appliances after a flood is not usually necessary; and
- Mattresses, carpets and rugs should be discarded --- in most cases, mattresses and rugs become so saturated with contaminated material that cleaning attempts are futile.

For more information on flood recovery, visit DEP at www.dep.state.pa.us, Keyword: "Flood Recovery"

Details also are available at PEMA's Web site, www.pema.state.pa.us



Tips for minimizing mosquito breeding grounds around your home:

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers that have collected on your property
- Pay special attention to discarded tires. Stagnant water in tires is where most mosquitoes breed.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors.
- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned every year, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains. Roof gutters can produce millions of mosquitoes each season.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. Stagnant water in a wading pool becomes a place for mosquitoes to breed.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and don't let water stagnate in birdbaths. Both provide breeding habitats for domestic mosquitoes.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens can become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools not in use. A swimming pool left untended by a family on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on pool covers.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes may breed in any puddle that lasts for more than four days.

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

If you have an area of standing water on your property, Greene Township provides larvae killing briquettes that you can place in standing water to eliminate mosquito larvae. These can be obtained at the Greene Township Office. Call 263-9160 with any questions.



Composting Facility

The Greene Township yard waste composting facility will continue to be open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This schedule will continue throughout the year except on holidays, holiday weekends or special events such as bulk collection days. If the compost facility will be closed, signs will be posted at the gates.

The composting facility accepts most types of yard waste except grass clippings. All material generated by the composting facility is available to township residents at a cost of \$5.00 per pick-up load. At various times during the year, after completing the composting process, leaf compost and bark mulch are available for pick-up. Material is on a first come first served basis. You may stop by the facility on Mickey's Inn Road during regular hours to check on availability.

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

Greene Township Prohibits ALL open Burning of Leaf, Yard & Solid Wastes



Greene Township will be commencing Christmas Tree collection December 27, 2006 through January 19, 2007