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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

COMPOSTING FACILITY HOURS

Wednesday & Friday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Saturday, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2015

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors and staff hopes everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season. It has been our pleasure to serve you this past year and we look forward to serving you even more effectively in the year 2015. As always, if you have any questions or problems that we can help with please contact us at 263-9160 or 263-4990.

Christmas Tree Collection

Greene Township will be commencing Christmas Tree collection beginning:

Monday, January 5, 2015



The collection crew will make **ONE PASS** through the Township. Trees must be placed at the edge of your yard **no further than four feet from the edge of the pavement of the road on the first day** of collection. **No return trips** will be made.

Are You Ready for Winter?

Get Supplies Together Now in Anticipation of Snow and Ice.

With any luck, the approaching winter season won't be as nasty as the one many Pennsylvanians endured last year.

Mother Nature, though, isn't known for her predictability. With that in mind, here are some tips from www.ready.gov, a Federal Emergency Management Agency preparedness campaign, to help you and your

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In 2015, Greene Township proudly begins its 36th year without a Township real estate tax.

family get ready before the snow, ice, winds, and frigid temps come our way.

To prepare for a winter storm, ready.gov recommends you stock up on the following supplies:

- Rock salt or an alternative, environmentally safe product to melt ice on walkways.
- Sand or other antiskid materials to improve traction on sidewalks and driveways.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home, and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Create a "family communication plan." Your family may not be together when disaster strikes so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in case of an emergency. To learn more about developing a plan, go to www.ready.gov/family-communications.

Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supply kit in your vehicle. To learn more about what to include in this kit, visit www.ready.gov/kit-storage-locations.

Once a storm arrives or the temperatures dip to bone-chilling single digits, take the following steps:

- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non frozen drinking water.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack, a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

Never run a generator indoors or in an attached garage. Place the generator outside in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home. Also, be sure to protect it from direct exposure to rain and snow.

When life returns to normal, make sure to restock your emergency supplies to be ready in case another storm hits. Assess how well your supplies and family plan worked. What could you have done better?

Winter Weather Advisory



The Greene Township Board of Supervisors would like the residents of Greene Township to keep in mind the snow removal policies and help us as we attempt to maintain safe and passable roads this winter. You can assist us by remembering a few important tips.

- * **Greene Township's procedure on snow removal is as follows:** During the storm the trucks will make initial and subsequent passes to open roadways and keep the roads at passable conditions. After the storm the trucks will make multiple passes and clean intersections. Please remember this policy when clearing driveways and parking areas.
- * **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 Township Code.
- * **Please keep trash bags and containers off of the roadway.** Greene Township is not responsible for damage to containers that are on the roadway or in the road right-of-way.
- * **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 as well as 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.
- * **Is your mailbox ready for winter?** Make sure your mailbox is firmly supported in the ground. You may want to consider the use of reflective tape or other material to make it easier to see during storms or during dark hours. If your mailbox is located within the limits of the legal right-of-way any damages caused by snow or ice are the responsibility of the property owner.

Most importantly, if you don't have to travel please stay home. The fewer the 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.

Office Winter Holiday Closings:

New Year's Eve	December 31, 2014
New Year's Day	January 1, 2015
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19, 2015
Presidents' Day	February 16, 2015
Good Friday	April 3, 2015

Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department



Emergency Medical Services

An additional Automated External Defibrillator has been added to the fleet ensuring that all frontline fire apparatus are equipped with this lifesaving equipment. In addition, all of the department's AED's are state of the art Life Pak 1000 models following a recent upgrade.

To better serve the residents of the Township a third set of Advanced Life Support equipment has been ordered by the department and will be in service soon! This third set of gear will enable the department to put three paramedics on the street and saving lives in times of high call volume or multiple casualty incidents.

The Fayetteville VFD EMS is always available to come to local events and offers public speaking on a variety of EMS related topics. The FVFD EMS boasts several CPR instructors and car seat safety technicians. Email Community Paramedicine Coordinator Elizabeth Heller at ekaiser@fvfd.us for additional details.

Manure Management Plan

Are you in Compliance with Pennsylvania's Manure Management Requirements?

Wow, you own or rent a home with a large yard or have several acres. Too much to mow, I know! Let's get a couple of animals (mini horses, ponies, donkeys, goats, sheep, chickens, horses, alpacas, beef cattle, etc) to cut the mowing time in half. Checked with the local municipality, good! No ordinance against them. So you start putting in a fence, buy a few animals, and check with a veterinarian and/or a feed store on what you need to do to keep them healthy. All is going well. **But** have you ever thought what goes in the front end comes out the back end? Now, what are you doing with the manure? Spreading it in the pasture, or just stacking and a neighbor comes and gets it? Well, according to Pennsylvania, all operations that have animals need to **develop and implement a written Manure Management Plan.** This includes the backyard owners of horses, goats, sheep, beef and dairy cattle, etc.

If you are keeping the animals on a pasture, do you know the requirement is that the pasture needs to maintain a 3 inch height during the growing season? OR If the animals have eaten all the grass and the area

is now bare, this would be referred as an Animal Concentration Area (ACA). ACA refers to bare areas that cannot maintain grass such as: barnyards, feedlots, exercise lots or other similar animal confinement areas.

Oh my, now it is raining and look at the brown water leaving the area. What should you do? Clean water should be diverted away from the bare area. The contaminated water (dirt and manure) should be collected and treated. This could be easily done by establishing a grass buffer area. This buffer area should be established between the ACA area and streams, wetlands, sinkholes, or any other environmental sensitive areas.

How do I understand what is needed? How do I develop a manure management plan? How do I handle the runoff? The Franklin County Conservation District is willing to assist small livestock landowners in developing their manure management plan and/or Ag E&S plans at no cost. If you are interested in assistance or a plan writing workshop, please call Mary Ann Shaffer at 717-264-5499.

Greene Township Tax Collector – Kathy Frazer

Some frequently asked questions in my office.

When are real estate bills mailed each year?

- March 1 – County
- July 1 – School



Please note you are responsible whether you receive your bill or not.

What discounts are available to property owners?

1. The "Homestead Exclusion" is available to any property owner on your primary residence. It is not based on age or income, but you must apply and it reduces your school property tax only. If you haven't already applied for it, the deadline is March 1, 2015. (This is a one-time application process).
2. The Pennsylvania property tax rebate program is available to property owners age 65 and over, widow or widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. To qualify your household income must be less than \$35,000, but the total only includes one half of your social security benefits. The Pennsylvania form is PA 1000 to apply each year for taxes paid the prior year on your primary residence.

Call my office at 717-264-8674 if you have any questions.

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Registration for the 2015 Youth Baseball, Softball, Football & Cheerleading Seasons

Fayetteville Athletic Association

Fayetteville Fire Department Social Hall:

Saturday, Jan. 17th 9 – 11 am
Monday, Jan. 19th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 24th 9 – 11 am
Monday, Jan. 26th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 31st 9 – 11 am
Monday, Feb. 2nd 6 – 8 pm

Scotland Youth League

Scotland Community Center:

Monday, Jan. 19th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 24th 9 am – Noon
Monday, Feb. 2nd 6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 10th 6 – 8 pm

Greenvillage Youth League

Greenvillage Concession Stand:

Thursday, Jan. 15th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 17th 9 am – Noon
Thursday, Jan. 22nd 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 24th 9 am – Noon
Thursday, Jan. 29th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 31st 9 am – Noon

Guilford Athletic Association

Guilford Sports Complex:

Wednesday, Jan. 28th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 31st 10 am – Noon
Wednesday, Feb. 4th 6 – 8 pm
Saturday, Feb. 7th 10 am – Noon

Scotland Broncos Youth Football & Cheerleading

Scotland Community Center:

Early Season Registration for Returning Players:

Saturday, March 21st 9 – 11 am
Registration:
Tuesday, April 7th 6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, April 14th 6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, April 21st 6 – 8 pm

Scotland Community Center

Bingo is held every Thursday night at the Scotland Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 and the kitchen opens at 6:00. Early birds begin at 6:45 and regular games begin at 7:00.

Late Night Bingo dates are January 30th and March 27th. Doors open at 9:00pm and games begin at 10:45pm.

Sign Up

Please visit the [Greene Township Website](#) for additional information on upcoming community events.