



# GREENE INFORMER

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The Greene Township Board of Supervisors meets:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon

Greene Municipal Authority (Sewer)	(717) 263-5324
Guilford Water Authority	(717) 263-2813
Tax Collector (Kathy Frazer)	(717) 264-8674
PennDOT	(717) 264-4171
PA Game Commission	(814) 643-1831
Dog Enforcement Office	(717) 762-9794
PA DEP	(717) 705-4700
Fayetteville Fire Department	(717) 352-3131
Franklin Fire Department	(717) 263-5874
West End Fire Department	(717) 532-5555
Pleasant Hall Fire Department	(717) 532-5155

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### COMPOSTING FACILITY HOURS

Through Completion of Leaf Collection

Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### PARK HOURS

Dawn to Dusk

## Fall 2019 Bulk Collection

### Mark Your Calendar!

Bulk Collection days  
for fall 2019 have been  
scheduled for:



Friday, September 6

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, September 7

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The collection will be at the Township building located at 1145 Garver Lane in the village of Scotland. This service is provided to the residents (not commercial) of Greene Township from the Supervisors.

Residents should bring driver's license as a form of identification or have a Greene Township identification sticker on the vehicle. A bulky item is an item that will not fit in your garbage container or weighs more than 50 pounds. **Bulky items must be free of all garbage. Building materials, loose material, and items that can be broken down to fit in a garbage container are not bulky items and will not be accepted.**

Please do not bring 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 Inn Road.

Vehicle batteries will be accepted again as well as up to eight tires per household for disposal. We can only accept standard car or pick-up truck tires. Rims and tires must be separated. We continue to accept 20 lb. propane bottles.

### Composting Facility will be closed during Bulk Days

### NO ELECTRONIC RECYCLING COLLECTION

We will not be accepting electronic devices such as TVs, computers, monitors, etc. this fall.

## Fall 2019 Brush & Leaf Collection

Greene Township will be commencing brush and leaf collection this fall beginning on the following dates:

**Brush: Monday, October 21**

**Leaves: Monday, November 4**



Dates are subject to change. Please check our website or Facebook page as dates approach.

The brush and leaves must be placed for pickup on the first day of their respective collection schedules. The collection crew will make ONE pass through the Township. Please place your brush and rake your leaves to the edge of your yard, no further than 4 feet from the edge of the pavement of the road. Do not bag your leaves. Brush should be no longer than 8 feet in length and no bigger than 3 inches in diameter. Place brush PARALLEL to the road. **The brush and leaves must be on separate piles** in order for the Township machinery to collect it. **If the brush and leaves are not separated, they will not be collected.** Please avoid placing brush and leaves next to mailboxes, fence posts, etc. as they can be damaged by the equipment and please do not place your leaves on a tarp.

These are the **BEGINNING** dates for brush and leaf collection. We ask for your patience as it may take a few weeks to complete the entire Township.

## Composting Facility Hours

Our extended hours will run through completion of leaf collection. We will then resume our regular hours of:

**Wednesday & Friday**

**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Saturday**

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



### Office Fall Closings:

Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14
Election Day	Tuesday, November 5
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28
	Friday, November 29

## Greene Township Park

### Book Sharing Box

New to our Park this summer is the **Scotland School House Book Box** – a book sharing box for the community. In a partnership between Greene Township and Scotland Elementary School the “Library” provides children and adults with books at no



charge. A place to take books and keep them, or return them. It's also a place where our community can bring books they no longer read to donate to the Library for others to enjoy.

If you take a book (or two) from the Library, you do not need to return that exact book. However, in order to keep the Library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you swing by the Library bring a few books to share. Our Library book exchange functions on the honor system; everyone contributes to ensure there are always books inside. Enjoy!

## Fence Permit Requirements

A land use permit must be obtained for all fences **exceeding four feet (4') in height**. Fences located in the side or rear yards are exempt from property line setback requirements. The fence must be located on the applicant's property but no minimum distance is required from that property line. When erecting a fence or building, the property owner must know where their property line is located. If property lines or other markers are not available, the property owner needs to determine their location before applying for a land use permit. Fences to be located within the front yard area or otherwise located along a road or street are exempt from property line setback requirements provided that:

- 1) such fences are not located in the clear sight triangle;
- 2) such fences are located, constructed and maintained so as not to obscure or impair the visibility of an operator of a motor vehicle exiting the property;
- 3) such fences are see-through type fencing, be constructed of chain link, post and rail, picket, or other similar type fencing material.

## Water Safety

Summer can be family fun time but unfortunately it can also be a time of great loss and profound grief. Such was the case for a local resident when her four-year old son Peyton drowned several years ago.



Peyton's mother Cherie Stoner has channeled that loss into a **Water Safety Program** giving presentations and working with WellSpan to get water safety materials into doctors' offices throughout the area. She has currently begun a LifeVest loaner station whereby anyone who needs a LifeVest for a day or weekend may contact her. Simply complete the necessary form, borrow the LifeVest and then return it when finished.

Cherie is available to speak to individuals and interested groups to learn more about the **Water Safety Program**. There's even a mascot "Josh the Otter" who often accompanies Cherie and assists in educating the importance of water safety. Cherie Stoner may be contacted at (717) 860-0887.

### Fatal Child Drownings

According to the website **Pool Safely** (a national public education campaign) on average, more than 350 children drown each year – and a majority of these children are younger than five. In fact, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children ages 1-4, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

While warm-weather states typically experience higher rates of drowning incidents, there are some simple safety steps parents and families can take – regardless of where they live – to ensure children are safer in and around the water.

#### Simple Safety Steps

- First, children should learn to swim. Many organizations offer lessons for free or a small fee. However, it should never be assumed that swimming lessons are enough to ensure safety.
- Whenever children are in or around water, there should always be an adult designated as a Water Watcher. This person's one job is to keep their undivided attention on the kids.
- Adults should also learn CPR, which can greatly increase a drowning victim's survival chances. CPR courses are short, informative, and can be found in many communities. To find a course closest to you, visit the **American Red Cross**, **American Heart Association** or **Care** websites.

## Greene Township Stormwater News



A land use Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is a network of public or private stormwater conveyances made up of pipes, stormdrains, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, and man-made channels. As stormwater runs over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants.

Polluted stormwater runoff is often conveyed to our MS4s and ultimately discharged into local creeks and streams without treatment.

In our 2017 Summer/Fall Newsletter we published that Greene Township is required by the Pennsylvania DEP to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the discharge of stormwater to our creeks and streams. The Township has obtained this permit and has now begun working on the implementation of a pollutant reduction plan which includes public awareness and education.

The staff at Greene Township has been mapping discharges into our waterways. We also identified projects within the Township that will assist in reducing pollutants into the streams. Some of these projects will require a partnership between landowners and the Township. The following are things we all can do to reduce pollutants that are flowing into our waterways.

### Don't dump anything into the stormdrains.

Stormdrains are for stormwater, NOT mop water, NOT used motor oil, NOT car washing rinse water. This runoff does not receive cleaning treatment before it makes its way into our streams, so help ensure only water from the sky ends in our stormdrains.

### Throw your trash in the garbage.

Litter will make its way into our streams by way of passage through the stormdrain system. In addition to being unsightly, trash can harbor bacteria biofilms that encourage the growth of harmful bacteria.

### Throw your cigarette butts away.

Some people don't seem to have second thoughts about throwing butts on the ground. They are gross and contribute to the toxicity of our streams.

If you have any questions please contact Greene Township at (717) 263-9160.

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## Community Page

### Scotland Community Center

**Bingo** is held every Thursday night at the Scotland Community Center. Doors open at 5:00 and the kitchen opens at 5:30. Early Birds begin at 6:45. Contact Gary Smith, Sr. at (717) 816-1963 for information.

**Veterans Dinner.** Saturday, November 2, 2019. Anyone interested call Cathy Mohler at (717) 226-5043.

**Rentals.** Contact Jim Umbrell at (717) 709-0179 for Community Center rentals and pavilion rentals at Scotland Memorial Park.

**Scotland Community Park** closes for the season at the end of October.



### Schools are Open – Drive with Care

With summer ending and the start of school under way, drivers need to do their part to keep kids safe as they

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make their way to school. Whether riding or walking, students are sharing the roadways and you can do your part to keep them safe. Children are unpredictable so be alert.

Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus. Please do your part to keep our kids safe. **Drive with care!**

### Election Day

Tuesday, November 5

**VOTE!**