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# **Greene Township Board of Supervisors**

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The Greene Township Board of Supervisors meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM.

Greene Municipal Authority (Sewer)	(717) 263-5324
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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
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West End Fire Department	(717) 532-5555
Pleasant Hall Fire Department	(717) 532-5155

**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

#### **PARK HOURS**

Dawn to Dusk

# Happy New Year! 2 0 1 9

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 2019. As always, if you have any questions or issues that we can help with please contact us at 717-263-9160 or 717-263-4990.

### **Christmas Tree Collection**

Greene Township will be commencing Christmas Tree collection beginning:

Monday, January 7, 2019



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.

Otherwise, our composting facility is open Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 AM – 2 PM and Saturdays, 8 AM – 1 PM.

## **Brush Collection**

Due to recent storms and the amount of limbs and trees that have fallen we will make a second round of brush pick up during Christmas tree collection.

Brush should be no longer than 8 feet in length and no bigger than 3 inches in diameter. Place brush PARALLEL to the road. Please avoid placing brush next to mailboxes, fence posts, etc. as they can be damaged by the equipment. The composting facility is open this winter as well.

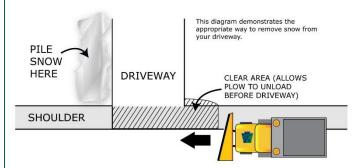
In 2019, Greene Township proudly begins its 40th year without a Township real estate tax.

# **PennDOT Driveway Snow Shoveling Tips**



PennDOT and Greene Township make every attempt to minimize depositing snow onto sidewalks and driveways and its operators are instructed to reduce speed when plowing in residential areas. However, to keep Greene Township moving, roads must be cleared, and usually PennDOT and the Township have no option but to push the snow off the roads and onto sidewalks and driveways.

Homeowners have several options to help minimize the impact to driveways. The first is remove snow only to approximately 10 feet from the end of the driveway until plowing is complete. Another method is to clean an area on the right side of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.



PennDOT and Greene Township also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a driveway or parking lot onto a state or township road.

# **Snow Squalls**

What are snow squalls? Snow squalls, often associated with strong cold fronts, are a key wintertime weather hazard. They move in and out quickly, and typically last less than an hour. The sudden white-out conditions combined with falling temperatures produces icy roads in just a few minutes. Squalls can occur where there is no large-scale winter storm in progress and might only produce minor accumulations. Snow squalls can cause localized extreme impacts to the traveling public and to commerce for brief periods of time. Unfortunately, there is a long history of deadly traffic accidents associated with snow squalls. Although snow accumulations are typically an inch or less, the added combination of gusty winds, falling temperatures and

quick reductions in visibility can cause extremely dangerous conditions for motorists.

**Snow squalls vs. snow storms.** The difference between a snow squall and a snowstorm is the duration of the event. Snow squalls are usually very short-lived (on the order of 30-60 minutes) and extremely intense. A snow storm could last for several hours or even days.

**Snow Squall Warnings.** Snow squall warnings are short-fused and focused on distinct areas (like tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings). These warnings provide critical, highly localized life-saving information. If a snow squall warning is issued for your area, avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes through your location.

Actions to Take. If a snow squall warning is issued for your area, avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes through your location. There truly is no safe place on the highway during a snow squall. However if you are already in transit and cannot exit the road in time, reduce your speed, turn on your headlights and hazard lights and allow plenty of distance between you and the car in front of you. It's also best not to slam on your brakes. With slick/icy roads, this could contribute to the loss of vehicle control and also increase the risk of a chain reaction crash. Follow www.weather.gov to get the latest forecasts and warnings before you start your car to travel.



Courtesy of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

# **Greene Township** Park News



Ice Skating Rink. The Greene Township Ice Skating Rink at the Township Park is coming back and will be ready for use over the winter months. Our new 92' x 92' rink is bigger and better than ever.

Use of the rink will be open to the public during normal Park hours only (dawn to dusk) and will be on a first come first serve basis. No organized events will be permitted at this time. A skate at your own risk policy will be in effect. Proper safety gear should be worn at all times, especially for children. The Township is not responsible for injuries or accidents associated with use of the rink.

The outdoor skating rink is weather and temperature dependent so please visit our website for daily updates and information. There will also be a posted sign at the rink with daily updates. If you have any questions please check our website or contact our office.

#### Ice Skating Rink Safety Rules

Entering and Exiting the Rink - Always wear ice skates when entering the rink, as the dirt from your shoes can damage both the ice and the blades of other skaters.

While Skating - Always skate in the direction of traffic, which is usually counter-clockwise but which may change midway through a skating session. Don't skate faster than you can control. If you are a new skater, skate close to the boards at the side of the rink so you can stay out of the way of other skaters and also so you can slow or stop quickly if necessary. Keep an eye on the skaters ahead of you, who may not be able to see you coming.

**Groups** – Avoid skating in groups of more than two people. Never hold hands with more than one other person; creating chains of skaters may be fun, but it is dangerous to new skaters in the chain and to other people on the rink. Never carry another person, especially a child; if you lose your balance or are bumped, both of you may be injured.

Sledding. Our Park's numerous hills offer a great place to hit the slopes this winter. So if you enjoy sledding, the next time it snows gather up your friends and family and head to our park for a day of fun! Check out our Park Facebook page for any upcoming special sledding events.

**Pavilions**. Beginning Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 we will be taking reservations for our 4 Picnic Pavilions for the 2019 season. Please call our office to book a date and time. Visit our website for more information.

# **Snow Removal Policies**



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 to clear the entire width of the roadways and clean intersections. Please remember this policy when clearing driveways and parking areas.
- Please do not park on Township roads and cul-desacs. 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 or plow 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 to the post and the post is secured 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 New Year's Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 21, 2019 Presidents' Day **Good Friday** 

**December 31, 2018 January 1, 2019** February 18, 2019 **April 19, 2019** 

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# **Community Page**

#### Registration for the 2019 Youth Baseball & Softball Seasons



#### Fayetteville Athletic Association Guilford Athletic Association

www.eteamz.com/FAA1946

www.facebook.com/guilfordathletics

#### **Greenvillage Youth League**

#### **Scotland Youth League**

www.facebook.com/greenvillagebaseballand softball/

www.scotlandyouthleague.com

Please check their websites for registration dates and times.

If the name shown on your newsletter address label is incorrect please contact our office so we can update our mailing list. Also, if you are aware of a resident or neighbor who does not receive our newsletter please have them contact our office as well.

717-263-9160

#### **Community Events**

#### **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. Games begin at 6:45. Contact Gary Smith, Sr. at 717-816-1963 for information.

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

Scotland Memorial Park is closed until Spring.

Like them on their Scotland Community Center Facebook page or look on their sign in front of the Community Center for special events taking place at the Center.