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West End Fire Department	(717) 532-5555
Pleasant Hall Fire Department	(717) 532-5155
Pennsylvania State Police	(717) 264-5161
Magisterial District Court	(717) 263-7949

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

COMPOSTING FACILITY HOURS

Wednesday & Friday, 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

PARK HOURS

Dawn to Dusk



The Greene Township Board of Supervisors and staff hopes everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season. This past year has been like no other. Everyone had to adjust on the fly and Greene Township was no different. Our office and facilities have made many changes to adapt to the “new normal” and will continue through the year 2021. Our goal is to provide safe and convenient services to our residents. We appreciate your patience with all our past and any future changes. It has been our pleasure to serve you this past year and we look forward to serving you even more effectively in the year 2021.

Christmas Tree Collection

Greene Township will be commencing Christmas Tree collection **beginning:**

Monday, January 4, 2021



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–2:30 pm and Saturdays, 8 am–1 pm.

Park News

Park Rentals. Beginning Wednesday, January 5th, 2021 we will be taking reservations for our Park Rentals for the 2021 season. Please call our office to book a date and time. We will not be taking reservations until that date. Visit our website for more information.

In 2021, Greene Township proudly begins its 42nd year without a Township real estate tax.

GREENE TOWNSHIP 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 does not have a bare roads policy.** During storm events some roads may be snow covered for a period of time. Greene Township will have crews treating roadways around the clock, but our aim is to keep roads passable rather than completely free of ice and snow.
Keep in mind, while snow is falling, roads will not be bare. Snowplows have very specific routes they cover and they often take two hours or more to complete an entire route and return to the starting point. That means, if snow is falling at 1 inch per hour and a truck takes three hours to get back to the beginning of its route, 3 inches of snow will have fallen since it was last plowed.
- * **Greene Township's procedure on snow removal is as follows:** During the storm the trucks will make initial and subsequent passes to open all 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-de-sacs.** Your car can be damaged from snow and other debris being moved by the plow.
- * **Please keep trash bags and containers off 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 in their mirrors. **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. Greene Township allows property owners to place mailboxes within the limits of the legal right-of-way out of respect for the U.S. Postal

Service's need to deliver, and mail customers' convenience of delivery. **But because those boxes are within the right-of-way, any damages caused by snow or ice are the responsibility of the property owner.**

- * **Yard damaged by snowplows.** Property owners can identify the edge of the roadway with vertical marking devices that will be visible night and day to the snowplow operators. (Example: reflector posts, wooden stakes, fiberglass rods, or other reflective devices).

If damage does occur, please report by calling our office. Greene Township will pick-up any snowplow damaged yard material that remains within a reasonable amount of time. In the spring Greene Township will restore the area damaged by placing new topsoil and seeding the affected area.

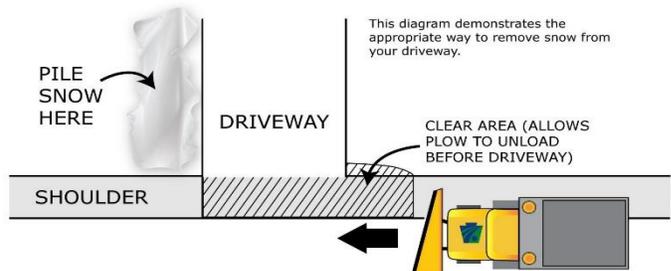
** Given the state of affairs with COVID-19, there is a potential that we could be down several drivers during any given storm. If this is the case the snow removal policy will change. All High Traffic roads will be first priority during storms. Lower Traffic roads, such as developments will be second priority.*



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.



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 head to our park for a day of fun! Check out our Park Facebook page for any upcoming special sledding events.



Emergency Medical Services
SUBSCRIPTION

When you receive a subscription flyer from your local EMS provider please read the information closely. Not all EMS departments provide the same financial coverage. A subscription may cover all or only a portion of the bill. You should confirm if your subscription includes paramedic service. You may not be eligible for coverage if you do not have insurance. You also may not be eligible for coverage if you are a medical assistance recipient.

It is possible that the EMS department you subscribe to may not be the one that arrives at your home. The EMS department you subscribe to may be committed to another incident. In this case another department will respond to your emergency. That department may not honor the neighboring department's subscription and require you to pay for service.

If you have questions on coverage, Greene Township Emergency Management recommends that you contact the agency that sent you the EMS Subscription Program information.

EMS agencies that have primary response in Greene Township:

Fayetteville EMS

717-352-3131

Chambersburg Fire Department

717-251-2428 (Billing Department)

Penn State Health Life Lion LLC

(Formerly Geisinger EMS)

717-763-2108 option #2

Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Department

717-532-5155

Office Winter Holiday Closings:

New Year's Eve	December 31, 2020
New Year's Day	January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18, 2021
Presidents' Day	February 15, 2021
Good Friday	April 2, 2021

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COVID-19 Related Policy Changes

Due to the ever changing COVID-19 restrictions Greene Township has implemented new operations and policies to our office to better serve our residents in a more secure and efficient manner.

- Limit in-person visits to our office.
- Phone or email any questions you may have.
- In-person meetings are by appointment only.
- Drop box conveniently located by office entrance.

Please visit our website for any updates or changes.

New Website

Greene Township is excited to announce the launch of our new website! Our goal is to provide our visitors an easy way to access information through our new user friendly menus. We will be constantly updating our content so please visit at:

www.twp.greene.franklin.pa.us

Online Services

All forms and payments can be securely accessed online. Visit our website, select Forms from our menu, and choose the appropriate form. Then simply fill-out your form, make your payment, and click submit – we'll take it from there. A new computer located in our Township office lobby offers the same fillable forms and payment option.

Mulch Card Vending Machines

We now have a new process for obtaining mulch cards. We have installed vending machines at the Compost Facility and in our Township office lobby. The machines accept cash and all major credit cards.

New Township Mailing Address

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