

GREENE INFORMER

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WHEN WINTER WEATHER HAPPENS.

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors would like the residents of Greene Township to help us help you during winter weather events. It is important to work together so that the roads remain safe during snow and ice storms.

Please do not park on the right-of-ways of the road. Your car can be damaged from snow and other debris being moved by the plow. When following a snow-plow 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.

Most important of all, if you don't have to be traveling please stay home. The least amount of vehicles on the road the better it is for our operators to do a fast and effective job.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BULK COLLECTION DAY

Bulk collection day has been scheduled for Saturday April 15, 2000. The collection will be at the Township building located at 1145 Garver Lane in the village of Scotland. The collection will begin promptly at 6:00 AM and will finish at 4:00 PM. This is a service provided to the residents of Greene Township from the supervisors and is free of charge. Please inform your neighbors and friends of this service and encourage them to participate.

Please do not bring batteries, liquefied paints, spray cans, tires, and other hazardous materials because we will be unable to accept them. We will accept items not picked up by your regular trash service.

COMPOST FACILITY OPERATING HOURS!

The compost facility will remain open through January 30th. The facility is open every Saturday in January from the hours of 8am to 4pm. If these hours are not convenient you may make an appointment through the week by calling the supervisors office at 263-9160. Appointments can be made for Monday through Friday 8 am to 3 pm and on Saturday 8:30 to 10 am for the rest of winter and spring. Do not wait until the last minute to call and make arrangements, we may be unable to accommodate you on a moments notice. Please plan ahead.

We accept leaves, tree limbs up to 3 inches in diameter, brush, Christmas trees, and other similar yard waste. The facility is open to Greene Township residents only. The facility will open on a regular basis in the spring but those dates and times will be set in the next issue of the *Greene Informer*.

The compost facility is located on Mickey Inn Road approximately ¼ mile from Sycamore Grove Road. If you have any further questions please contact the supervisors office at 263-9160.

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Pennsylvania's Census 2000

In the near future, you will be receiving by mail a package from the Census Bureau. It is important that you fill this information out and return it to the Census Bureau by April 1, 2000. As a local leader, we are in the position to help make Census 2000 one of the most accurate and complete counts in history. By completing the census forms by next April, you're helping to better your community. How? One is just simply money.

Many state and federal programs are distributed to municipalities based on census figures. Federal programs include water and sewer projects, economic development and schools. Pennsylvania programs that are census dependent include Liquid Fuels Fund, the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Fund and the Community Development Block grant (CDBG) program. Franklin County receives Federal and State dollars for each person that lives in the County. The per capita amount received from the 1990 Census averaged \$577.00 per year over the past 10 years. It is estimated that since 1990, Pennsylvania has not received some \$210,000,000 in federal funds due to an estimated undercount of 35,000 people in the last census.

Information is available on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov> about the census and how the information is used. Please complete your forms and help Greene Township obtain a complete count of its residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Township at (717) 263-9160. Remember, we all count for Census 2000.

GREENE TOWNSHIP WELCOMES ROB KAUFFMAN

Greene Township's newest supervisor was sworn in on January 3, 2000. Rob Kauffman of 1349 Fourth Avenue was administered the oath of office by Township Secretary, Diann Weller.

Kauffman is a graduate of the American University's School of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the township, he was employed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Kauffman worked in various capacities for the House of Representatives, most recently as District Operations Specialist for the Republican Caucus and also as District Aide to State Representative Pat Fleagle.

Rob Kauffman and his wife Niki, the Choral Director at James Buchanan High School, live in Scotland. They are active members of Bethel Assembly of God, are active in the Franklin County Republican Committee and are members of the Greene Township Lions Club. They are expecting their first child in June 2000. Rob Kauffman was elected in November 1999 for a six-year term.

GOOD NEWS: Greene Township begins its 21th year without a Township real estate tax. 1979 was the last time that Greene Township levied its residents with a Township real estate tax.

MEETING DATES

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The meeting is held at the Township Building on Garver Lane in Scotland. All meetings are open to the public. All manner of Township business is discussed at these meetings. Any special meetings or public hearings are advertised in the Public Opinion.

The Greene Township Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. The meeting is at the Township Building on Garver Lane in Scotland. All meetings are open to the public. The Planning Commission meetings generally consist of subdivision review. The Board of Supervisors appoints the members of the Planning Commission to the Planning Commission. Each member serves a five-year term. They also may make comments and review any changes to the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance. The comments are sent to the Supervisors for their consideration.

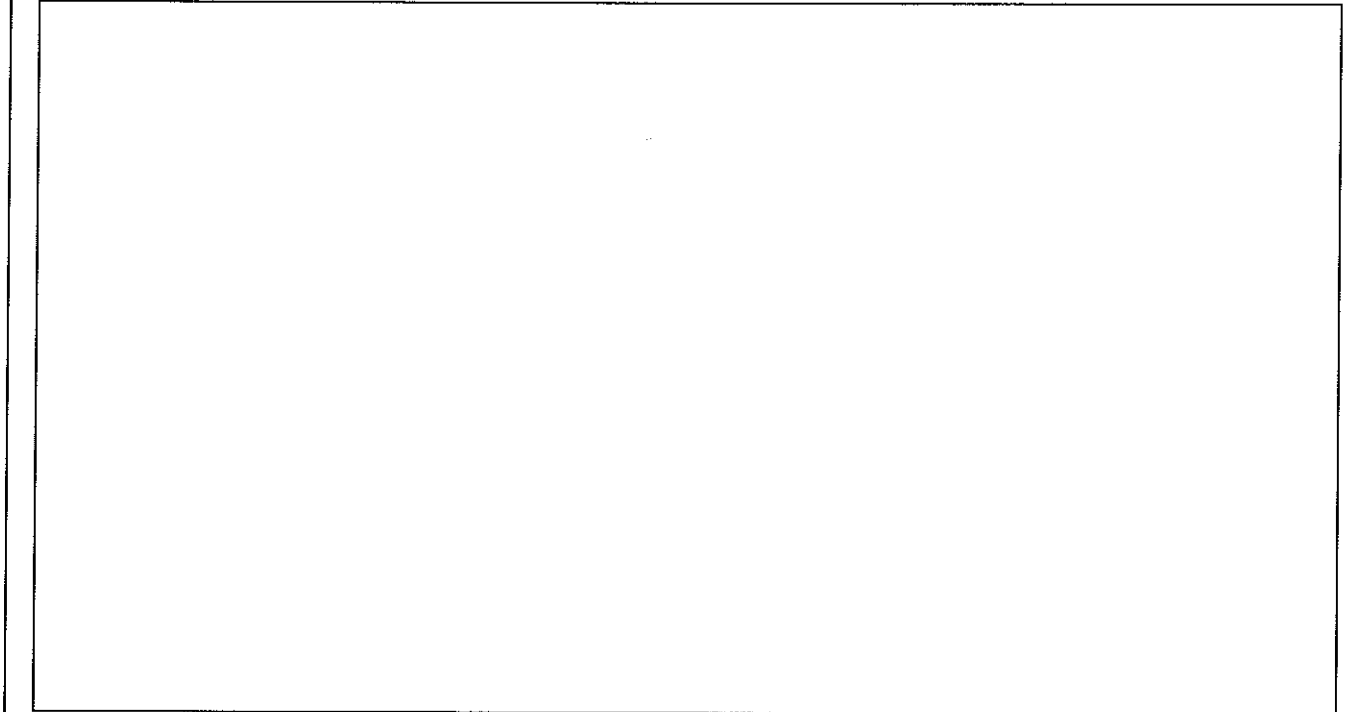
The Greene Township Zoning Hearing Board meets the last Monday of each month but only on an as needed basis. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and the meeting is held at the Greene Township Building located on Garver Lane in Scotland. All meetings are open to the public. The meetings consist of request for variances from the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Hearing Board also meets to hear requests for expansion of Non-Conforming uses as well as to hear requests for appeal of determinations by the Zoning Officer. The Board of Supervisors appoints each member of the Zoning Hearing Board to a three-year term. The Zoning Ordinance can't accommodate for every situation; therefore, the ordinance permits property owners to request variances from its restrictions due to certain situations. The request for a hearing costs the property owner \$125.00. This offsets the cost of advertising and holding the meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION –

The Second Class Township Code under which the Township Supervisors govern, requires the Boards to meet the first Monday of each New Year to reorganize. This means that the Board at this time elects a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Roadmaster and an Assistant Roadmaster. The Supervisors also appoint a Secretary to the Board and a Treasurer. This can be the same person and can be a Supervisor. The Board also selects a bank for holding Township Funds for the year and appoint their Township Solicitor and Engineering Firm and any other type professional organization they feel necessary, for the coming year. They also set the dates, time and meeting place for holding their regular meetings for the coming year. The Supervisors may conduct regular township business (such as subdivision reviews, or pass an Ordinance), at the Organizational meeting, but they are not required to do so.

The Township Board of Auditors, according to the Second Class Township Code must meet the day immediately following the Township Supervisors Organizational Meeting, for the purpose of reorganizing. The Auditors elect a Chairman and a Secretary, set the salary for the Supervisors employed by the Township for the coming year and arranges a date on which to audit the Township financial records of the previous year. The Audit must be completed by the end of February.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE?



There were no responses identifying the picture in the last issue of the informer. The picture shows former township Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Elliott and his fathers steam engine and they were crushing stone at the corner of what is now Byers and Scotland Main Street.

We remind you that we welcome any Township resident who has an old photo of a special or landmark place in Greene Township to bring the photo to the Township Office for a future issue of the "Greene Informer". The picture will be returned to you

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