



# *The Board Walk*

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## **AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE**

*Greene County Commissioners and Department of Recreation*

An AARP Safe Driving Course will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds 4H Building. Seniors take this course to be eligible to save on your car insurance. AARP Driver Safety Program is the Nations first and largest classroom driver improvement course designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$10.00. There are two sessions available. The first session will be divided into two separate days: Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The second session will be held in one full day: Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a one hour lunch break each day if you would like to bring a bag lunch. Another program brought to you by the Greene County Commissioners.

## **ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER INITIATIVE**

*Department of Planning and Development*

The Department of Planning and Development is beginning work in Center Township on an alternative wastewater treatment demonstration project. The project will entail use of an alternative sewage treatment technology. The Greene County Department of Planning and Development is currently working closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service to update the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for Center Township to include alternative treatment.

## **CHILD FEST**

*Human Services/CCIS*

The Department of Human Services, Child Care Information Services, will be holding their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Fest on April 23, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Greene County Fairground. The theme for this year's Child Fest is "**Forever Greene**". The program is directed towards children 8 years and younger but children of all ages (brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents) are more than welcome to attend. Each child who attends will receive free a book, safety CD – a \$12.95 value provided by Greene County, and a stuffed animal provided by the Salvation Army. Also, 5 lucky participants will receive a swimming pass to the Greene County pools. Everyone will be entertained by music, activities, games, arts and crafts, and music. For additional information, please call the CCIS office at 724.852-5277.

**GIS COMMITTEE**

*Greene County Commissioners*

The Greene County GIS Committee was given permission to proceed with a project to create a Master Address Database that will tie together mapping and data maintained by Greene County 911, the Assessment Office, and the Election Office as well as allow for the input of new data to be mapped for Criminal Justice and Human Service functions within the County. The project will be funded by two federal GIS-based grants and revenue generated by current GIS project.

**IBM MINI-MAINFRAME e520**

*Information Technology Department*

The IT Department, in conjunction with Link Corp, Infocon Corp, and the Offices of the Treasurer, Prothonotary, and Clerk of Courts, completed the integration of the new IBM Mini-mainframe e520 Server. This server contains the software and data for Tax Collection, Tax Claim, Marriage License, and Orphan's Court and is accessed by over 10 offices daily. The change over went very well and the new server allows for faster printing and a quicker response time for all users. The new e520 is primarily a TCP/IP based server and will allow the County to reduce hardware and network support costs by leveraging the County's gigabit fiber network and eliminating older hardware based on twinax technology.

**MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**

*Bureau of Registration and Elections*

March 8<sup>th</sup> was the last day to file petitions in this office for the May 17, 2005, Municipal Primary. There were 301 petitions filed with 8 withdrawing. Casting of lots for position on the ballot has been completed and we are in the final stages of ballot preparation and testing. Greene County has met the mailing date for the military and overseas absentee ballots

**OPEN FORUM FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

*Department of Planning and Development*

The Greene County Association of Township Officials (GCATO) is hosting an open forum for township supervisors, "Slips and Slides – How Can We Fix Them". The forum will be held Wednesday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Community Building at the Greene County Fairgrounds. The Association has invited all legislators, federal and state, to be represented at this important meeting in an attempt to resolve issues surrounding funding to the municipalities for emergency repairs for the many road slips and slides that have occurred following the heavy rains we have experienced in Greene County over the past few months. The Department of Planning and Development has met the townships and prepared GIS mapping to show the locations and impact of the slides.

**PRISON INMATES**

*Greene County Prison*

During the last two weeks, inmates from the Greene County Prison were busy clearing land around the Hughes House in Jefferson. The property is owned by the County and is used to house the library that is part of the county-wide library system. The inmates cut and burned the brush and the trash was picked up and hauled away. All inmates involved in the off site work details are given credit toward their community service hours if court ordered.

**RIVERS CONSERVATION PLAN**

*Greene County Conservation District*

The Greene County Conservation District in partnership with local municipalities and organizations have obtained funding through PA DCNR and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program to supplement the costs of preparing a Rivers Conservation Plan (RCP) for the entire Ten Mile Creek, Muddy Creek, Pumpkin Run, Whiteley Creek and Little Whiteley Creek watersheds. Preparation and completion of the RCP will be coordinated with the development of the Greene County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan. A completed plan will benefit the County of Greene by defining and inventorying the conservation, environmental, recreational, cultural resources and socioeconomic issues of each watershed. This plan will foster the excellent partnership between the Conservation District and the Department of Planning and Development, two organizations that are primarily concerned with like issues. This planning process is a community effort that will include participation of the community members via surveys, informational publications, public meetings, educational programs and scheduled interviews of targeted local citizens. Gathered information from the community will be organized so that proper remediation plans may be put into effect that benefit and take into account the communities concerns and needs both environmentally and economically.

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