



The Board Walk

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AWARD PRESENTED

Veteran's Affairs

Christina A Christy, Director of the Greene County Veterans' Affairs Office, has been chosen to be the Secretary of the State Association of County Directors Annual Conference in June 2005. Chris was chosen by a body of her peers who feel that she has the dedication and drive to do an excellent job in helping and assisting the veterans and their families residing in the State of Pennsylvania and in your county. Chris has been with the Veterans' Affairs Office for nine (9) years and has been the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs for the last three (3) years. Chris is a very dedicated and a hard worker for the Veterans of Greene County and the State of Pennsylvania. Keep up the good work in assisting Veterans' daily in your job.



ASSESSOR ACHIEVEMENT

Greene County Assessment Office

Congratulations to Mary Ann (Lou) Eitner, Assistant Assessor in the Assessment Office, who recently attended classes in Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal and Assessment, Site and Market Analysis, Cost Approach to Value, and Income Approach to Value. Lou has successfully passed her Certified Pennsylvania Evaluator (CPE) test and will obtain her license to assess real property for ad valorem taxation.





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BRING GREENE COUNTY PEOPLE HOME TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY

Department of Planning and Development

The participants in the Community Foundation of Greene County Community Builders' Class, Community and Economic Development Track, being facilitated in collaboration with the County of Greene Department of Planning and Development, are planning to design and conduct a survey as a class project. The survey is being designed to determine what would entice Greene County natives to return home as residents, workers, or retirees. The survey will explore issues such as quality of life, employment and housing, as well as intangibles. The survey questions will be administered on the Internet this fall through the Community Foundation of Greene County's website. Participants in the survey will be contacted by post card, and invited to go to the web site to answer the questions. The respondents will be identified from the Reunion Committee Alumni lists. The survey summary results will be made available to community organizations. If you are a Greene County High School Reunion Chairperson, please mail your Class Reunion mailing list to The Community Foundation of Greene County at P.O. Box 768, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, 15370, by August 31, 2005. Please assist in anyway possible to identify the most current alumni address rosters available. This is a unique and important project. We need all Greene County residents and natives to help make our community a great place to live, work, and play. Rosters developed in an Excel or Access database format would be greatly appreciated, but all alumni rosters with names and addresses in any format will be used.

COMMISSIONERS DONATION TO MUSEUM

Board of Commissioners

The Greene County Board of Commissioners proudly presented the Greene County Historical Society and Museum a check for \$10,000.00 on Thursday, July 28, 2005. The funds are to be used for the general upkeep and maintenance of the museum. The Board of Commissioners is happy to assist with historic preservation in our great county.



COMMISSIONERS OF THE PAST & PRESENT

Board of Commissioners

The Greene County Board of Commissioners have undertaken the task of presenting framings of all our of the past Commissioners and their pictures. These documents honoring our important Greene Countians will be placed in the halls of the Greene County Office Building. We are asking for any pictures that you may have of our past commissioners so they can be scanned and utilized in our framing process. The staff will handle the pictures carefully and return them in the same condition they were received. We thank you in advance for your help. (See attached list of past commissioners. Contact the Commissioner's Office at 724-852-5210.)



CONSOL ENERGY CHECK

Board of Commissioners & Parks and Recreation

Joe Cerenzia, Consol Energy presented a check in the amount of \$5000.00 to the Greene County Commissioners, Pam Snyder, Dave Coder and John R. Gardner for Greene County Day Camps, Department of Recreation. Day Campers at Mon View enjoy an afternoon of skating at the skating rink located at Mon View Park. Park Manager and Crew are working on reopening the baby pool that has been inoperative.



COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Greene County Tourism

The 35th Annual Carmichaels Covered Bridge Festival will take place on September 17th & 18th from 10A.M. until 5P.M. at the Greene Academy of Art in Carmichaels. The day will include many crafters, hot food, free wagon rides, entertainment and much more. For additional information please call 724-966-9770.



GOVERNOR VISITS GREENE COUNTY

Greene County Commissioners, GCIDA and Foundation Coal

Sunday, July 24, 2005 marked an important day in the progress of our county. Governor Rendell made a stop at a reception at Emerald Mine where he laid out a financial aid plan that will bring many new jobs to Greene County. He presented a ceremonial check to GCIDA for a \$5.4 million grant and loan for the development of EverGreene Technology Park. He announced an \$800,000 financial package that will help Foundation Coal Co. create at least 100 jobs and help them maintain their existing work force.





GREENE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Department of Planning and Development

The County of Greene, Department of Planning and Development has taken the Comprehensive Plan on-the-road. Over 230 Greene County residents responded to the Comprehensive Plan Survey, conducted at the Rain Day Festival by Mackin Engineering and staff of Greene County. The Survey will also be available at the Greene County Fair on August 5-13. The Survey, for Greene County residents only, asks people to respond to questions that address priority issues regarding jobs and economic opportunities, open space and the environment, infrastructure, housing, government services, cultural and historical assets, transportation and agriculture. Results of this Survey will be used to provide awareness of specific development areas for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan and provide County officials with an understanding of residents' perspectives on a range of issues. Keep up-to-date with the Comprehensive Plan and this Survey by checking the County website regularly at www.co.greene.pa.us. The Steering Committee and Focus groups are forming and beginning to meet. Initial public meetings will be held in each school district. All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. Public meetings are scheduled as follows: Monday, September 12: West Greene High School Tuesday, September: Jefferson Morgan High School Wednesday, September 14: Southeastern Greene High School Tuesday, September 20: Carmichaels Elementary School Cafeteria To Be Announced: Central Greene High School

JOB FAIR

Board of Commissioners, PA State Representative Wm. DeWeese & Career Link

The 7th Annual Greene County Job Fair sponsored by the Greene County Commissioners, Pennsylvania State Representative William DeWeese and Career Link will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds on August 3rd from 10 AM to 4 PM. There are 32 Job Fair Attendees including: Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc., Penn Commercial, Adecco Employment Service, to name a few. The Career Link web site is <http://www.pa.careerlink.state.pa.us>

RAIN DAY

Board of Commissioners, Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, and Waynesburg Special Events Commission

The 130th rain day festival, had blue skies and bright sunshine but no rain to the disappointment of the crowd. This year the town bet their hat against Donald Trump, but due to the dry conditions in the Waynesburg area on Friday July 29th, the town owes "The Donald" a hat.





RAIN DAY BOOTH

Greene County Tourism Promotion Agency

Our Greene County Tourism Department was actively promoting our county's unique features at their booth at Rain Day. The Girls of Summer handed out pamphlets and flyers, quoted statistics, and gave out hidden treasures. They also took orders for the county's Relay for Life fundraiser, a cookbook with Greene County Employees recipes. (Contacts to order cookbooks are Ruth Yeager-Thornberg at 724-852-5223 and Cathi Franks at 724-852-5328.)

What a wonderful job these ladies have done. A big thank you goes out to Carol Howard, Mia Howard, Tara Kinsell, Victoria Murray and Paige Shlosky.



SPECIALS COLLECTION

Greene County PA CleanWays & Solid Waste and Recycling

On Saturday, October 15 in the Arena Barn area at the Greene County Fairgrounds from 9AM until 1PM we will be accepting used tires, white goods (major appliances) and motor oil. As always, there will be fees for dropping off tires and appliances. We must pay people to haul these away, and pay technicians to certify that the Freon has been removed from refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners. There is, however, no charge for dropping off used motor oil because it costs us nothing to pass it on to local people who burn it in waste oil furnaces.



SUPER WAL-MART COMES TO GREENE COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Wal-Mart signed an agreement on Monday, Aug. 1st, 2005 with McHolme Waynesburg LLC, the developer of the long awaited retail complex slated for Murtha Drive. The project has faced many issues, but plans are now moving forward with the greatest of expectations. The project construction is expected to begin this fall, and could open in the fall of 2007.



WAYNESBURG BOROUGH BECOMING A BLUEPRINT COMMUNITY

Department of Planning and Development

The County of Greene, in collaboration with Waynesburg Borough and Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, applied to the Federal Home Loan Blue Print Communities Initiative and were selected for participation in this program. There were 22 Blue Print Communities selected statewide. Being a participant in this program will allow the Borough, Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, and the County to receive invaluable training, assistance and resources to help build success. The Blueprint Communities training will focus on a variety of topics – leadership, capacity, collaboration and strategic planning. The training will be provided by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, Lincoln, Nebraska. On August 9, all Blueprint Communities throughout the state are invited to Harrisburg to meet Governor Rendell. He will present a Blueprint Communities Banner to each community. The Blueprint Communities Team includes; Blair Zimmerman, Mayor of Waynesburg; Connie Burd, Executive Director of Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful; Ryan Hartley, National City Bank; Chuck Baily, Baily Insurance; Barb Wise, R.J. Lee Group, Inc.; John Bokar, Marietta College Student; and Darlene Urban Garrett, County of Greene. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development are serving this initiative in an advisory capacity. They provided input to the selection of the communities and will stay engaged with each community's outcomes as the Blueprint Community process moves forward.

WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS EVENT

Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency

Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce and the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency will be hosting the annual "Women in the Outdoors" event on August 20th at Hunting Hills Kennels in Dilliner, PA. Classes include: Archery, Handguns/Rifle Marksmanship, Muzzle loading, Shotgunningm Talkin' Turkey, Outdoor Cooking, Bird Dogs, Fly Tying and Casting, Nature Photography, Stampin' and Scrappin', ATV Safety, Backyard Habitat and Herbs and Fitness in Nature Hikes. Cost is \$55.00. Silent auction, raffles and door prizes will be awarded. For more info please call Melody at 724-627-5926 or email wbgchamb@greenepa.net.

YEAR BOOK PROJECT

Board of Commissioners

Calling all alumni! The project is continuing to progress but help is needed from the public. There are still several yearbooks in which are needed for digital preservation. Those books are: Central Greene (Waynesburg): 1924, 1936, 1986, 1993, 1998, 1988, 1992, 2001, 2003. Southeastern Greene (Mapletown): 1957, 1965, 1981-1988, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000-2004. West Greene: 1958, 1972. To lend these books to the project, please contact the County of Greene Human Resources Department at 724-852-5381. These books will be promptly scanned and returned in their original condition.

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