



## *The Board Walk*

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### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

#### *Board of Commissioners*

The blood drive sponsored by the Greene County Board of Commissioners and the Red Cross are pleased to announce the collection of 40 units of blood which will help in saving the lives of up to 120 hospital patients. There were 4 first time donors. The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the County employees, Penn DOT, and the community for making this blood drive a success.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

#### *Board of Commissioners*

The Greene County Board of Commissioners has contacted Congressman John P. Murtha, Senator Arlen Specter, and Senator Rick Santorum for their support to oppose the efforts of President Bush to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant Program and reduce the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development budget by another 11.5% for vital housing programs. The continuation of these programs is vital to the economy of rural Pennsylvania. The CDBG program is the centerpiece of the Federal Government's efforts to assist states and localities meet the needs of low income communities. These dollars have provided water lines, streets, sewer systems and community services to low income residents of this rural sixth class county. It is the vision of the Board of Commissioners to ensure that Greene County and other communities across the country can provide affordable housing, infrastructure, and public services to meet the needs of all Americans.

### **COUNTY PARTNERSHIP LINK with WAYNESBURG PROSPEROUS and BEAUTIFUL**

#### *Board of Commissioners*

The Greene County Department of Planning and Development has opened discussions with Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful regarding small business development, business retention, and overall main street development efforts. The County of Greene will provide support and technical assistance to Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful regarding these efforts. Discussions have revolved around a comprehensive small business development Web Site for current business development and potential entrepreneurship opportunities; sustainable revenue sources for future operations and funding to complete their design master plan. The Greene

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County Department of Planning and Development staff is researching funding sources, potential partnerships, and successful development strategies from communities of similar size and character. The Greene County Board of Commissioners is firmly committed to the success of this endeavor and in 2004 provided \$10,000 to Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful for operating support. Gene Lee, County Chief Clerk, also serves as Board Treasurer for Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful.

## **M.A.G.I.C. COLLABORATIVE BOARD MEETING**

### *Department of Human Services*

The full collaborative board will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a bag lunch. Greene County M.A.G.I.C. (Making A Great Impact Collectively) is studying the assets and needs in Greene County. To understand these strength & weaknesses, we need to hear from you! PLEASE PARTICIPATE. Resource providers who are present at this meeting will receive their surveys. Surveys will also be going out to a random selection of Greene County residents and Greene County businesses in the next few weeks. Encourage your friends/neighbors who might receive this survey to please complete it. Everyone's input is very important and will help make Greene County an even better place to live. Any questions regarding survey, please call Greene County Human Services at 724-852-5276.

## **PRISON INMATES**

### *Greene County Prison*

Inmates from the Greene County Prison painted the inside of the Crucible Firehall and cleaned the parking lot and equipment at the Richhill Township Volunteer Fire Company. They also did work at the Greensboro Fire Department and along the hiking and bike trails. All of this work was completed in 2004 and other projects are being lined up for 2005.

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