



# *The Board Walk*

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## **COMMUNITES THAT CARE PICNIC**

### *Department of Human Services*

The Carmichaels Communities That Care is gearing up for its fourth annual "Community Day" on Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Wana B Park in Carmichaels. This family event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McCann Pavilion and will feature a variety of free activities, food, and games for the whole family. In years past, the average attendance has exceeded 500 area residents. It has been a huge success! Through this event, the goal of Carmichaels CTC is to offer a day of fun for local families. We offer everyone who participates at the Community Day an opportunity to learn more about the many quality programs our community has to offer. Special emphasis is placed on positive, alternative activities for the youth during the summer months. Communities That Care is a process that identifies risk factors affecting our youth such as substance abuse, delinquency, and violence. We implement quality programs that provide healthy and safe alternatives to negative behaviors. We believe that this "Community Day" will be a wonderful event for the community to be a viable resource in Carmichaels.

## **COMMUNITY BUILDERS TRAINING**

### *Department of Planning and Development*

The Greene County Department of Planning and Development in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Greene County has just completed the third session of a nine session Community Builders Training. The curriculum is focused on strategic leadership in community and economic development. The class has learned about community development and economic development principles, as well as understanding forces and trends that impact development and recognizing strategic assets. The class is undertaking a course project as part of the Community Builder Certification. The project will focus on strategies to bring Greene County natives home to live, work, and play. There are twelve students participating in the class.

## **18TH ANNUAL GREENE COUNTY ENVIROTHON**

### *Greene County Conservation District*

The 18th Annual Greene County Envirothon, sponsored by CONSOL Energy, was held at Ryerson Station State Park on May 11, 2005. A total of fourteen teams representing five school districts participated in this year's Envirothon, which challenges students' knowledge of environmental sciences and ecology. The competition consists of 5 stations that test the teams' knowledge of wildlife habitat, silviculture, soils science and aquatic macroorganisms, and this year's special topic Managing Cultural

Landscapes. The 2005 Winner, with a score of 390 points out of 500, was Carmichaels Team 1: Bill Smearcheck, Kolt Kittredge, Mary Michalik, Jeremy Zielensky and Joe Piper, coached by team advisor, Kevin Willis. Second Place went to West Greene Team 1 and Third Place went to Jefferson-Morgan Team 2. The Greene County Conservation District would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make this a successful event. Participants were as follows: The Greene County Commissioners and the Department of Planning and Development; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; P A Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Forestry; P A Fish and Boat Commission; the PA Game Commission, PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and PA DCNR Bureau of State Parks, Ryerson Station State Park.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

***Emergency Management Agency/911***

The County has been awarded a Communications Grant in the amount of \$68,345.70 by the PA Department of Health through the Emergency Medical Services Institute to purchase new radios for all the ambulances in the County and will replace one of the 911 radios. This will provide the equipment necessary for all ambulances in the County to be able to talk to each other and the 911 Center.

**GREENE COUNTY OPEN**

***Board of Commissioners***

The Greene County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation along with Rohanna's Golf Course, Greene County Country Club, and Carmichaels Golf Club will be sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Greene County Open which will be held on Labor Day Weekend. This will be a three day event held at each of the three Greene County Golf Courses. September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rohanna's Golf Course; September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Greene County Country Club; and September 4<sup>th</sup>, Carmichaels Golf Club. The fee for this event is \$60 which includes the golf cart fee. Entry forms will be available at the three golf clubs and at the Department of Recreation.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PRESENTATION**

***Department of Human Services***

Please join the Department of Human Services for a Mental Health Awareness Presentation on Bipolar Disorder presented by Dr. Dattu, Adult Psychiatrist for Cornerstone Care on Friday, June 3, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 11 :00 a.m. at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Upper Level 4H Building. If you would like to register, please contact Tammy Henderson by May 2, 2005, at 724-852-5276. A Continental Breakfast will be provided.

**MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION**

***Department of Planning and Development***

Pennsylvania Code requires that counties revise their Municipal Solid Waste Management Plans every ten years. Greene County's current plan was approved in 1995, and will expire this year. It is the County's responsibility to contract for available landfill space for the municipal solid waste that is projected to be generated within the county in the next ten years. Recycling programming will also be addressed. Greene County has chosen Nestor Resources, Inc. of Valencia, PA, from the field of highly qualified consultants who expressed interest in this project. Michele Nestor, President, brings a comprehensive background in solid waste management and a thorough understanding of waste management services including collection, transfer and disposal, as well as recycling. Nestor Resources will also provide assistance in the areas of regulatory compliance, market research and analysis and developing overall improvements to the solid waste industry as it exists in Greene County. The County Commissioners are sensitive to the need to ensure that this Plan Revision will suit the

needs of all county residents, and the local business people involved in the solid waste industry in the County.

**PLANNING PROJECT RECEIVES BOOST FROM DCNR**

***Department of Recreation and Planning and Development***

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has awarded the county a grant in the amount of \$38,600 through the Community Conservation Partnership Program for the preparation of a Feasibility Study and Master Plan for a Linear Riverfront Park. The study will incorporate Rices Landing Borough and the former Crucible and Dilworth Mine Sites, connected by the Greene River Trail. The development of a plan for these sites is a priority project recommendation in the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan which is nearing completion.

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