



The Board Walk

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A NEW FACE FOR FORMER CURRY HOME

Greene County Commissioners

One of our County's landmarks, the former Curry Home, now has a new purpose in housing the High-tech company, SDGroup. Doug Galbraith, Chief Executive Officer of the SDGroup, plans on spending more than \$100,000 on renovations to the south wing of the Curry Home. They are currently projecting to begin the occupation of the facility in late winter or early spring 2006. These changes will provide exciting possibilities for our County. Thanks Commissioners for a job well done.

BLUEPRINT COMMUNITIES

Greene County Commissioners & the Department of Economic Development

Larry Segal, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Housing and Community Revitalization visits Greene County and Waynesburg Borough to provide insight and suggestions for advancing Revitalization efforts being planned by Waynesburg Borough, Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, The Blueprint Communities Initiatives Team and the County of Greene. The Department of Economic Development was instrumental in planning Larry Segal's visit and provided the itinerary for his stay in Greene County.



Pictured above: Pam Snyder-Commissioner (Chairman) & Robbie Matesic- Executive Director of Economic Development



Pictured above: Dave Coder-Commissioner, Darlene Garrett-Community Development Manager & Larry Segal-Governor's Office



CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR CITED FOR SERVICE

Greene County Commissioners & Greene County Conservation Department

J. Robert Rice, marking 40 years of continuous service on the Greene County Conservation District Board of Directors, was recently the Guest of Honor at the Conservation District's 2005 Annual Awards Luncheon held on November 4 at the GreeneARC Building in Ruff Creek. Mr. Rice, originally appointed to the volunteer Board by the Greene County Commissioners in 1965, has been instrumental in the acquisition of hundreds of thousands of state and federal dollars used for environmental and agricultural improvements within Greene County borders. Beneficiaries of Mr. Rice's efforts include individual farmers, municipalities, communities, sportsmen, and students that took direct or indirect advantage of Conservation District grants and cost-shares responsible for abandoned mine site reclamation, recreational park development, water quality improvement, and control of erosion and sedimentation on farms as well as residential and industrial developments. At the Awards Banquet, Mr. Rice received Distinguished Service Citations from the Pennsylvania State Senate (presented by Sharon Thomas of Senator J. Barry Stout's Office), the Pennsylvania State Assembly (presented by Debbie Konosky of Representative H. William DeWeese's Office), the Greene County Commissioners (presented by Commissioner Chair Pam Snyder), the Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission, and the Directors and Staff of the Greene County Conservation District. Mr. Rice was universally commended for his up-to-date knowledge of current issues, his dedication, and his insistence on maintaining an active role in Conservation District activities. The event was covered by local media and well attended by officials and citizens from as far away as Harrisburg. The County of Greene deeply appreciates Mr. Rice's voluntary service in the cause of conservation and recognizes his service as a prime example of that which is necessary to make our form of representative government truly work.

ELECTION DAY RUNS SMOOTHLY

Greene County Commissioners & Greene County Election Department

The November 8, 2005 Municipal Election is over and the process ran smoothly. The last precinct checked in at 9:30 p.m. and the return board finished at 10:45 p.m. Voter turnout was typical for this particular election. The write-in board began on November 9th and the canvass board on November 14, 2005. We would like to thank the employees from various offices in the county who helped out on election night. Several grants have been received by the department to buy voting systems and for improving the accessibility of polling places. Registration is now open and those wishing to register or change any registration information may do so by calling 724-852-5230 or by stopping in our office located in Room 102, First Floor of the County Office Building for an application.



Pictured above: Frances Pratt-Director of Elections, Judy Rizer & Tina Kiger



GREENE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Greene County Commissioners



**FUNDRAISERS in full swing for the
2006 County RELAY for LIFE**

This years theme is: "Greene Acres; Harvest the Cure"

Date for relay is May 6-8, 2006

This year's countywide goal is \$100,000.

Our fundraisers this year has been beneficial in reaching this overall goal – and our county team are playing a big role in helping to obtain this goal. Just a friendly reminder of our upcoming **ANNUAL COOKIE RAFFLE** on Thursday, November 17 – so purchase your tickets today (2 tickets for \$1.00). Your cookie donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Also, we are continuing to sale our Cookbook of donated recipes from the employees of Greene County. The Cookbook has received many generous comments and we hope to sale many more; they would make a really nice Christmas gift – and for only \$10 each. Our Cookbook not only contains delicious and yummy recipes; but also a "Kiddie's Corner" of fun, easy recipes and crafts; a few trivia questions; a food and exercise guide; and more. So don't miss out on getting your own special Cookbook – "Buy today, but Enjoy for years to come"! And remember all proceeds from our fundraisers go toward Cancer Research. For more information on our fundraisers, contact our Relay for Life Team Captain, Ruth Thornberg on 724-852-5384 or Cathi Franks on 724-852-5328. Finally, any ideas for future fundraisers are greatly appreciated – this is a team effort and we can make it happen! So thanks again for all your donations and support for a totally worthwhile cause.

NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Greene County Commissioners & the Department of Human Services

Take some time to help keep Greene County families warm this winter by donating a new blanket to the Greene County Homeless Housing Partnership. This drive lasts until Friday, December 9th when the Salvation Army will distribute these much needed blankets to families in need. Thank you in advance for your help in making this event a success. For more information please call toll-free: 1-877-814-0788.

In Recognition of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
The Greene County Homeless Housing Partnership Is
BLANKETING The County

The Homeless Housing Partnership is collecting **NEW BLANKETS** to help local families stay warm this winter

All blankets will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution

The Blanket Drive runs till December 9, 2005

For more information - call toll-free: 1-877-814-0788

PLEASE PLACE BLANKETS HERE



PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY RETURNS

Benefits Greene County Humane Society

For the 2nd year our county will play host to a terrific Holiday Event. The Pittsburgh Symphony conducted by Daniel Meyer will visit the Waynesburg Central Auditorium on Thursday, December 22nd. Last years performance was a special event for all who attended. If you missed out last year, you will certainly enjoy this bit of Holiday spirit. We are all pleased to support Doug Mason, the Waynesburg Central High School Band Director, as he makes a special appearance as the guest conductor during the show. A reception will be held prior to the event for all who plan to attend. Reserved seating is also available upon request. We also extend our congratulations on a job well done to Kyle Hallam for his inspired art work that will be on the promotional material for this event.

Pictured to the right –the original artwork done by Kyle Hallam-Greene County Assessment Employee



SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Greene County Commissioners & Greene County Department of Recreation

Santa will once again enjoy breakfast with the children of Greene County at the Fairgrounds 4H Building. Do not forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd from 9AM-11AM. This special event costs only \$8 and there is limited seating available. The price includes breakfast treats, a picture with Santa and Christmas Karaoke with SBK Karaoke. Don't delay and contact The Department of Recreation at 724-852-5323 or just stop by to purchase your tickets.





VETERANS DAY PARADES

Greene County Commissioners & Greene County Veterans Service Organizations



Pictured above: Pam Snyder- Chairman & Dave Coder-Commissioner



Pictured above: Greene County Veterans Service Organizations



Pictured above: John R. Gardner-Commissioner

The beautiful blue sky and warm breeze helped make the Veteran's Day Parades in Jefferson and Carmichaels a great success. Kit Watson, State Legion Adjutant, was the guest speaker at the Jefferson ceremony which was held at the Jefferson-Morgan High School. The Carmichaels festivities were held at the Square in Carmichaels where Col. Peter W. Palfreyman III, vice commander of the 171st Refueling Wing in Coraopolis was the guest speaker. All were proud to take part in this celebration of our local veterans who have given so much to our community and our country.

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