



The Board Walk

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DIRT & GRAVEL ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Greene County Commissioners and Conservation Department

Fallen Timbers Road in Jackson Township has a new unpaved road surface thanks to Pennsylvania's Dirt & Gravel Roads Program, administered by the State Conservation Commission locally through the Greene County Conservation District. This program enables municipalities to receive up to 100% funding for surface and drainage improvements to existing dirt and gravel roads in the interest of mitigating sedimentation and improving the water quality of Pennsylvania streams. To qualify for funding, municipalities must have at least one state-trained supervisor (training is provided free on a yearly basis by the Greene County Conservation District), and the road must be kept as unpaved (no concrete, asphalt, or tar-and-chip surface).



Last year, the Greene County Commissioners presented a check for \$12,500 to the Jackson Township supervisors to cover start-up costs for the Fallen Timbers Road project (pictured above). The surface shown consists of a limestone aggregate that was mixed with a binding agent before spreading and compaction took place. The binding agent serves to combine and solidify the fine dust present in the aggregate, resulting in a road surface far more stable, less dusty, and less erosive than simple stone aggregate. The Jackson Township Supervisors were very pleased with the results, which represent a significant improvement to the road and greatly lessen its impact to the adjacent stream (pictured below).





EFFICIENT MAILING PROCEDURES BEING INITIATED
Greene County Commissioners and the Budget Department

An effort is underway to provide our county with new mailing procedures that will both save money and increase efficiency. SUPERMAIL, INC. is now handling our mail and in many cases charging a single bulk rate. In addition, we are tracking a portion of the mailings in an attempt to keep track of reimbursement from other agencies. Thus far the initiatives have been very successful. We extend our thanks to all departments for their cooperation during this transitional period and we look forward to the long-term savings these procedures will produce.

ELECTION DATES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Greene County Commissioners & Election Department

2006	
Important Dates To Remember	
First day to circulate and file nomination petitions.....	FEBRUARY 14
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions.....	MARCH 7
First day to circulate and file nomination papers.....	MARCH 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions.....	MARCH 22
Last day to REGISTER before primary.....	APRIL 17
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.....	MAY 9
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted absentee ballots.....	MAY 12
GENERAL PRIMARY	MAY 16
First day to REGISTER after primary.....	MAY 17
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.....	AUGUST 1
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination papers.....	AUGUST 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary.....	AUGUST 14
Last day to REGISTER before the NOVEMBER election.....	OCTOBER 10
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.....	OCTOBER 31
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted absentee ballots.....	NOVEMBER 3
GENERAL ELECTION	NOVEMBER 7
First day to REGISTER after NOVEMBER election.....	NOVEMBER 8

2006		
Campaign Finance Reporting Dates		
<i>(Not applicable to candidates running for Federal offices.)</i>		
TYPE REPORT	COMPLETE AS OF	FILING DEADLINE**
2005 Annual Report	December 31, 2005	January 31, 2006
* 6th Tuesday Pre-Primary	March 27, 2006	April 4, 2006
2nd Friday Pre-Primary	May 1, 2006	May 5, 2006
30 Day Post-Primary	June 5, 2006	June 15, 2006
* 6th Tuesday Pre-Election	September 18, 2006	September 26, 2006
2nd Friday Pre-Election	October 23, 2006	October 27, 2006
30 Day Post-Election	November 27, 2006	December 7, 2006
2006 Annual Report	December 31, 2006	January 31, 2007
<p>* Only statewide candidates and committees supporting statewide candidates are required to file these reports.</p> <p>** Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.</p>		
Audits		
<p>Audits of campaign finance reports will be made upon the petition of five (5) electors of the Commonwealth or of the political division. Such petition(s) must be presented to the appropriate Court within ninety (90) days after the last day for filing the report.</p>		



FUNDING FOR WAYNESBURG BOROUGH

Greene County Commissioners & Economic Development

In December of 2005 the County of Greene Department of Economic Development in collaboration with Waynesburg Borough, the Blue Prints Initiative Team and Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful submitted the following priorities to Larry Segal, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Housing and Community Revitalization. These projects provide a basis for revitalization in the Borough. If the following items are fully funded or for only one year, a foundation for development and revitalization will be set forth and progress into the future becomes certainty. The following projects were considered top priority in the Borough's future development.

1. Waynesburg Borough Storm Water and Sewage – Separation of combined flows separated and sewage plant expansion
2. Establishment of a housing organization/management entity for Borough rehabilitation and revitalization
3. Development of special needs housing, including homeless and transitional shelters
4. High Street Streetscape Enhancements – Phase I and Phase II
5. Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development Center for downtown Waynesburg
6. Local government capacity building – Waynesburg Borough

A follow-up meeting with Larry Segal of the Governor's Office was held in Harrisburg with Commissioner Pam Snyder, Commissioner Dave Coder, and Executive Director of the Department of Economic Development, Robbie Matesic on January 13, 2006. The extent of funding that may be available for these projects is still being considered within the Governor's Office.

GREENE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

Greene County Commissioners

“2006 RELAY FOR LIFE”
~~ May 6-7, 2006 ~~

This year's theme is agricultural: "GREENE ACRES ~ Harvest the Cure

RELAY for LIFE -- a 24-hour event involving relay teams who take turns walking, running or strolling around a track. Entertainment, activities, and prizes are available to all participants.

Saturday, May 6 @ 8:00 am

Saturday, May 6 @ 10:00 opening ceremony, survivor walk

Saturday, May 6 @ 1:00 pm ~~ “Ms. Relay finalists struck'n their purses”

Sunday, May 7 @ 10:00am ~~ closing ceremony

Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

www.co.greene.pa.us/secured/gc/services/relay.htm

\$100,000

Benefit the American Cancer Society's patient services, advocacy, prevention and early detection programs and research.

More Fundraiser Information Coming Soon! Any suggestions are greatly appreciated.
We continue to sell our County Employee Cookbooks – don't hesitate to buy one!!
Ruth E. Yeager-Thornberg-Captain



GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER RECEIVES CELL PHONES

Greene County Commissioners and County Departments

The Greene County Commissioners through the generous donation from several County departments have donated old cell phones acquired from a contract that has now expired to the Greene County Women's Center. Domestic Violence is a crime of epidemic proportions that plagues our community and causes permanent emotional scars, and life-threatening injuries and even death. Without appropriate intervention, domestic violence increases in frequency and severity over time. By systematically destroying families, domestic violence compromises the quality of all our lives. In 2001 Greene County Women's Center provided services to approximately 300 victims and their children in Greene County. Verizon Wireless, a recognized corporate leader in the fight against domestic violence, works to combat domestic violence and raise awareness of the issue through the company's HopeLine program. Marking its 10th year in 2005, HopeLine today collects wireless phones and accessories from any wireless service provider, and then refurbishes the phones or recycles them in an environmentally friendly way. Proceeds from the HopeLine program benefit victims of domestic violence and non-profit advocacy agencies, providing essential communication tools of wireless phones and wireless services, and financial grants. Verizon Wireless' HopeLine program also makes financial grants to regional and national domestic violence organizations, such as the [Family Violence Prevention Fund](#), the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) and other select community interest groups. The GCWC is located at: 95 East High Street, Waynesburg, PA (open 24-hours a day) Contact numbers for GCWC: 724-852-2463 or 1+800-791-4000 Fax: 724-627-4729 gcwc@greenepa.net

ALL DIRECT SERVICES ARE FREE

(the Greene County Women's Center is a satellite office of the Washington Women's Shelter, Inc.) A support group meets weekly for victims and friends of victims of domestic violence. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, and need a safe confidential place to talk and receive support, contact the Greene County Women's Center at 724-852-2463.

NEW MOTTO CHOSEN

Greene County Commissioners and Greene County Tourism Agency

The Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency recently announced the winning entry of their new motto contest, "Greene County, Nature's Corner of Northern Hospitality and Southern Charm." The entry is a combined effort between two of the 68 entries that were received by the agency. Entrants Pam Blaker and Tom Viencek provided the winning combination. As two slogans were joined to make up the winning motto, each will receive a \$250 United States Savings Bond for their effort. "We would like to thank all of the residents who took the time and effort to send in an entry," said Carol Howard, Director of the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency. "It was not an easy task to choose a winner from among the many creative mottos that were submitted. I think that is clearer still, since in the end we combined two of them. It was just too difficult to select a single motto that truly reflects what Greene County is all about." As the motto has now been selected, the agency is announcing their new logo contest. The logo is to be designed based on the motto of "Greene County, Nature's Corner of Northern Hospitality and Southern Charm." Entries to the logo contest are due by 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 and should be submitted to Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency Logo Contest, 417 E. Roy Furman Hwy., Waynesburg, Pa. 15370. Entries should include the original artwork on a sheet by itself with nothing to identify the artist, and a separate sheet that includes the name, address and day time phone number of the person who created the logo. All high school art classes and anyone who has a flair for drawing are encouraged to send in a logo design that reflects the new motto. "We know that there are some very talented artists in Greene County," said Commissioner Pam Snyder. "Just as there were an abundance of wonderful entries to the motto contest, we are looking forward to seeing what residents come up with for the logo contest. We are pleased with the new motto and are sure we will be equally delighted with the logo that is chosen." Greene County TPA President, Diane Kinney said, "With the 10th anniversary of the Tourist Promotion Agency being celebrated this year we thought it was fitting that we kick things off with a fresh motto and logo. These changes reflect the agency's commitment to continue to grow and change with the times and to use that forward thinking to steadily increase the number of visitors we get year after year."



PENNSYLVANIANS STAY WARM

Greene County Department of Human Services & Department of Environmental Protection

On November 1st, Governor Rendell called on members of communities from all counties across Pennsylvania asking for ideas and ways to help Pennsylvanians Stay Warm and safe this winter. From this workshop a Stay Warm PA website and hotline have been created. This phrase was created as a catchy name for Pennsylvanians to easily remember. If you are in need of help paying your heating bill, having your utilities turned back on, or just need some ideas for weatherization, this site will point you in the direction you need to go. The eligibility guidelines on LIHEAP and Dollar Energy can be found on this site as well as phone numbers of local agencies that can help. Stay Warm PA is not a new funding stream. It is a comprehensive plan with an informational site for Pennsylvanians to use that has no idea where to go to get the help that they need. Twice a month a conference call is held across the state to keep us up to date on any changes or possible new funding that could become available. On February 2 for 10 – 2 in the 3RD Floor Conference room of the Fort Jackson building, the Department of Environmental Protection will be holding an information seminar for nonprofit organizations in our area to educate them on the different funding available and how programs like Dollar Energy and LIHEAP work. If anyone is interested in attending this seminar please give me a call at 724-852-5276.



**Call 1-866-550-4355 or
Visit www.StayWarmPA.com
If you:**

- Need help restoring your utility services
- Want help paying your heating bills
- Require financial help to fix residential heating systems
- Need a place to go to stay warm
- Are worried about the safety and health of neighbors and friends
- Want to know more about your community resources

Prepare this winter. Stay warm and safe.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Edward G. Rendell, Governor





SCRAPEBOOKING BREAKS THE WINTER DOLDRUMS

Greene County Commissioners & Greene County Department of Recreation

Tired of being housebound and bored during the winter months, the Greene County Department of Recreation has something to pull you out of your slump. Two sessions will be offered in their “Crop and Swap Scrapbooking Class and Retreat” series, with the first being held on February 3 and the second on March 3 in the 4H building at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Classes run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m followed by the retreat portion. “We are really pleased with the variety of programs being offered by the Department of Recreation this session,” said Commissioner Pam Snyder. “The folks there always do a terrific job of bringing interesting activities to Greene County. The scrapbooking class and retreat is a wonderful example of this.” “Crop and Swap” is part of the Greene County Department of Recreation’s 2006 winter and spring programming and covers all the bases; leaving no excuses for why someone can’t get out and enjoy themselves. Have young children and no sitter? Not a problem. Children will be treated to a “Kids Night Out,” just downstairs from the classes. Don’t own any scrapbooking supplies? Some will be available for purchase on site. All one needs to bring to participate is the class fee and some favorite photos, but they are welcome to bring any of their own scrapbooking supplies or specialty supplies with them as well. Taught by Gina Woods of Scraps ‘N More, the program is not just for experienced scrapbookers. Class one, ‘NOT just the Basics,’ will offer an overview of scrapbooking basics along with step by step methods for creating a beautiful page. New creative holiday photo layouts will be demonstrated in addition to some Valentine’s Day ideas. In Class two, ‘Let those creative juices flow,’ with instruction in the art of “scraplifting” and “sketching.” Students will also learn how to create a mini album for any occasion. Woods said, “The classes are going to be fun. There will be a classroom component for about an hour and then time for free scrapping and swapping. I’ll also offer five to ten minute technique workshops that are optional. You can either come and watch or continue to work on a project during that time.” To add a little more to the festive occasion of the evening, door prizes and giveaways will also be part of the sessions. “Whether you have been scrapbooking for years or are just thinking about getting started, we have something for everyone,” said Woods. “Our classes offer hands on learning and are followed by retreats that give participants the chance for an evening of cropping, swapping and just plain fun!”





SWEET SIXTEEN PAGEANT SEEKING CONTESTANTS
Greene County Commissioners and Greene County Tourism Agency

Attention Greene County Residents ages 2 to 17. Applications are currently being accepted for the 16th Annual Miss Greene County Pageant. The pageant will be held at 2 p.m. on March 12, 2006 in the Waynesburg Central High School auditorium and is being sponsored by the Greene County Commissioners and John Howard Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Buick, and GMC Trucks of Waynesburg. Contestants are required to turn in their applications and sponsorships in person to the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency by 4:30 p.m. on February 3, 2006, along with their entry fee, and \$15 for the optional photogenic category. New this year, contestants will receive a photo session for the photogenic category and program book at the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency Offices, located in the Greene County Airport. Also new for 2006, each contestant will be awarded a United States Savings Bond for their participation in the pageant. Started in 1990 by the American Red Cross, Waynesburg Chapter, the Miss Greene County Pageant has afforded countless young ladies the opportunity to showcase their talents before an audience of their peers, family, friends and guests. In 2003 the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency took over sponsorship of the pageant and has continually seen the event grow, with 2005 being the largest pageant to date. Pageant coordinators Carol Howard, Director of the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency and Traci Boord, Program Coordinator of the Greene County Department of Recreation said that they believe the 2006 pageant will again bring record numbers Commissioner Pam Snyder said, "It is always a pleasure to see these young people representing Greene County and the Tourist Promotion Agency when we attend county functions. It gives us such pride for the young people and the families who have done such a tremendous job in raising them to be the well-rounded persons that they are, and it is truly a privilege for me and Commissioners' Coder and Gardner to be able to support the pageant each year." Howard pointed out that one of the most important rules of the Miss Greene County Pageant is the sportsmanship rule. "We have this rule because each and every one of our contestants is equal to the other in our eyes and should be treated with the utmost respect by their fellow contestants, she said. All of our participants and title holders have truly displayed what Miss Greene County is all about."

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