



## *The Board Walk*

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**WAYNESBURG, Pennsylvania – Wednesday January 3, 2007**

### **DISCOVER GREENE COUNTY IN 2007**

Greene County is “Nature’s Corner of Northern Charm and Southern Hospitality” with 40,000 plus calling Greene County home. Our “Nature’s Corner” of Pennsylvania is replete with all the elements of nature that keep us in touch with our planet and remind us of the importance of good stewardship. From the majestic rolling hills to the energetic wildlife, to the magnificence of each passing season, Greene County has it all. If the 576 square miles known as Greene County could talk, they would explain the “Northern Charm” that has shaped this corner of Pennsylvania. They would tell you the rich history of stately churches that housed reverent worship services and touching family events; of distinguished homes that housed the prominent and the not-so-prominent families; all of whom shaped our culture; and of quiet country roads where covered bridges sheltered travelers from blustery weather. We are anxious to extend “Southern Hospitality” to you on your next visit here. In our western, or “rural wilderness” zone, we’ll show you nature trails shimmering with perfect specimens of endangered biological species. We’ll take you to the nation’s longest-running country fair, the Jacktown Fair. In our central, or “techno-rec” zone, are the areas in and around our county seat. Waynesburg is home to much of the service and retail business of Greene County and an area exploding with industrial parks and technology corridors. In our eastern, or “river culture-historical” zone, you can visit the historic Monongahela River. You’ll see the W.A. Young Foundry where operations were driven by an interconnected system of belts and pulleys all powered by a single motor. This system still remains exactly as it did when operations ceased in 1965. We want you to experience our nature and to enjoy our charm; and we want to extend to you our sincere and boundless hospitality. So travel as far south as you can in PA and then turn and travel as far west in PA as you can - Greene County awaits you! *Information provided by Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency-Mary Jane Kent*





**DEADLINE FOR FILING A HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION**

The Taxpayer Relief Act, also known as Act 1, was signed into law by Governor Rendell in July, 2006. It may provide property tax relief to resident homeowners. The tax reduction may come to you in the form of a reduced assessment value noted on your school district property tax bill. The reduction will not be automatic - you must qualify for the reduction by filing a Homestead Exclusion application with the county assessment office. Your application must then be approved. If you have *not* previously submitted an application, this is to remind you that it is **mandatory to do so to qualify for property tax relief**. Applications are available from your local school district business office. Send your complete application by **March 1, 2007** to:

**H. John Frazier, C.P.E. -Chief Assessor  
Greene County Assessment  
Room 210 County Office Building  
93 East High Street  
Waynesburg, PA 15370  
(724)852-5211**

You will receive notification regarding your approval/denial from your county assessor within 30 days after the receipt of your application. If for any reason your application is denied, you will be given an opportunity to appeal the decision. Watch for further notification from your school district regarding property tax relief updates and details. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact *your local school district business manager*.

<b>Carmichaels Area</b>	<b>724-966-2524</b>	<b>Jefferson-Morgan</b>	<b>724-883-2310</b>
<b>Central Greene</b>	<b>724-627-8151</b>	<b>Southeastern Greene</b>	<b>724-943-3630</b>
<b>West Greene</b>	<b>724-499-5183</b>		

**GREENE COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE RECIEVES \$20,000 GRANT**

At the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Commissioner's meeting a State Grant was awarded to the Greene County Drug Task Force for \$20,000 from the state Department of Community and Economic Development. Representatives from Senator Stout's Office and Representative DeWeese's Office were in attendance. The purpose of the grant is to assist local law enforcement in the funding of Task Force officers and related programs. The efforts enabled by this grant will aid in the fight against the illicit drug trade in Greene County through better training, equipment and effective public awareness programs. It is the hope of the Greene County Commissioners, Representative DeWeese, Senator Stout, all Greene County law enforcement agencies and the members of our community that this new initiative will help dismantle and deter the activities of those who use illicit drugs to damage our society and poison our youth.



Sharon Rodavich-Representative DeWeese's representative, Sharon Wilson-Senator Stout's representative, and Francis Suppok - the County Detective, Dave Coder-Commissioner, Pam Snyder-Chairman and John R. Gardner-Commissioner (not pictured Marjorie Fox)



**GREENE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE**

**“BOWL with SOUL”**



*A Relay for Life Fundraising Event*



**TOP SIX REASONS TO BUY TICKETS FOR “BOWL WITH SOUL”:**

1. Karaoke is a blast and you can sing your heart out for three hours!!
2. Bowling shoes are definitely in style!!
3. Ham BBQ and other food will be on hand- and it is delicious!!!
4. Great door prizes from Long John’s Silvers, Wal-Mart, GNC, Coke, Community Bank, Waynesburg College, and National City.
5. A night out with friends- Yanak Lanes is the place to be on a Friday night!!
6. A chance to win a special gift from Pittsburgh Steelers!!

**WHEN:** January 12, 2007 from 7:00-10:00 PM

**WHERE:** Yanak Lanes in Jefferson, PA

**COST:** \$15 per single ticket/ \$25 for two tickets

To purchase tickets contact Justin Kubicar at 724-852-5300 or at

[jkubicar@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:jkubicar@co.greene.pa.us)

**GREENE COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Jake Blaker, Director of the Department of Recreation, wants to remind everyone that there is no need to stay indoors and be bored during the winter season because the Department of Recreation has many activities planned for you. The **Body Sculpting Course** with Stacey will be on Tuesdays at 6:00PM in the 4H Building. You must pre-register. One hour of Turbo Step is included in the fee. Costs of sessions are \$4. **The Turbo Step** is a new exercise class this fall and it will be held at 7:00 PM in the 4H Building. The cost of this class is also \$4. Get fit with our aerobics classes by Dolly. This includes **High and Low Impact Aerobics** every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30PM in the 4H Building. And finally a **Step Aerobic Class**, sure to put a little pep in your step, will be held with Dolly every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. This class is also in the 4H Building and the cost is \$4. The Department of Recreation still has **Discount Ski Tickets** available for Seven Springs. To make reservations, obtain tickets or if you have any other questions, please call 724- 852- 5323. \* Don’t Forget that every Tuesday and Saturday there is a **Flea Market** held at the Greene County Fairgrounds .



### SALVATION ARMY WILL DISTRIBUTE COLLECTED BLANKETS

Community Action Southwest will conduct a Blanket Drive from Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be five collection bins strategically located throughout our community so that all who wish to donate NEW blankets for those in need can do so. Locations: Fort Jackson Building, Careerlink, Catholic Charities, Community Action Southwest and Salvation Army. All blankets collected will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

### THANKS TO THE GREENE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

We extend our deepest and sincerest appreciation to you, the employees of Greene County. Your continued support and endless generosity have once again allowed us to assist those in need...our homeless animals. I am sending a very special thanks to Bill Guappone, Mitzi Baily, Cathi Franks, Jessica Franks and Vickie Steinmiller for helping with the trees and all of the food and supplies that were raised during this project. Our two trees stood in the County Office Building and the Fort Jackson Building. The trees were covered in stockings with pictures of animals at the Humane Society and what they needed for Christmas. We have been overwhelmed by the vehicles filled with supplies and other items. Your compassion has made this such a great success. On behalf of the Greene County Humane Society I want to thank you for your spirit of sharing and giving this holiday season-Connie McNeely.

### THINK SPRING FOR RELAY

## CHRIS CROSS THE COUNTY



County resident, Chris Hardie, will attempt to cross the county north/south along route 19 from Greene County Fairgrounds to Mount Morris and cross the county east/west along route 21 from Carmichaels to Ryerson Station State Park. **The route is 50 miles long!!!** **DATE:** Sunday, April 15, 2007 **TIME:** Kickoff Pancake Party at 8:00 AM (*Chris will leave at 8:30 AM*) **WHERE:** Greene County Fairgrounds **HOW CAN I HELP:** Contact Chris Hardie at 724-852-5300 or at [chardie@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:chardie@co.greene.pa.us). Together we can all make a difference in cancer research.

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Greene county MAGIC Web Site: [www.greencountymagic.org](http://www.greencountymagic.org)

Greene County Find Out Web Site: [www.greenefindout.org](http://www.greenefindout.org)

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