

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

SPRING / SUMMER 2019

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Clean Up Days

Large items, and those items not usually collected with normal garbage pickup, may be brought to the Municipal Building, 11184 Rich Hill Rd., on **Friday, May 3rd** from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and **Saturday, May 4th** from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. **Household garbage is not accepted.**

Electronics (televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, fax machines, phones, printers, cameras, & toner cartridges) will be accepted again this year. There will be a \$ 10.00 charge for the disposal of old televisions and computer monitors that contain cathode ray tubes (CRT). These are not flat screens. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units cannot be accepted unless the Freon has been properly removed. On clean up days, residents can pay \$ 10.00 per unit to a technician at the Municipal Building to remove the Freon.

Automotive batteries will be accepted. Passenger car tires and light truck tires, **without rims**, will be accepted at \$ 5.00/tire. Other tires will be accepted at various rates. **No gas tanks.**

Garbage bags, vests and gloves are available at the Township Office to assist you in clean up of litter along Township or State Roads. The collected garbage can be left at the intersection of Township and State Roads. The bags will be picked up by PennDOT.

Maintaining your property

Greenfield Township has laws regarding conditions that may be determined to be nuisances and/or a violation of the Zoning Ordinance. In some instances, this happens without the owner recognizing how it looks, or knowing that they are violating laws. Annually, during the spring road inspections, a list of property owners that need to be reminded of the conditions is made and letters are sent. Most often, these properties have junk vehicles and piles of scrap materials accumulating.

If the owners respond and clean up the condition of the property, no further legal action is taken. If no action is taken, legal proceedings will be filed through the District Judge. At the discretion of the Judge, the property owner may have to pay fines up to \$ 1000.00, plus costs and expenses, including court costs, attorneys' fees and witness fees, which were incurred by the Township in enforcing these laws.

Now hiring!

The Board is accepting resumes for a Municipal Services Employee. The applicant must be able to obtain a CDL license. Equipment Operation experience is preferred. Submit your resume to the Township Office.

Spring Thaw

The roads have held up pretty good through the spring thaw. The crew is out with the road plane and has been adding material to keep the water out of the potholes. A slow thaw is needed to keep the roads in good condition. The grader will be used once the roads firm up enough.

This summer, the crew will be working throughout the Township, replacing pipes, building up roads, and cleaning ditches.

State Line Road Bridge repairs

A Federal Grant will be used by PennDot to perform repairs to the State Line Road Bridge this summer. These repairs will bring the bridge into compliance with Federal Bridge Inspection Guidelines.

Dirt & Gravel Roads Grant

The Township has received two grants for \$ 158,880.00 from Erie County Conservation for drainage improvements and additional road material for Finn Road and Plum Road. The material added will be 2RC and Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA). DSA is a mixture of crushed stone developed specifically as a wearing course for unpaved roads. DSA has a unique particle size distribution designed to maximize packing density and produce a durable road surface that performs better than conventional aggregates. The Finn Road project will be completed this year, while the Plum Road project will be a two year project.

An additional grant has been awarded for improvements to drainage under the Interstate 90 bridges over Rohl Road. Additional improvements to the surface of the road are planned.

Greenfield Community Park

The Municipal Services Crew will be finishing the parking areas and landscaping at the Park as part of the 2018 Park Improvement Project. Rain gardens will be used in the wet areas and down slope from the parking area to control stormwater runoff. Grants have been awarded through the Erie County Greenways Program to fund the rain gardens.

Reservation rates for the pavilions have been set at \$ 125.00 for the large pavilion and \$ 70.00 for the small pavilion. The pavilions have electrical service to keep food warm and charcoal grills for cookouts. Reservations can be made by calling the Municipal Office. The pavilions are not considered to be reserved until the fee is paid. Picnic tables should not be moved from one pavilion to another.

Because the park is a public facility, it is not available for Stag & Drags or other fundraising activities that involve raffling of alcohol. Exclusive use of the park is not available. The park has a volleyball court, baseball field, playgrounds, a one-half mile walking/exercise/ADA trail and restrooms.

In order to keep animals from getting used to coming to the park looking for food, we ask that you take all garbage with you when you leave. This is for the safety of everyone at the park, as bears have been sited in the neighborhood!

Pets are allowed at the Park, but must be on a leash and cleaned up after.

Fire Company Fund Drive

The Fund Drive has been mailed. Your donations are appreciated. Please consider mailing a donation now to the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, 10160 Station Road, North East, PA 16428. The Fire Company no longer has a Post Office Box. Also, you can donate with PayPal at the Fire Company's website www.greenfieldfire.com .

House Numbers

The blue reflective house number signs are now available at the Municipal Building. There is a fee of \$ 25.00 to cover costs.

Tax Deadlines

Don't forget that County/Township Taxes are due at a discount until April 30th!

Dogs Licenses and Laws

Dog licenses are available at the Municipal Office, during the Public Office Hours of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.. Pennsylvania Dog Laws require that owners keep dogs under control at all times and do not allow them to run the neighborhoods. Greenfield Township does not have a leash law.

Mail Boxes

If you had issues with your mail box this last winter, now is the time to correct them. Making sure they are installed to the correct height, will help next season. The post for the box must be behind the ditch, the bottom of the box should be at least 42" from the grade of the road (a couple inches higher would allow for snow buildup). No angle supports should be placed from the bottom of the box to the post. Please contact the office for a diagram of the correct installation.

Ditch Dirt

The Township will haul the dirt removed from the ditches to your property, if you have a signed release form on file. The quality of the material is not guaranteed. The dirt is hauled to the closest landowner with the easiest access. If you are interested in filing a release form, please contact the office.

Meetings

All Township meetings are open to the public. The remaining Board meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on 5/13, 5/28, 6/10, 6/25, 7/8, 7/23, 8/12, 8/27, 9/9, 9/24, 10/14, 10/29, 11/11, 11/26, 12/9, 12/23. The second meeting of each month may be canceled if there are no items for the agenda. Please call the office to confirm the meeting will be held. The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on 5/20, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28, 11/18 and 12/23. The Recreation Board meets at the park at 9:00 a.m., the last Thursday of the month from April through October.

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