

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Clean Up Days

Now is the time to gather up the items that are not usually collected with normal garbage pickup. Clean Up days have been scheduled for Friday, May 6th from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Items may be brought to the Municipal Building, 11184 Rich Hill Road. **Household garbage is not accepted. This event is for Greenfield Township residents and property owners only.**

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 size tires or tires with rims 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 \$ 1,000.00, plus costs and expenses, including court costs, attorneys' fees and witness fees, which were incurred by the Township in enforcing these laws.

Armstrong Utilities

Internet is now available through Armstrong Utilities. They have completed the installation fiber optic cable in a majority of Township and have been scheduling connections. You will be contacted by an Armstrong representative when the service is ready to be provided. The northeastern section of the Township that was not in the original build plans is now being constructed.

Spring Thaw

The spring thaw has been hard on the roads. 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.

Road projects

This summer, the crew will be working throughout the Township, replacing pipes, building up roads, and cleaning ditches. Dougan Road will be improved with the Dirt & Gravel Roads grant. Two miles of seal coat will be placed on Wildman Road from Williams Road east to Route 89. The Township was able to obtain millings to build up roads. The budget allows for the installation of two miles of placing the millings and seal coating, depending on the cost of the sealing. This project is planned for Rich Hill Road and/or Ashton Road.

Dirt & Gravel Roads Grant

The Township has received a grant for \$ 100,000.00 from Erie County Conservation for replacement of pipes and additional road material for Dougan Road. The Dirt & Gravel Roads grant program funds improvements for drainage correction and road stabilization to promote cleaner run off. Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) will be added next year. This material 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.

Driveway paving

Please contact the Municipal Services Department before you have blacktop installed on your driveway. Some companies charge you to pave into the Road. The road cannot be maintained with the pavement in the roadway. The property owner is paying for the pavement that will be removed.

Greenfield Community Park

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 sighted 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

The issuance of dog licenses is being handled in the office or through the mail. To obtain them by mail, call the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and provide the information for the license. Mail a check for the fee and the tags will be mailed to you.

Pennsylvania Dog Laws require that owners keep dogs under control at all times and 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.

Planting trees

Don't forget to look up when planting trees! Trees planted under utility lines will be trimmed back once they reach the lines. Don't plant trees that will reach into the right of way, which is 25 feet from the center of the road. This area needs to be kept clear to maintain ditches and push snow back.

Zoning Permits

To obtain a Zoning Permit, make a sketch of your property showing all of the setbacks from the building or addition that you are planning. Mail or drop it off at the Township Building with a check payable to Greenfield Township in the amount of \$ 25.00. The permit and Zoning Certificate will be mailed to you. Call the office for more information.

Meetings

All Township meetings are open to the public. The remaining Board meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on 4/26, 5/9, 5/24, 6/13, 6/28, 7/11, 7/26, 8/8, 8/23, 9/12, 9/27, 10/10, 10/25, 11/14, 11/29, 12/12, 12/27. 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 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/21 and 12/19. The Recreation Board meets at the park at 9:00 a.m., the last Thursday of the month from April through October.

COVID changes

Currently, all meetings are being held in person. The office is open to foot traffic. There is now a mail slot to drop off zoning permit sketches and payments, pavilion reservation fees, and dog license payments.

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