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## 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 3rd from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 4th 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.

### Burning Regulations

The office often receives questions about burning of household waste. The following information was provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), citing sections of the law pertaining to burning Section 610 of the Solid Waste Management Act. Unlawful conduct: It shall be unlawful for any person or municipality to: (1) Dump or deposit, or permit the dumping or depositing, of any solid waste onto the surface of the ground or underground or into the waters of the Commonwealth, by any means, unless a permit for the dumping of such solid wastes has been obtained from the Department; provided, the Environmental Quality Board may by regulation exempt certain activities associated with normal farming operations as defined by this act from such permit requirements.

**All burning must be done in a burn barrel or similar container.**

25 Pa. Code Section 129.14. Open burning operations.

...(c) Exceptions. The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) do not apply where the open burning operations result from: ... (5) A fire set for the purpose of burning domestic refuse, when the fire is on the premises of a structure occupied solely as a dwelling by two families or less and when the refuse results from the normal occupancy of the structure. All burning of household domestic refuse is allowed. DEP and the Township suggest that people consider the requirements for burning:

- (1) The emissions should not be visible, at any time, at the point such emissions pass outside the property of the person on whose land the open burning is being conducted.
  - (2) Malodorous air contaminants from the open burning should not be detectable outside the property of the person on whose land the open burning is being conducted.
  - (3) The emissions should not interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of life or property.
  - (4) The emissions should not cause damage to vegetation or property.
  - (5) The emissions should not be or may be deleterious to human or animal health.
- Greenfield Township is not mandated to recycle due to the low population.

### 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.

### Meetings

All Township meetings are open to the public. The remaining Board meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on 4/23, 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, 12/24. 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 4/22, 5/20, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25 and 12/16. 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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## Spring Thaw

The 2023/2024 winter season was milder than normal. The roads did not get snow covered or freeze. The constant up and down of the temperature and periods of snow followed by melting, saturated the roads. The crew has been out road planning and grading when the weather allows. Material will be added to the roads when possible.

## 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 by placing Driving Surface Aggregate through the Dirt & Gravel Roads grant. Tarr Road will have millings added and be prepared for seal coating. This road was originally a tar and chipped road when Interstate 86 was constructed, but with the lack of maintenance the seal coating fell apart. Maintenance seal coating will be done on Wildman Road from Williams Road to New Road, and on Rich Hill Road from Ashton Road to the just east of the Township Building.

## Dirt & Gravel Roads Grant

The Township has received a grant for \$ 332,000.00 from Erie County Conservation for the placement of Driving Surface Aggregate on 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) is then added. 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. The Township has been received \$ 1,385,81.34 from Erie County Conservation off and on since 2007.

## 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.**

## Grants Approved for Multi-Use Court at Greenfield Community Park

The Township has received a \$ 55,000.00 grant from the Hirtzel Foundation, a \$ 25,000.00 grant from the Erie County Gaming and Revenue Authority and a \$ 100,000.00 grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the installation of a multi-use court at Greenfield Community Park. The court will be lined for basketball, volleyball and pickleball. Construction is planned to be completed this year. The timing of construction depends on how quickly DCNR gives the consent to start construction after reviewing required documentation.



## Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company

Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company (GTVFC) had another busy year in 2023 responding to more than 800 calls. They couldn't do it without community support! As of January 2024, GTVFC is an American Red Cross Shelter. Work is starting in front of the Community Park to prepare for a new fire station. The Fund Drive mailer will be sent shortly. Please come out and show your support. Please consider mailing a donation now to the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, 10160 Station Road, North East, PA 16428, or donate online using the following QR Code. The Fire Company no longer has a Post Office Box.



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## Tax Deadlines

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

## House Numbers

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

## 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. You can bring it to the office, mail it or drop it off at the Township Building with a check payable to Greenfield Township in the amount of \$ 25.00. If mailed or dropped off, the permit and Zoning Certificate will be mailed to you. Call the office for more information.

