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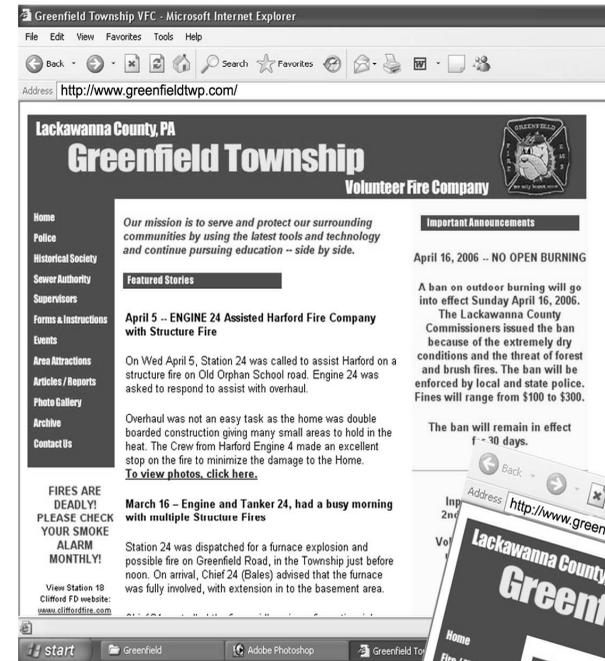
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## **INTRODUCING GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP'S NEW AND IMPROVED WEB SITE.**



Greenfield Township has revitalized their home page. The new site includes links to:

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Historical Society
- Photo Gallery
- And so much more!

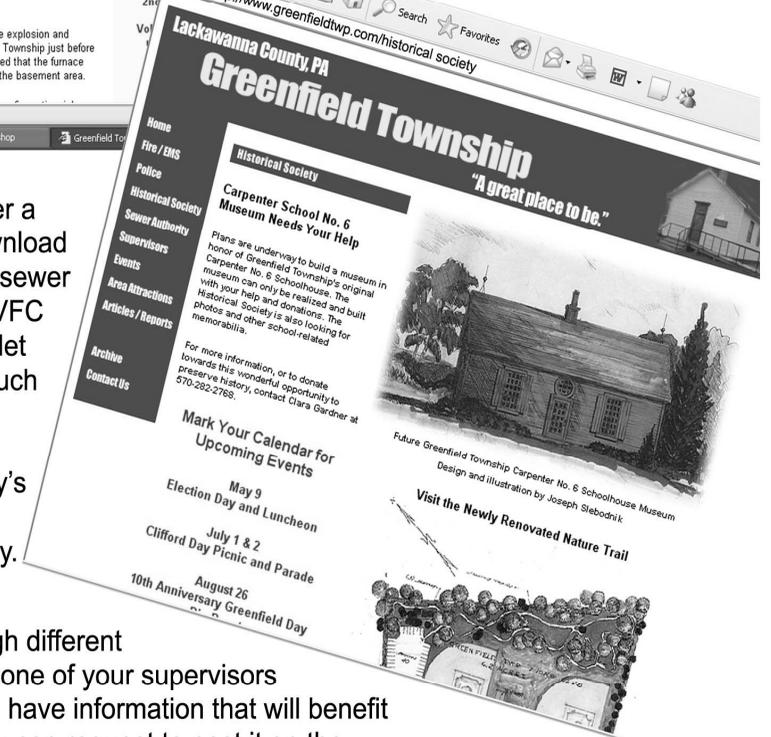
Make this site one of your favorites and stay current on up-to-date news, events and town activities!

The new site will also offer a place where you can download a new resident checklist, sewer authority application, GTVFC volunteer application, cadet information and much, much more.

Visit the Historical Society's home page to see what's going on in the community.

You can contact us through different channels -- by contacting one of your supervisors or the webmaster. Do you have information that will benefit the community? If so, you can request to post it on the web site.

Remember to bookmark this site: [www.greenfieldtwp.com](http://www.greenfieldtwp.com).



# **Barbecue & Grilling Safety**

By A. F. Karolyi—Administrative Member

Whether you barbecue or grill on a simple charcoal unit or an expensive propane gas grill, the aspects of doing it safely fall into three basic categories; locating the equipment, using the equipment safely and fuel storage

**Locating The Grill:** Since most barbecues and grills are free standing, where you use it is the first consideration. Many of the feature articles in home magazines indicate an elaborate “outdoor kitchen” where an elaborate grilling setup is shown with the grill against the building. The one thing not stressed is the fireproofing precautions taken, including a hood over the grill, and in some cases an automatic fire extinguishing system not readily seen in the pictures. An expensive setup like this should be installed only according to local building fire codes. Since most of us only dream of such an installation, the following few simple common sense rules should avoid having to call the fire department or ambulance. Never place a grill closer than 10 feet or less to any combustible surface such as a building wall of your patio, next to an outbuilding, the rails on your deck, or an exit path. Don’t grill indoors or under a covered deck or patio. Make sure your equipment is on a stable surface, doesn’t wobble and the equipment itself is in solid usable condition.

**Using The Grill:** On gas grills, burners should be clean and not clogged with old food residue or grease. Use only approved charcoal lighter fluid for charcoal grills and never add lighter fluid to a lit fire. Use of gasoline to start a charcoal fire is asking for an explosion, which is sure to happen, as the fumes will ignite and explode before the flame ever reaches the charcoal. For that matter, don’t spray, brush or add any combustible spray or oil to a hot cooking grate. Spray or brush food instead, preferably before putting it on the grill. Use only long handled grilling tools to tend food placed on the grill and wear heat-resistant barbecue mitts. Be careful in what type of clothes you wear. Some synthetic materials will readily flame, particularly if loose and come into contact with the hot gasses from the grill. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby as pouring water on a grease fire will only spread it, not put it out. If you have a flare-up, close the lid and all vents on the unit which reduces the oxygen and in most cases will eliminate the fire. If not, use the fire extinguisher. Never leave a grill unattended and keep children and pets away at all times. The chef should attend the grill. All others should be at the picnic table enjoying themselves. When all grilling is finished, close the lid and all vents on the unit, and on a gas grill, turn off the burners and close the

valve at the propane tank or source.

**Storing Fuel:** This is a simple one liner. ***Don’t store any propane tanks indoors! This includes your garage!*** While storing charcoal indoors is not as great a problem, store your charcoal in an airtight container. Treat your charcoal lighter fluid as any other combustible liquid, storing it as you would gasoline, preferably in an airtight container and outdoors.

***Have a safe, enjoyable outdoor barbecue grilling season.***

## **SOCIAL HALL RENTAL**

***GREENFIELD TWP. VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY***

***424 Route 106***

***Greenfield Township, PA 18407***

***NEED A SOCIAL HALL TO HOLD A FUNCTION?***

**Our social hall is available for rent any day of the week up to 11:00PM**

**Capacity 150**

**A deposit is required to reserve your date. All fees are 100% refundable with 30 days written cancellation notice before your reserved date.**

***Call (570) 282-0722 for additional information and reservations.***

### **Fire Hall Breakfasts**

***The last Sunday of every month from 8:00AM to 12:00 Noon. Everyone is welcome! Bring the whole family.***

### **The 2006 GTVFC Fund Drive is on!**

***Please support YOUR fire Co. Remember, Your donation is IRS tax deductible!***

# **Fire Safety Checklist**

By Stacy Snyder—Firefighter

**Use this checklist to help determine if you, your house and your surroundings are fire safe.**

### **Fire Safety at Public Gatherings**

- The building appears to be in a safe condition and has a wide main entrance that opens outward to allow easy exit.
- A meeting place is established outside the building for family and friends who are attending the function. All know to meet there in case of an emergency.
- After entering the building at least two clearly lit exits are located.
- A communication plan has been developed where a relative or friend has been identified as a contact in case of emergency and the group is separated.
- Exit paths are wide and not obstructed by chairs or furniture. Blocked exits and paths are reported to the management.
- Group members feel safe and not overcrowded.
- Alternative exits, sprinklers and smoke alarms are evident.
- In case of emergency all members of the group immediately exit the building in an orderly fashion.
- No one goes back into the building for any reason until it is deemed safe by the emergency personnel.

### **Yard and Garage**

- Garages attached to the house are separated by a tight fitting door which is kept closed.
- Yards and surrounding vacant properties are cleared of weeds, dry leaves and rubbish.
- Gasoline is stored in a strong metal safety-type can with self closing opening caps.
- Mulch piles are stored least a foot away from the house with a non-combustible barrier in between, such as rock.

### **Housekeeping Fire Safety**

- All cleaning products are kept in original containers.
- Used oily polishing rags or waste are placed in covered metal containers.
- Basements, closets, and attics are cleared of combustible materials.
- Paint and varnish is stored in tightly covered containers away from sources of heat.
- Matches are kept out of reach of children.
- Child safety latches are installed on all drawers and cabinets containing harmful products.

### **Kitchen Fire Safety**

- Short or tight-fitting sleeves are worn during cooking as loose sleeves could catch fire easily.
- A “safety area” is established in the kitchen to keep small children confined and away from hot surfaces, hot liquids and flames.

- Appliances are allowed to cool before putting them away and cords are never wrapped around warm appliances.
- Only a thermostatically controlled electric deep fryer is used when deep fat frying.
- A tight fitting lid is kept nearby so it can be used to cover a pot if oil ignites.
- No food is left unattended while cooking.
- All paper and cloth materials are kept away from heat sources.
- Pot handles turned inward to prevent them from getting bumped or grabbed.
- Grease and food are cleaned off the stove after every use.
- Exhaust filters are checked for dirt and grease build-up and cleaned regularly.
- Microwave safe dishes are always used in the microwave and metal is never used.
- Outlets and cords are checked to make sure they are safe.
- Children are never being held by an adult while cooking.

### **Smoke Alarms**

- Smoke alarms are checked and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed at least every six months.
- Smoke alarms are installed on every floor and outside all bedrooms.

***For questions or comments please contact GTVFC by phone (570) 282-4981 or our web site www.greenfieldtwp.com.***

## **2006 Recruitment**

According to Chief Bales 2005 GTVFC Activities Report, last year the Fire Company membership had donated time the equivalent of **6 paid full time employees**. GTVFC needs additional members, both tactical and administrative to keep pace with the increasing demand for services. New members needed specifically:

- (5) **Administrative and Fund Raising**
- (5) **Drivers, Fire Equipment and Ambulance**
- (5) **Interior Fire Fighters**

### **Easter Basket Raffle Winners**

**1st Prize— Alice Cavalier—\$25.00 Gift Card, Giant Plush Easter Bunny, Easter Figures & Candy**  
**2nd Prize—Cathy Depoti—Plush Easter Bunny & Candy**

**A BIG THANK YOU to all who purchased a raffle ticket**