

1980

The population of Grove City reached 8,162. The population of Pine Township was 3,762. This represented a combined population increase of 98 over the 1970 census.

In January of 1980, Chris and Joanna Ithen started a screen printing business.

Note:

Chris Ithen started silk screening T-shirts at 18 years of age while he was a Grove City High School senior. He and Joanna began working together to form a business. Their first order was for 72 shirts from a local business.

In 1984, they opened a facility at 125 South Broad Street. The printing operations were done on the second floor over the retail store on ground level. The business did commercial printing as well as printing of clothing. The business continued to grow and expanded into national sales.



The business expanded into Ithen Global, a Successful national scale commercial screen-printing and embroidery business. Ithen Global's output reached millions of products a year.

Ithen's accounts grew to include the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Pittsburgh Penguins, television networks, as well as national and international brands and performance artists.

As the business expanded, Ithen's facilities were enlarged and improved to meet its growing needs. In 2006, after completing extensive remodeling to a vacant building at 104 Broad Street (that had been the location of the Broad Street Garage for many years), the business into the new facility.

In 2010, plans were begun to enlarge facilities by developing 5,000 square feet available on the second floor of the building.



The Chamber of Commerce gave its first Community Service Award.

Grove City Paving, Inc. was incorporated on June 9, 1980 with James B. Molloy as President.

Note:

Grove City Paving was established as a general paving company providing blacktop construction, and resurfacing services.

The Grove City Community Food Pantry was established.

Note:

The Grove City Community Food Pantry grew from the insights and efforts of Grace Hartman. Hartman had been working with the shut-ins who were in need. Through these experiences she gained a heightened awareness of others in need, those dealing with hunger and financial issues. To determine the scope of the problem, Hartman contacted the Department of Welfare. The results of this research led her to initiate activities that resulted in the foundation of the Food Pantry.

Hartman's efforts were supported by the Church and Society Group and The Grove City Ministerial Association. Hartman and other volunteers began collecting food items and storing them in a closet that was available in the Grace United Methodist Church and distributing to families in need.

Food for Thought, the educational program of the pantry was begun in 2009. Recognizing the need for an educational outreach, Grove City College students in the "Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World" class awarded a \$2,000 grant to the pantry to establish an educational program. The program included topics designed to be of assistance to those in need and included issues such as finding a job, budgeting, personal health, preparing healthy foods, buying meals on a budget, understanding food labels.

In 2011 the Food Pantry relocated to expanded facilities at 114 S. Center St,

Thrifty Threads was opened in 2011. This program was established to provide clothing to families in need and Thrifty Threads was established as a discounted clothing shop to provide funding for the new facility as well as supply clothing to those in need.

1981

Context:

A severe 16-month recession began in July of 1981 and ended in November 1982.

The IBM Personal Computer was introduced in August 1981.

Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first woman Supreme Court justice (Sept. 25).

In 1981, the first woman to serve on the Grove City Borough Council, Rebecca J. Curtis, was appointed.

Note:

Curtis was not re-elected when she ran for office following her appointment.

It wasn't until the November 1997 election that Lois Foust became the first woman elected to the Grove City Borough Council.

Grove City College built the Mary Ethel Pew dormitory.

Note:

The dormitory was named to commemorate Mary Ethel Pew, a longtime member of the Board of Trustees.

1982

The Pine Grove Square Plaza was built.

Note:

The commercial plaza, Pine Grove Square, was developed by J. J. Gumberg Co. of Pittsburgh. J. J. Gumberg Co. was one of the largest privately held retail real estate developers in the United States.

The development was under construction in 1981 and most of the stores opened in November 1982.

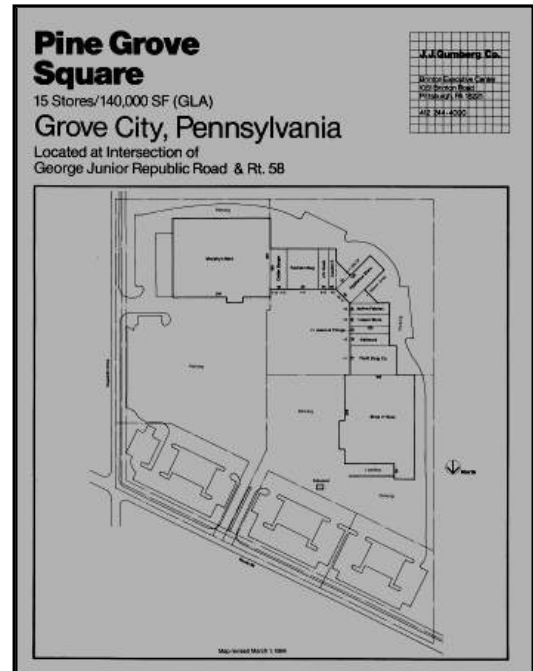
The original anchor tenants included Kroger, Thrift Drug, and Murphy Mart.

This 1984 development plan shows the original tenants with the exception of Shop 'n' Save, which was originally a Kroger.

Shown on the plan are:

Murphy's Mart, Dollar Bargain, Fashion Bug, J. S. Raub, Cosmo II, Appliance Store, JoAnn Fabrics, Pa State Store, Jeans and Things, Hallmark, Thrift Drug, Shop and Save.

Photomart was located in the parking lot.



1983

The Newberry Apartments of Grove City was established as a limited partnership on May 19, 1983.

Note:

The Newberry Apartments were located at 615 Flower Avenue.

The complex included eight building containing 52 rental units.



General Electric began manufacturing diesel engines at the Grove City plant.

Note:

In 1983, General Electric became the number one seller of locomotives in the North American market. General Motors Electro-Motive Division had traditionally dominated the market. General Electric captured the market with the highly efficient computerized Dash 7 and 8 Model Series.

The Grove City plant was re-designed to become the production shop for the diesel engines that were being used to build locomotives at the GE locomotive plant in Erie, PA.

In 1984, a 7.5-acre addition was built to the existing plant.

The Grove City plant was a state-of-the-art facility designed specifically for manufacturing and reconditioning diesel engines. The new construction line was a high efficiency and production design enabling all parts to flow toward the main assembly line.

The plant management system was organized on the Deming manage concepts which placed high responsibility on the workers rather than on supervisors.



In c1982, GE introduced the DASH 8 and in c1993 GE introduced the DASH 9 and the AC Series. In 2005 the Evolution Series "Green" locomotive was introduced. (See 2009)

The Red Rose Inn, a bed and breakfast, opened for business.

Note:

On February 29, 1984, the name Red Rose Inn was registered to Robert N. Cowan.

The Red Rose Inn was the first bed and breakfast to open in Grove City.

The Inn was established in the historic home and office of Dr. James H. McClelland, Jr., located at 112 East Main Street. The house had been built in the late 1800s by McBurney at the corner of East Main Street and South Broad Street.



In August of 1929, Sun Oil Company bought the property for a gas station. Dr. McClelland bought the property from the Thompsons, raised the structure, and moved the house down the street during the summer of 1930. At that time, the house was enlarged. The McClelland family sold the property in 1983.



The Inn opened with theme oriented air-conditioned rooms with private baths. A full breakfast along with homemade muffins was served.

In 1988, the business was sold to Dorothy & Orvil McMillen and the name was changed to the Snow Goose Inn.

Grove City College initiated the Florence E. MacKenzie Campus-Community Award.

Note:

This annual award for community-college achievement was named for Florence E. MacKenzie, wife of former college president Dr. Charles S. MacKenzie, who worked to establish relationships between the community and the college. She was an active member of numerous local organizations and had served as president of the Grove City Hospital board.

Dr. Hilda Adam Kring received the first Florence E. MacKenzie Campus-Community Award, in honor of her 25 years of community work and establishing the Children's Theatre for the elementary grades in the Grove City Area School District.

David O. Bashline assumed ownership of Young's Printers of Grove City on Broad Street.

Note:

Young's Printing was owned by Joseph A. Petrikis.

David Bashline had married Petrikis's daughter, Sherry, and assumed control of the business from Sherry's father. He was also an art teacher at Grove City College.

Bashline continued to operate Young's Printing until his death in 2001. At this time, the business was closed.

In 1983, Timothy M. Schell founded TMS Physical Therapy.

Note:

Schell had come to Grove City in 1977 to work for Grove City United Community Hospital. He was the Director of Physical Therapy for six years.

Schell realized the need for an outpatient physical therapy services and opened TMS Physical Therapy. The name TMS Physical Therapy was registered on December 21, 1992 by Timothy M. Schell. On December 23, 1994, TMS, PC was incorporated with Timothy M. Schell as President.



TMS continued to grow and expand services over the years, adding an Aquatic Center and increasing its facilities.

1984

The Grove City Area United Way was established.

Note:

The Grove City Area United Way was established as a non-profit corporation on April 13, 1984. Rachael Ogden was President and Tim Hofius was V President.

Grove City College won a United States Supreme Court decision, challenging the implementation of Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972.

Note:

This decision, Grove City College v. Bell, was considered a landmark decision because the Supreme Court restricted the application of Title IX.

The case was argued on November 29, 1983 and decided on February 28, 1984. The college challenged the U. S. Department of Education's interpretation of the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The federal government made the case that if

students accepted federal educational grants the entire school was subject to the federal regulations.

The United States Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that acceptance by students of federal educational grants did fall under the regulatory requirements of Title IX, but only related to the school's financial aid department, not the entire school.

Subsequent federal legislation (1988) subjected every department of any educational institution that received federal funding to Title IX requirements.

In July, the Grove City County Market opened in Pine Grove Square.

Note:

The Grove City County Market was established by Dave and Vicki Knopp as an independent full service supermarket.

The business opened in the former Kroger facility that was vacant.

This business became the major grocery in the area.



Grove City College constructed the Weir Ketler Technological Learning Center.

Note:

The building was named in honor of Weir Ketler, the President of Grove City College from 1916-1956.

This building was constructed with a large portion of the building underground.



The building serves as the center for campus wide computer and technology resources and services. Comprehensive services are provided for administration, faculty, staff, and students

1985

The Riverside Market opened on Broad Street.

Note:

The Riverside Market was operated by Samuel B. Knouse and his wife “Honey,” Margaret Knouse.

Knouse has been in the grocery business for 52 years, starting as a packer. In 1985, he purchased the Riverside Market, a Penn Traffic Company of Johnstown store, in Grove City.

The Riverside Market relocated to Mill Street, and was rebranded as BiLo.

BiLo operated a bakery and a deli, as well as catering, and delivering groceries throughout the community.

In November 2010, after twenty-five years of operation, the business closed.

The Pine Township Engine Company was organized in 1985.

Note:
James Thompson was the first Chief.

The fire station was located at the Pine Township Building on PA Rt 208.



The name Agway - Grove City was registered on February 28, 1985 by George and Nancy Rodgers owners of the Slippery Rock Agway

Note:
Agway opened as a general agricultural supply and gardening center.

The Agway business was expanded to include pet supplies and related items in c1993.

The name Grove City Pets was registered by George and Nancy Rodgers on June 29, 1993.

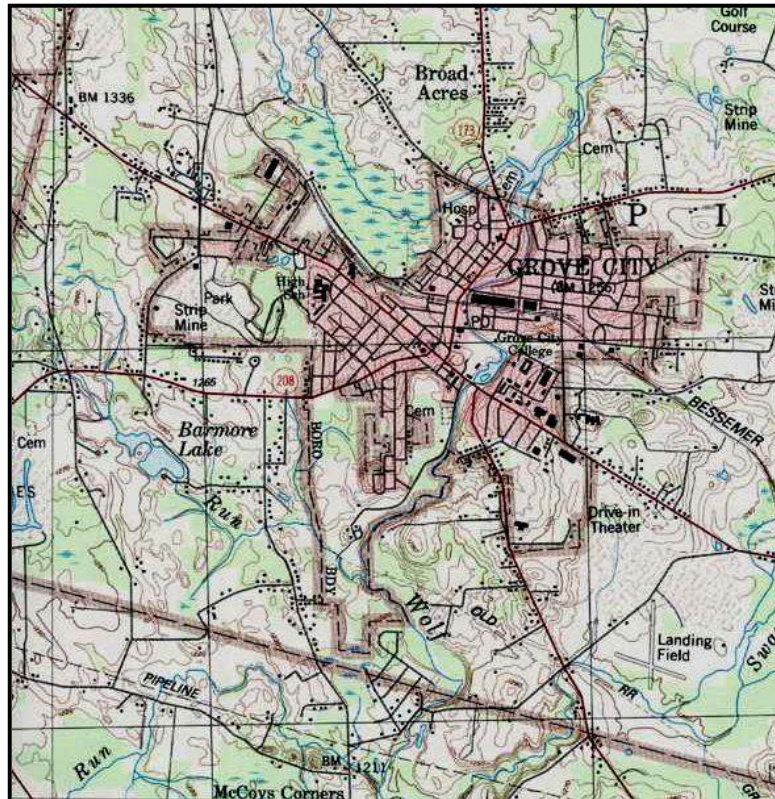


1986

This is the 1986 US Geological Survey Map showing the Grove City area.

Note:

Strip mining areas are shown around the borough. The original Grove City airfield is still marked in the southeast corner. Also identified is the Drive-in Theater. Large swamp areas are identified northwest and southeast of the borough.



A new Grove City Borough Building and Public Library erected at 125 West Main Street was dedicated.

Note:

The new borough building provided office space and meeting rooms for borough officials and staff. As energy saving consideration the building was designed with earth along the lower portion of the walls.

As a result of a major fund drive, the Grove City Community Library relocated in the lower level of the Borough Council Building Complex. With 5,500 square feet space, the library provided expanded children's programming, added staff, and increased material for circulation.

In the early nineties, the library was the first



public library in Mercer County to automate. By 1997, the library provided Internet access to patrons and access to CD-ROM software for entertainment and educational purposes. (See 2009)

Trader Horn, a discount hardware store opened on West Main Street.

Note:

Trader Horn had been established in Butler in 1958 utilizing a low overhead, no frills business model.

The store opened under the management of Dave Blakely. Trader Horn outgrew its facility and in 1991, the business moved to a larger location at 1424 West Main Street, tripling its floor space. It continued to operate business in the original location as well as the new location until it consolidated its operations in the new facilities.

1987

The name Grove City Chrysler Jeep Dodge was registered on October 13, 1987 by Broad Street Garage, Inc.

1988

In 1988, the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad became part of Transtar, Inc.

Note:

In 1988, the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad was purchased by Transtar, Inc. Transtar, Inc. was a privately held transportation holding company with holdings in railroad freight transportation and water transportation operations.



After 1988, there were two subsequent ownership changes of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad.



Transtar sold the railroad to Great Lakes Transportation LLC in 2001. On May 10, 2004, Canadian National Railway acquired the

Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad. It continued to operate the railroad under the Bessemer name.

The name Grove City Veterinary Clinic opened.

Note:

The name Grove City Veterinary Clinic was registered by Deborah Wilson, DVM, on May 26, 1988. The Clinic offered general and emergency pet care.

Facilities were located at 218 Ok Street.

First National Bank of Pennsylvania: Pine Grove Square Branch at Republic Drive, Pine Grove Square, was established on August 8, 1988.

Note:

On December 26, 1989, the Broad Street Branch was established at 160 South Broad Street.

The Franklin YMCA assumed the management of the community Youth and Recreation Center and programs.

Note:

Originally, the YMCA continued the operations in the former National Guard Armory Building where the community program had been operating.

In January 1995, a capital improvement campaign was begun to raise funds to construct a new Grove City facility. By March 1997, \$2.55 million had been raised for the project.

The YMCA had originally accepted an offer of land on Route 208 near the Little League Baseball Fields, but in the end decided upon a seven-acre site at 543 East Main Street Ext. The site is adjacent to the Hillview Intermediate Center (school) where facilities can be shared with the school district.

The facility opened to the public on 1999 as the Grove City YMCA. It included a gymnasium, fitness center, youth center, racquetball Courts, locker rooms, and a swimming pool as well as office spaces.

During 2010, planning was underway for an expansion to the facility.



Grove City Area Chamber Of Commerce was incorporated as a non-profit corporation on March 21, 1988.

Note:

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce was established to foster communication among organizations throughout the community and promote the growth of the area.

The chamber sponsors numerous opportunities directed toward enhancing the local economy, business marketing, and professional growth for businesses.



Davevic Benefit Consultants, Inc. was founded.

Note:

Davevic Benefit Consultants, Inc. was founded in 1988 when Bill Gordon purchased a group insurance accounts from Harshaw's Insurance, Inc.

Davevic's business grew and in 1991 it purchased the Johnson Group Consulting of Meadville, PA.

In 1993, a new facility was opened to meet the company's growing business at 902 South Center Street, Grove City, PA.

In 1994, Davevic Benefit Consultants, Inc. continued to expand and purchased the purchased the group insurance accounts from Sundahl & Co. Insurance of Bradford, PA.

Bill Gordon's son, David Gordon, joined the firm in June of 1994.

An addition to the facility was completed on January 1, 1997 doubling the size of the original facility.

In 2001 a new building was constructed to house the Administrative Services Department. Again, in 2007 completed a building expansion.



Grove City College remodeled Alumni Hall.

Note:

Alumni Hall is located on the second floor of the Physical Learning Center and houses upperclassmen.

As part of the Physical Learning Center \$4.5 million remodeling project, Alumni Hall was renovated.

1989

Context:

A Savings and Loans Crisis created the largest banking collapse since the Great Depression of 1929. Over half the Savings and Loans failed, along with the FSLIC fund that had been created to insure their deposits.

In August 1989, Congress and President George H. W. Bush agreed on a taxpayer-financed bailout measure known as the FIRREA which abolished FSLIC provided \$50 billion to close failed banks and stop further losses.