



Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

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Fall Leaf Collection - Call for an appointment by 10/22.

Benner Township will be conducting its first "On Call" leaf collection. To schedule a leaf pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 and leave your address and phone number no later than 10/22/10. Office staff will then assign you a day to have your leaves gathered for pick up. Guidelines for leaf pick up are:

*Leaves must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on the date that you are scheduled.

*Please pile leaves within five feet of the edge of the road.

*Do not pile leaves on the roadway, in drainage ways or near hydrants.

***Grass or other yard waste (dead flowers, shrubs, etc.) will NOT be collected.** If grass or yard waste is mixed in with your leaves, your pile *won't* be collected.

*Leaves and brush piles must be separated.

*If desired, place tarp over leaf piles to prevent blowing away. Crews will uncover leaves and place your tarp on your property.

Please be patient with Township staff as this is our first time doing this collection and we are uncertain what kind of response we will have.

Fall Brush Collection - October 18th - 22nd CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Benner Township will be conducting its "On Call" brush collection during the week of October 18th. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 and leave your address and phone number. Guidelines for brush collection are:

*Brush must be piled with cut ends of limbs in the same direction towards the street.

*Limbs must be cut to be able to be fed into the chipper. Limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.

*Do not tie brush in bundles.

*Stumps, old firewood, construction material, thorn bushes, grasses, grapevines and plant waste will not be picked up.

*Maintenance crews will not enter private property.

*Crews will spend no more than 20 minutes at one property. If your pile is too large to be chipped in 20 minutes, please make other arrangements.

*Do not pile brush in front of or block fire hydrants or storm drains.

*This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.

Haunted Trail at Buffalo Run Community Park

Saturday, October 23 from 7 to 9 (Rain Date - October 30)

Join us for a free night out and take a walk through the "Haunted Trail at the Buffalo Run Community Park" on Saturday, October 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. October is perfect for ghosts, goblins, and spooks to terrorize trail walkers. This year's trail will offer a Pirates Cove and the Backwoods Hill Billie.

Benner Township wishes to thank Boy Scout Troop 370, the Bellefonte Key Cub, the Logan Fire Police as well as many other volunteers for helping organize the trail again this year. We can always use more volunteers. If you are interested in participating as a "scare character", or have unwanted Halloween items to donate, please contact the Township at 355-1419 or drop them off at 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte.



Bart, No one better even think about taking my treasure. I'll have them walking the plank!



← "Nate" was serving up his goodies last year. "Kayla" was looking for a deal but Nate said that her coupon expired.

Eagle Scout Project Dedicated at Benner Elementary School

Looking for an optional area to take a nice quick stroll in a nature area? Look no further than behind the Benner Elementary School. Life Scout, Tyler McClenahan, along with his family, fellow scouts and leaders from Troop 370, were hard at work over the spring and summer months working on an outdoor classroom area along the Nature Trail behind the school. Tyler chose this as his Eagle Scout project noting that it would benefit not only the teachers and students at the Benner Elementary School, but also the residents of Benner Township. Along with constructing benches and mulching the outdoor classroom area, Tyler also forged an additional path that encircles the outdoor classroom. When complete, the area will include labels for various trees and plants to be used by the school as additional teaching tools. As not to disrupt school activities, the best times to utilize the nature trail are weekends, evenings and during the summer months.

The picture below was taken at the ribbon cutting ceremony that was held last month.

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The purpose of *Crossroads* is to keep you informed about the issues facing Benner Township during this critical *Crossroads* in our development. We hope to inspire you to get involved in the Township that surrounds you.

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Proud of our past, focusing on our future.



Fall Bulk Pick Up

October 11—15 On Your Regular Trash Day

*Do you have questions about what will and will not be collected?
Please call: **Veolia Environmental Services at 237-3713***

IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING ITEMS LEFT BEHIND, RESIDENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

All items **must** be at the curb by 7:00 AM on regular trash pick-up day. *Customers with door service must place bulk waste items at the CURB; bulk items will NOT be collected at the door.*

Items **must** be properly prepared – see preparation notes below, LOOSE PILES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Appliances and tires are collected by a separate truck, please keep these items separate from other bulk wastes: refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners and water heaters. There is a limit of 1 of each type of appliance per household. Duplicate appliances will NOT be removed.

There is a limit of **10 tires** (no greater than 20 inches in diameter; rims removed) per household.

It is recommended NOT to use cardboard boxes as containers, because they are not sturdy enough to lift if they are overfilled or if they get wet. Soggy or overfilled boxes and their contents will NOT be collected. Do NOT overfill collection containers – instead, distribute items into multiple containers.

Keep in mind that there are only 2 workers per collection vehicle during this special collection week! Items that cannot safely be lifted by 2 workers WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

There are some items that either cannot fit on the collection vehicle or will damage the collection vehicle, and will therefore NOT be collected. Examples of such items include, but are not limited to: hot tubs, furnaces, cast iron items, pianos, organs, trailer/boat hitches. Residents must make their own arrangements for disposal of such items.

PROPER ITEM PREPARATION:

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| TIRES – must be removed from rims | CARPETING/PADDING – must be DRY, TIED, and CUT into 4 foot (max) lengths |
| APPLIANCES – doors must be removed | GLASS PANES – must be heavily taped or sealed in a box |
| WOOD/OLD LUMBER – <u>must be CUT to 4 foot (max) length and 12 inch (max) width, and MUST be tied in bundles or placed in a can.</u> Loose piles of wood & lumber (and anything underneath or mixed in with the pile) will NOT be collected. | |
| YES | The following items will be collected: furniture, bedding, appliances (see preparation information above), tires (see preparation information above), BUNDLED old lumber/homeowner-generated small project construction materials (see preparation information above), carpeting (see preparation information above), other oversized items too large to fit into a collection container. |
| NO | The following items will NOT be collected: contractor-generated construction materials , leaves, grass, soil/dirt, concrete, bricks, stones, railroad ties, propane tanks, liquid paints and solvents, batteries, dead animals, unprepared glass panes, unbundled wood/lumber, piles of loose debris or construction materials, tires other than passenger car tires (racing, tractor, etc.), items too large or too heavy for 2 workers to lift, items not prepared as per the above guidelines. For alternative disposal options, please call 238-7005. |

ALL ITEMS THAT ARE ABLE TO BE CANNED/BAGGED MUST BE PLACED IN A BAG OR CAN, OR THEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. LOOSE PILES OF DEBRIS (AS WELL AS ANY ITEMS LOCATED UNDERNEATH LOOSE PILES OF DEBRIS) WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Snow Emergencies—We are ready. Are you?

A snow emergency is declared when snowfall or ice reaches a depth of 2 inches. When this happens, it is the responsibility of all vehicle owners to clear the path for snow plows. Please remember to:

- *Remove your vehicle from the street or berm to avoid ticketing and/or towing.
- *Keep plowed roads clear. Don't throw or blow snow back onto them.

By working together, we can keep the roadways safe.



State Correctional Institution Emergencies

Alert PA Notification System

In late 2009, the Department of Corrections began using the notification system called Alert PA. Alert PA quickly sends emergency messages via text messages to cell phones, pagers and e-mail addresses. Voice notification also is an option. Individuals can register for Alert PA by going to www.pa.gov and clicking on Alerts & Advisories. Users can choose the method of notification and select what type of information they would like to receive. The Web site also contains a Frequently Asked Questions page, and citizens should understand that standard texting rates may apply. To receive text alerts from this system, you **MUST** allow e-mail messaging to your phone.

Individuals are encouraged to sign up for the Alert PA system now. The old system, Rapid Notify, which called residents within a two mile radius of the Institution (when there was an incident) will be discontinued in the future. Before ending the contract with Rapid Notify, D.O.C officials want to ensure that everyone who wants to be notified will be notified. The new system requires residents to register into this system. The majority of people can register via the Internet.

Those who do not have access to the Internet should contact the Critical Incident Manager at the State Correctional Institution @ Rockview by calling (814) 355-4874 Ext. 460. The Critical Incident Manager will take their information and then enter it into the Alert PA system for them.

Officials want to ensure that citizens are utilizing the Alert PA system before ending its contract with Rapid Notify. Don't delay, please take a minute and sign up today.

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