

Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

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Refuse and Recycling Begins in January

Over the past several months your elected officials have been working towards providing all residents with curbside trash and recycling service at a lower cost. In August 2009, Benner Township joined College, Harris, Ferguson and Patton Townships in a contract with Veolia Environmental Services for the 2010 – 2012 collection of refuse and recycling. The Centre Region COG, acting as an agent for the townships, awarded the bid to Veolia after a competitive bidding process that ensures that the monthly collection rate for refuse and recycling stay low. Monthly rates beginning January 1, 2010, will be **\$15.10 for unlimited refuse and recycling collection**. There is also a low usage rate of \$12.05 per month that allows for one 40 pound bag or canister to be disposed of per week.

Beginning January 1, 2010, all residential properties in Benner Township will be required to participate in this program. Working farms greater than 10 acres, multi-family dwellings of 5 or more units, commercial properties, and institutions are not required to participate in curbside collection.

Services associated with the Regional Refuse and Recycling Program include:

- *Weekly refuse and recycling collection
- *Semi-annual bulk waste collection at the curb
- *Curbside Christmas tree collection (January 11th—15th curbside)
- *Hardship program for eligible customers

Residents will be receiving a brochure further describing the services in early December along with an invoice for the 1st quarter of 2010. If you are new to recycling, you should receive a new bin by the end of December. If you don't, please call Veolia at 237-3713.

For additional information, please attend a public information meeting on December 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Building.

CLIP AND SAVE REFUSE AND RECYCLING TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Veolia Environmental Services—237-3713

Contact for questions about your service or billing.

Recycling Hotline -238-6649

For information on what you should and shouldn't put in your red recycling bin.

COG Administration—234-7198

Contact for questions regarding program requirements and problem resolution

Benner Township—355-1419

Contact for concerns regarding program requirements and problem resolution.

<http://cog.centreconnect.org/refuse>

Haunted Trail at Buffalo Run Community Park

Over 600 folks dared to walk through the “Haunted Trail at Buffalo Run Community Park” on Sat., Oct. 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The October night was perfect for ghosts, goblins, and spooks to terrorize trail walkers. At “Nate’s Butcher Shop,” Nate served up his ghoulish delights. Nate offered for sale, cheap meats, but no one seemed to want to buy his tasty treats. The cemetery was littered with bones and creeps, and in “Area 51,” folks were warned to turn back for the aliens had landed and the field was covered in toxic green fog.

Benner Township specially thanks Boy Scout Troop 370, the Bellefonte Key Cub, the Logan Fire Police, Ingram Fuels, as well as many other volunteers for making the trail another great success!

Look for the trail next year in October. Volunteers are needed to participate as “scare characters,” and unwanted Halloween items can be donated to the Township. For interest, contact the Township at 355-1419 or drop items off at 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte.



← “Nate” is serving up his goodies. “Kayla”, an interested customer, is looking for a deal. Nate says her coupon expired. (P.S. Nate Campbell looks a lot different at our Planning Commission Meetings.)

→ “Frank” was a bad boy and was sent to the electric chair. “John” stood guard with his chainsaw to make sure he didn’t escape.



The 2010 Census is Coming. . .

Be Counted!

Being counted is a **BIG** deal to all of us. Census counts determine funding in all areas of government. Townships receive liquid fuel funds from the state each year to maintain township roads. Half of that formula is based on population. Much of the school’s funds are also determined by using census counts. The list goes on and on.



The counts should begin around April. Please do your part and fill out the questionnaire you receive. It equals money for all of us in one area or another. Let’s make sure we get our share of State and Federal Tax dollars distributed back to our region.

Crossroads

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.

Benner Township Municipal Building
1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 355-1419
(814) 355-1448 (Zoning)
(814) 355-0719 (FAX)
www.centreconnect.org

Proud of our past, focusing on our future.

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.



Guide to Recycling

Keep this handy guide near your recycling bin or on the refrigerator.

Mixed Office Paper, Junk Mail, Paperboard, Magazines & Catalogs

Curbside customers should tie with string or place in paper or plastic bags. Cereal boxes, six-pack holders, etc. go here.



- No hardback books (unless covers are removed)
- No blueprints
- No plastic bags in drop-off bins or commercial carts
- Recycle plastic bags at the market

Newspapers, Inserts & Phone Books

Curbside customer should tie with string or place in paper or plastic bags. Keep dry.



- Newspaper inserts may remain
- No wet or yellowed newspaper
- No plastic bags in drop-off bins or commercial carts
- Recycle plastic bags at the market
- Do not mix paperboard with news

Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars

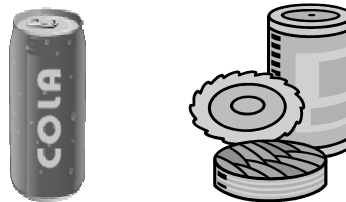
We accept narrow neck plastic bottles, jugs and jars only. Please rinse and remove lids.



- No tubs or trays
- No margarine or yogurt containers
- No buckets
- No plastic cups
- Prescription bottles accepted

Aerosol, Steel & Aluminum Cans/ Aluminum Foil

Non-aerosol cans may be smashed to save space. No Need to remove labels. Please rinse out food and drink. We accept **empty** aerosol and paint cans.



- No bulky scrap metal (scrap metal may be dropped off at the Transfer Station free of charge)
- No liquid paint left in paint cans

Glass Bottles & Jars

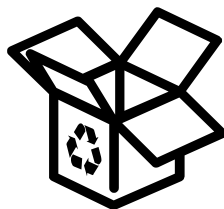
Clear, green and brown bottles and jars. Please rinse and removed lids. Blue glass may be placed with green.



- No light bulbs
- No window glass
- No ceramic containers
- No drinking glasses

Corrugated Cardboard

Dry, corrugated cardboard only. Flatten boxes.



- Corrugated cardboard only
- No paperboard (place with mixed paper)
- No waxed, oily or wet cardboard
- No plastic inserts or packaging peanuts

Need Earned Income Tax Forms?

You can download them at
www.basd.net

2010 Budget

The proposed 2010 Township budget has been prepared and requires no increase in taxes.

Fire Services Update

The Supervisors have been meeting regularly with other elected officials from Spring, Marion, Walker and Bellefonte on a fair contribution to Bellefonte Borough for fire protection expenses but have not been able to come to a basic understanding with the them on this or other regional concerns. In light of the impasse and the possibility that other fire protection arrangements may need to be implemented, we are asking Benner Township citizens who are trained firemen and those who would be willing to serve to contact the Township office (355-1419). We are investigating the establishment of a satellite station within the Township limits that will be associated with an existing fire company. It is the hope of the Supervisors that a regional approach to fire protection will eventually prevail, and we will continue to strive towards that end.

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