



Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

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Zoning Ordinance

The new Benner Township Zoning Ordinance is continuing through its approval process. The draft document will be forwarded to the County Planning Office and Nittany Valley Townships for their 45 day review process this month. The Supervisors' public hearing should take place in November. Updates will be noted on the front page of the Township's website at www.bennertownship.org. Anyone having comments on the new ordinance and map are encouraged to submit them to the Township at 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823 or by email at bennertwp@aol.com

Purdue Mt. Road

On the afternoon of August 24th, the Township was finally able to reopen Purdue Mt. Road to two way traffic. The end of the road down to the Spring Township line near Coleville was closed due to approximately 900 linear feet of road loss which occurred in the rain event in late October 2016. Since the event was declared a federally qualified disaster, Benner Township became eligible for FEMA funds at 75% and PEMA funds of 25%. These funds allowed us to restore the roadway back to the original width with additional drainage and piping. The approximate total cost of this project was **2.2** million dollars. The Board of Supervisors would like to acknowledge township employees for all of the extra tedious work that is required when this type of funding is involved.



VOTE! * VOTE! * VOTE!
VOTE
 Tuesday
 November 6th
 7 am to 8 pm



Trick or Treat

Wednesday, October 31st

6 pm to 8 pm

If you plan to participate, please turn your outside light on.

(ABCs) Authorities, Boards & Commissions

In addition to the oversight of our elected officials, the Township depends upon citizen volunteers to provide support to the Board through participation in a variety of Authorities, Boards and Commissions. (ABCs) Citizen volunteers are appointed by the Board to serve on the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Benner Township Water Authority, Spring Benner Walker Joint Sewer Authority, and the Nittany Valley Rec. Authority. Without the expertise and dedication of our citizen volunteers, local government could not hope to manage the broad spectrum of issues impacting our Township. Our sincere thanks goes out to all who have volunteered over the years and who are thinking about volunteering their time.

If interested in serving on an ABC please submit an application which is available on line at bennertownship.org or by calling (814)355-1419.

Fall Brush Collection - Must call for an pick up by 10/19.

Benner Township will be conducting its Fall "On Call" brush collection. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 and leave your name, address and phone number no later than 10/19. Collection will begin on 10/22 and only go until the list is complete. You **MUST** call to get on the list. 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 for brush. Brush must be at the street edge.
- *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.

Fall Leaf Collection - Call for an appointment by 10/31.

Benner Township will be conducting its Fall "On Call" leaf collection. To schedule a leaf pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 and leave your name, address and phone number no later than 10/31. 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 **will not** be collected.
- *Leaves and brush piles must be separated and placed at the street's edge.
- *If desired, place tarp over leaf piles to prevent blowing away. Crews will uncover leaves and place your tarp back on your property.



We do realize that not all leaves fall at the same time and our road crew will do their best to accommodate. But, there will come a time when collection must cease due to winter weather preparation. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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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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1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 355-1419
(814) 355-1448 (Zoning)
(814) 355-0719 (FAX)
www.bennertownship.org
Proud of our past, focusing on our future.

Still have leaves and brush after the Township's designated collection? Here is what you can do . . .

Benner Township residents will now be able to utilize (in conjunction with Bellefonte Borough and Spring Township) the Bellefonte Composting facility located on Musser Lane in Bellefonte. The facility is open on Saturdays, April through November 17th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. If you desire to go outside of the Saturday operating hours, you may sign out a key with a \$10 deposit during Benner Township's normal office hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday—Friday. The key deposit will be refunded upon the return of the key. If the key is not returned to the office by the end of the day that it is signed out, privileges will be revoked. Items that are acceptable are: grass clippings, tree trimmings and garden debris.

Fall Bulk Pick Up October 15 –19 On Your Regular Trash Day

Do you have questions about what will and will not be collected? Please follow the guidelines provided in your trash bill or a copy of the guidelines can be viewed at: www.crcog.net/refuse Still have questions? Please call: **Advanced Disposal 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.

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.

****Dumping of any of the above materials is illegal and is subject to fines from both the Township and the Centre County Solid Waste Authority. Please use this semi-annual service provided to expose of this waste properly.****

Trash Collection Holidays

If your pickup day falls on or after these dates, there will be a one day delay in collection.

Thanksgiving Day—November 22nd (Thursday)

First Day of Deer Season—November 26th (Monday)

Christmas Day—December 25th (Tuesday)

New Year's Day—January 1st (Tuesday)



Stay informed with Phone & Internet

Get notified of service alerts such as delays and new services by:

1. By Phone: Call Advanced Disposal at 1-800-338-8971 with your home and cell phone numbers.
2. By Internet: Go to Advanced Disposal's website by Googling "Advanced Disposal"; choose State College, PA. Click on "Sign Me up for Services Alerts."

Notes from the Meyer Cemetery Committee

The Committee recently made improvements to the maintenance building inside and out. New display cases have been hung outside of the building with the names and grave numbers of our loved ones. We now also have a display case that represents the Veterans buried here with their military information noted. Please call Janice McCaslin at 814-355-4124 if you find any names that were accidentally missed. The Committee would like to thank Gordon Cain for his great workmanship in crafting these display cases.

We would also like to remind friends and family members that flowers will only be permitted one foot from the front of the grave marker. No artificial flowers, potted flowers, glass or plastic bottles may be left on the graves longer than three weeks from designated holidays. Waste may be discarded in the dumpster. Please help us in keeping our cemetery well maintained.

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Buffalo Run Community Park to be Renamed Benner Township Veterans Park

In conjunction with renaming our park after the well deserved veterans who served our country in all branches of the military in times of conflict and peace, a new brick patio will be installed at the Benner Township Veterans Park. Veteran Tribute Bricks (4" X 8" in size) may be purchased at the cost of \$30 each. For \$30, your brick may be engraved with a Veteran's name, in veteran's font, with up to twenty-five characters including spaces. Order forms are available on the Township's website at www.bennertownship.org You may purchase as many brick as you like. Order forms and checks made payable to "Troop 370" should be mailed to: Preston Evey, P.O. Box 54, Lamar, PA 16848. Mr. Evey is completing this patio as his Eagle Scout project.

Keep Our Roads Clear

Regardless of the time of year, please keep our roads clear of - your basketball hoops, your mowed grass, your raked leaves, your extra snow from your sidewalk and driveway and your trash and recycling containers. These added extras cause clogged storm drains and can make for hazardous driving conditions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

