



Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

Fall 2019

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Zoning Ordinance

The Zoning Ordinance is undergoing final edits to incorporate comments received and changes for consistency. The revised version is being coordinated by the Township Solicitor and is expected to be available for review in late October/November. Once this draft revision is received by the Supervisors and upon review of the changes, public notice will be issued for a hearing prior to eventual adoption. Given the required elements for adoption, passage could occur by the end of December/January.

Act 537 Plan Update

The revisions to the Township's Act 537 plan being prepared by Gwin, Dobson and Foreman, Inc. are nearing completion. The revisions are primarily to consider the extension of public sewer service to unserved areas along Shiloh Road and septic service areas along Rock Road, Big Hollow and Walnut Grove Development. We expect the draft document to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the November 4th meeting. There will be a review and comment period prior to any action being taken.

Comprehensive Plan Update Hearing Scheduled

The Nittany Valley Joint Regional Planning Commission consisting of elected officials from Benner, Marion, Spring and Walker Townships and Bellefonte Borough with the assistance of the Centre County Planning Office has completed the update of the 2004 Joint Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing with the intent to adopt this update has been scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central PA Institute of Science and Technology, 540 N. Harrison Road, Pleasant Gap, PA 16823. A copy of the update can be found on the Township's website at www.bennertownship.org

Benner Township Veterans Park

We would like to issue a big THANK YOU to Preston Evey for this gorgeous brick patio display in our park as a memorial to our well deserved veterans. Preston completed this project for his Eagle Scout Award. Veteran Tribute Bricks (4" X 8" in size) may be still 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 at the Township office or on the Township's website at www.bennertownship.org Order forms and checks made payable to "Benner Township" should be mailed to: Benner Township, 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Orders should be placed no later than January 15th. Bricks will be installed in the spring. We encourage residents to stop and look at this wonderful tribute.



On the left is a small sample of the bricks that have been installed.

VOTE! *VOTE! *VOTE!
VOTE
 Tuesday
 November 5th
 7 am to 8 pm

Trick or Treat
 Thursday, October 31st
 6 pm to 8 pm
 If you plan to participate, please turn your outside light on.

Fall Brush Collection - Must call 355-1419 by 10/25.

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 10/25. Collection will begin on 10/28 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 11/15.

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 11/15. 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.
- *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.

Still have leaves and brush after the Township's designated collection?

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.bennertownship.org
Proud of our past, focusing on our future.

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 23rd 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 21 – 25 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

Christmas Day

New Year's Day



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."

Mark your calendars . . . Advanced Disposal will be picking up Christmas trees for recycling on your normal garbage day the week of January 6th—10th. Please remove all decorations before placing your tree at the curb.



Notes from the Meyer Cemetery Committee

The Committee would like to remind friends and family members that flowers will only be permitted one foot from the front of the grave marker. Eternal lights should be no higher than the tombstones. For flat markers, lights should be no higher than 12". We are asking that no more than two lights be placed per grave. For maintenance reasons, no shepherd poles should be placed on the grave sites. Waste may be discarded in the dumpster. Please help us in keeping our cemetery well maintained.

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1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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PERMIT NO. 213

Common Resident Complaints

The Township office has been receiving increasing complaints with regards to:

1. Dogs leaving their owner's property and running at large.
2. People speeding and not adhering to the posted speed limits.
3. Parking on streets where no parking is indicated.
4. Un-maintained properties and yards.

There are laws on the books for most of these complaints. We ask that residents be mindful of the people around you and try to be good neighbors. We also ask, that when possible, please try to resolve issues among yourselves before involving law enforcement.

Harold Meyer Retires

Harold Meyer, Benner Township Road Department employee since 1987, has decided to retire. Benner Township looks a little different from when Harold started working for the Township 32 years ago. Thank you Mr. Meyer for a job well done. We hope you enjoy your retirement!



Looking to start some early Christmas shopping or need a birthday gift?

Copies of the hard backed/bound Benner Township History Book titled "Benner Township 150 Years of Families, Forging, Farming, Fishing and Flying" are still available at the cost of \$15 and make a great gift. Books may be purchased at the Township Offices.

