

# Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

Fall— 2021

## Township Building Loan is Paid off!

The Benner Township Supervisors and staff are happy to announce that the loan for the new municipal building has been paid off. The building was paid for with the Patron Parking tax funds that the Township has received since 2004. The parking tax is paid by those who utilize the parking lot at the University Park Airport while traveling.



## Compost Facility **\*\*New Hours\*\***

The composting facility that Benner Township utilizes with Bellefonte Borough and Spring Township at 264 Musser Lane, Bellefonte will be changing its hours to the following:

Monday—Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Friday— 5:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Saturdays—7:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. *(Saturday hours will end for the season on November 6th)*

Operating Hours and the possibility of key cards needing to be utilized will be discussed in January. Anyone utilizing the composting facility after the new year should contact the Township (814)355-1419 about any new information on hours and key cards/codes.

## New Development Proposals in the Township

Some of the new projects that have been submitted and are currently going through the approval process to be built in the Township include:

**\*Giant** - This projects includes a grocery store, gas pumps, three fast food restaurants, and a medical/office building at the corner of Benner Pike and Fisherman's Paradise Road.

**\*Harvest Meadows**—This project proposes 81 single family homes and 236 townhomes. This proposed development is located along Fillmore Road next to the Village of Nittany Glen Development

**\*Belle Rose Townhomes**—A ten unit townhome development along the Benner Pike.

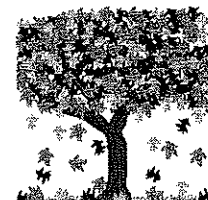
**\*Happy Valley Blending**—A new warehouse facility located in Benner Commerce Park.

**\*University Park Airport**—Runway rehabilitation

**\*Centre County Airport Authority**—New maintenance facility building located in Airport Park.

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# Vote

Election day is Tuesday, November 2nd

## 2021 Fall Bulk Pick Up

2021 fall bulk pick up will be held on the week of:

**October 18**

on your normal garbage day.

Please follow the guidelines provided in your trash bill or a copy of the guidelines may be viewed at :

**[www.crcog.net/refuse](http://www.crcog.net/refuse)**

If you have questions about what will and will not be collected after viewing this list, please call Waste Management at (866) 272-6861 or COG at (814)234-7198.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS—

Garbage collection will be delayed one day for Thursday and Friday collections the week of Thanksgiving. There will be no change in collection for Christmas or New Year's Days.



Christmas Tree Collection will take place the week of January 17th on your normal garbage day. Trees will be collected this week only, must be free of ice and snow and no taller than 6' (please cut larger trees and keep trees under cover until your collection day). All decorations must be removed.

## Fall Leaf Collection - November 1st - Please read

### **\*\*NEW GUIDELINES\*\***

Benner Township will be conducting its Fall residential leaf collection starting on **November 1st** weather permitting. Crews will collect leaves one time on a street by street basis. (No need to call for an appointment.)

**Please note, once your street has been collected on or after November 1st, crews will NOT be returning.** You may see crews collecting leaves prior to November 1st, however, this will not affect the pick up schedule.

Guidelines for leaf pick up are:

- \*Leaves must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on 11/1
- \*Do **NOT** pile leaves on roadway, in drainage ways or near fire hydrants.
- \*Leaves more than 8 feet from roadway or near obstructions (trees, shrubbery, mailboxes, etc.) will **NOT** be collected due to machine limitations.
- \*Grass or other yard waste (sticks, flowers, shrubs, etc.) will **NOT** be collected. If grass or yard waste is mixed with your leaves, your pile will **NOT** be collected.
- \*If desired, place a tarp over leaf piles to prevent them from blowing away. Crews will uncover leaves and place your tarp back on your property.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## Fall Brush Collection—

**Call 355-1419 by October 22nd to get on the list.**

The Township will be conducting its Fall "On Call" brush collection. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 no later than October 22nd. **Brush will need to be at the street ready for pick up on October 25th by 7 a.m.**

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, vines 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 piles 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.

Join Us For  
**Trunk  
or  
Treat**  
October 31st

6 to 8 p.m.

At the Benner Township Building  
1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte

Sponsored by the  
Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church  
Please check social media for updates.  
Church Facebook: gbrvumc

Trick or Treating for the area (Bellefonte Borough, Spring, and  
Benner Townships) has jointly been scheduled for  
October 31st from 6 to 8.

### New Zoning Ordinance Adopted

After countless hours and many years undergoing reviewing and revisions, the new Benner Township Zoning Ordinance was officially adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 2, 2021. Ordinance 134 is now the Township's only Zoning Ordinance and can be found on the Township's web page at [www.bennertownship.org](http://www.bennertownship.org)

The new Zoning Ordinance simplifies the document and is more user friendly than the previous zoning ordinance.



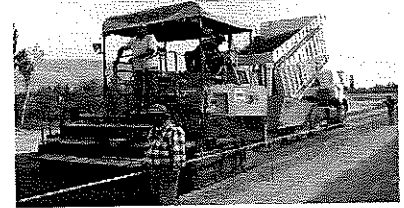
Want to know what is on an upcoming meeting agenda?  
Agendas are posted on the Township's web site at

[www.bennertownship.org](http://www.bennertownship.org)

Agendas are posted at a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. Due to the process of adding agenda items once the agenda is posted is the reason that the agendas are not posted more in advance than it is.

### 2021 Road Work

The 2021 paving projects for the year are complete. This year the township paved sections of Rock Road, Purdue Mt. Road, Upper Gyp Road, as well as all of Valley View Place and West Water Street. Widening was also completed on sections of Fillmore Road. The total cost of this work was just under \$400,000.00.



### Neighborly Reminders

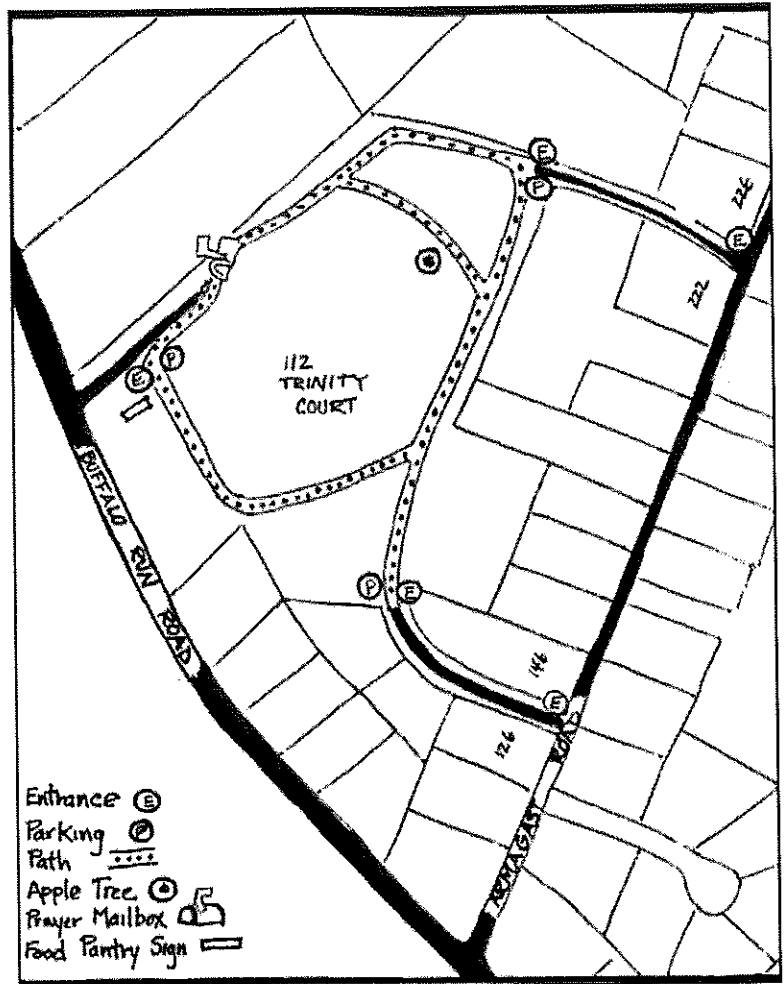
The Township has heard from a few township residents that others have been hunting (including setting up tree stands) and trespassing on their property without permission. While hunting or hiking on private property, please get permission of the property owner. The game commission has now acknowledged purple spray painting on trees to be the same as posting the property with posted signs. Those having issues with hunting violations should contact the game commission by emailing them at

[pgc-ncregion@pa.gov](mailto:pgc-ncregion@pa.gov)



## Walking Path Open for the Community

If you enjoy walking at a leisurely pace or if you like to power-walk on grass instead of concrete, this walking path at 112 Trinity Court is for you! The path is on the 14 acre property that is the site for the future Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC. The walking path is open for all to use. The grass walking path is a half mile long and is 23' wide, marked by stakes with ribbons. There are 3 turquoise marked entrances to the walking path. Two off of Armagast Road and one off of Buffalo Run Road. Park near the parking signs. The path is open from dawn to dusk. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the path. Come walk the trail and renew your mind, body and spirit. Any questions regarding the trail can be directed to the church office at (814) 355-2208.



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