

# Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

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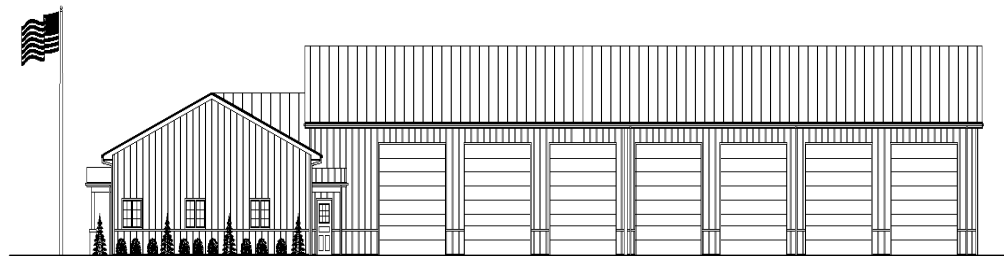
Spring 2016

## NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING PLANNED

As the Township's population increases and more roads are added to our care, additional space is needed to support the employees and equipment required for Township service. Our road related equipment is expensive, so we strive for a twenty year useful life on most of our machines. As a result, proper housing, storage and especially winter maintenance is critical.

As we have discussed in earlier news letters and at our various meetings and work sessions, we are nearing the final design for a replacement facility. The condition and age of the current building require the demolition of that building with the new larger building constructed approximately on the existing site. Design plans are 90% complete awaiting only the mechanical systems. The supervisors hope to have a bid package together for the competitive bidding process in May with a possible award in June.

How are we paying for this? On July 1, 2004, the Township enacted a patron parking tax of ten percent in lieu of property taxes. Currently, this tax is collected at the parking lots at the University Park Airport. Since 2004, this tax revenue has been designated for use in capital replacement projects in a Capital Reserve Fund. The funds that have accumulated here will be applied to this project and are expected to cover most of the project. Should any additional funding be required, a capital loan will be obtained with all debt service paid by the monthly parking tax revenue. Depending upon the final design and subsequent bids, our projections are that the new facility may have a debt payment for as little as two years.



## ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Benner Township Planning Commission is continuing to review the proposed Zoning Ordinance. The Commission is going through the draft document and will eventually review the entire ordinance and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve the revision. The proposed document would replace the existing Zoning Ordinance. Before the Planning Commission makes its recommendation, we will host a public meeting to review the proposal and highlight potential changes. You are encouraged to participate in the process as the Planning Commission meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the Municipal Building at 7:00 PM. The latest version of the ordinance proposed is posted on the Township website.

## Spring Brush Collection - Call for an appointment by April 22

Benner Township will be conducting its Spring "On Call" brush collection. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 **no later than April 22nd** for an appointment. 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 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.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

### Centre County Solid Waste Authority

238-7005

253 Transfer Road

Bellefonte, PA 16823

Friday, April 29th  
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30th  
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



**What can you bring?** Insecticides, weed killers, pool chemicals, cleaners, poisons, corrosives, flammables, oil based paints, CFL bulbs, fluorescent tubes and most other hazardous chemicals from households only.

**This collection is NOT for:** latex paint, used motor oil, antifreeze, medications and alkaline batteries. Please call with any questions—238-7005.

## Spring Creek Watershed Clean Up Saturday - April 23rd



The annual Spring Creek Watershed Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Anyone wishing to help out should come to the Township Building (1224 Buffalo Run Road) Saturday morning (8 a.m.) for glove and bag supplies. If you are aware of an area that needs cleaned up or want to volunteer please call Genie Robine at 355-2530.

**Attention High School Students**—If you are in need of community service hours, here is an opportunity to get some.

All volunteers are invited to a "Thank You!" picnic lunch sponsored by ClearWater at the Spring Creek Park after the Clean up.

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

*Proud of our past, focusing on our future.*

## Spring Bulk Pick Up May 16—21 On Your Regular Trash Day

Please follow the guidelines provided in your trash bill or a copy of the guidelines can be viewed at: [www.crcog.net/refuse](http://www.crcog.net/refuse)

## Township Road Projects Planned

The Township's tentative road improvement projects for this year include the following:

**Road base repairs and pavement overlay:**

T-383 Purdue Mt. Rd. .56 miles

**Fibermat application:**

T-384 Robinson Lane .55 miles

T-377 Seibert Road .44 miles

T-533 Rolling Ridge Dr. .20 miles

T-383 Purdue Mt. Rd. .36 miles

T-787 Edward Drive .41 miles

**Micro-pave application:**

T-789 Millgate Road .98 miles

T-788 Saint Paul Circle .21 miles

**Tar and chipping:**

On various dirt and gravel roads as funds allow.

Projects could be deleted or added depending upon the bids received.



## Construction Zones. Slow Down! Give Them a "BRAKE".

Spring time signals the beginning of road repairs and construction. While it is easy to day-dream on a beautiful day, please pay special attention to road signage that will alert you to road workers in the area. **STOP** means **STOP**. It doesn't mean to simply slow down and go out around where work is taking place. If it were safe for you to go out around, we wouldn't have employees directing traffic. It is our goal to get you on your way as quickly as possible. Please be patient. The improvements and maintenance taking place is for the traveling public. Unfortunately, it can't be done at night when there is less traffic. Keep our employees safe by obeying work zone signage. Traffic violations double in work zones.



## Spring Creek Canyon Trail

Construction of Phase I of the Spring Creek Canyon Trail is planned for later this year. The trees have been cut where an additional parking lot will be built along Rock Road. The township is currently awaiting permit approvals from the Conservation District and the Department of Environmental Protection. Once permits are approved, the project can be placed out for bids. The trail surface aggregate path will extend from the Rock Road parking lot down to the Shiloh Road area of the Spring Creek Canyon. The majority of the trail will be ADA accessible.

The Township along with ClearWater Conservancy will be submitting a C2P2 grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources this spring for Phase II of the trail. Phase II of the trail will focus on converting the existing path along the stream at Shiloh Road to a dirt and gravel standard road for an additional 2 miles.

## Meyers Cemetery Association Notice

**Attention:** Graves at the Meyers Cemetery must be cleaned off no later than April 23rd. To allow for proper cemetery lawn maintenance, when planting flowers, please only plant them no more than one foot in front of the grave markers. Thank you for your cooperation!

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1224 Buffalo Run Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

PRESORTED STANDARD

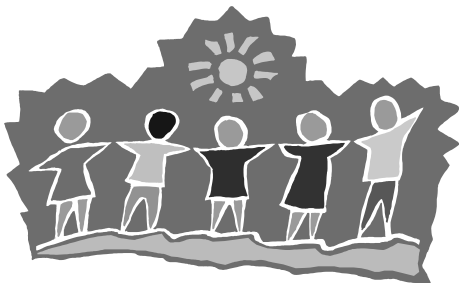
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## Summer Park & Rec.

Summer Park and Recreation is scheduled for **June 20th through July 29th** for children ages 5 through 12. Children need to be **5 by June 1 and no older than 12 by June 1**. Camp entrance fees this year are—\$35 per child for Benner Township residents and \$125 per child for non-residents. Camp registration forms will be available to download on the Township's website [www.bennertownship.org](http://www.bennertownship.org) in May. If you don't have the ability to download documents, please call the Township Building at 355-1419 and we will see that one is sent to you. To assist in planning and when possible, we are asking that registrations be returned to the township by June 3rd.



## Septic Management

The Township is now beginning its third year of the septic management program. By the end of this year, all properties on septic systems should have either pumped their septic tank(s) or pumped their system and had their system physically inspected. Rita Herr, the Septic Management Plan Administrator can be reached at (814) 470-0606. She will also have office hours at the Township Building from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 5/2, 6/6, 7/7, and 8/1 and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on April 13, 20 and 27; May 11, 18, and 25; June 1, 15, 22, and 29; July 13, 20, and 27.



