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The Newsletter of Benner Township

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Revised Zoning Ordinance Nearing Completion

The Benner Township Zoning Ordinance is nearing a final draft. The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors has been working on this draft for some time now, and we expect both the Ordinance and the revised Township Zoning Map to be available for review starting mid April.

Most of the effort to update this document (last changed in 2009) has centered on making it simpler to understand and use. A summary table of uses and definitions will now be at the front of the ordinance referenced to each of the land use categories.

The significant changes within the ordinance are primarily the reduction in the actual number of defined zones from eleven currently to eight proposed. For example, the current ordinance contains three different industrial use districts, each with somewhat different definitions but each also containing many common definitions. These three districts are now combined into one industrial zone with a single consistent definition. The Township map will have only minor changes reflecting specific rezoning that has occurred since the last update and a few other boundary changes.

The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will be holding public hearings on the documents in the coming months. Please see the Township's website:

www.bennertownship.org

for announcements on the hearings and to view a copy of the draft document and zoning map. These documents should be available around mid April.

Brush Composting Location Change

The brush drop off area at the Township Building will no longer be accepting brush. 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 the end of October 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.



Spring Brush Collection - Call for an appointment by April 27

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 27nd** 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 27th
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28th
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 21st



The annual Spring Creek Watershed Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 21st. Anyone wishing to help out should come to the Township Building (1224 Buffalo Run Road) Saturday morning (8 a.m.) for gloves 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.

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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.

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.

Spring Bulk Pick Up May 7—11 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 Mark your calendars . . . Fall bulk pick up will be during the week of **October 15th** on your normal garbage day.

New Additions—Coming Soon

Several land development plans are working their way through the approval process in the Township. Construction should be starting or finishing up on the following projects:

- *Sullivan’s Mini Storage—added an additional mini storage building Penn Eagle Industrial Park
- *Rockview State Police Barracks is getting a new facility in Benner Commerce Park
- *Keystone Payroll—will be building a new office building in Airport Park
- *Dunkin Donuts—should be moving ground soon off of the Benner Pike. This includes a drive-thru window.
- *All Storage Solutions—will be constructing a mini storage building as well as a storage facility for RVs. This facility will be located at the intersection of Fox Hill Road and Rock Road at the end of the airport property.
- *Nittany Express—will be constructing a facility to house their taxi cab business in Airport Park
- *Handy Delivery—is adding storage buildings to their facility in Airport Park

**Construction Zones.
Slow Down! Give Them
a “BRAKE”.**



Important Trash & Recycling Dates for 2018

HOLIDAYS: If your weekly pick up day falls on or after the following Holidays, your trash and recycling service will be delayed by one (1) day during the week of the holiday:

- January 1—New Year’s Day
- May 28—Memorial Day
- July 4—4th of July
- September 3—Labor Day
- November 22—Thanksgiving Day
- November 26—First Day of Buck Season
- December 25—Christmas Day

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:

Monday—Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority
253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 238-7005

**Backyard Compost Workshop
Millbrook Marsh
May 6th at 1 p.m. or May 30th at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard waste into black gold! Join Mimi Cooper to learn the basics of backyard composting; why it’s important to compost, what to add and not to add to a compost pile, how to maintain a compost pile, and how to use finished compost. The cost is \$20 and attendees will receive an Earth Machine composter. Visit <http://www.crpr.org/> (search backyard composting) or call (814)231-3071 to register.

Meyers Cemetery Association Notice

The Cemetery Committee is asking that the graves in the Meyers Cemetery be cleaned off no later than the last week of April and again the last week of September. All remaining items will be discarded. Holiday decorations should be removed no later than three weeks after a holiday. You may discard your cemetery trash in the dumpster.

To allow for proper cemetery lawn maintenance, please plant flowers no more than one foot in front of the grave markers.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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Benner Township
1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823

PRESORTED STANDARD

U.S. POSTAGE

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PERMIT NO. 213

Summer Park & Rec.

Summer Park and Recreation is scheduled for **June 25th through August 3rd** 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 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 9th. Camp will be held back at the Township Building, 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte, this summer as construction on the new building is now complete.



Purdue Mt. Road Update

Purdue Mt. Road remains closed at this time. Two repaired sections collapsed after a weekend rain storm just before the roadway was scheduled to be reopened last fall. Core sample drilling was done on these new areas to determine what would be needed to fix the road. Engineering, based on the core samples, determined that additional pile and lag walls would be needed in these areas. This information was given to FEMA/PEMA for their review and consideration. HRI, Inc. the Township's contractor, is ready to proceed with the additional repairs once final written confirmation is received by the Township. Updates, when available, will be placed on the township's website.



