



Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

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Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan Update

Benner Township is contemplating an expansion to our municipal sewer service in order to bring service to the area of Walnut Grove/Rock Road as well as extend service to the areas around Shiloh Road. The project would be designed, bid and constructed by our service provider, SBWJA. The project will be funded by various funding mechanisms available to SBWJA. No Township tax funds are used for public sewer expansion.

The construction schedule, if approved, suggests initial construction sometime in the spring/summer of 2020 although design, permitting and approvals combined with construction season conditions could move the project completion into 2021.

As currently envisioned, the project will bring public sewer to 75 existing homes, 10 to 12 new home sites and the unserved/undeveloped areas along the Shiloh Road interchange.

If approved, homeowners will be responsible for the expense of constructing the "lateral" sewer drain line from their home to the tap that will be installed onto each property. As the project proceeds into detailed design, SBWJA will work with homeowners to identify the best route in order to minimize expenses wherever possible. The tapping fee for each new residential connection is \$2,500. It is likely that the Township will waive the next round of septic management plan participation in this projected project area.

The Township and SBWJA have had several sessions with homeowners to answer as many questions as possible. We have initiated the required engineering study which forms as an amendment to our approved Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. That study will take approximately 90 to 120 days, and will be available for public review and comment prior to adoption.

Township officials are also working with Columbia Gas to evaluate the possibility of adding public gas service to the Walnut Grove area and perhaps other areas. If we are able, we hope to have Columbia Gas at a future meeting to talk about the process of constructing gas service lines in a similar time-frame to the sewer project in order to minimize disruptions. Please watch our website www.bennertownship.org for updates and/or meeting notices on this possible expansion.

Zoning Ordinance Update

As we have been reporting for some time now, the township is near the end of the process to create and implement a new zoning ordinance. Our prior Zoning Ordinance was implemented in 2009 and has been, at times, cumbersome and overly complex. The proposed zoning ordinance is available for review on the township's website: www.bennertownship.org

During the past several months we have received written comments from residents, neighboring townships and the County Planning Office. We plan to work through those various comments with the help of our Planning Commission to try to reach a good balance between all of the various needs/aims of our residents and land owners. We will be maintaining a list of proposed changes/revisions on the website which will be incorporated into the next draft version. It is the hope of the Board that we can collect these changes in the next two months and be in a position to circulate a final draft version in June.

Spring Brush Collection - Call for an appointment by April 26

Benner Township will be conducting its Spring "On Call" brush collection. You **MUST** call 355-1419 to get on the list for a brush pick up. Brush must be at the curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 29th. Actual pick up day will depend on weather and length of list. Guidelines for brush collection are as follows:

- *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.
- *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.
- *Do not tie brush in bundles.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



Centre County Solid Waste Authority

238-7005

253 Transfer Road

Bellefonte, PA 16823

Friday, April 26th
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27th
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 20th



The annual Spring Creek Watershed Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Anyone wishing to help out should come to the Township Building (1224 Buffalo Run Road) Saturday morning (8 a.m.) for gloves and bags. 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 Week of May 13th 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 21st** on your normal garbage day.

Cleaning out your house? Think of ReStore.

When getting ready for your bulk waste pickup, please consider if any of your items could be donated to ReStore instead of being trashed. ReStore is operated by Habitat for Humanity and offers home improvements items, building materials and supplies. 100% of ReStore's profits go to Habitat for Humanity to help fulfill its mission of providing quality homes to deserving, working families. Some of the items they accept are: appliances, storage and organization items, cabinets, countertops, lumber, doors, trim, electrical, roofing, flooring, heating and cooling, plumbing, hardware, seasonal décor, fasteners, seasonal supplies, home décor, windows, drywall, metal scrap and tools. For more information or to arrange a pick up please call (814)353-2390, ext. 3 or Email: restore@habitatgcc.org Store hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ReStore is located at 1155 Zion Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823

Township Road Improvements Planned

The Township has the following road improvements planned for this upcoming paving season:

Pavement overlay:

Rock Road—from SR550 to Fox Hill Road

Rock Road—from the parking lot of the Spring Creek Canyon Trail to 668 Rock Road

Fox Hill Road- from the intersection of Rock Road to the intersection of High Tech Road

Fillmore Road- from the intersection of SR550 to the Fox Ridge Development

Raymond's Lane—the entire roadway (SR550 to Seibert Road)

Micro surfacing:

Willowbend Drive

Weeping Court

Salix Drive

Sapling Drive

Tar and Chipping:

Rock Road- Fox Hill Road to Barns Lane

Lower Gyp

Portions of Barns Lane, Breon's Lane and Fishburn Hill Road

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



Brush/Grass/Leaves Composting

Benner Township residents may 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, beginning April 6th 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.



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Bellefonte, PA 16823

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PERMIT NO. 213

Summer Park & Rec.

Summer Park and Recreation is scheduled for **June 24th through August 2nd** 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—\$50 per child for Benner Township residents and \$150 per child for non-residents. Camp registration forms and handbook/calendar are available to download on the Township's website www.bennertownship.org. 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, when possible, we are asking that registrations be returned to the township by June 10th. Camp will be held at the Township Building, 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte.



Warmer Weather Reminders



As temperatures warm and the grass starts to grow . . . please remember not to blow grass cuttings onto any roadway or public sidewalk. Grass clippings on roadways pose a serious danger to motorcycle and bicycle traffic and can easily clog stormwater drains creating additional hazards to the traveling public and private property.

Meyers Cemetery 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. Effective 10/1/19 no eternal lights, dusk to dawn lights, aluminum or rod iron hanging baskets or balloons are to be left or placed on the graves. 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!

