

Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

Boards and Commissions

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Spring 2015

A big thank you to Genevieve Robine and Michael Anthony for the time and effort they invested in the Township over the past several years by serving on the Planning Commission. We encourage residents to get involved in the township. Below is a list of the various township Boards and their meeting dates and times. Get involved, attend a meeting.

Board of Supervisors

1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

David Wise, Chairman
Randy Moyer, V. Chairman
Mark Capriani

Water Authority

3rd Tuesdays each month at 6:30 p.m.

Gary Shultz
Andrew Swales
Tom Eby
Jerrold May
Steve Lanich

Zoning Hearing Board

Meet as needed.

Ian Henderson
Frank Densovich
Ed Galus

Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Nate Campbell
Jim Swartzell
Lee Copper
Willis Houser
Paul Kurtz
Sherry-Dawn Jackson
Greg Jeffries

Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority*

2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m.

William Hughes
Timothy Miller
Dan Hoffman
* meetings held at 170 Irish Hollow Rd.
Bellefonte, PA

Township Tax Contacts/Deadlines

Real Estate Tax Collector : Janet Houser—(814)355-2441 Office Hours: Wednesdays 5 to 7

County/Township Real Estate Tax Bill:

At 2% discount deadline is April 30th
May 1—June 30 at face amount
On or after July 1 at 10 % penalty
Last day to pay is December 31st

Want a receipt of payment for year end taxes? Include a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Earned Income Taxes/Local Service Taxes: Centre Tax Agency—(814)278-4709

Deadline to file is April 15th. Download forms or file electronically at www.statecollegepa.us

Know what's below. Dial 811 before you dig.

Spring Brush Collection - Call for an appointment by April 24

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 24th** 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, May 1st
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 2nd
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Spring Creek Watershed Clean Up—Saturday - April 25th

The annual Spring Creek Watershed Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 25th. 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. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided.



**Spring Bulk Pick Up
May 18—22 *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

Organics Recycling Survey

We want to hear what you think. Are you interested in organic recycling? This would include yard trimmings, grass clippings and food scraps. These items account for 40 to 60% of waste that goes to the landfill. Take our survey at

www.crcog.net/organicsrecycling

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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.

Road Projects Planned

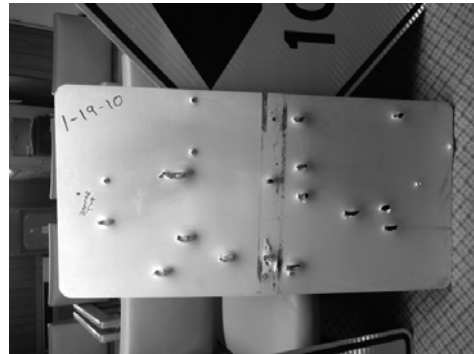
The tentative 2015 *township* road projects are as follows:

- *Pipe replacement projects on Barns Lane (at the intersection of Rock Road), on Rock Road, and Big Hollow Road.
- *Resurfacing approximately 5,300 feet of Purdue Mt. Road, as well as patching several other areas and improving drainage. Several other roads, if funds remain, will be tar and chipped.

Projects could be added or scaled back depending on final bid prices.

Vandalism - Costs you \$ If you see it, report it.

Take a look at the pictures below. Someone thought that it would be “fun” and “cool” to use some township signs for target practice. Their little exercise of vandalism just cost the tax payers of Benner Township \$218.00 plus labor to replace them. Pretty “cool” huh?



These stunts result in senseless spending of tax money that could be better spent maintaining roads, our township parks, or our equipment. If you see acts of vandalism taking place, report it. Incidents should be reported to the State Police—Rockview Barracks at 355-7545.

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

Spring time signals the beginning of road repairs and construction. While it is easy to daydream 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.



No Parking & Tow Away Zones

Residents over the past several weeks/months may have noticed the installation of “No Parking” and/or “Tow Away Zone” signs installed along certain roads in the Township. We are asking for your cooperation in adhering to these regulatory signs. Vehicles parked in the areas designated are subject to ticketing and/or towing. This has become necessary for the safety of pedestrians, vehicular traffic, emergency personnel and property. Ordinance 124 can be viewed on the Township's website at



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD

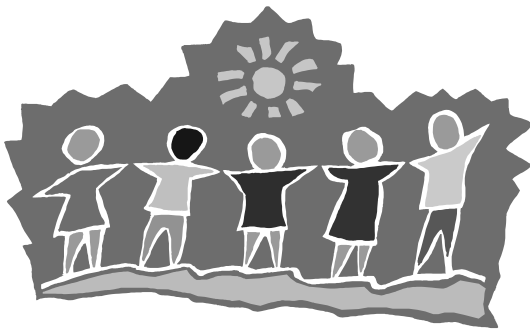
U.S. POSTAGE

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STATE COLLEGE, PA
PERMIT NO. 213

Summer Park & Rec.

Summer Park and Recreation is scheduled for **June 22nd through July 31st** 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, we are asking that registrations be returned to the township by June 5th.



Need a permit?

Looking to begin a Spring building project? Whether you are putting in a pre-made storage shed, erecting a new sign, building a new house, erecting a garage, or building an addition to your home, you will probably need a permit. If you are unsure if you need a permit, consider calling the Township office before you begin.

The Township's website has permit applications available to download and print. (www.bennertownship.org - look under supplemental at the top of the main page) The Township can take up to thirty days to process a permit, but in a lot of cases, a Zoning Permit can be processed in just a few days! If a building permit is required for your project, applications and documents should be dropped off at the township office for pick up by the Township's Building Code Official for review.

Feel free to contact the Township at (814) 355-1448 for any questions you may have concerning permitting and fees.



