



Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

Summer 2025

REMINDER—Real Estate Tax Bills will have a new look

The School District Tax bills have been mailed out. If you have not yet received your school district real estate tax bill, contact our tax collector, Jessica Bradley at (814)574-5087. Please keep in mind that the bills have been directly mailed from the company that is printing them and will be a self sealing mailer that you will need to tear off the sides to open. We just don't want you to discard them as junk mail. If your taxes were sent to your escrow company for the County and Township billing, they were sent on to them for this billing as well. Jessica will have office hours at her home located at 152 Willow Bend Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823 on **Tuesdays** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the months of **August and September**. Other times are available by appointment by calling (814)574-5087. Jessica also has a drop box at her home for payments made outside of normal business hours. If you wish to make payments in person and have a disability, please call ahead to make arrangements. All tax payers mailing their payments and needing a receipt, **MUST** include a self addressed **STAMPED** envelope as well as both sections of the bill for your receipt to be returned to you. Please keep in mind, if you plan to file for a property tax /rent rebate you will need a tax receipt to complete your filing. Please review your check before mailing to insure that all of the necessary information is filled in with the correct amounts, date and signature. See below when your bills are due depending on what school district you live in.

Bellefonte Area School District

2% Discount Period
August 1—September 30

Face Value
October 1—November 30

10% Penalty
December 1—31

State College Area School District

2% Discount Period
July 1—August 31

Face Value
September 1— October 31

10% Penalty
November 1—December 31

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Latest Township Development News

- *The Avid/Candlewood Hotel off of Amberleigh Lane is finishing up construction and hopes to have an occupancy permit by the end of August.
- *The Tru Hotel by Hilton is a busy construction site on the hill behind G.M. McCrossin along the Benner Pike. They hope to be welcoming guests later this fall.
- *Construction continues on the Amazon Warehouse in Benner Commerce Park. Their goal is to be operational by the end of the year.
- *Antennas are being placed on the new cell tower along Raspberry Lane off of Buffalo Run Road. Fingers crossed that cell phone service improves shortly for those living in and traveling through that area.
- *Harvest Meadows Phase II, has started installing utility infrastructure.
- *Benner Mills will be starting construction shortly. This townhome development will link Amberleigh Lane to Valentine Hill Road.

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Are you ready for an Emergency? Ready.gov is there to help.

September is national preparedness month. Are you ready for a disaster? Do you and your family have a plan? As we have seen over the last several years, disasters can strike just about anywhere at anytime to anyone. Wildfires, floods, cyber attacks, power outages, etc. Have you considered the supplies that you may need to take care of your kids, the older adults in your family and a family member with a disability or someone who needs medical devices after a disaster? Have you thought about what your pet(s) may need? Do you know where you and your pets would go if you were told to evacuate if an emergency or disaster happens? A friend's house? A relative's house? Have you thought about how you would keep important documents, family mementos, heirlooms and treasured possessions safe in case of a disaster? Do you have water resistant plastic bags or containers to put them in? Have you made digital copies of documents and photos?

By visiting the **Ready.gov** webpage you will have access to several documents that will help you prepare for an emergency. It has fillable family emergency plans, information on how to keep your important documents safe, as well as what to pack in your emergency preparedness bag.



Fall Brush Collection—Call 355-1419 by October 17th 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 17th. **Brush will need to be at the street, ready for pick up, on October 20th 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, plant waste, or small sticks 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.

Leaf Collection

Benner Township will be conducting its Fall **residential** leaf collection starting on **October 27th** weather permitting. Crews will collect leaves on a street by street basis. (No need to call for an appointment.) If leaves drop early, you may see crews collecting leaves prior to October 27th. We will continue to collect leaves as long as snow/weather conditions permit. Guidelines for leaf pick up are:

*Place leaves curbside.

*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.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please note that the Township no longer permits the burning of leaves as per Ordinance 138.



Latest Township Development News

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*The final plan of “The Cascade” has been submitted to the County for approval. This mixed residential/commercial development is located in Airport Park across from the State College Regional Airport.

*WaWa is still planned for the Benner Pike across from Sheetz in front of Greystone Court.

*More commercial development is in the works for the 13.26 acre lot between G.M. McCrossin and the County jail—stay tuned.

Updated Website Launched — bennertownship.org

The Township’s new website is now live. You can find contact information that you may need for water, sewer, garbage, state police, tax collectors, zoning department, road department, etc. Permit applications can be found on the site as well as Township meeting notices, minutes and previous Crossroads newsletters. To view agenda’s for Supervisors and Planning Commission’s meetings, go to the Calendar page and click on date of the meeting. There should then be a link to view the agenda. Please note that Board of Supervisors’ agendas are not posted until the Friday before the meeting.

Garbage News & Tips

Refuse and Recycling Changes to Collection Schedule: There will be no collection of curbside refuse and recycling on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years Days. All collection will be delayed one day for the rest of those weeks.

How to Ensure that All Your Refuse and Recycling is Collected:

- Refuse is only collected using your Burgmeier’s cart. Bag all regular household trash to avoid spillage during collection. You may place other items directly in the cart.
- Leave 3 feet on all sides of the cart. Place your cart away from mailboxes, trees, garage doors, cars, your recycling bin, and any extra bags.
- Do not place your cart beneath a tree or tree branches to avoid damage to your and the township’s trees.

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- Do not park your car directly in front of your or a neighbor's cart. Do not place your cart behind a parked car.
- Extra bags beside the cart will be collected for \$4 per bag. If you have small items you need to dispose of, bag those or place them directly in your cart.
- Items that do not fit in your cart or in a bag must be scheduled for a bulk collection.
- Wood and lumber in your cart must be in lengths of no more than 2 feet (otherwise it binds up the compactor).
- Place your paper and paperboard for recycling in bags or in a paperboard box (like a cereal box) and place that in your red recycling bin so that it does not litter your neighborhood.
- Flatten all corrugated cardboard and place it under your red recycling bin. Do not wedge it between your refuse cart and your bin.

Go to www.crcog.net/refuse for contact details, guidance on scheduling bulk waste collection, and items excluded from weekly refuse collection.

Stay Informed During Weather Events: Service Updates Made Easy

When weather impacts recycling or refuse collection, we want to make sure you're the first to know. Here are some ways to stay informed:

✓ Visit the Website

Check the alert section at CentreCountyRecycles.org for the latest updates and announcements.

✓ Follow the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority and the Centre Regional Planning Agency on Social Media
Get real-time information on: • Facebook • Instagram

✓ Download the Recycle Coach App to sign up for alerts in the app to receive instant notifications about delays, cancellations, or changes to your pickup schedule.

✓ Via the Navusoft Portal (your online refuse account)

Update your contact information in the portal at centrecounty-portal.navusoft.net/ to receive push notifications. You can also log into your account to view service alerts and important messages tailored to your address.

✓ Receive an Email Alert from the COG

Sign up at www.crcog.net/refuse by clicking on the Subscribe to Alert and Newsletter button.

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