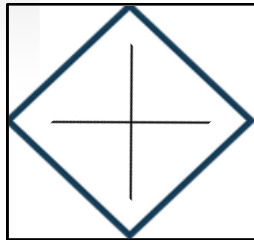


Spring 2026



THE NEWSLETTER OF BENNER TOWNSHIP

CROSSROADS

A NOTE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

USPS Postmark Dates – The USPS has made changes in the procedure of postmarking mail. If mail is sent on the due date, the postmark may be the following day. If mail is placed in a personal mailbox, an exterior post office mailbox, or even the interior post office mail slot, the actual postmark date may be affected. When mailing payments on the due date, visit the USPS and request that the window staff postmark the envelope.

Mobile Homes – If you are selling a mobile home, you must obtain a Tax Certification Release from Centre County Tax Claim and the Benner Township Tax Collector. The fee for the Tax Certification from the Benner Township Tax Collector is \$10.00.

Returned Checks – A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for checks returned for any reason. This fee must be paid before a replacement payment can be processed.

Personal Checks – Due to processing time and the possibility of returned checks, December 15th is the final day payments will be accepted by check.



HOURS

Jessica Bradley, the Township's Tax Collector, has announced the tax office will be open the following hours:

MARCH AND APRIL ONLY

Tuesdays only
5 pm to 7 pm

Additionally, you can call Jessica to make an appointment Monday through Friday.

Ph. 814-574-5087



The Benner Township Board of Supervisors are always looking for individuals willing to serve on various **A**uthorities, **B**oards and **C**ommissions. If you are interested in serving your township in one of these volunteer positions, please go to bennertownship.org and fill out a ABC form and return it to the township office. *There is currently a vacancy for the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority.*

Need a zoning or building permit application, a phone number for a Township Department, find out when a meeting is scheduled, want to look at a meeting agenda, read minutes, alerts...

Please refer to:

bennertownship.org

or contact us at 814-355-1419.

Official notices will be posted on our website.

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Reminder: Blowing Grass Clippings onto Streets Is Prohibited

It's a familiar site every summer. Someone is mowing a lawn and blowing the grass clippings into the street and storm drains. Here are five reasons why blowing grass and leaves into the street is not a good idea:

- It creates a roadway hazard, creating slippery surfaces, especially for motorcycles & bicyclists
- Wet or dry clippings can reduce tire traction, particularly on curves
- Lawn debris clogs storm drains
- If storm drains are clogged, the water has nowhere to go and can back up into streets and basements
- It hurts aquatic life
- It's illegal in Pennsylvania

Save the Date - April 24 & April 25, 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Registration will be Required - Look for Information in March

Register at
centrecountyrecycles.org

What to Bring ✓

Insecticides/weed killers
pool chemicals
cleaners/poisons
antifreeze
corrosives/flammables
oil based paints
CFL bulbs
fluorescent tubes
and most other
hazardous chemicals
from households only.

Questions?

Event details and registration
information will be posted on
www.centrecountyrecycles.org

Look for information early next
year on how to register.

This is a free event

✗ DO NOT BRING

latex paint
motor oil
medications
batteries
ammunition
explosives



All Children Welcome! !

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday - March 28th at 1:00 p.m.
Greater Buffalo Run Valley U.M. Church
102 Trinity Court, Bellefonte, PA 16823



Eggs filled with candy, small toys & prize tickets!

(Outside on the lawn, weather permitting. In case of rain, the hunt will be held inside the church)

For more information, check the church webpage: greaterbuffalorunvalleyumc.com



DEPT OF TREASURY....

Unclaimed Property - Claim What's Yours

We're working to find the rightful owners of more than \$4.5 billion in unclaimed property! More than 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property available, and the average claim is about \$1,600. Search today to see if we have anything that belongs to you!

<https://unclaimedproperty.patreasury.gov/en/Property/SearchIndex>



"Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property every year, often because of something as simple as a misspelled name or an out-of-date address. But let's be clear: this is YOUR money we're talking about, and I want to return it to you."

- Stacy Garrity, State Treasurer

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION - MAY 4TH

Call the office at 355-1419 by May 1st to schedule a pickup at your home.

The Township will run its Spring "On-Call" brush collection. Have brush at the street by May 4th at 7 a.m.



- Stack brush with cut ends in one direction toward the street
- Limbs must fit safely into the chipper; anything larger than 4 inches wide will not be taken
- No tied bundles
- Stumps, firewood, construction scraps, thorny plants, grasses, vines, and plant waste will not be collected
- Crews cannot enter private property and may spend up to 20 minutes per home
- Keep brush away from fire hydrants and storm drains
- This service is only for regular trimming, not tree removal or site clearing

Septic Management Inspections

The Benner Township Board of Supervisors adopted a Sewage Management Program Ordinance in 2014 for all on-lot sewage disposal systems. This program requires:

- **Periodic inspections** of all on-lot septic systems
- **Tank pumping** as needed
- **Repair of malfunctioning systems**

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure proper **inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation** of on-lot sewage disposal systems; to further permit the municipality to intervene in situations which are public nuisances or hazards to the public health. Sewage management inspections will begin **May 2026**. The inspection fee must be paid by June 30, 2026. Residents in **Section 1** should expect an inspection notice in the mail starting **March 2026**. The inspection fee must be paid by **June 30, 2026**.

Should you decide to have your system pumped before your scheduled inspection year, please send a copy of your pumping receipt to the township office. It will be placed in your property tax parcel file.

Musser Lane Composting Facility Information

264 Musser Lane, Bellefonte 16823

There is no charge for residents of Benner Township, Bellefonte Borough and Spring Township. Residents must visit the compost facility during open hours.

	Monday:	6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	Tuesday:	6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	Wednesday:	6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	Thursday:	6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	Friday:	5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	Saturday:	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	Sunday:	Closed

(April through the Saturday before Thanksgiving)

Compostable items such as grass clippings, brush, limbs, etc. No construction materials may be taken to the composting facility. Please note that the PA DEP permit does NOT allow for concrete, stone, etc.



2026 Paving Projects - Tentative

Paving is planned for the following Township roads this construction season:

Breons Lane - From SR 26 to the end of Cul-de-sac

Fillmore Road - Approximately 1250'

Barns Lane - Approximately 1310'

Rishel Hill Road - From SR 150 to approximately 1400' north/east

ALERTCentre

Emergency Notification System

Provided by Centre County Government.



SCAN QR CODE OR USE THE
LINK BELOW TO ENROLL

WHAT IS IT?

Stay informed and safe with **ALERTCentre**, Centre County's emergency notification system. In an emergency, **ALERTCentre** delivers the most critical information directly to you via text, email, phone call and social media. This system is designed to notify you quickly about serious threats to life and property such as, *evacuation orders, missing person alerts, and shelter-in-place notices*. We also issue alerts for *emergency shelter activations, wanted fugitives, and active shooters*. When you receive a notification from **ALERTCentre**, (Centre County PA) you'll know it is a serious situation that needs your immediate attention. Ready to receive these alerts? Only way to receive is to enroll.

HOW DOES IT WORK

LOCATION SPECIFIC



You'll receive a notification if an alert is issued for a targeted area near a registered address in your profile. If you live **outside** the targeted area you will **NOT** receive the notification.

ADDRESS LOCATION



Add up to 10 Centre County addressees in one profile. Home, school, work, parents, church, even the Grange Fair Grounds!

CELLULAR NETWORK VERIFICATION



During enrollment, your cellular network is automatically verified. Ex: Xfinity uses Verizon network. For a complete list of networks, go to www.carrierlookup.com

KEY POINTS

ENROLLMENT

- Enrollment is free and completely voluntary.
- Create and manage your profile, cancel anytime within your profile.
- Enroll family members under one profile.

DATA SECURITY

- Smart911 is the portal for **ALERTCentre** registration only.
- Data will not be shared with 3rd parties
- We adhere to highest security standards.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- To avoid alert fatigue, we will prioritize and send only the most urgent messages.
- Cancellation messages are sent when the threat is over.
- If using the Smart911 app and your location service is turned on, you will receive alerts for your registered addresses and any alerts for the area you are located in or traveling through within Centre County.

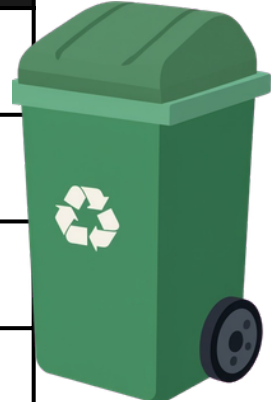
SIGN UP TODAY

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=centrecountypa>

New Rates for Curbside Refuse and Recycling Service

Quarterly rates for curbside refuse and recycling collection are increasing on April 1. These are the new rates:

Service Level	2026 cost per Quarter	Extra Services	2026 Cost per Quarter
95-gallon Service	\$95.64	Extra 95-gal cart	\$58.44
65-gallon Service	\$91.68	Extra 65-gal cart	\$54.48
35-gallon service	\$85.98	Extra 35-gal cart	\$48.78
Door Service	\$125.64	Cart size switch	\$25.00



Who has this service? All residences with curbside collection of refuse (trash) and recycling have this service and will see the rate increase.

Why are the rates changing? The contract provides an annual adjustment for changes in the disposal costs, changes in fuel costs (CNG fuel), and increases or decreases in the costs of services based on the Consumer Price Index over the previous year.

What is included in this service? Service includes weekly curbside refuse and recycling collection; scheduled bulk waste, bulk recycling, and Christmas tree collections; and billing and customer services.

What do residents need to do? Residents will need to pay this new amount each quarter. If they have set up auto-pay, they need to make sure that the payable amount is either set match to the invoice amount or matches the new rate. They can check their account through the Navusoft portal (<https://centrecounty-portal.navusoft.net/>) or contact the CCRRA customer service by emailing to cogcs@centrecountyrecycles.org or calling 814-826-2722.

Meyers Cemetery

Graves in the Meyers Cemetery need to be cleaned by April 15th and again by the last week of September. Anything left after those times will be cleared away.



Holiday decorations need to be removed within three weeks after each holiday. A dumpster is available for cemetery waste.

For easier lawn care, please plant flowers no more than one foot in front of each marker.

Paul Rhodes is now the caretaker of the cemetery and does the mowing. Keep up the great work Paul!

SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION DAY MAY 19TH

**Benner North 36 Benner Township Building
1224 Buffalo Run Rd. (Front Entrance)**

**Benner South 37 Remodelers Workshop
105 Stonecrest Drive**

**Benner South Independent 37a Remodelers Workshop
105 Stonecrest Drive
Election Poll Hours 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

Crossroads

Benner Township
1224 Buffalo Run Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
STATE COLLEGE, PA
PERMIT NO. 21

30TH ANNUAL
**WATERSHED
CLEANUP DAY**
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
8 AM-NOON

Gather your friends and neighbors for a fun day in the fresh air as we clean up local streams and open spaces across central PA! Last year 664 volunteers prevented 12,860 pounds of trash from entering our waterways across 69 sites, and you can help make 2026 the most successful yet.

TO VOLUNTEER AND SEE ALL EVENT DETAILS, VISIT
[WWW.CLEARWATERCONSERVANCY.ORG/
WATERSHED-CLEANUP-DAY](http://WWW.CLEARWATERCONSERVANCY.ORG/WATERSHED-CLEANUP-DAY)
OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW. THANKS FOR JOINING US!



KEEP
PENNSYLVANIA
Beautiful



@clearwaterconservancy | 814-237-0400

Kids Summer Camp

June 22th - July 24th
Mon - Fri
9:00 am - noon

**Age: Kindergarten
through Grade 5**

Activities:

- Fun Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Bowling Party
- Tie-dye projects
- On-site educational and entertainment programs
- And much much more...

Register Now!
Forms on the
website or at
office

For more information:
814-355-1419

www.bennertownship.org