

The Spring Echo

Trick or Treat, Monday, October 31, 6-8 PM

Fall 2011

BRUSH, LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS

Don't know what to do with grass clippings or broken branches after a storm? Well now you do. You can now take them to the Bellefonte Borough Landfill located at 264 Musser Lane. The Spring Township Board of Supervisors and the Bellefonte Borough Council have recently signed an agreement to allow Spring Township residents to use the landfill. The landfill hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you go during the week, you must first get a key from the Township offices. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit for the key. On Saturdays, someone will be manning the gate.

Acceptable Materials

~ BRUSH ~ LEAVES ~ GRASS CLIPPINGS

Unacceptable Materials

~ TREATED LUMBER ~ TIRES ~ TRASH AND GARBAGE ~ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Township will still have Brush Collection in the Fall and Spring and Leaf Collection in the Fall. Please use this resource wisely so that this facility will be available for a long time to come.

FALL BRUSH AND LEAF COLLECTION

Spring Township will be having its Fall Brush Collection starting Monday, October 10, 2011, weather permitting. They will go over each street ONE TIME ONLY. If you wish to have your brush picked up, please follow these instructions:

- ✓ All limbs must be placed along the curb, butt end out so that it is easily visible and accessible.
- ✓ Limbs must be cut to be able to be fed into the chipper. Limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.
- ✓ All limbs must be placed out prior to 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, October 10, 2011, so that you are not missed. Once the Roadcrew has gone over a street, they will not go back.
- ✓ Do not include any thorn bushes or vines.
- ✓ No more than one load of brush will be accepted per house. This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.

***If these instructions are not followed, your brush will not be picked up.** Leaf Collection will begin the week of November 7, 2011. All leaves must be placed next to the street or curb and kept off the roadway and out of drainage swales. Piles must be **visible** and **easily accessible**. Piles back on private property will not be picked up. Leaves mixed with other debris will not be picked up. The roadcrew will go over each street one time only, once per week throughout the season.





WATER AUTHORITY

By Molly Baird

As of January 1, 2011 we have had online payment available. Customers have been utilizing the option which has made this option of payment successful. However, please be aware this is not an automatic deduction! You must use a credit card or PayPal account to pay. We are pleased to be able to offer this convenience to our customers.

We have had some issues with invoices being returned to our office due to wrong addresses or vacant properties. Please be aware it is your responsibility as the customer to notify our office in the event you change your address. Until a property is sold, even if you no longer reside at a particular address but still own the property you are responsible for the utilities. You may contact our office by phone at (814) 355-7543 Ext. #5 or you can drop us an email at supervisors@springtownship.org.

Please be aware, water usage can vary for many reasons which can cause fluctuation in your cost. Taking long showers, running dishwashers more often, doing laundry more often, watering lawns/gardens, washing vehicles etc. all contribute to higher usage especially during the Summer months. However, the most obvious increase would be if you have a leak. A leak can be something as simple as a dripping faucet or a toilet that sticks periodically, but over a three month period, 24 hours a day, this can increase your usage substantially. The following tips are a few options to help lower usage:

1. Only run dishwashers when you have a full load.
2. Cut loads of laundry back to once or twice per week if possible.
3. Do not take "long" showers.
4. Do not let hose run when not in use.
5. Water lawns/gardens less frequently.
6. Make sure you have no dripping faucets and/or toilets that continually run.

The above tips are just options to use if you are concerned about your usage. The time of year is fast approaching where watering gardens and/or lawns/flowers will be coming to a close. It is still always a good practice to conserve when you can and remember to **"USE WATER WISELY!"**

From Your Local Wage Tax Office

by Korena DeFurio

Dear Taxpayers,

As we are "wrapping up" the processing of 2010 returns we find that there are still a number of residents who have not filed their returns yet. If you have not done so, please fill out your return and mail it in to us as soon as possible to avoid fines and penalties. If you did not receive a return or have misplaced it, you can download a return from our website at www.springtownship.org.

I would like to stress the importance of filling out your return properly because any issues we find with your return delays in the processing of your refund if you are entitled to one. Please be sure to attach all necessary paperwork to your return - W-2's, Schedule C, Business Expense Form, etc. Be sure to indicate any address changes or name changes on your return so we can update our records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office and we will be glad to assist you.



AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Spring Township shares many of the same issues with other municipalities in the state and in the country. One of these issues is the increase of “Aggressive Driving.” The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines aggressive driving as, “The operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger persons or property.” Actions of aggressive driving include driving manners such as speeding, weaving through traffic, running stop signs or lights, failing to yield right of way and tailgating. I have listened to our citizens speak about the manner in which people drive through their neighborhood or while they are traveling on our roads.

The most important factors that are believed to contribute to the apparent increase in the incidence of aggressive driving behavior are: running late, disregard for others, habitual or clinical behavior, disregard for the Law, anonymity and traffic delays.

Without getting into detailed explanations of the factors which contribute to aggressive driving, read the list above one more time. Now let’s reflect on the factors that we can take responsibility for as individuals so that we are solutions to this problem and not a cause of aggressive driving. The first one that stands out to me is the problem of running late. “Running late” for work, school, the next meeting, lesson, soccer game or other appointments. Yes, we are all busy and we seem to get busier each year. Let’s solve this problem ourselves and leave on time or leave a little earlier in case of unexpected problems.

The next factor that “catches my eye” is the problem of disregard for others. Our human nature dictates our actions and one aspect of our nature seems to be out-of-control on a regular basis, which is selfishness. We are prone to think that our agenda is the most important and “I” must push this agenda ahead of everyone else, especially in my driving manners. Attempting to push ahead in your driving only saves you a few seconds. Trying to beat the red light, or pass the slower driver, hurrying to turn so you can beat the oncoming traffic and even trying to push the car in front of you by driving only a few feet from his bumper.

These two factors seem to be easily controlled by individual responsibility more than the other four factors. Take a few minutes and ask yourself how you can resolve the issues of aggressive driving and not run late or disregard other people.

The police department monitors the flow of traffic in the Township enforcing the traffic laws so we all can travel safer to and from our destinations. The best resolution is for each of us to take responsibility for ourselves and driving mannerisms.

Have you ever wondered if you are considered an aggressive driver? Perhaps you are wondering what other people think of your driving, whether they are in the car with you, or drivers in other vehicles sharing the road with you. You can take our aggressive driver quiz and answer some simple questions about your driving habits and find out what kind of driver you are and whether you anger other drivers or make them feel at ease. See how you rank, the lower your ranking, the better. Answer the following questions as accurately and honestly as you can for the best results. Good luck.

<http://www.quizplz.com/driving/aggressive-driver-rank.htm>

~Chief David King

<p>Police • Fire • Ambulance • Rescue</p> <p>EMERGENCY</p> <p>Dial 9•1•1</p> <p><small>CENTRE COUNTY</small></p> <p>Non-Emergency Reporting/Information</p> <p>Dial 1-800-479-0050</p>

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Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:

September 5 ~ November 11 ~ November 24, 25 ~ December 23, 26 ~ January 2

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to create, nurture and maintain an environment of growth, challenge and unlimited potential for all those around us.

Goal

Our Goal is to leave this world a better place to live, work, learn, grow and have fun!

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