

# The Spring Echo

FALL 2015

## FALL BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF OCTOBER 12th

Spring Township will be having its Fall Brush Collection starting Monday, October 12, 2015, 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 they are 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 12, 2015, so that you are not missed. Once the Road Crew has gone over a street, they will not go back.
- ✓ **Do not include any thorn bushes or vines as these cannot be fed through the chipper!**
- ✓ No more than one load of brush will be accepted per household. This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.

**It is important that these instructions are followed to ensure the safety of our Road Crew and proper operation and care of our equipment. IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED YOUR BRUSH WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!!! LEAF COLLECTION will follow immediately after brush collection and continue until all leaves are picked up or the snow flies! If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the office at (814) 355-7543 ext. 5. Thank you!**

**From The Township Zoning Office**  
By Vaughn Zimmerman

As summer comes to an end and the leaves begin to fall, please remember Spring Township has a **NO BURNING ORDINANCE** unless you have 3 or more acres, so please do not attempt to burn leaves or twigs and branches that have accumulated in your yard. The only burning allowed in the Township is in a fire pit for the immediate consumption of food such as hotdogs, marshmallows, etc.

Also, please remember that it is required by Ordinance that all Spring Township residents **MUST** have a licensed refuse hauler and also participate in recycling.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE AND OTHER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES CAN RESULT IN A FINE.**

If you have any questions about these or any other issues, please contact me at (814) 355-5067 ext. 8 or email me at [code@springtownship.org](mailto:code@springtownship.org).





**From the Police Department  
Chief Michael Danneker**

As summer comes to an end and fall fast approaches, please do your part in helping to keep Spring Township a safe place to live, work and play.

To help minimize the number of burglaries and thefts in the Township, please remember to keep your windows and doors locked when you are not at home. Keep your home well lit, and have a friend or neighbor check your house frequently.

Always remove your keys from your vehicle and keep them locked especially if your vehicle is parked outside. Do not leave valuable items visible in your vehicle – such as money, jewelry, etc.

If we all do our part, we can help deter thefts and burglaries in the Township.

REMEMBER TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK 

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



Spring Township will be having Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6-8 PM

Please make this a safe and fun time for everyone!

- \*Small children should be accompanied by an adult.
- \*Make sure children are dressed in light or bright colored clothing so they are easily seen.
- \*Have children carry a flashlight or glow stick to make them more visible.
- \*Check all candy to make sure there is no evidence of tampering.



**VOLUNTEERS**

We are always looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on our Authorities, Boards and Commissions. If you are interested in serving on any of our committees, please contact the office at 355-7543, ext. 7.



## WATER AUTHORITY

*By Molly Baird*

Attention Water Authority Customers!! Please be aware effective January 1, 2015 the rates have changed. Old rate was \$3.85 per 1,000 gallons used plus a \$10 base fee. New rate is now \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons used plus a \$10.00 base fee. The need for the increase is due to the new backup well site that is being developed, the waterline replacement project and the continual regulations DEP imposes. This is the first rate increase since 2000, which is pretty remarkable considering the rising cost of things year after year.

Please be aware payments **MUST** be received in our office by the due date. Payments put in the night drop off box are taken out the very next morning and stamped with that date. If a due date is on a Friday and payments are dropped off after the close of business day on Friday, when payments are taken out of the box Monday morning we allow that day. However, if payments are mailed, we ask that you make sure you mail the payment in time to be received at our office by the due date. Payments physically brought in to the office must be received no later than the due date. We realize the mail system can be quite frustrating; therefore, we encourage customers to allow plenty of time for their payment to reach our office by the due date.

FYI – we are in the early stage of changing over our billing system to the new Muni-Link Billing System, which will allow more options of payment for the customer and will work much more efficiently. This is a much needed change since the current system is over 20 years old. We are hoping to make the switch and have the new system up and running by the next billing cycle, which will be in October.

Fall is on its way and even though water usage is typically lower than it is during the summer months we still need to keep in mind water is a precious commodity and we should always remember to **‘USE WATER WISELY!’**

### PUBLIC MEETING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) is made up of Bellefonte Borough and Benner, Marion, Spring and Walker Townships, along with the involvement from the Centre County Planning Department. In 2004, the Commission adopted an Official Comprehensive Plan of the Nittany Valley Region, a regional effort to prepare a sound strategy for the future growth and development of the Region. The NVJPC is working on a ten year update to the plan.

One of the key items that is being included in this update is a discussion of Economic Development; how to both bring new business into the Nittany Valley Region and help businesses already here expand. The thought is that more business means the availability of additional and better jobs for people living in the area. The key issues being talked about include transportation, making the region more business friendly, improved internet access, and marketing the Nittany Valley. Additional topics can be added if desired.

The NVJPC is looking for input from Spring Township to help in the development of this update. In turn, the Spring Township Planning Commission is looking for input from Township residents to help us compose our response. As part of our September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting we will have an open discussion on the issues surrounding Economic Development. We invite all interested residents to attend the meeting at the Township Building on September 21, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Spring Township Building  
1309 Blanchard Street  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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**Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:**

November 11, 26, 27 ~ December 24, 25 ~ January 1, 2016

### **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!

### **Spring Township Board of Supervisors**

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