

The Spring Echo

SPRING 2015

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF APRIL 13TH

Spring Township will be having its Spring Brush Collection starting Monday, April 13, 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, April 13, 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.
- ✓ 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!!! The Road Crew will begin sweeping the streets after brush collection is over. 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

Dear Township Residents,

As springtime approaches, many of you may be starting to think about your projects for 2015. Perhaps you may be thinking about putting up a new shed or a deck, or maybe a garage or addition to your home. I would like to remind you that most projects do require zoning permits and building permits, so please do not forget to take care of this before you begin your project! While a typical zoning permit for a small storage shed in your yard can often be issued within a day or two, larger projects often require a building permit and can often take a week or more to review.

We are now in our third year of the Township's sewage management program, through which septic systems and other non-sewer disposal systems need to be pumped and/or inspected. Through this policy we can extend the lifetime of your septic system and protect our drinking water and neighborhoods from contamination. If your property is scheduled to have its system inspected and/or pumped, you should soon receive a mailing. Please get your information back to the Township as soon as possible, especially if your property is one of the ones scheduled to be inspected this year.

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.



**From the Police Department
Chief Michael Danneker**

Springtime will soon be here. As spring arrives and the weather changes, people will be out and about after such a long and hard winter that we never thought would end. With the increase in outdoor activity, we ask that our residents continue being vigilant of criminal activity. Opportunities for burglaries and minor thefts diminish slightly with such a harsh winter. Residents are reminded to lock their homes and vehicles when not present. While on the topic of criminal activity, do not allow yourself to become a victim of a SCAM. Do some research and contact the police before taking action or providing any personal information. Last year alone, \$8.6 billion was lost as a result of SCAMS. Lastly, spring always brings a flurry of bad and aggressive driving. Please wear your seat belt and obey the laws and please refrain from texting while driving. Like last year, the Spring Township Police Department will be participating in several Aggressive Driving Enforcement Waves throughout the spring and summer. Areas of enforcement include stop signs, red lights, speeding and following too closely. Be alert and be kind while behind the wheel.

On behalf of the Spring Township Police Department, we thank you the citizens of the Township for their support and commitment to having a safe and peaceful community.

If you have an Emergency please call 911, for non Emergencies call 1-800-479-0050.

Stay in the loop! Check us out on Facebook (Spring Township Police Department).

**SECOND ANNUAL
(Rain or Shine!)
PLEASANT GAP
FIRE COMPANY
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Co-Sponsored by the
Pleasant Gap Lioness Club**

APRIL 4, 2015

10:00 AM

**Pleasant Gap Carnival Grounds
Robinson Lane, Pleasant Gap, PA**

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Age groups include:

0-2

3-4

5-6

7-9

10-12

**PLEASE COME OUT AND ENJOY
THE FUN AND BRING YOUR KIDS
AND GRANDKIDS!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For More Information

Contact:

Connie Bair-Holt

387-4593



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 base fee. Customers will notice the increase beginning with the April 15th billing cycle. Example – if you use 10,000 gallons of water...at the old rate your invoice would have been \$48.50 at the new rate it would be \$52.50, which is a \$4.00 increase. The need for the increase is due to the new backup well site being developed, waterline replacement projects and the continual regulations DEP impose. Also please keep in mind the rates have not been increased since 2000.

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 without penalty. 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. For payments that are mailed we go by the post mark, so if the post mark is after the due date, payments are considered late and a 10% penalty is added.

Spring is hopefully just round the corner! With that in mind, everyone will be anxious to clean up their properties, wash vehicles, plant gardens/flowers etc., but also keep in mind water is a precious commodity and we should always remember to “USE WATER WISELY!”

SPRING TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

www.springtownship.org

Here at Spring Township we are very proud of our website and the valuable information it provides to our residents. We strive to keep it as up-to-date as possible and hope the information we provide is both informative and useful. The website is easy to navigate through and provides a variety of information about our Township including: The History of Spring Township, Meeting Minutes, Zoning Information, Upcoming Events, Useful Telephone Numbers and Information from our Water Authority. There is a calendar of events that lists all of our meeting dates and times as well as when our office is closed. If you have any other suggestions as to information you would like to see on our website, please feel free to email me at kdefurio@springtownship.org and I will do my best to accommodate your recommendations.

AFTER HOURS DROP OFF BOX

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: MANY OF YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE AN AFTER HOURS DROP OFF BOX LOCATED RIGHT OUTSIDE OF OUR FRONT DOORS OFF TO THE LEFT. THIS BOX IS FOR AFTER HOURS DROP OFF OF WATER PAYMENTS, PERMIT APPLICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC. THIS BOX IS CHECKED EVERY MORNING AND DISTRIBUTED ACCORDINGLY.

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Spring Township Building
1309 Blanchard Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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Bellefonte, PA
16823-9998
Permit No. 17



**Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:
April 3 ~ May 25 ~ July 3 ~ Sept. 7**



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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