

The Spring Echo

FALL 2014

FALL BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH

Spring Township will be having its Fall Brush Collection starting Monday, October 13, 2014, 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 13, 2014, 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!!!** 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

Dear Township Residents,

As Autumn fast approaches 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. Failure to abide by the ordinance can result in a fine.

Also, please remember that any building projects you are going to get in before winter will likely require zoning and building permits.

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**

The Spring Township Police Department would like to thank everybody in the Township for a quick but relatively normal summer in regards to incidents. As Fall quickly passes us by, please remember to have your vehicle checked for Winter, especially your tires. The deer will also start moving around as the rut approaches, so be aware when traveling some of our local roadways by scanning the edges, day and night. Vehicle collision with deer will nearly double during the next several months.

The Police Department would also like to remind residents that scams are on the rise. These scams can come in a variety of ways such as phone, mail or in person. Stay alert; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Avoid providing personal information to unknown callers. Also remember that all solicitors/salesmen within Spring Township are required to obtain a permit before conducting their business.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our newest addition to the Police Department, Officer Christopher Snare. Officer Snare was added to our department back in June. During the school year, Officer Snare will work as a School Resource Officer at CPL. This position was provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Safe Schools. We are very proud and thankful for the opportunity to have Officer Snare join the crew.



Spring Township will be
having Trick or Treat on
October 30, 2014
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.



Police • Fire • Ambulance • Rescue

EMERGENCY

Dial 9•1•1

CENTRE COUNTY

Non-Emergency

Reporting/Information

Dial 1-800-479-0050

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 Spring Township Residents! Please be careful when submitting payments online that you are on the correct website! We have had issues lately with residents paying their water bill online through our system that are not our customers. Just because you are a Spring Township resident does not mean you are a water customer! Some of our residents receive their water service from Bellefonte Borough or Walker Township Water Association. If you are a customer, and want to pay your invoice online, our website is www.springtownship.org. We have had several residents that are serviced by Walker Township Water Authority pay their invoice on our website. If this happens, we must transfer the monies out of our PayPal account online into the checking account and cut a check for reimbursement. This could take several weeks, depending upon time of payment, plus we cannot refund the service fee because we do not receive that fee, we can only refund the amount that is actually received into our system.

Also, we are still having issues with customers confusing our office with Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority. We are two separate offices! Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority is your sewer service and they are located on Irish Hollow Road. Spring Township Water Authority is our office which is water service and we are located at 1309 Blanchard Street. Please be aware, payments received made out to us, but meant for Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority will be deposited on your water account. Payments received made out to SBWJA in error will be returned in the mail to you. This seems to be a continuing issue that we want to try our best to have resolved. We do realize mistakes are made; however, we are encouraging you to please be careful when making your payments that you are paying the proper authority and sending your payment where it needs to go.

We also would like to remind "Landlords" if you wish for your tenants to be responsible for paying their water usage, you need to make sure they receive a copy of the invoice from you. Legally, we must invoice the property owner and it is up to the property owner to work out payment arrangements with their tenants. If the tenant is responsible for paying the invoice, they need to receive a copy in a timely manner in order to have time to make payment before the due date and to avoid penalties.

Fall is approaching and even though water usage will be less than during the Summer months, we still encourage you to "USE WATER WISELY!"

KEPLER POOL SURVEY

HISTORY: The municipalities of the Nittany Valley (Bellefonte Borough, Spring, Benner and Walker Townships) formed the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority in 2013 with the main objective of renovating Kepler Pool. A feasibility study was completed in 2009 that recommended a total renovation occur to the 40 year old facility (30 year lifespan) to meet current trends in public pools, ADA compliant and many other items. The Authority has recommended borrowing \$2.4 million dollars to finance it, which would be supported by a Recreation Tax of approximately \$26.00 per property. Once the loan has been paid off or the pool generates a positive cash flow, the monies may be used for other recreational needs in the region.

QUESTION: Would you support a Recreation Tax of approximately .443 mills or \$26.00/property?

_____ YES _____ NO NAME _____

Please return to Spring Township Supervisors, 1309 Blanchard St., Bellefonte, PA 16823
By November 3, 2014.

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Spring Township Building
1309 Blanchard Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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PAID
Bellefonte, PA
16823-9998
Permit No. 17



Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:

November 11, 27, 28 ~ December 25, 26

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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