

ATTENTION RESIDENTS!! DUE TO THE CONTINUED RISING COST, THIS WILL BE THE FINAL NEWSLETTER MAILING. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR AN ON-LINE NEWSLETTER IN MARCH AND SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR.

The Spring "Times"

SPRING 2022

SPRING & FALL BRUSH COLLECTIONS ~ SECOND WEEK OF APRIL & OCTOBER

Spring Township will have its Spring/Fall Brush Collections the second week of April & October, 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, **PARALLEL TO THE ROAD**.
- ✓ **ALL** limbs must be placed out prior to 7:00 a.m. Monday morning so that you are not missed. **ONCE THE ROAD CREW HAS GONE OVER A STREET THEY WILL NOT GO BACK.**
- ✓ **NO** limbs larger than 4" in diameter and **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!!!**

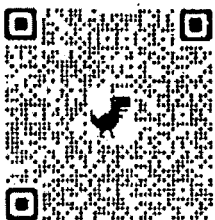
The Road Crew will begin sweeping the streets in April after brush collection is over. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the office at (814) 355-7543 ext. 105. Thank you!

STORMWATER NEWS

MS4 Stormwater Mapping Update

We are currently in year 3 of the 5-year PADEP MS4 Stormwater Permit. One task that will be worked on this spring is continuation of the stormwater conveyance system for the Township. Last year the stormwater system of the Steeplechase Subdivision was mapped. This year we will be mapping the stormwater system of the Pleasant Hills Subdivision. To see what has been mapped you can click on the QR code below to pull up the stormwater map. You can click on the mapped features and the information on that feature will be displayed. Features include inlets, pipes, and basins. The stormwater features of the Pleasant Hills Subdivision will be added to the interactive map later this year. If the QR code below does not work, you can also find it on the Township Website at:
<https://www.springtownship.org/stormwater-news>

Illicit Discharges to Waters of the Commonwealth



Scan QR code to visit
Spring Townships
Interactive Stormwater
Map

What are Waters of the Commonwealth? They include streams such as Logan Branch and Spring Creek. They also include the inlets and pipes that make up stormwater conveyance systems within developments such as Steeplechase and Pleasant Hills. Basically, any conveyance facility including the above items and ditches and swales that carries runoff is part of the Water of the Commonwealth. Second questions, what is an illicit discharge? Basically, any substance other than runoff from natural precipitation. This includes used oil, household cleaners, swimming pool water (even dechlorinated water), pesticides, and grease. You name it if it is not naturally occurring runoff it is an illicit discharge. The critters that live in the waterways do not like illicit discharges so do not place any contaminants into any Water of the Commonwealth. If you see someone deliberately placing substances into a stormwater system, call the Township (814-355-7543) to report it. Let's keep the critters in our streams happy and don't pollute.

**From the TOWNSHIP MANAGER
Michael Danneker**

I am pleased to announce that the new Spring Township Park is moving forward! We are in the process of working with the Delta Group to create a master plan and seek grants to help facilitate the project.

We are excited as to what this park will have to offer our residents, surrounding communities and out of town visitors.

The Park will consist of multi-purpose fields, ball fields, a walking trail, playground, pavilions and much more!!

This will be a long and costly endeavor, but the benefits will be enjoyed for many years to come!!

The Park and Rec Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month here at the Township Building and Township residents are welcome and encouraged to attend to give their input.

If you would be interested in donating to the Park Fund, please mail your check made payable to the Spring Township Park Fund and mail to:

Spring Township Supervisors
1309 Blanchard St.
Bellefonte, PA 16823

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at (814) 355-7543 Ext. 103 or by email at mdanneker@springtownship.org

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**TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE**

**SUPERVISORS** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless it falls on a holiday, then it is the following evening.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless it falls on a holiday, then it is the following Monday.

**WATER AUTHORITY** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. (December meeting is a week early)

**ZONING HEARDING BOARD** – AS NEEDED

DUE TO COVID 19

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT  
IS CANCELED AGAIN FOR THIS  
YEAR!

WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE  
TO

RESUME THIS ENJOYABLE  
ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN OF  
THE TOWNSHIP IN 2023.

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE STAY  
SAFE AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE  
SUMMER.

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KEPLER POOL UPDATE!!

We know you miss your pool, we do too!! Unfortunately, due to escalating construction prices, the pool project needs to be rescoped and put out to bid again so we are uncertain about a 2022 swimming season. Please stay tuned for updates and even news about how you may help the new version of the pool come together!!



WATER AUTHORITY

By Molly Baird

Attention Spring Township Water Authority customers! We encourage customers to please notify our office if you plan to be away, change your mailing address, etc. We have had quite a water bills returned to us by the post office marked with a sticker “temporarily away” or “undeliverable” with no forwarding address or the post office provides a new address for us, and we then must resend the bill, which causes delays in receiving your invoices in time to pay without receiving a penalty. Please note, if mailing your payment, make sure you allow time for your payment to be received by the due date to avoid a penalty.

We also still have a hand full of customers that are using “old” account numbers when sending in their payments. Please pay close attention to your account number on your bill! If you have your bank issue payments for you, please make sure you provide them with the correct account number to use. Wrong account numbers can lead to your payments getting posted to a wrong account. This has been an ongoing issue that we would like to get resolved but you, as the customer, need to help by making sure you use your correct account number when making a payment.

Spring is around the corner, and everyone will be anxious to plant flowers, water lawns, wash vehicles etc., but we need to realize that water is a precious commodity, and we need to always remember to “USE WATER WISELY!”

TIPS FROM TOBY 2022

In a short time, we will be exercising the meter exchange program again. Our administrative staff will contact you to set up an appointment to have your meter changed or just inspected. There is no charge for the residential meters. Each meter set will be inspected to make sure that a Dual Check Valve has been installed. If one is not present in the current assembly, it must be installed at the homeowner's expense. The installation must be completed within 30 days of receiving the notice. The purpose of the check valve is to protect the water system from contamination.

Just a reminder from previous correspondence:

- Make sure that your address number is clearly posted on your home and/or mailbox.
- Please keep foliage away from your meter touch pad or radio.
- If you suspect a potential water leak or problem, please contact our office at (814) 355-7543 or the 911 Communication Center after business hours.
- If a fire hydrant exists at your residence, please keep foliage and snow cleared for testing or in the event of an emergency.
- We read meters the first week of January, April, July, and October

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the public water system, please contact me.

Thank you,

Toby Dashner
Water Operator

(814) 355-7543 Ext 115

FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF

ADAM SALYARDS

The Spring Township Police Department has grown in recent months as we welcomed Officer Steve Kutches in December of 2021 and Officer Amanda Barnes in January of 2022. By increasing our staffing levels, we are better able to serve the residents of our Township with more coverage hours and additional patrols.

With warmer days and nicer weather, the Spring Township Police Department often experiences an uptick in speeding in the Township. We want to take this opportunity to send a friendly reminder to be mindful of your speed as you travel about the Township. We would also ask that you remain alert for pedestrians as more of our residents will be out enjoying the weather by walking, running, or biking on our roadways.

Many families will be traveling during the spring and summer months, and their homes will be left unattended. Don't forget to lock your windows and doors. Have a friend or family member check on the house periodically and/or call our police department, as we would be happy to have officers check your property while you are away. You can make a vacation home request by calling 814-355-5134.

Lastly, we continue to receive reports of various scams occurring to our Township residents. For example, if you receive a phone call and someone asks you for your date of birth, social security number, credit card numbers, or tells you that you have a warrant for your arrest, don't provide any information. Immediately hand up the phone and call our non-emergency phone number at 814-355-5134. Our officers would be happy to verify and information for you.

We hope that each of you has a safe and enjoyable summer! We are here to serve you and our community. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to reach out to our department. Stay safe and healthy!

**FROM THE TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER
VAUGHN ZIMMERMAN**

Springtime will soon be upon us, and with that comes new activities and responsibilities – mowing of lawns, trimming of trees and brush and much-needed home improvement projects.

Many of the projects you may want to do around your property do require permits – from putting up a new shed to adding an addition to your home. I would like to encourage you to obtain these permits well ahead of time to make the process go as smooth as possible. If you have any questions about your projects and the permits needed, please feel free to contact me.

Spring Township has recently adopted an ordinance permitting backyard chickens in certain zoning districts of the Township. This ordinance is available for viewing on the Township website at www.springtownship.org. Should you desire to keep chickens on your property please contact me to ensure that your property fits the criteria for being able to keep chickens. A one-time zoning permit, costing \$25.00, is required to keep chickens on your property.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have brush on your property the Township will do a Spring brush collection, or if you would like to dispose of your brush on your own, please contact the Township to ask about other options. Burning of brush is ONLY allowed on properties of 3 or more acres in size.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues, please contact me at (814) 355-5067 ext. 104 or email me a code@springtownship.org.

FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**JORDAN STONER
ROAD FOREMAN**

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL!!

Please remember when you are clearing driveways and sidewalks that if the Township roadways are not clear the plow truck will be coming thru and will plow your driveway shut again. We receive a lot of complaints on this and while we understand how frustrating this can be, it is an unavoidable circumstance. Our job is to plow the roadways as fast and safely as possible, but please remember we cannot be everywhere first! We do the main roads first, then outlying areas and developments next.

When a snowstorm is approaching make sure you are not parked on the Township roadways if you live in a development, or parked in a no park zone or you may be plowed in. When moving these vehicles after the Township has gone thru and plowed/salted your development or roadway, you the resident are responsible to get that snow off the roadway immediately.

Do **NOT** blow or plow snow onto the Township roadway – it is illegal and if noticed by a plow truck driver the police will be notified and you may receive a fine.

During a snowstorm we ask parents to please keep themselves and their children away from the roadways. The plow truck driver already has enough responsibility and it's very difficult to see at night or during the day in a snowstorm.

LEAF COLLECTION TAKES PLACE EACH YEAR
THE 3RD WEEK OF APRIL (1 WEEK ONLY)
AND 1ST WEEK OF NOVEMBER THRU THE 1ST WEEK OF DECEMBER
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

During leaf collection always keep all leaves and grass on your property. Do **NOT** under any circumstances put your leaves on the street or in front of storm drains. If this occurs, the Township Code Enforcement Officer will be notified, and you could receive a fine. If there is no other choice at your property to put your leaves, please call and make arrangements with our public works department for pick-up!

During leaf collection remember to not put your piles close to any mailboxes, telephone poles and trees. The leaf collection machine cannot access these piles and they will not be picked up. Also, any leaf piles that have any sort of tarp held down with bricks or stones will not be collected under any circumstances. Due to the amount of suction of the leaf vacuum, the driver cannot be within 6 feet of these tarps, or they will get sucked up in the chute along with any rocks or bricks holding them down causing major damage to the truck!! Trash cans full of leaves or bags of leaves will also not be picked-up!

BRUSH COLLECTION

During brush collection make sure your brush pile is parallel with the roadway and easily accessible and not up against any obstacles!

SPECIAL EVENTS

CLEARWATER CONSERVANCY 26TH ANNUAL WATERSHED CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 8:00 AM TO 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 390 volunteers prevented 11,000 pounds of trash from entering our waterways across 57 sites, and you can help make 2022 the most successful yet.

To volunteer and see all event details, visit clearwaterconservancy.org/wcuday

CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING & REFUSE AUTHORITY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Where: Centre County Recycling Refuse Authority, 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte

When: Friday, April 29 from 8 am – 4 pm; Saturday, April 30 from 8 am – 2 pm

Important: You must **pre-register** for our event before attending. Once registered, you will receive a ticket for entry. You cannot attend our event with pre-registering.

What to Bring: Insecticides, weed killers, pool chemicals, cleaners, poisons, corrosives, flammables, oil-based paints, CFL bulbs, fluorescent tubes, and most other hazardous chemicals *from households only*.

What NOT to Bring: NO latex paint, NO motor oil, NO antifreeze, NO medications, NO batteries, NO ammunition, NO explosives

If you do not have internet or need help with the online registration process, please call 814-238-7005.

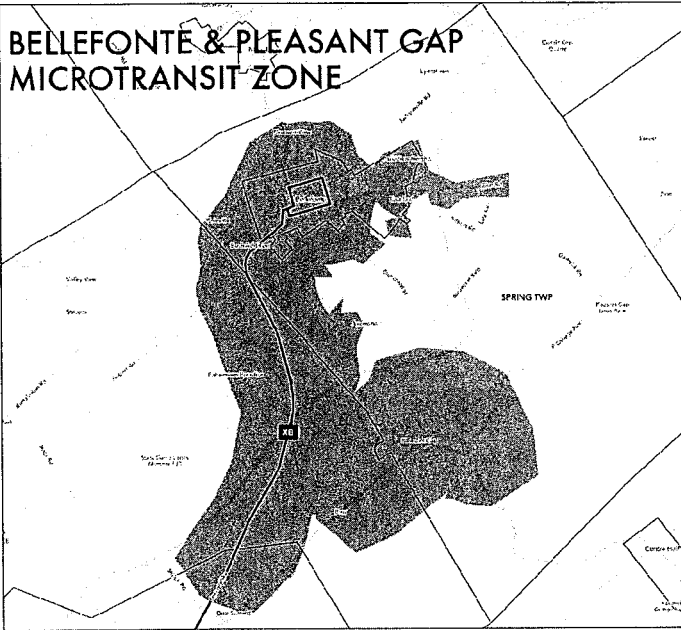
**RECYCLE RIGHT AND YOU COULD WIN \$50 IN CCRRA'S
50 FOR 50 FOR 50 CONTEST!!
CHECK IT OUT ON THEIR WEBSITE AT
www.centrecountyrecycles.org/curbsiderecycling**

Please remember we have mandatory trash collection and curbside recycling in the Township!! Under no circumstances can you burn trash on your property!!

GO!

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6AM-11PM
SATURDAY: 6AM-7PM

Serving Spring Township



CATAGO! allows Spring Township residents to travel conveniently and on-demand within the local area — to shopping and retail, to the Centre County Courthouse, to medical appointments, and more — and provides direct service to several additional key destination points outside the zone:

- Walmart on Benner Pike (Pharmacy Side)
- Walmart on Benner Pike (bus stop closest to Ross's Dress for Less)*
- Big Lots
- Nittany Mall Main Entrance*
- Nittany Mall near McDonald's
- Aldi (780 Benner Pike)
- State College VA Clinic
- Centre Medical Sciences Building*
- Mount Nittany Medical Center*

* These stops allow for easy transfers to **CATABUS** service (HM, XB and Red Link) routes for continued service to downtown State College and the Penn State campus!

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**Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:
April 15 ~ May 30 ~ June 20 ~ July 5 ~ September 5
November 11, 24, 25 ~ December 23, 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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