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The Belle Fountain Newsletter



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Fluoridation Discontinuance and Supplement Program

Bellefonte Borough Authority has discontinued the addition of fluoride into the drinking water. For those who otherwise do not have the means to receive fluoride supplements, the Borough is providing a FREE fluoride supplement program.

Who should participate in the supplement program?

- Children 6 months to 16 years
- Children who are not covered by any other insurance or medical assistance program

Program Requirements. You must:

- Be a resident and customer of the Bellefonte Borough Authority—Bellefonte Distribution system.
- You must be between the ages of 6 months and 16 years. Parents shall submit documentation.
- Parents or guardians need to submit a completed application
- Have an appointment with a dentist to get a prescription for your fluoride drops or tablets
- Have no other insurance coverage or medical assistance available to you. Reimbursement of insurance co-pays is not eligible under this program. Appropriate documentation will be required.
- Pay out-of-pocket and submit your pharmacy receipt and related documents.

How to Apply:

- Request an application from Bellefonte Borough Authority either in person, online at www.bellefonte.net or by calling 355-1501. Complete the application and return it to:

Bellefonte Borough Authority
 236 W Lamb St
 Bellefonte, PA 16823

A Children's Dental Health Task Force is being initiated to consider alternatives to community water fluoridation. If you are interested in serving on the Task Force, please send a letter of interest/resume to the Authority at the address above.

Mission Statement

The Borough of Bellefonte is committed to working together to maintain a safe and secure family-friendly community; to providing the public with premium, prompt, courteous service in a cost effective manner; and to managing community development to protect natural and cultural resources.



More Info all year long @
www.bellefonte.net

How to Contact Us

Bellefonte Borough Office Hours:
8AM–4:30PM, Monday–Friday.

Our direct line is (814) 355-1501. Many departments now have direct extensions which are listed below. Dial the direct extension any time after the telephone is answered. Extensions are:

- 10 Receptionist
- 11 Utility Billing
- 12 Finance Director/Accounts Payable
- 14 Borough Manager
- 15 Assistant Borough Manager
- 16 Zoning/Planning/Historic Preservation
- 18 Mayor
- 20 or 21 Public Works

For Public Housing & Building Codes call
Centre Region Code @ (814) 231-3056.

For an after-hours emergency for water, sewer, or police: Call 1-800-479-0050.

Bellefonte Borough Police can be reached at:

- Administrative: 353-2320
- Emergency: 911

Borough Council Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30PM and may be preceded by Council Committee Meetings/ Workshops starting at 6:30PM.

Bellefonte Borough Water/Sewer Authority Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6PM.

Bellefonte Industrial Development Authority Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6PM.

HARB Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 8:30AM in Council Chambers and are open to the public.

Utility Billing

The Bellefonte Borough has the capability to **E-mail your utility bill** to you. If you are interested, please e-mail Barbi Watson at the following address: bwatson@bellefonte.net or call the Borough office at (814) 355-1501 and ask for Barbi or Kathy.

Utility bill payments may be made using PayPal or a credit card on: www.bellefonte.net.

Community Phone Numbers

YMCA of Centre County-
Bellefonte Branch: 355-5551

Bellefonte Post Office:
355-2821

Centre County Recycling &
Refuse Authority: 238-6649 or
800-605-6649 or 238-7005

Centre County Can Helpline:
800-643-5432

Centre County Library:
355-1516

Bellefonte Area School District
Administration Office: 355-4814

Centre Tax Agency: 278-4709

Events Calendar

| DATE (2016) | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| April 9 | Faith Run/Walk | Parkview Heights Area |
| April 23 | Cub Scout BBQ | High Street at Talleyrand Park |
| April 29-30 | Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event | CC Recycling & Refuse Authority |
| May 15 | Big Spring Festival | Talleyrand Park |
| May 20 & 21 | Borough Yard Sale | Borough-wide |
| May 20 & 21 | Relay for Life | Governors Park |
| May 23-27 | Riff Raff Week (See pg. 5 for more information) | On your regularly scheduled refuse pickup day |
| June 4, August 6, and September 3 | Logan Fire Chicken BBQ | Logan Fire Hall |
| June 4 | Children's Fair | Corner of E Curtin/Armor |
| June 5 | Croquet Tournament | Expanded area of Talleyrand Park |
| June 17 & 18 | Bellefonte Cruise | Downtown Allegheny/High St |
| July 2 | Logan Fire Co Parade | Starts at High School Ends at Talleyrand Park |
| August 12 & 13 | Arts & Crafts Festival | Talleyrand Park |
| August 20 | PA Council on the Arts: The Bard in Bellefonte | Talleyrand Park |
| October 14-16 | Fall Festival Weekend (Antique Fair & Wingfest) | Talleyrand Park |
| October 16 | Halloween Parade | Starts at High Street in Front of YMCA Ends at Talleyrand Park |
| October 31 | Trick-or-Treat Night | Borough-wide |
| November 24-January 1 | Holiday Parking | Downtown |
| December 9-11 | Victorian Christmas | Downtown |

Current Vacancies for Boards/ Commissions/ Authorities

If interested, send resume for file (held one year) stating on which you would be interested in serving.



Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

You may be the proud owner of a home in Bellefonte Borough's Historic District. It is an investment in time; both the past and the future. You are the caretakers of the property during the time you own the home. As the caregiver, you are in charge of maintaining the historic details and designs of the property. The Bellefonte Borough Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) is here to help you. The Bellefonte Historic District ordinance was adopted in 1970 to protect the District's distinctive historical character of the borough. The HARB was established to review the alteration of buildings in the Historic District. They are

an advisory board and make recommendations, based on the Secretary of the Interior Standards, to borough council for approval on any exterior changes. By encouraging appropriate alterations and new construction that fits in with existing buildings, design review in a local historic district helps protect and enhance property values. In addition to being a locally designated and regulated historic district, Bellefonte's historic district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This designation assists in preserving historic properties by recognizing their significance and providing honor to the community. HARB reviews exterior changes visible from any

public right away on all properties in the historic district, even if the property is vacant or contains buildings that are not historical. Changes to property features include signs, awnings, fences, sheds, decks, pools, sidewalks and all other built features of a property, as well as changes to the building itself. For more information, go to www.bellefonte.net or contact Vana Dainty at the Borough offices at 355-1501, Ext. 16.

Bellefonte EMS

Bellefonte EMS Annual Ambulance Subscription for 2016 is available by contacting the EMS office Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at 369 Phoenix Avenue or telephoning (814) 355-2907. These make a great gift for your "hard to buy for" parents or adult children.

The annual subscription covers any patient co-pay or deductible required by your health or auto insurance for emergency ambulance transports. Subscriptions cost \$34 for individuals or \$45 for families. Non-emergency ambulance and Para-transit van transports are not covered under the subscription agreement. For more information, contact our office.

Park Information

Governor's Park: The pavilions may be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Many family reunions, birthday celebrations, etc., enjoy the atmosphere of Governor's Park. Rental fees range from \$30.00 to \$45.00. Call the Borough office at 355-1501 to make a reservation.

Talleyrand Park: The park can be rented for weddings and other celebrations. For more information contact the Borough office or go to our website (www.bellefonte.net). Talleyrand Park is non-smoking in cooperation with Young Lungs at Play.

Masullo Park: This park is located on Reynolds Avenue and is the only Borough park where dogs are allowed. Please clean up after your pet.



Check out the Edible Garden in Talleyrand Park
Created by:
Talleyrand Park Committee

All vegetation, except that of which is edible or ornamental, shall be maintained at a length of 6" or less.

Reminder from the Fire Department

Smoke detectors save lives. Every year thousands of people die and even more are injured because they do not have smoke detectors or theirs were not properly working. Most of these deaths occur from inhaling smoke, not from the flames. Smoke detectors sound a warning when they sense smoke. So with a working smoke detector you increase your odds of getting out before the fire spreads.

Even though some types have batteries that are good for 10 years, you should test them at least twice a year. It is suggested when you change your clocks you change the batteries in the detectors that have replaceable batteries and test them at that time. Honestly, it sounds simple enough, but believe it or not people just do not do it.

It is such a simple little thing that can change your life forever if not done. Most people think "It won't happen to me, or if it does, I will surely be able to get out." But without smoke detectors your odds are decreased. Experts say that a person has about two minutes to get out of their home once the smoke detector has alerted. So just take a minute and think about your odds if you do not have the early warning.

Make sure you have a smoke alarm in every bedroom, in the kitchen, living room, and basement, at the very least. Knowing that something this simple can get you and your family out safely is something that should make you sleep a little easier.



Note from Police Department

The Bellefonte Police Department is collecting unused, unwanted or expired medication in order to keep these items out of the hands of children and other individuals who should not have access to these medications, as well as keeping them out of the environment. There is no need to remove the labels or take the items out of the packaging, as the entire item will be destroyed by incineration.

Liquids and/or over-the-counter medications are also accepted. If you bring in liquids, please see the office assistant, as these are placed in a separate container to avoid spills. Drop off hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bellefonte Police Dept., 236 W Lamb St.



Clip and Save!
Mark your calendars!

SwiftReach

When the Borough offices are going to be closed and there is a change in the refuse pickup schedule, the Borough uses SwiftReach to call those residents who will be affected by the change. If you have not been receiving calls from SwiftReach regarding changes in the refuse pickup schedule, and you want to begin to receive these calls, please contact the Borough office to be placed on this list.

| HOLIDAY | NORMAL DATE FOR TRASH COLLECTION | ALTERNATE TRASH COLLECTION |
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| Memorial Day | Monday, May 30 | Wednesday, June 1 |
| Independence Day | Monday, July 4 | Wednesday, July 6 |
| Labor Day | Monday, Sept 5 | Wednesday, Sept 7 |
| Veterans Day | Friday, November 11 | Wednesday, November 9 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 24 | Wednesday, November 23 |
| Christmas Holiday | Friday, December 23 | Wednesday, December 21 |
| | Monday, December 26 | Wednesday, December 28 |
| New Years Day | Monday, January 2 | Wednesday, January 4 |

Collection will begin at 5AM on the Alternative Days. To avoid being missed, refuse must be out the night before after 6PM.

Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority pickup will also follow this schedule except Monday, November 28, when they are closed and we are not.

The landfill is set to open on Saturdays beginning April 2, 2016. The hours are 8AM-noon.

The landfill is available to all Borough residents for the disposal of compostable materials only. A key is available at the Borough office Monday–Friday (a \$10 deposit is required).

Refuse Containers

The refuse crew will not collect trash in any can other than the borough issued cans. Extra garbage cans may be purchased for \$60. If you do not have a Borough-issued garbage can, please contact the Borough office. When you move, the refuse container is to stay with the property. If your container is missing or stolen there will be a replacement charge of \$60.00.

PLEASE remove your container from the front of your residence and out of sight of the thorough fare, which fronts your property, by 7PM on your pick-up day. Residents are leaving their container(s) in front of their house and on the sidewalk (safety issue). The Borough will begin to levy fines pursuant to the Refuse Ordinance to residents who continue to leave their container out in front of their residence. If you have a specific problem, please contact the Borough at 355-1501.

Thank YOU For Recycling

What more can you do? Anything that can be recycled should be put in the red bin provided by the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority. Things that are recyclable are plastic bottles, jugs & jars; glass bottles & jars; steel & aluminum cans; aluminum foil; newspapers, phone books, magazines, catalogs; corrugated cardboard; junk mail; holiday and birthday cards; paper board (such as cereal boxes) and wrapping paper. Electronics should be taken to the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority to be recycled. Their address is 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte.



There are also drop-off locations for recycling available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are between Burger King and M&T Bank on Bishop Street and in the Bellefonte Borough Parking Lot by CVS on High Street.

For more information go to www.centgrecountyrecycles.com. If you have any questions about recycling, or need a bin, call the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority at

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Ash Collection

Wednesday , March 30, 2016, was the last day for ash collection this season. Ashes should now be put out with your refuse. Ash collection will begin again in November 2016. If you would like ash collection at your location, please call the Borough office to be added to the ash list.

Leaf Collection

Leaf Collection will begin in October. Leaves should be raked to the curb and **not out onto the street**. The Crew will attempt to follow the normal refuse schedule for collection.

Annual Riff Raff Week

Once a year the Borough holds a Riff-Raff Week. It is usually the week after the Bellefonte yard sales are held in May. Riff-raff that regular customers wish removed from their properties will be picked up at the **CURB** only. There will be no charge for this extra pickup service. The riff-raff pickup will follow the same routes and schedules as the regular refuse collection service, with one pickup truck-size load limit per customer. The refuse crew will not make extra trips to an address. Tires,

batteries, items too heavy for two men to handle, construction material, paint cans and hazardous waste cannot be picked up during riff-raff. Residents are not to use cardboard boxes for items if it is raining or it is calling for rain as it makes it difficult for the refuse crew to pick up the boxes without them falling apart. The Borough reserves the right to not collect if there is too much or it is too heavy.

This year Riff-Raff Week is May 23-27.

Special Collections

Unusually large items and appliances can be disposed of by the Borough refuse collection staff if the pickup is scheduled. A fee is charged for this service and billed separately. There is a limit as to how many can be done each week, so it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Scheduling can be arranged by calling the Borough office (355-1501) between 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. A list of the individually priced items is below. If items are not individually priced, the base rate is \$34.80 for the first eight minutes and \$4.35 per minute thereafter. Special collections are only done on Wednesdays, with the exception of weeks that have a holiday. No special collections are done during these weeks. Items that cannot be picked up include steel, batteries, tires, paint, construction materials and radioactive materials.

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| Washing Machine | \$30.00 |
| Water Heater | \$30.00 |
| Dishwasher | \$20.00 |
| Refrigerator | \$30.00 |
| Freezer (Freon must be drained) | \$30.00 |
| Sofa/Couch | \$25.00 |
| Carpet Wet 9' x 12" | \$20.00 |
| Overstuffed Chair | \$20.00 |
| Stove | \$30.00 |
| Dryer | \$30.00 |
| Dresser | \$20.00 |
| Toilet | \$20.00 |
| Sink | \$20.00 |

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| Mattress or Box Spring | \$20.00 |
| Table | \$20.00 |
| TVs | \$20.00 |
| Microwave | \$20.00 |
| Air Conditioner | \$20.00 |
| Bed Frame | \$20.00 |
| Door | \$20.00 |
| Computer Tower or Monitor | \$20.00 |
| Any desk | \$20.00 |
| Grill | \$20.00 |
| Dehumidifier | \$20.00 |
| Printer | \$20.00 |

Brush/Grass Containers

The Borough offers grass/brush containers (for grass, brush, garden waste, and small sticks) for \$60.00. The one-time charge appears on your utility bill under previous balance. **There will be no additional fee for picking up grass/brush and the pick-up day will be Wednesdays beginning April 6, 2016, and continuing through November 16.** Please contact the Borough if you would like a container. We will take the grass and brush to our landfill and convert it into compost.

For the 2016 season, due to the overwhelming response to the brush and grass collection on Wednesdays, the Borough will begin picking up both the brush and grass containers at the same time. This will allow for more efficiency while also allowing us to continue to recycle the material and meet an ever-increasing demand.

If you do not have a brush container, but do have brush that needs collected, please be sure to bundle it in six foot lengths or less and call the Borough office (355-1501) to schedule for a Wednesday pickup. There is not a charge for this service if the amount of brush is reasonable. If there is a large amount, it will be evaluated.



C-NET: Bringing Your Local Government to You



Government officials at all levels frequently speak of their desire for transparency. But how do we ensure that our government is transparent? Is complete transparency ever really possible?

While I do not know the answers to these questions, I do know that the mission embraced by C-NET over the past 27 years has fostered transparency in government, and we work each day to make complete transparency a reality in Centre County.

As the Government and Educational Access Network for Centre County, C-NET provides gavel to gavel coverage of our government at work. Much of our coverage is not “sexy” – zoning changes, transportation funding, historic preservation, and parking requirements are subjects that you just won’t see on E-news. In fact, much of what C-NET covers will not even be discussed in other local media. But these issues affect our quality of life in Centre County, and C-NET is proud to offer residents the opportunity to watch their local governments at work.

Bellefonte Borough has embraced the spirit of transparent and open government by having their Council meetings recorded, televised and available to view online. Meetings online are “book marked” by agenda item. Online viewers may simply click on agenda items of interest to them and be taken directly to that point in the meeting.

Bellefonte Borough Council meetings are cablecast on Channel 7 during the six days following a Monday night meeting at the following times:

Wednesday at 10 pm
Thursday at 7 am
Friday at 2:30 pm and 6 pm
Sunday at 1:30 pm

For the most accurate C-NET schedules, please visit cnet1.org, or call the C-NET office at (814) 238-5031. C-NET schedules are also posted on the Channel 7 and Channel 98 Bulletin Boards.

Bellefonte Borough residents also benefit from C-NET coverage of the Bellefonte Area Board of School Directors, the Centre County Board of Commissioners, the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Spring Creek Watershed Commission.

In addition to the meetings, of course, is C-NET’s coverage of local events that mean so much to the community. Festivals, concerts, parades, high school sports, Penn State lectures, Civil War Roundtables, and other events are recorded, televised and web streamed by C-NET throughout the year.

C-NET is grateful for the tremendous support that we receive from Bellefonte Borough, and we are proud to contribute to ensuring “transparency in government” in Bellefonte.

For more information about C-NET’s online programming, schedules, or other services to Bellefonte Borough, please visit cnet1.org. You may also contact C-NET Executive Director Cynthia Hahn via email at chahn@centreconnect.org or call the C-NET office at (814) 238-5031.

‘DO NOT DISTURB’ List

Last year the Borough revised its door-to-door sales ordinance. One change is **§ 410-22. List of homes not wishing to be solicited**. There is now a “Do Not Disturb” opt-out form for *Borough residents* that can be completed and submitted by those residents who do not want door-to-door sales people. This form can be found on our website either under “Borough Forms” or on the right-hand side of the home page. Simply complete all the required fields and submit. Your address only will be placed on a “Do Not Disturb” list that will be provided to anyone who obtains a solicitor’s permit.

Dial 8-1-1 Before Digging

With homeowners and businesses tackling spring and summer projects, the Borough reminds its residents to always dial 8-1-1 before digging to avoid hitting underground electrical cables and other utility installations.

Homeowners and contractors should contact 8-1-1 three days before beginning a job to be connected to the Pennsylvania One Call Center, which then will notify the appropriate utility company about the work being planned. For more information, go to <http://www.pa1call.org/>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do I have to call if I am digging on my own property?

Yes, you are required to inform the utilities of any type of work involving the movement of earth with powered equipment.

Who should make the call?

The person who is doing the digging should place the one call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired an excavator to do the work, the excavator is required by law to call to have lines located (refer to Section 5 of PA Act 287).

How deep must I dig before I am required to call?

If you are digging with powered equipment, the person operating the equipment must call. It does not matter how deep you are digging or where you are digging within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

What are PA One Call's hours of operation?

The call center is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

How many days do I have to wait before I can begin digging?

State law requires a three (3) business day notice (does not include state holidays or weekends), but not more than ten (10) business days prior to the start of excavation. A business day begins at 12:00:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. The first lawful start date for your excavation is determined by your scheduled excavation date (the day you plan to start digging), work should not begin prior to your first lawful start date but no later than ten (10) business days from the day of your call.

Water Shut-off Valve

In the event of an emergency, it might be necessary to turn off the main water valve in your home. It is important that everyone knows where the main water shut-off valve is located. In many homes, it is located near the water meter. If the water meter is not inside, however, the shut off valve is typically located on the water pipe close to where it enters your home or business; possibly in the basement, in a utility closet or crawl space.

PLEASE NOTE: You may want to test the valve to ensure that it is working properly. To test it, find your main shut off valve and close it.

> **Gate valve:** Gate valves are generally closed by turning the handle clockwise. If the valve does not turn easily, do not force it and consider having the valve repaired so that it does turn easily.

> **Ball valve:** Generally, closing a ball valve only requires a quarter turn, so that the handle is perpendicular to the water line. In the image below, the valve is open.

Once the main shut-off valve is completely shut off, check sinks and other fixtures to be sure you have found the main valve and that it is working properly. When reopening the valve to turn the water back on, be sure to open it slowly until fully opened.



Ball Valve

Water Consumption High?

Here are some tips you can do on your own before contacting the Borough office. If any of these are occurring, you should contact your plumber.

- Is your toilet running? Is it making a noise?
- Is there a small drip in a faucet or outside spigot?
- Don't run water for about 45 minutes. Go to where your meter is located and on top of the meter head there is a little red dial. If it is moving, it is indicating there is still water going through the meter, which usually indicates a water leak. If the red dial is not moving, all is well!
- Do you hear water running?

Often we get phone calls from residents who think their water meter has gone bad because their usage is so high. Generally speaking, if a meter goes bad, it is going to run slow, not fast.



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Important Sign Information

Ordinance number 575-123 General Regulations in All Districts

(m) Garage sale, yard sale, and other such signs. Such are restricted to display only on the property at which the sale is being conducted and are limited to a maximum size of five square feet. They may not be erected earlier than 24 hours before the beginning of the sale and must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the sale.

(2) Signs prohibited in all districts. The following signs shall not be erected anywhere in the Borough:

(g) Signs on public property or public right-of-way, unless erected by a governmental body or unless required to be so located by order of a governmental body. No sign located on public property or a public right-of-way shall bear any commercial advertising or announcement.

Signs found out of compliance will be removed.

Joint Town Hall Meeting

The Bellefonte Borough Council and the Centre County Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce a joint town hall meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Courthouse Annex. The Borough and County will each update the public on issues of separate and mutual concern. The Borough will discuss the redevelopment of the Waterfront, an update on the Armory property, and fluoride program. The County will discuss the Temple Court project and public transportation. The Borough and County will jointly discuss the BelleKey incubator program and parking challenges within the Borough.

Staff from the Borough and County will be present to discuss projects and initiatives. There will be ample time for citizens to ask questions of both the County and the Borough.

Access the the third floor of the Courthouse Annex is through the door off of Allegheny Street across from the Brockerhoff.

Recreational Fires

In the 2009 International Fire Code (Section 302.1) **recreational fires** are defined as "an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes."

This type of fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible materials and must **not** at any point move any closer to the structure than the stated 25 foot distance.

Outdoor fires in a permanent fixture (such as BBQs and gas-fueled fire pits, chimineas) must be at least 10 feet away from a structure or combustible materials. Portable, manufactured outdoor fireplaces must be at least 15 feet away from a structure or combustible materials except for 1- and 2-family dwellings. For more information, go to <ftp://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ibr/icc.ifc.2009.pdf>